

Communist Activities in Canada

China, in which was the largest act of aggression of all. There is no difference. This is not a political doctrine as we understand a political doctrine. This is a plan to carry out revolution in Canada.

Mr. Gauthier (Portneuf): It is more than that.

Mr. Drew: Yes, a great deal more than that. It is the kind of revolution that matters, as well as the revolution itself.

Mr. Gauthier (Portneuf): It is more than that. It is a religion.

Mr. Drew: It is a Godless religion, and that is the horrible feature of it. It is a religion without God. It is a religion which makes materialism in its grossest form the ideal, if possible, of those who serve this cause. It is in all truth the anti-Christ pictured by the bible. I do not wish anyone for one moment to think that I feel any less deeply about this matter than my words would indicate. The depth of my feeling with regard to men like the Red Dean and Dr. Endicott, as well as Tim Buck, is occasioned by the fact that I know of my own knowledge how false their interpretation of communism in Russia really is. Speaking of this being the teaching of the anti-Christ, those who have been in Russia have seen the antireligious museums operated by the state, in which everything that we hold dear is held up to ridicule and to contempt, with the one idea of destroying faith in the minds of youth. Yes, it is true that the churches are open in Russia, but they are in great disrepair, in a state of neglect. You cannot kill Christianity. You cannot kill the belief of a people; and those in power in Russia have not done so. But in every way within their power they are using the mechanism of state instruction in order to try to create in the minds of youth a contempt for the superstition of their elders which interprets itself in a continuance of their religious beliefs.

I have talked to young communists in Russia, and they have frankly said that they pitied the older people for their superstitions; and they indicated quite clearly that they were more enlightened. They had come under the influence of this evil propaganda. It is, in fact, the doctrine of the anti-Christ; and if ever the spirit of evil incarnate was centred in a single human being, it is centred in Joseph Stalin in Moscow today. This is the force we are fighting. Every one of these people who knowingly propagates the Russian form of communism in Canada is serving that foul doctrine and trying to spread it here in this country.

We have been strangely tolerant in many ways. When I broke my remarks at that

point, it was because I agree so thoroughly with the statement that had been made to the effect that this is more than an ordinary revolution. The fact is that we do not need to be in any doubt as to what it is that these people are actually working for. According to their own statements, they are working for revolution. Those are the statements of Tim Buck himself. In the textbooks used by the communists in this country, which were seized at the time that Tim Buck was prosecuted and sent to prison, we find that no doubt whatever was left that they were working for an armed uprising. That was the reason that Tim Buck was sent to the penitentiary; he was sent there not because he was a communist but because the kind of communism he was supporting was, by their own statements, working for an armed uprising.

Let us see what he is working for in other ways. This is a definition used by the Canadian communist party as to the meaning of the word "revolution":

"Revolution" means an historic event when one part of the population imposes its will upon the other part of the population by bayonets, guns and rifles.

Perhaps we understand exactly what they mean when we find these words of Tim Buck himself in one of the many books he has written to explain communism in this country. This is what he says:

Once we have mastered the political strike, the general strike is but a step, and the general strike during a political crisis is the gateway to revolution.

Surely no communist can be critical if we take their own words as a definition of the intention of their organization in this country. They are working for revolution, and they do not mince words. We do not need to be in any doubt about that. They have not changed at all in that respect.

Even without an amendment to the law, the Department of Justice has been negligent in failing to deal, as it should have dealt, with some of the newspapers published in this country in languages other than English or French. The unfortunate truth is that the centre of communist activity in Canada today is in the city of Toronto, where a great many publications in the languages of many lands are appearing week by week for the purpose of undermining faith in Canada on the part of those who have come here with the one desire of becoming good Canadian citizens.

Just let me read to you a couple of examples. In Toronto week by week is published a Russian language newspaper known as *Vestnik*; and that newspaper, which has a strangely large circulation when one considers