

some sort of a tyrant. I think the proof lies there; but furthermore Russia was entirely a different country from Canada. You had a despotism of czarist aristocracy, no elections, no democracy, nothing of what we are enjoying in this country at all, and when the present government there came into power it was elected by the people of Russia. All of them were not communists, just as everybody does not have to be a member of the Liberal party to vote for a Liberal candidate.

MR. MARTIN: It would be better.

WITNESS: Yes it would be, but it is not so. Really it would be better, I agree.

BY MR. SLAGHT:

Q. Mr. Freed, I put to you this morning the question as to whether you knew Dave Kashton. You told me you did personally. He is the leader of the Young Communist party?

A. That is correct.

Q. When were you interned? A. I was interned September 18, 1940.

Q. So in August 1940 you were at liberty? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you were a member of the bureau who controlled, I think you told us, the activities of the Communist party?

A. I was not actually in the committee then; I was not in the city, but I was, yes.

Q. Now I quoted you this morning from an article which, as I told you, was published in the Monthly Review in August 1940, written by Mr. Dave Kashton, and I suggest to you that the Monthly Review is the official organ of the Communist party of Canada and states so on the back page.

You are familiar with that? A. No, I do not think I have seen this one.