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Minister of Justice Urges Loyal League

Suggests Citizens Organize to Fight Communism, Fascism and Other Isms.

According to despatches from Ottawa yesterday the Minister of Justice Hon. Ernest Lapointe roused great enthusiasm, the House of Commons cheering him to the echo when he urged the formation in Canada of a league of citizens of all classes to fight communism, fascism and all other subversive or revolutionary movements by spreading education and information among the people.

Mr. Lapointe was answering a challenge by J. S. Woodsworth to declare illegal the recent anti-Communist law passed by the Quebec Legislature, and he took the opportunity to declare that the best weapons in the fight against Red propaganda were justice and charity, not repression, guns or jails.

Eliminate Causes
"I am a strong believer in the British way of administering justice," exclaimed the Minister of Justice. "I believe in the majesty and equality of the law and I don't think it is a good way to

fight illegality by means which are illegal. I think the vast majority of the people of Canada are resolutely opposed to communism, and the best way to fight it is to eliminate the causes of discontent, to mete out justice and fair play to every one, the poor and the rich, the humble and the powerful; to eliminate grievances and abuses which have come into the system.

"If communism is a bad idea, it must be fought with ideas that are better, with something that is an improvement on communism. If Communists offer something that is right, we must offer something that is right. It is not hatred that will eliminate communism. I wonder how many members of Parliament have read the recent encyclical of the Pope, in which he said that justice and charity are the two greatest agencies which will combat communism."

The Minister of Justice thought Canadian citizens of all classes who believe in peace, order and good government should join hands and organize a league for the purpose of educating the people throughout the length and breadth of the country with a view to the preservation of democratic institutions.

All Should Unite
Outstanding representatives of labour, the churches, industry and all

classes should unite to combat communism and fascism; to preserve the religious heritage of Canada against atheism and communism; to defeat subversive and revolutionary elements in the population; to safeguard the welfare of the citizens and to maintain the internal peace, order and good government of Canada.

All friends of civil and religious liberty declared the Minister, were the bulwark of the nation against the menace of communism and disorder. Nor would the Minister of Justice resort to illegal means to suppress communism. "Who ever heard of Tim Buck before he was put in the penitentiary? I prefer to destroy the arguments of the Communist by using better arguments; by showing the people that the doctrines of the Communist are false."

But he left no room for doubt about what action the Government would take if communistic or other agitators sought to overthrow constituted authority in Canada by means of force or other illegal procedure. And he intimated that the Government would not hesitate to use the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which he described as the best police force in the world, to suppress rioting, sit-down strikes or other lawlessness in this country.

Protest Police Reinforcements
It was significant, he declared, that the steps taken by the Government to increase the strength of the Mounted Police force had brought an avalanche of protests from Communists in Toronto and elsewhere against the expenditure of public money for this purpose.

He said a Toronto communistic organization had sought to stir up feeling in all parts of the country against the Government's proposal to deal firmly with illegal acts. Letters and telegrams, all inspired from one source, had been received at Ottawa protesting against the Canadian defense programme, and at the same time objecting to passage of the Foreign Enlistment Act, which prevented the enlistment of Canadians in the Spanish civil war. "They don't want Canada to have a militia force of any kind," said Mr. Lapointe, "but they protest against us preventing the enlistment of Canadians in the rival forces now fighting in Spain."

The Minister's speech was precipitated by Mr. Woodsworth, who complained about the recent declaration of Mr. Lapointe that the sit-down strike is illegal in Canada.

The C.C.F. Leader protested against the action of the Ontario authorities in the sit-down strike at a Sarnia foundry and said the strikers had been attacked by men armed with axes, iron bars, and rods and that the assault had been carried out in a manner which indicated they had been in league with the employers.

Montreal Relief Raid
Mr. Woodsworth also alluded to the recent ejection by Quebec Provincial Police of General Edouard De B. Panet, from the unemployment relief offices in Montreal, and against the arrest in that city in the dead of night of seven clothing workers who were charged by the Quebec police with conspiracy. But the chief grievance of the C.C.F. Leader was the so-called Padlock Act recently passed by the Quebec Legislature, which is designed to suppress communism, and which, Mr. Woodsworth said, had been condemned by the Winnipeg Free Press as "one of the most savage assaults on freedom which Canada had ever seen."

