

and peace. I say, put a stop to all these attacks upon the British empire, our king and our constitution. But these publications are coming in by tens, yes, and hundreds. I do not blame the Postmaster General; he has been in office only a few days and the barriers were let down in 1935. I know he does not believe in this sort of thing. In 1935 the regulations were changed by this government with the result that all sorts of cheap United States weekly and daily newspapers began to come across the border, newspapers attacking every institution that we hold sacred—Christianity, the church of God, religion, the British empire. These publications with their violent anti-British propaganda, are thrown on the news stand and you can buy them right in every Canadian city including the city of Ottawa.

But these attacks have been coming over the radio, too. Why, they have professors broadcasting. It used to be that an apple a day kept the doctor away; but with the radio came the professor and now it is, a professor a day keeps the unemployed away. The only reliable information we used to get from the "Heart of Empire" came over the radio through Mr. Beverley Baxter. He used to address the Canadian people over the radio, giving them the real facts of what was going on in England under the Chamberlain government, but he was stopped because he was the only man on the radio who criticized the silence of the north American continent, by which I mean the United States and Canada, during the Munich crisis. "Mum" was the word before and after Munich by Canada and the United States. Yet this propaganda continues to come over the radio, and agents and debaters are engaged and maintained to transmit this sort of thing on the international and Canadian broadcasts.

I repeat, let us remove the evils that make for communism and there will not be a hundred communists in Canada to-morrow. Let us abolish some of the great social cruelties and ills from which the people and workers of Quebec and Ontario, the two industrial provinces of Canada, are suffering and there will soon be an end to this evil of communism. In the second place, let us remove, by reforms, the evils that beset the British empire. Canada is assailed by foes from within and without. Our enemies within we know, and we must reorganize and act quickly. We have waited since 1921 for sickness and unemployment insurance, but it is not yet on the statute books. Hon. gentlemen opposite promised that if they were elected they would put such measures into effect within

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a month or two, but they have not done so yet. Let us reorganize and secure reforms from within the country. Let us revamp and reorganize our parliamentary system and bring it up to date so as to provide security more quickly for the working classes and some relief from the intolerable hardships which they are suffering at the present time. Many of them are being driven out of their homes. Let us reorganize our constitutional system, our cabinet system, our capitalist system, and lastly let us have some measure of law reform which will remedy the evils to which we are exposed both within and without. So far as our foes from without are concerned, we are exactly where we were in 1812. We are dependent on the mother country for protection on land and sea and in the air, and this \$63,000,000 that is being provided will not amount to much.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would remind the hon. member that this is a bill for the purpose of amending the Post Office Act with a view to preventing the spread of communist propaganda. I must ask him to confine his remarks to the purpose of the bill.

Mr. CHURCH: I think I have kept pretty well to the point, Mr. Speaker. I have been giving reasons why the act should not be amended, and dealing with the principle of the bill, namely, communism and its causes. I am opposed to any interference with the liberty of the subject or to contracting it in any way here. There is not much liberty left to-day. Does Magna Charta exist to-day, with imprisonment for debt without bail, and high-school children being driven to ride the rods in Canada, seeking work and being imprisoned for not finding it? I am absolutely opposed to any further infringement of the liberty of the subject whether it be under this bill or not. We learn from Green's history what conditions were like in his day in England. They were going to put George Stephenson in gaol when he was eighteen years of age because they said he was a communist and thought he was insane—he had perfected the steam engine which has done so much for mankind.

Clause 1 of this bill does not give us any definition of communism. Our Lord, the lowly carpenter, was a communist according to the meaning given by a writer to the word in the *Canadian Churchman*, a Church of England organ. The word "communism" was defined by the able rector of Christ church in Toronto and has a varied meaning. For instance, communism means, in some instances, anything that is for the good of the community or for the common good. In 1910, when the hydro-electric movement came in, Sir James