

# Fascism & Nazism In Canada

## Student Information



Nativist, Fascist and Nazi movements sprung up in Canada between the first and second world wars. These groups promoted the idea of a country free of Jews. They derived many of their ideas and tactics directly from Fascist and Nazi organizations in Germany. Organizations with anti-communist, anti-immigrant, and anti-Semitic platforms provided an outlet for many Canadians to voice their anxieties about a changing nation.

Nativists opposed immigration and saw newcomers as a threat to Canadian society. Fascism, begun by Benito Mussolini in 1920 in Italy, promoted the **ideas of militarism, ultra-nationalism, anti-communism, conformity of the group and allegiance to a single leader.** Nazism was the ideology of Adolf Hitler's National Socialist German Workers Party, which stressed many of the same ideas as fascism, along with racism and anti-Semitism.

There were many fascist groups in Canada during the 1930s, including the Canadian Nationalist Party of Winnipeg, the Canadian Guard based in Vancouver, the National Worker's Party of Canada, and the Canadian Union of Fascists, which published *The Thunderbolt*.



### Brown Shirts in Winnipeg

September 1933, a dozen ex-soldiers led by William Whittaker launched the brown-shirted Canadian Nationalist Party in Winnipeg. Highly militaristic and fervently patriotic, **members wore swastika tiepins with their khaki uniforms and delivered fiery speeches against a backdrop of the Union Jack.** They published *The Canadian Nationalist*, which featured anti-Semitic propaganda similar to that being produced in Germany that included allegations of a global Jewish conspiracy. The party and its publications played upon the poor economic conditions to denounce Jews violently and equate them with communists.

**Western fascism drew support from German and Ukrainian immigrants who held a historic animosity towards Jews.** In 1935, a successful group libel suit was launched that prevented Whittaker and his publication from further vilifying Jews.



### Ontario Swastika Clubs

As Ontario became more ethnically diverse in the 1930s, some Toronto residents began to feel threatened and complained of a "foreign invasion" and of "obnoxious and undesirable elements." Swastika Clubs sprung up, expressed their anti-immigrant sentiments and waged violent street campaigns against Jews. Defiant youths sported swastikas on armbands, sweaters, bathing suits, and bare chests, and clashed with Jewish patrons.

On August 14, 1933, violence erupted after a predominately Jewish baseball team, the Harbord Playground, won a game at Toronto's, Christie Pits. A group known as the Pit Gang lifted a swastika-emblazoned sweater into the air. That night, Pit Gang members painted a large swastika and "Hail Hitler" on their clubhouse roof. The next day, during a second game, the crowd yelled anti-Semitic slurs. Six hours of fighting ensued during which both sides called in reinforcements and fought each other with baseball bats, stones, and lead pipes. Today, the Christie Pits riot stands as the worst race riot in Toronto's history.



## Nazism in Quebec

Quebec nationalism, Catholicism and unfavourable economic conditions fuelled French Canadian anti-Semitism of the 1930s. Most disturbing were the extremist activities of Adrien Arcand and Joseph Menard. Arcand was an admirer of Adolf Hitler and Nazi racial policies. He drew inspiration, propaganda and funding directly from the German Nazi party. Determined to help roll back the Jewish "invasion", Arcand formed the National Socialist Christian Party in 1934. A combination of German Nazism and Italian Fascism, the party espoused the values of law and order, a strong leader, and a Canada free of Jews.

In 1930, Arcand and Menard launched *Le Goglu*, one of many anti-Semitic publications that featured loathsome caricatures of Jews, historic accusations of blood-libel, world conspiracy and economic domination. Promoted as a "journal humoristique," the newspaper was similar to the German Nazi publication *Der Stürmer*. *Le Goglu* received funding from the federal Conservative Party until it ceased publication in 1933.

For a brief period between 1936 and 1938, Arcand's politics gained public legitimacy and were supported by Quebec's provincial government. His party merged with other fascist groups including the Canadian Nationalist Party of Winnipeg to form the National Unity Party of Canada. After the outbreak of World War II and as Canada declared war on Nazi Germany, tolerance towards homegrown Nazis wore thin and Arcand's headquarters were raided. The police confiscated truckloads of anti-Semitic propaganda and arrested suspected Fascists. Arcand and other members of the National Socialist Christian Party were interned for the duration of the war.

