

SEES NAZI HAND BEHIND RIOTS IN MONTREAL

Fifth Column Promotes
Anti-Semitism, J. Glass
Says in Legislature

In Montreal riot slogans, "Down with Conscription!" and "Down with the Jews!" J. J. Glass (Lib., Toronto-St. Andrew), yesterday charged in the Ontario Legislature Budget debate lay evidence of Nazi fifth column work in Canada.

Mr. Glass declared that he dissociated the people of French Canada from the charge. "These foolish young men were led by fifth columnists for their own nefarious purposes," said the member.

He warned, in making the charge, that the fifth columnists had neither been interned nor liquidated in Canada and he pointed to the riot slogans as evidence. "You might say that is a ridiculous thing. Where is the connection with fifth column work in these cries?" suggested the Jewish member for the House. "Yet it is not so foolish after all.

"It bears the stamp of the Nazis. It is a well-defined principle of the Nazis to attempt to divide the people. But this situation of discrimination against the Jews is just as prevalent in Ontario as any place, and there is in this Province the rankest and cruellest anti-Semitism as there is in any part of Canada.

"It is present in war industries and I am not talking hearsay," he said. "I have the facts and I can prove them. We find that in our own country there is actually practiced those very principles which are characteristic of the practices and principles of the Axis forces."

The remedy, Mr. Glass believed, rested in education and understanding of each other's position—a better spirit of co-operation and the "actual practice of the principles of democracy."

"We must," urged the member, "guard our democracy and make our democracy worthwhile fighting for."

Mr. Glass expressed doubt that the public would be prepared to abolish wartime controls after the peace was won. He urged a broader application of the principles of the Industrial Standards Act "to eliminate cut-throat competition," and he advocated that the two basic producers, farmer and labor, "should be taken actively into the confidence of Government and be given a stronger share in the direction of affairs."

"There has been complacency, not only in the war effort, but complacency in our economic and social life as well," said Mr. Glass, warning that unless that complacency is removed, "both parties will go down into defeat."

SAYS TEACHERS VERY SCARCE

Minister Admits Grave
Condition in Ontario

Hon. Duncan McArthur, Minister of Education, yesterday in the Legislature, characterized as "entirely misleading" statements made at Wednesday's O.E.A. session of the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation, relative to teachers' qualifications and the dearth of teachers.

The Minister, from a newspaper report, quoted John Cawood, the federation secretary: "There is no dearth of teachers in Ontario."

Inspectors of the department, added Dr. McArthur, find "there is a serious and grave scarcity of teachers in the Province at the present time."

He said there were 210 not fully qualified teachers, but he split them in three categories, those who obtained their certificates in other Provinces; those who held third-class certificates, and those who just failed to meet the demands of the Province at normal school, but who have had the full training. There were 170 men teachers in this classification, he said. Of the remaining forty, there was only one who had less than four years' high school standing.

The department, as a policy in this emergency, authorized a board to hire the not fully qualified teacher in event no one qualified applied for a post.

In tribute, he said more men teachers have enlisted than have left school posts to taking higher salary positions in war industries. In reply to a query by G. H. Dunbar (Con., Ottawa South) he agreed that many married women, former teachers, have taken posts in rural schools. In not lowering annual grants to schools, the department, he said, was determined to maintain the high teacher standards to meet postwar responsibilities.

Radical Tax Bill Change Dropped by Ontario House

The amendment to the Assessment Act, a measure second only in importance on this year's legislative program to the bill that validated the tax transfer agreement between Ontario and the Dominion Government, will not be introduced this session, it was learned yesterday.

The bill, which would rewrite the old act and consolidate assessment legislation, simplify tax collection and place a new conception on real property valuation for tax purposes,

has been drafted and is ready for submission.

Neither Municipal Affairs Minister McQuesten nor Deputy Minister A. J. B. Gray would comment, but it is reported that House members feel the bill is too advanced for adoption until the municipalities have had another year's opportunity of studying it and of consolidating opinion on the more radical proposals, such as that which would place tax collection within the administrative authority of county units.