

LETTERBOX

LABOR PROGS. vs C.C.F.

Editor, Daily News:

John Worsley has attacked our Party at some length and requires a full answer. I would appreciate your publishing this answer from me to Mr. Worsley.

The greatest crusader against Communism is Adolf Hitler who came to power and overcame a country after country by splitting his enemies with the spectre of a false enemy, "the red bogey."

Re-baiting is lying about Communists. For example, it is accusing Communists of organizing to seize power by force and violence. Do the Communists deny this? Then say they are deceiving liars. Do the Communists give their all in struggle for democracy? Then say it is just an ingenious manoeuvre to fool the public. Have the Communists formed a new party, better fitted to serve our changing nation? Then say it is "just the same old Communist party."

Do the Labor Progressives propose a united labor movement to cripple the plans of reactionary monopolies? Say they are striving for big business support by splitting the CCF vote.

Mr. Worsley has every right to disagree with us but he has no right to lie about us, and this is the precise technique he has employed in letters to the Editor. He has unwittingly played the Hitlerites' game. I cannot say his help to Canadian reaction is also unwitting—for to be trying to warn business men not to have any illusions as to whether Labor-Progressives stand for Socialism or not (and without compensation to big business horror of horrors!).

He distorts the meaning of passages from the program of the Communist International by lifting them from the contents and by his own comments. Didn't he know the C.I. was dissolved this year and the "old" Canadian Communist Party disaffiliated early in the war? He insists on confusing the legal use of force by the people's state, after the majority of the population have taken power and against a self-seeking minority, with a mythical use of "force and violence" by a Communist minority to seize power.

Mr. Worsley is very wrong when he specifically refers to the proletariat as a minority. The working people of Canada make up the vast majority of the population. A statement to the contrary assists those who do not wish to see the workers exercise their majority rights.

Two great members of the British Labor Party, Sidney and Beatrice Webb, after years of study of the Soviet Union, wrote, "if by the proletariat is meant the mass of the population dependent on their daily earnings, or as Marx frequently meant, the whole of the workers engaged in industrial production for wages, the dictatorship of the proletariat would, in highly developed capitalist societies like Great Britain where three-quarters of all men of working age are wage-earners, mean no more than the rule of an immense majority over a minority rather than dictatorship."

The Labor-Progressives have not given up scientific socialism. If Mr. Worsley wishes to warn business interests of our beliefs, then go direct to our program, as adopted this summer at the Toronto convention, where the dictatorship of the proletariat is described as follows: "The sovereign will of the people, led by the most advanced class, the working class, will, under Socialist society, prevail in the realm of economic and political democracy. And precisely because the establishment and consolidation of Socialism demands it, the Canadian people will be called up by historical necessity to form their Socialist government which will be a workers' and farmers government of, by, and for the people. Such a government, which has the fundamental task of transforming the basic economic forces of the country into public Socialist property will, of necessity, be compelled to adopt measures to protect the people against the danger of attempts by monopolist interests or their political henchmen to restore the old order of things. Such has been the experience in every case in history when a new social order was established by a class which was formerly exploited and oppressed. Until such time as the sovereign rule of majority, security of public Socialist accepted by

the displaced minority, security of public Socialist property and democracy is inseparable from measures to prevent any action by which the minority might be restored to power over the nation.

Article 8, section six of our constitution says: "Should any Party member be found guilty of advocating any form of violence or terrorism for any purpose whatsoever, he or she shall be summarily expelled from the Party."

As to Mr. Worsley not being asked to get in to their own show. He asked his question and it was answered in full. Nobody is trying to shut up Mr. Worsley. He has every opportunity of expounding his views in public, which he frequently does. Would he expect the local C.C.F. to break an agreement with the theatre by inviting Mr. Winch's opponents to the stage for a debate after the scheduled meeting time is over?

Mr. Worsley falsely states Tim Buck accused the CCF of being reformist because CCFers believe small business will exist during the change-over to a new social order. What Tim Buck did was to quote the CCF publication "Make this your Canada", to the effect that what the CCF actually proposes is government purchase of monopolies. Our Party rejects the idea that government purchase or nationalization of certain monopolies would constitute Socialism.

Unable to back up his claims in any other way, Mr. Worsley has resorted to peddling cheap malicious lies. He states that on June 22, 1941, "Mr. Buck issued a four page manifesto calling for an immediate Communist revolution in Canada, the overthrow of British institutions and the setting up of a Canadian Soviet Republic. This is a complete falsehood and I call on him to publicly repudiate this statement."

Mr. Worsley's authority for the statement is one Prof. Watson Kirkconnell, who has been publicly challenged by Leslie Morris as a liar and a dealer in forged evidence and who is the honorary president of a Ukrainian Nationalist organization whose Hetman (leader) has his headquarters in Berlin.

Mr. Worsley further falsely states that Communists in Canada "demand a negotiated

peace with butcher Hitler" and by "underground agitation aided the enemy". Has he forgotten that it was the Munichmen, the appeasers, who held power until the time of Dunkirk that strained might and main for peace with Hitler, for a war against the Soviet Union in aid of poor little Finland, Hitler's satellite. Has he forgotten that the Communist Party was the only party which consistently fought this treacherous policy?