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## Discussion – Extension Questions

Anti-Semitism and Nazism were not confined to Germany or Nazi-occupied Europe but were in fact too close to home. Explain why you think these racist ideologies found expression in Canada during the 1930s and 1940s and were not discredited until the outbreak of WWII. How can this help you understand the rise of Nazism in what was a modern, industrialized country like Germany? Explain.

In the 1920s and 1930s, many democracies ended, including those in Italy, Germany, Spain and Russia, and were replaced by totalitarian states. There were groups and organizations in Canada at the time, which believed that democracy was unable to meet the challenges of the day and should be replaced. Why did democracy survive in Canada during this period when it succumbed in so many other countries? Is democracy in Canada secure today?

Ernst Zundel arrived in Canada from Germany in 1958. He met and became a follower of Adrien Arcand, a right-wing author and activist known as “Canada’s Hitler.” In 1996, Zundel was charged by the Canadian Human Rights Commission with using his web site to distribute hate literature and Holocaust denial material. He moved to the United States but was deported back to Canada by U.S. immigration agents. As of January 2004, Zundel faced deportation from Canada to his native Germany, where he is wanted on hate crime charges. Do you think Zundel should be deported from Canada to face hate crimes charges in Germany? To support your position, research the connection between Arcand and Zundel and compare their publications.



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### Photo

Nazis at a meeting in Canada, at an unknown location during the 1930s.

*Courtesy of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives*

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## Photo

The production of Nazi-style uniforms in Canada.  
Montreal, circa 1938.

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## Photograph

Synagogue defaced with swastikas.  
St. Margerite (Lac Casson), Quebec, 1938.

*Courtesy Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives*

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## Photograph (top)

Anti-Semitic literature & Nazi publications of the National Socialist Christian Party.  
Quebec, circa 1930s

*Courtesy Don Stewart*

## Photograph (bottom)

Documents & propaganda seized by police during raids against suspected Montreal Fascists.  
Quebec, 1940

*Courtesy of the Canadian National Archives*

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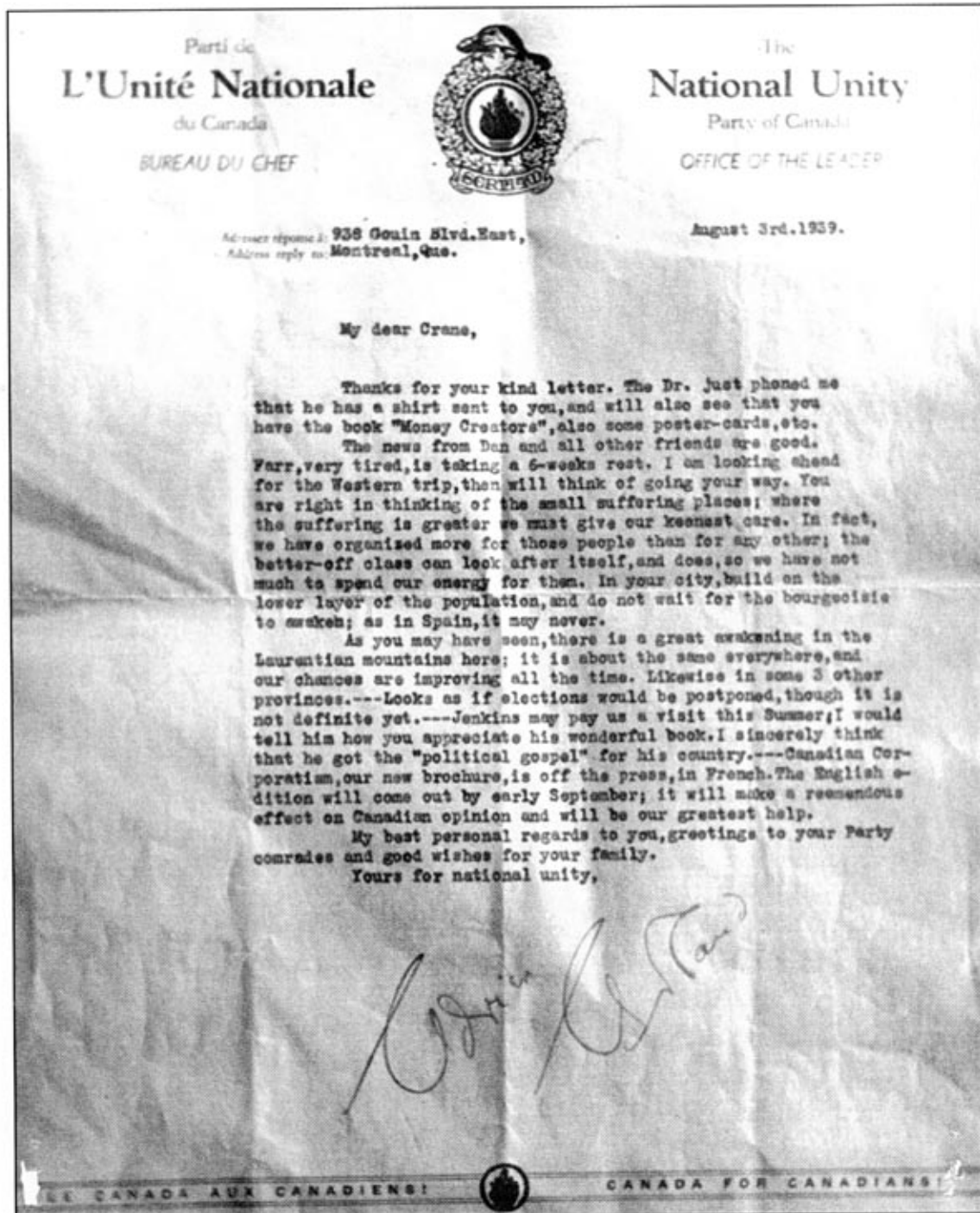
## Photograph

