COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

LONDON
May 24th, 1927.

Part III

The denial of any responsibility for Borodin's actions made by the Soviet Charge d'Affaires here and by Monsieur Litvinoff in Moscow were therefore untrue and were made only in the hope of deceiving H.M.Government and the British public, while under their cloak Borodin was in fact carrying on his anti-foreign and anti-British activities as the authorized agent of the Soviet Government and by their orders. Nor have these illegitimate activities been confined to China. There has come into the possession of H.M.Government a telegram from the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in London to the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, Moscow, dated April 1st last, i.e., some five weeks after the solemn warning conveyed in our note of February 23rd. It is in the following terms:-

"Copy to Berlin for Tomsky. One of the principal obstacles for conducting a campaign of protest against British violence in China is the appalling supply of information. and the way in which wide labour circles are misled.

It is necessary (i) to send by telegraph the official reports of the Nationalist Government on events at Nanking. In particular facts which deny the information about Nanking given by Chamberlain in Parliament on March 30th, copy to be sent to I.L.P. and Daily Herald. (ii) A message of Shanghai United Trade Unions addressed to the President of the General Council, Hicks, describing the situation and in particular pointing out that as a result of the British bombardment of Nanking a large number of the members of the

Trade

POOR COPY

W.L. Mackenzie King Papers Memoranda & Notes

PUBLIC ARCHIVES ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES CANADA