The C.C.F. Leader suggested that the Federal Government exercise its authority to disallow the Padlock Act of Quebec or alternatively to refer the statute to the Supreme Court of Canada to determine its validity.

Mr. Woodsworth claimed the padlock law was "as illegal as a sit-down strike." He suggested the Minister of Justice could tell Quebec there are legitimate means of protecting the Province against lawlessness and violence, as he had told Parliament the other day there are legitimate means of securing redress for Canadian workers contemplating a sit-down strike. Further, the Minister could give emphatic assurance that the resources of the Dominion would be used to protect the rights and liberties of all Canadian citizens, or he could order an appeal to the

Privy Council to determine "the rights we have in this country."

Settlement of Strikes
To these suggestions the Minister of Justice replied that whatever proceedings were instituted to end the sit-down strike at Sarnia had been taken under the authority of the Province of Ontario and not by the Federal Government. He maintained there are legitimate means in Canada for the settlement of labour disputes and he cited the Industrial Disputes Act, "which has benefitted labour as well as employers" over a long period of years. "We have just witnessed a convincing example of the value of this act in the settlement of the dispute between the Canadian railways and 117,000 of their employees," said Mr. Lapointe, amid applause from all parts of the Chamber.

"The threatened railway strike, with momentous possibilities for trouble, has been settled without a sit-down and it has been settled not by the parties to the dispute listening to the voices of agitators, but because the labour unions were able to present their side of the case in a legitimate way. It is a great feather in the cap of the Minister of Labour that the dispute has been peacefully ended."

Urges Police Discretion
Concerning the ejection of General Panet, Chairman of the Unemployment Relief Commission in Montreal from his offices by the Provincial Police, Mr. Lapointe said he was prepared to pass judgment on the acts of other Governments and police forces in Canada before they came to his attention officially, but, broadly speaking, he would say the police should use discretion in dealing with a man of General Panet's standing and character.

As to the arrest of seven Quebec clothing workers on a charge of conspiracy, he observed that the laws of the land will protect them, and if they are not guilty of any crime they will be acquitted by the law courts.

The Minister of Justice could not properly speak about the Padlock Act at the present time, he said, since he knew about it only through the newspaper reports, and he had not the freedom possessed by Mr. Woodsworth to discuss the acts of other Legislatures. Under the Constitution any law passed by a Provincial Assembly has to be sent to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province to the Governor-General-in-Council at Ottawa and that law is reviewed or considered by the Governor-General-in-Council, after which there is a report whether the law is allowed to stand.

Comment Premature
The padlock law has not yet reached Ottawa "and any comment upon it on my part would certainly be premature," he pointed out that the power of disallowance by the Federal Government of Provincial acts has been used sparingly in recent years and it had frequently been said by the courts that within the sphere of their own jurisdiction the Provincial Legislatures are sovereign and supreme.

"But if the Padlock Act is ultra vires, the courts will say so," observed Mr. Lapointe. "As to the suggestion that I should submit it to the Supreme Court of Canada I may say the idea will receive my most serious consideration," he commented with a significant smile.

The questions raised by Mr. Woodsworth were then allowed to drop and the House proceeded to other business.

Think Lord's Day Act in Much Need of Revision

(Toronto Telegram)
There is a growing feeling at the City Hall that the Lord's Day Act should be brought up to date and enforced more evenly. Members of Council point out that it is unfair to summon people to court for buying and selling tobacco on Sunday when gasoline is sold on every corner.

A revamping of the act to clarify it may be proposed by the City Council, it is understood.

Mayor Robbins has admitted that he is not particularly in favour of clamping down on drug stores for selling merchandise on Sundays.

Controller Wadsworth says that the Act should be clarified and evenly enforced.

Controller Day has expressed his opposition to the police drive against drug stores for Sunday tobacco sales.

"Police have no right to persecute one class by picking out one section and ignoring the rest of the Act," he said.

"The Act should be brought up to date," stated Ald. Lamport. "Anybody can be convicted for selling anything on Sunday. Why pick on the sale of tobacco?"

"The very people who are urging that drug stores be prosecuted for selling tobacco on Sunday are buying gasoline on Sunday at the service station across the street. We should have a more equitable administration of the Act."