Adrien Arcand leader, National Socialist Christian Party, pictured at his typewriter. In 1938 his party merged with William Whittaker's Canadian Nationalist Party in the West and a newly organized Ontario group to create the National Unity Party with the goal of making Fascism accessible to all Canadians. Montreal, Circa 1938

*Courtesy of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives*



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## Letter

Adrien Arcand, leader, National Socialist Christian Party writing in English to a sympathizer of the National Unity Party of Canada, outside of Quebec.  
Montreal, August 3, 1939

Courtesy of the Canadian National Archives

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**GUERRE - IMMIGRATION - CHOMAGE**

Grand Ralliement contre ces trois plaies  
**MERCREDI, 12 Avril à 8.30 p. m.**

**Ecole St. Pierre Claver**  
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Sous les auspices du  
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Le Parti que le Gouvernement Fédéral ne veut pas laisser parler à la Radio. Le parti à qui le Gouvernement Municipal ne veut plus louer les salles de la ville

PARCEQUE NOUS DISONS LA VERITE !

TOUS, jeunes et vieux sont cordialement invités à entendre

**ADRIEN ARCAND** - chef du Parti

## Mock Currency

This mock currency was sent to supporters of the National Unity Party of Canada to acknowledge donations to the party's funds. A portrait of Adrien Arcand, Supreme Chief of the National Coalition of Canadian Fascists, appears at the centre of the bill.

*Courtesy Don Stewart*

## Poster

The poster cordially invites young and old alike to attend a rally for the National Unity Party of Canada to fight the three plagues: war, immigration and unemployment.

Quebec, April, 1930s

*Courtesy Don Stewart*

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LE **Fasciste** 2<sup>c</sup>  
CANADIEN

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# VENDUS AUX JUIFS!

Par les juivocrates King et Lapointe. — Pour permettre la réalisation de l'accord commercial anglo-américain, ils cèdent des privilèges canadiens cherement gagnés, sans aucun avantage réciproque pour le pays.—Triomphe de l'Internationale Juive, d'après les journaux nationalistes d'Angleterre. — Plus les démocrates nous trahissent, plus ils prouvent la nécessité d'un régime Fasciste patriotique, autoritaire et fort.

**Patriotes indignés, venez lutter avec nous!**

Les journaux nationalistes et Fascistes d'Angleterre, soutenus par la Fédération des Industries Britanniques, dénoncent comme un triomphe juif et une trahison démocratique le nouvel accord commercial anglo-américain qui sera bientôt signé.

Les grandes agences de nouvelles (Juives), les grands journaux de contrôle juif (par les agences et les avocats), les organismes juifs, socialistes et juivocrates ont applaudi avec enthousiasme au nouvel accord.

Tous ces organismes de haine et de vengeance, qui font les plus grands efforts pour préparer l'opinion en faveur d'une guerre contre les pays libérés des Juifs et régénérés: Italie, Allemagne, Espagne, Portugal, Roumanie, Grèce, Autriche, Hongrie, Brésil, Equateur, ont salué l'accord anglo-américain comme "une contribution à la pacification mondiale", un "effort pour vaincre la crise par l'accélération du commerce international", etc.

