

In this connection, however, I should like to quote a paragraph from the report, page 87, which relates to the position of the Soviet ambassador. It is as follows:

The evidence before us is that those members of the embassy who were engaged in improper and inadmissible activities operated in special sections of the embassy the operations of which were quite distinct from the official and legitimate activities of the Soviet embassy, and that the Soviet ambassador, representing in Canada the government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, had no part in them.

As a result of findings contained in its interim reports, proceedings have been instituted in a number of cases and four persons have been convicted and sentenced. Other cases are awaiting trial, and I shall not refer to them.

When the inquiry was undertaken, I said that prosecutions would be instituted where the evidence warranted it. This has been done, but prosecutions and punishments are essentially secondary matters. Publicity, education and full understanding are better preventives of any recurrence of any such state of affairs as that disclosed by the report of the royal commission. In that process of education and understanding, the report itself is a very important instrument. It deserves the thoughtful study of all Canadians who feel that there is no place for espionage and underhand activities in the public life of our country.

I shall not on this occasion attempt to comment on the contents of the report. With appendices it runs to over 700 pages. It requires and will repay careful study. I desire however to place upon the record a summary of the findings of the royal commission and the statement of their recommendations as set forth in sections XII and XIII of the report.

Section XII

I. We report that the following public officials and other persons in positions of trust or otherwise have communicated, directly or indirectly, secret and confidential information, the disclosure of which might be inimical to the safety and interests of Canada, to the agents of a foreign power:

1. Eric Adams
2. J. Scotland Benning
3. Raymond Boyer
4. H. S. Gerson
5. Israel Halperin
6. David Gordon Lunan
7. Allan Nunn May
8. Edward W. Mazerall
9. Matt. S. Nightingale
10. F. W. Poland
11. David Shugar
12. Durnford P. Smith
13. Kathleen Mary Willsher
14. Emma Woikin

II. We report that we have been unable to identify the following persons named under "cover names" in the documents and there definitely stated, to have been members of Zabotin's ring:

- "Galya"
- "Gini"
- "Golia"
- "Green"
- "Surenson"

III. We also report the following facts relating to and the circumstances surrounding such communication:

1. There exists in Canada a fifth column organized and directed by Russian agents in Canada and in Russia.
2. Within the fifth column there are several spy rings.
3. We have been able to identify many of the members of one of these rings, namely, that of which Colonel Zabotin was the head in Canada.
4. Membership in Communist organizations or a sympathy towards Communist ideologies was the primary force which caused these agents to agree to do the acts referred to in their individual cases.
5. The persons named in paragraph I were members of Colonel Zabotin's organization.
6. Without documents such as Gouzenko placed before us we cannot identify any non-Russian members of the other rings.
7. There was an organization whose duty it was to procure false Canadian passports and other citizenship documents for the use of agents engaged in fifth column activities, in Canada or elsewhere.
8. Zabotin and his assistants were helping to supervise and finance the work of an organization of agents operating in certain European countries. At least one person temporarily in Canada as an employee of the international labour office was a member of this organization, namely, Germina (Hermine) Rabinovitch.
9. Members of the staff of the Russian embassy at Ottawa who were actively engaged in inadmissible espionage activities are named in Section II.7.

IV. The following persons who may not come within the category of "public officials and other persons in positions of trust or otherwise" were members of Zabotin's organization and took an active part in recruiting agents, acting as contacts and securing and transmitting such secret and confidential information:

- Sam Carr
- Fred Rose.

V. Many of the persons named in paragraph I hereof were also actively engaged in the organization of "cells" from which agents were recruited, and in addition the following persons were organizers of such cells, or media of communication between espionage agents, or both:

- Agatha Chapman
- Freda Linton
- S. S. Burman
- Henry Harris.

VI. The following were active in procuring a false Canadian passport for a Russian agent who was operating in the United States:

- Sam Carr
- Henry Harris
- John Soboloff, M.D.
- W. M. Pappin.