

moment they are showing some friendliness because Soviet Russia is in the war, that is all. If Soviet Russia were to drop out of this war for one reason or another the communist party will again change its attitude, it is easy for them.

MR. MacINNIS: Mr. Chairman, the witness referred to sabotage and that the communist party was carrying on their sabotage at the present time. In this committee sabotage used in that way must be sabotage of Canada's war effort. When the witness brings up that point and makes the assertion that sabotage is carried on he must submit proof that sabotage has been carried on since June 22, 1941, because that is the very crux of the situation. We cannot consider what sabotage may be in their minds at some future time under some future circumstances. We must consider sabotage in connection with the present war.

WITNESS: In connection with the present war there has been that for they brag about it, ever since or up to the time Russia entered the war. Now they appear to be quiet; they appear to be good Canadians; they appear to be good patriots. They will tell you in their own words, and they will write it down, that they are as good patriots as you and I; they will tell you all that; but as I said, if Soviet Russia drops out of the war the communist party is going to go back to its old tricks. They do not believe in our form of government; they do not believe in our institutions. They will be ready at any time to overthrow this state if they can do it; and that is why I say that at the present time they are showing this patte blanche, this white hand I was speaking about, there is danger they might revert back in a moment to their former belief. There is a French proverb which says: A blancher la tête d'un nègre, on perd sa lessive. If you try to wash a negro's head you are losing your soap. That is the situation with regard to the communists.