Hypocrite message, bourrage de crânes! La réalité, c'est que la France Internationale Juive est en train de perdre sa suprématie mondiale. Le bloc qui se fait entre les pays nationalistes, principalement entre la Pologne, l'Italie, l'Allemagne, la Yougoslavie, la Hongrie, fait perdre des millions de dollars à la haute pègre chaque mois.

Le commerce international américain et anglais est contrôlé par la Banque de l'Or et dirigé par des agences entièresment juives.

Comme les Juifs, trahissant ouvertement les intérêts nationalistes des pays qui les hébergent, ont organisé partout le boycott contre les pays fascistes ou simplement nationalistes. Ils ont porté un coup fustige au commerce international des Etats-Unis, de l'Angleterre et de la France. Bientôt certains grands pays régénérés, riches, pourront se grouper contre les grands pays démocratiques, et

ANGLO-AMERICAN TRADE PACT



Voici comment le journal fasciste de Londres, "Action", voit le nouveau pacte commercial anglo-américain pour lequel MM. King et Lapointe cèdent gratuitement de grands privilèges canadiens; un contact commercial direct entre la bourse de Wall Street et de Londres pour éliminer sur le sol des producteurs de race blanche. (Consultez "Action", Londres).

à dire des pays soumis à la dictature de la banque juive de l'or.

Les Etats-Unis ont en ce moment un million de chômeurs de plus qu'il y a trois mois. Seul le réarmement intensif de l'Angleterre empêche son peuple de ressentir les ravages causés à son commerce mondial par le boycott des Juifs, qui s'en servent pour les fins de leur tribu asiatique. Avant cinq ans, la structure économique des pays démocratiques subira un écroulement comme le monde n'en a pas encore vu de pareil dans son histoire. Ce sera la réaction d'avoir voulu subir l'esclavage sous la férule juive du Vieux d'Or.

Pour enrayer leur poche et récupérer leurs pertes, au même temps que pour retarder leur affaiblissement, les Etats-Unis, à l'instigation des Morgenthau, des Walling, des Frankfurter et des Baruch, ont forcé l'Angleterre à une alliance commerciale. L'alliance a pu être imposée parce que les Etats-Unis sont devenus le principal marché de l'or, dit l'A.

**Vraie définition**

Après la supprime juive en Espagne, rim en peut être plus au point de vue humain. Il faut qu'un peuple, ne seulement s'en soit mérité. Mais, si vous voulez être, vous savez mieux que le peuple internationaliste entre autres leurs angéliques et la révolutions est le fait.

Alors l'Europe sera peut-être à défaut son fait de plus le fait comme nous nous sommes habitués.

H. BENTON, etc.

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*The Fasciste Canadien* was published by The National Socialist Christian Party and the Canadian National Socialist Party and edited by Adrien Arcand. The headline reads, "Sold to the Jews!" The article denounces the new Anglo-American trade agreement as "democratic treason" and as a triumph for international Jewry. The cartoon depicts wealthy Jews on Wall Street and in London joining forces to bring about the financial ruin of the "white race." Montreal, February 1938

Courtesy of Don Stewart

# Fascism & Nazism Ontario



## Photograph

The Ontario Swastika Club organized parades on the boardwalks of Toronto's beaches. Members sported swastika emblems on their shirts and taunted Jewish visitors in the area.

*Courtesy Toronto Daily Star, August 8, 1933*

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## Newspapers

Toronto newspaper headlines reported on the activities of the Ontario Swastika Club, which provoked outrage from the press and Toronto's Jewish community. Anxious about incidents of beachfront violence, law enforcement authorities and municipal leaders insisted that the Swastika Club give up its Nazi emblem. Toronto, August 1933

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### Photograph (top)

Following a baseball game at Christie Pits Park in Toronto on August 14th, members of a neighbourhood gang painted a swastika symbol and the words *Hail Hitler* on the clubhouse roof.  
Toronto, August 15, 1933

*Courtesy of the Toronto Daily Star*

### Photograph (bottom)

Members of the Harbord Playground Juvenile baseball team of 1931, many of whom went on to play for the team in 1933. The victory of this predominantly Jewish team in the first game of a Toronto baseball series sparked events that led to the Christie Pits riots.  
Toronto, 1931

