

*Communist Activities in Canada*

clear and express recommendation I have just read. This is something which today should be given very careful consideration; because it would appear that, wherever the carelessness lay, there was carelessness in dealing with Dr. Fuchs; and that as a result of that carelessness there was a transmission to our only possible enemy, now or in the years immediately ahead, of highly secret information not only as to the actual processes in the manufacture of the atom bomb, but also as to certain preliminary examination of the construction of the hydrogen bomb.

For this reason not only should there be the most complete statement at this time on behalf of the government as to their evaluation of the information in their possession, and the notice they gave to the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States which interpreted their special information in relation to this special knowledge, but we should know to what extent recommendation No. 4 has been complied with. I say that because there were a number of other names in addition to that of Dr. Fuchs in the same notebook; and this House of Commons should know what steps have been taken to follow the activities and actions of those other men whose names appear in that same notebook which today has such tragic and significant importance.

The fifth recommendation of the royal commission was:

5. That The Official Secrets Act, 1939, be studied in the light of the information contained in this report and in the evidence and exhibits, and, if it is thought advisable, that it be amended to provide additional safeguards.

So far we have no indication that, in the opinion of the government, additional safeguards are necessary; nor have we any indication that under this recommendation any steps have been taken to prevent a repetition of the same conduct, or an extension of the same conduct into a wider area of the government service. We do know, from the unexpected disclosure connected with the national film board, that steps have been taken to examine into the activities of certain members of that agency of government. It was also disclosed at the same time that the screening of other departments was taking place. But so far we have no indication of any steps having been taken by the government to carry out recommendation No. 5.

The sixth recommendation was this:

6. That consideration be given to any additional security measures which would be practical to prevent the infiltration into positions of trust under the government of persons likely to commit acts such as those described in this report.

If any steps have been taken along these lines I suggest that it would be appropriate, in the discussion of the resolution which I shall move at the conclusion of my remarks, that we be told just what those steps are, so that we shall have information which will be of use to us in considering what should be done to deal with communism in this country. There is an explicit recommendation there "that consideration be given to any additional security measures which would be practical to prevent the infiltration into positions of trust under the government of persons likely to commit acts such as those described in this report." The time is overdue for the fullest and most effective implementation of that recommendation.

I ask members of the house to listen particularly to the seventh recommendation, in view of the discussions which have taken place in this house within the past few days. It reads:

7. That the practice and procedure in connection with the issue of Canadian passports be revised. While not elsewhere referred to in this report, we have had evidence indicating that naturalization and birth certificates have also been improperly obtained. We therefore suggest that the conditions surrounding the issue of these documents might be the subject of consideration by the proper authority.

We all know that only recently Tim Buck, the leader of the communist party in Canada for many long years, obtained a passport to go to a meeting of the cominform in Hungary, and that he has proceeded from there to Moscow, where he is doubtless at the present time receiving instructions and orders from his lords and masters there. If the issuing of a passport has any meaning or significance at all, then it should be subject to certain conditions which will give it meaning. If a passport is to be handed to anybody and everybody, then let us not pretend that any application is necessary, and give everyone a passport so that he can travel to any country for which he can get a visa. There is only one kind of passport that Tim Buck should have, and that is a one-way passport to Moscow without any possibility of return.

The same kind of passport would be appropriate for others who seem to feel that communist Russia has so much happiness and bliss to offer to the rest of the world provided that conditions there are transplanted elsewhere. Whether it be Dr. Endicott, whether it be Tim Buck, whether it be some other propagandist for Russian slavery, there is no reason why the passport processes of this country should facilitate their movement back and forth on their extremely improper course. There are others whose activities might well be reviewed.