

government. That appears in other literature. A. No, not at all. I want to deal with that aspect of the question.

BY MR. MARTIN:

Q. Before you go on may I ask you this? A. Yes.

Q. It seems to me, having in mind the evidence we have had before this committee, the position is this: up to June 22, 1941, the Communist party in Canada did everything that it could to thwart Canada's war effort against what you are now prepared to admit were the forces of fascism. Would you not say that was the case that not only did you believe it was an imperialist war but you did -- when I say "you" I mean the Communist party -- but the Communist party did everything that it could to weaken the war effort of Canada against what Canadians officially believed to be a fascist fight.

MR. SLAGHT: Apart from whether they were right or wrong in their reasoning.

BY MR. MARTIN:

Q. Is not that right? A. Yes, I think that is correct.

Q. You take the position now and you admit you were wrong, I mean the Communist party admits and says now it was wrong, that we were fighting a fascist fight? A. No, I did not say that. I said that the character of the war changed.

BY MR. MacINNIS:

Q. When? A. I have already explained that. I think it was a process culminating in the pact that was eventually signed and the alliance established, but I think the changes were taking place before. Here I am expressing my own opinion because I have had no activity or contact with anyone during that period of time of my being in Petawawa. I said it was becoming clearer all the time that contrary to currents that were still present with regard to the power situation that the whole condition was changing and that it was rapidly becoming