

doing or saying at the present time, and the country is asked to believe that the party, which was founded for revolutionary overthrow of every form of government, which was violently opposed to all Canada went to war for, and which up to a few months ago was carrying on activities which brought about the ban on the party, has suddenly had a complete change of heart, has now become the mainstay of democracy and a model of patriotic fervour.

BY MR. BERTRAND:

Q. You do not believe in such a drastic conversion?

A. I do not, sir.

BY MR. BENCE:

Q. You do not believe that coming into the war with the Soviet Union as an ally of the United Nations and the necessary directing of the fight with Germany might not have some influence on those persons who were members of the communist party? A. Well, they have got, I suppose, at least to appear to be logical, sir, about the matter. It is to be noted, and I shall quote from documents in a moment, that their attitude has completely changed from the moment that Soviet Russia entered the war.

Q. Quite right. A. In order to be logical they had to follow suit.

Q. Naturally. A. I think Father Chagnon will speak on that aspect of the situation.

Q. Does it not indicate to you that ^{they} / might have been dangerous before because Soviet Russia was an ally of Hitler, and now that Soviet Russia is an enemy of Hitler they may not now be dangerous? A. Well, as a matter of fact it is not, I believe, to be forgotten that the communist party of Canada have advocated the overthrow by force and violence of the state as they call it.