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BRITISH LABOR NOT "RED"

Last week we pointed out that at the International Socialist Conference held in April, the Russian delegates fought strenuously for the right of Communists to wage their warfare within the British Labor Unions, and that the British delegates as strenuously objected to any such concession.

Frank Hodges, one of the British Labor Party's most trusted advisers, hit the nail squarely on the head when he said that the British Communists were the intellectual slaves of Moscow, accepting its decrees without criticism or comment.

W. J. Brown, representing the Civil Service, was equally definite. "Our most deadly enemies," he said, "and our most vitriolic opponents have been the representatives of our 'friends' the Communists."

We are told that in Canada Communism and Bolshevism are to all intents and purposes dead. We disagree with this opinion. Communism and Bolshevism are dormant, for the times are not conducive to aggressive action.

While in the Old Country the Bolshevik must translate his propaganda into English, if it is to be understood, in Canada it appears in many languages which the Canadian does not understand, and, as was proved repeatedly during the war, sedition, revolution and treachery were being openly preached in foreign languages.

It must be admitted that we Canadians do not make any attempt to get in touch with the inner feelings and aspirations of our foreign immigrants. They are admitted into the country and after the immigration authorities have done their share are supposed to be absorbed into our nation.

The "melting pot" may melt all kinds of metal but it will never make an alloy without some blending agent. That blending agent in Canada will have to be an understanding of our foreign citizens who are a potential asset or a dangerous liability, just as we decide to make them.

PLAIN SPEAKING

Some plain speaking regarding present-day industrial disputes and methods of settlement was done the other day by W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of Trades Unions in Great Britain.

Asked how the dispute in the engineering trades affected the federation, Mr. Appleton explained that, although not directly concerned with it, yet this dispute had cost the federation \$150,000 in benefits to those who would not otherwise have needed help.

There was nothing in dispute in this case that could not have been settled between the two parties if the English language had been put to its proper use.

Mr. Appleton deplored the apathy of the majority of trade union members. In one trade union little more than 3,000 votes were cast even in a matter so closely concerning the interests of labor as the election of delegates to the Labor party conference.

Asked how this could be remedied, Mr. Appleton was not very hopeful of an early change. He spoke of the necessity for new conceptions of education, and the fact that the workers in this respect than they had been in the earlier years of his career.

The whole trades union movement suffered. Since the industrial collapse, the unions had lost 25 per cent. of their membership. In the case of the engineers the funds had been used up.

Mr. Appleton's remarks put emphasis on something already well-known—that there are two classes that come to the front as leaders of labor.

One moves slowly, because the evolution of society moves slowly, takes account of facts as they exist and devotes all available energy toward the improvement of the position of labor in the community, realizing that there are no satisfactory short cuts toward the perfect social state.

The other jumps in, uses the shopworn catch phrases of the soap box orator, promises the worker the world over night if they will do this and that, and stand together, urges defiance to the employer, the community and the government, and winds up by leading his followers into a bog where they find themselves mired with their jobs and their money gone.

There have been so many experiences with the latter type in the past few years that one would imagine the worker would be giving the matter of leadership serious consideration.

OUR SPORT REVIEW

ALL ROUND ATHLETES

The victory of Bud Thomas in the Eastern Championship of the Lawn Tennis Association, when he annexed junior honors, recalls to the writer that Ottawa has been singularly fortunate in having all round athletes in its environs.

Steve Donoghue, the English jockey, is establishing an unprecedented record in the saddle. Donoghue, who last year headed the list of winning jockeys on the flat in England, making the eighth successive year in which he finished at top of the list, will, if he continues to show the form he has displayed heretofore this season, in all probability head the list at the end of the present year.

It is felt that these long distance contests are serving a useful purpose in promoting a love for cruising and developing resourcefulness and hardihood, without being, in any way, detrimental to the health of the contestants, and it is believed that they should be continued.

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Hats must be taken off to Walter Hoover, of Duluth, for his splendid record in the rowing game. After winning the amateur title of the United States, he journeyed to England and meeting the best of the European stars is now returning to this side of the Atlantic with what most followers of rowing will consider, the world's amateur title. His performances have been little short of marvellous, and the cable reports of his race in the final against Berensford, the British crack, say his sculling has been unequalled on the Thames for many a year.

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opinion that Canada's oarsmen were not of the first class calibre, but the Henley results throw such opinions into the discard. Hoover's victories across the pond were just as decisive as the ones achieved in North America.

The eighty-mile Blanche Lierre canoe race, which has been staged during the last three years by the Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club, has now run its course, the cup having been won three years in succession by Audette and Roy of the O.N.E.C.C.

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PROVERBS OF THE NATIONS

CHINESE SAYINGS.

Prepare in leisure to use in haste.

One hill cannot shelter two tigers.

Do not ask the way of a blind man.

Large fowl will not eat small grain.

Tigers and deer do not stroll together.

When the tree falls the shade is gone.

Good words are like a string of pearls.

A phoenix is not to be got from a hen's nest.

The stag hunter will not look at the hare.

When men are friendly even water is sweet.

Deviate an inch and lose a thousand miles.

Kind friends are better than unkind brothers.

Spoilt dogs will steal their master's dinners.

The bird chooses its tree, not the tree the bird.

When the melon is ripe it will drop of itself.

Who cannot catch fish must catch shrimps.

A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor a man perfected without trials.

The difficulty in the way of picking a boy's career before he is born is that he may turn out to be a girl.

Even the great man seems frail and mortal when he takes his golf club in hand.

The way to be happy, though poor, is to get rid of the yellow streak that makes you envy those who have more.

The man who drinks to lose sight of his troubles will meet with unqualified success if it happens to be wood alcohol.

Now that Ebert has reviewed the German navy, he might take a day off some time and visit the colonial possessions.

The number of girls who yearn to be movie stars doesn't exceed the number of young men who yearn to be 400 hitters.

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