Has he forgotten that the Soviet Union in the spring of '39 proposed a three-power alliance against aggression to Britain and France and that Chamberlain termed such talk "midsummer madness". Has he forgotten that Communists have been consistent anti-Fascists for a generation, that they are in the very front ranks of our war effort today? Where has he stood during these years.

Mr. Worsley's anti-Communist phobia drives him onto the same ideological ground as the Quislings he quotes: The partitionist White Guard groups have every reason to hate the dictatorship of the proletariat in the Soviet Union which smashed the Nazi armies to which their hopes were pinned.

But it is a fortunate thing for Mr. Worsley that the working people of the USSR, led by Communists, instituted the dictatorship of the proletariat and made Stalingrad possible. Had the Nazis broken through and were Mr. Worsley today sitting in a Nazi concentration camp would he be warning his fellow prisoners of the menace of Communism?

The Moscow Conference shows that Communist and non-Communist states have sunk their differences and risen to the noble task of jointly winning the war and the peace. This smashes the Red bogey for all time and I would appeal to Mr. Worsley to play his part in building the united labor movement which Canada desperately needs if we are to win the war and the peace. We appreciate honest differences with us but feel Mr. Worsley helped seal back the Prince Rupert labor movement by stooping to reckless Red-baiting. Such policies

could have brought disaster to the United Nations and can likewise wreck the home front. Bruce Mickleburgh, Chairman, Prince Rupert Labor Progressive Club.

(This definitely ends letters of such great length on this subject—Ed.)

MONTREAL'S YEAR

Editor, Daily News:

Montreal Canadiens in the National Hockey League are running away with victory after victory. How long will it continue and who is going to stop them? Boston came close. Will Detroit do it? Certainly not Rangers.

Montreal should be the team for the old mug this year if they don't suffer any serious military call-up. Any call-up would be serious.

But I must add that this is Montreal's big year against Toronto. Toronto fans are worried. Let's hope they stay so.

A FAN.

Christmas Cards May be Old Ones

LONDON, Nov. 25.—If you get a Christmas card from somebody in Britain, look at it closely—most likely it's a second-hand greeting.

Back in 1940 some enterprisers that there wouldn't be so many people about when Christmas cards rolled around in 1943 so they advertised in the personal columns of newspapers for cards which usually lie around for months before being tossed into the waste bin. Now they've hit the market, fifth the centre leaf removed and a verse printed on the inside of the back cover.

Somebody, they say, is making a small fortune.

Hockey Standings

TEAM	W	D	L	P	A	Pts
Canadiens	8	2	0	47	18	18
Chicago	5	0	4	38	35	10
Toronto	4	2	5	40	45	10
Detroit	4	2	2	30	23	10
Boston	3	2	4	38	55	6
Rangers	0	0	9	23	50	0

GARDEN PRODUCE NEEDED

WARE, HERTFORDSHIRE, Eng. —George Filer was fined \$112, including costs, for growing geraniums in glass houses which it was contended should have been used for such vegetables as tomatoes and lettuce.

Sport Chat

Britain's Football Association, for the first time in its 80-year old history, will make a testimonial to a player. The fellow to be honored is handsome Eddie Hapgood, Arsenal full-back who has worn an international cap for England 43 times—a record—and captained English teams on 34 occasions—another record. Part of the testimonial, which has a value of \$450, will consist of a photograph album depicting outstanding incidents in the career of the great player. The remainder will buy war bonds Hapgood, now a pilot officer in the Royal Air Force, has led England successfully against every home county and practically every European side. A highlight of his career came at Wembley Stadium last February when the King stepped out on the field to shake his hand and congratulate him before an international against Wales. Commenting on the testimonial, L. V. Manning in the London Daily Sketch suggested it be presented to Hapgood in the centre of the field at the next Wembley Cup final. "There were no cash acknowledgements for the old masters on retirement," he wrote. "This, the club of post-war planners hope to remedy that the Hapgood testimonial is the first sign of the F. A. awakening to their very real obligations to box-office internationalists."

The British Football Association, incidentally, just passed its 80th birthday but there was no official celebration as on the 75th anniversary when England played the Rest of Europe at Highbury. Eleven clubs were represented at the inaugural meeting in October 1863 at the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen St., London. Now more than 6,500 are affiliated. The F. A. drew up its first rules in 1863 and legalized professional soccer 22 years later.

This business of hitting obstacles hard was nothing new to Lieut. R. M. Marshall of the R. N. V. R., who commanded a torpedo boat that sliced through a Nazi E-boat off the East Coast of Britain. He learned it as an Oxford rugby blue and an England international forward. Fast and brilliant, Marshall was captain of the Dark Blues for the season in which war's sirens screamed. He was capped for England twice in 1938 and three times the following year.

One-eyed Dunc McIntyre, 35-year old Fort William butcher, displaced the record holder by winning a 14-mile marathon from Fort William to the 4,406-foot summit of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, and return. McIntyre covered the grind in two hours, 4 1/2 minutes, followed more than three minutes, Danny Mulholland.

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