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When John L. Lewis, chairman of the C.I.O., left the State Capitol Building at Lansing, Mich., after reaching a truce in conference with Walter Chrysler and Gov. Frank Murphy, he was accompanied by three of his aides, all vice-presidents of the C.I.O. Left to right, an unidentified union leader, Ed Hall, Lewis himself and Wyndham Mortimer.

While Counsel Reads, the Client Pleads and Pays

(Toronto Telegram)
Awaiting in Afternoon Court to represent Sam Wortsman, charged with failing to have a minimum of 20 tons of coal in his yard, J. J. Glass, M.P.P., became so absorbed in reading and reflection that he did not notice when his client was called.

Wortsman responded at once to the call of Magistrate Tinker's court clerk, pleaded guilty and was fined \$2 or one day, without Mr. Glass noticing it. Accused paid the fine at once.

Then realizing that the wait seemed longer than expected, counsel addressed the court with an inquiry, to be told that his client had pleaded guilty and that the \$2 was already garnered into the coffers of the city.

Rumours that Kirkland to Have \$150,000 Hotel

For several years past it has been the usual thing to hear every once in a while that Kirkland Lake is to have a new hotel, modern, handsome and up-to-date and in keeping with the growth of the town. Some years ago there used to be the same sort of talk in Timmins. Probably it is a case of the wish being father to the thought. In any event Timmins got its wish and the Empire Hotel was built here. Since then there have been several other good hotels, though smaller ones, added to the accommodation of the town. Kirkland Lake has several of the smaller type of hotels, and one of fair size, the Princess, which has recently been much enlarged and improved. The talk of a big new hotel, however, has been revived recently, but The Northern News has not been able to track down the rumours to anything very definite. The rumours, however, suggest locations for the new hotel and suggest \$150,000 as the expected cost of the structure. It might be noted that the figure quoted would not provide a very big hotel of the approved modern type of construction.

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Marlene Dietrich Would Prefer to be Man, She Says

The other day a woman world celebrity told an interviewer that she would rather be a man than a woman. No, she was not an aviator or an explorer or a politician, or even a writer or a painter. She was none other than the professional beauty, Marlene Dietrich, who, chiefly because she has one of the roughest faces ever exhibited to the world in general, has that world at her feet. And she thinks it would be better to be a man because it is easier for men to triumph, to get on, to acquire the things worth having. "But," the staggered interviewer said, "don't you think it is nice to be a woman and be protected?" "No," was the firm answer. "There is more pleasure in being able to protect."

One does not expect wisdom from the classic mouths of film stars, but here is something worth the consideration of every leader and teacher of the female young. Even in these days there is a subtle undercurrent in every girl's education which leads her to suppose that the highest bliss, if not the highest honour, life holds for her is to be cherished and protected by the most powerful male available. But here is the evidence of a woman who has tasted success to a degree undreamed of by the pre-cinematographic world that the power given by her wealth is sweeter than the homage of the beauty which has made it possible. There would certainly be fewer unhappy women to-day if more of them had been taught that great satisfaction lies in standing on one's own feet and in being able to help the younger and weaker.—The Lady, London.

Man at Sigma Mine May Share in Billion Dollars

Without taking any responsibility one way or another. The Advance passes the following on. It is from The Val D'Or News:—

"Albert Stern who lives with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Salberg, at Sigma has just received word from his parents in Montreal that part of a billion dollar estate left by the late Lord Landsworth, who died in 1910, may come into the hands of the family.

"Lord Landsworth was born Moses Stern, who has emigrated to South Africa fifty years ago. Through his own struggles he was able to amass a fortune in gold and diamond mines and for his position in South African mining enterprises he was elevated to the peerage as Lord Landsworth.

"Since the death of Lord Landsworth his fortune has increased and is now being administered by the Hebrew Congregation office in Johannesburg. Leaving no direct heirs the estate has had to survive through legal battles that have raged for years. At the present writing it is understood that the immediate family of Mr. Albert Stern will share in the estate.

"When queried by The News as to what he would do if he should receive part of the estate Mr. Stern said that he would endow a modern equipped hospital for the citizens of Val d'Or, Lamaque and surrounding community."

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