*Courtesy of the Toronto City Archives, DPW 52-1492*

# ↑ THE THUNDERBOLT ↑

## FACTS ABOUT THE JEWS

### Part I ("Facts & Fables About The Jews" Refuted) **A Challenge Others Dare Not Make!**

For several months, a pamphlet, "Facts & Fables About the Jews" has been circulated in the Dominion, and particularly in Toronto. This pamphlet, issued by the "Committee on Jewish-Gentile Relationships", P. O. Box 181, Toronto, purports to

prove that: 1) Communism is not Jewish; 2) International Finance, commerce and industry are not Jewish controlled; 3) The agencies of publicity and propaganda are not Jewish controlled. The Committee and the pamphlet—which correspon-

"The Thunderbolt" aims to tell the truth and nothing but the truth! Every statement that appears in the "Bolt" is carefully checked to avoid error. Should, however, any reader be able to point out and prove a mis-statement in our paper, we will correct it at the earliest opportunity. Are other political journals willing to make a similar challenge?

dentice indicates was compiled by the Rev. Dr. Hilcox—are supported by an equal number of Jews and Gentiles; the latter being all "Christian" ministers.

"Facts & Fables" (which we may call it for short) is well named. It does contain a few facts; BUT it contains considerably more fables! Whether or not the publication of the pamphlet can be attributed to sheer dishonesty or mere misinformation is a question that we have not space to discuss here. The composition and attitude of the Committee on Jewish-Gentile Relationships and spokesman will be taken up in a later issue. In this number, we will deal as far as space permits with the relationship between Communism and Jewry.

#### Communism Is Jewish

If by saying that "Communism is Jewish" is meant that every Jew is a Communist or that every Communist is a Jew, then the statement is obviously false. However, if by stating that Communism is Jewish is meant that Jews are the main instigators and supporters of the Communist movement, then the statement is true.

We prove it.

The Communist movement is Jewish in its origins. Its founder was the apostate Jew, Karl Marx (alias Mordecai) who penetrated the First International, gradually assuming control of its organization and policy, publishing a number of pamphlets outlining the class struggle and proposing the communization of all land and industry. It may be that Marx' Judaism was merely the sub-conscious expression of his race and background; in any case among his writings may be found several

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WHY THE ARAB OPPOSES JEWISH IMMIGRATION

### Newspaper

The Thunderbolt was published monthly by the Canadian Union of Fascists and edited by Charles Brandel. The front page article suggests that Jews financed and spread Communism world-wide. It is a direct response to an article by the "Committee on Jewish-Gentile Relationships" which tried to dispel misconceptions about Jews. Toronto, January 1939

Courtesy of Don Stewart

# Fascism & Nazism Manitoba



## Photograph (top)

William Whittaker, head of the Canadian Nationlist Party of Winnipeg. A retired British soldier, he infused his party with militaristic patriotism. Members wore brown shirts and swastika badges. Shrugging off the obvious resemblance to Nazi storm troopers, Whittaker maintained that their costumes were 'typical Western Canadian dress.'

Winnipeg, circa 1930s

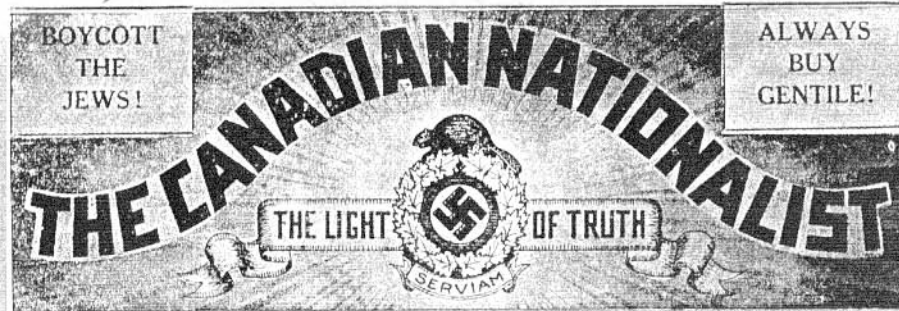
*Courtesy of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives*

## Photograph (bottom)

Members of the National Unity Party shown in the Nazi salute. The party was formed as a partnership between William Whittaker and Adrien Arcand, leader of the National Socialist Christian Party in Quebec.

*Courtesy of the City of Toronto Archives, GM 52654*





"Speak the truth and bend the bow"

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## THE JEWS ARE A MENACE! Their Religion, A Religion of Hate

ONE of the strangest things in Canada, which is supposed to be a Christian country, is the fact that anyone who wishes, can advocate the destruction of the Christian Religion of any denomination. A person can print reams and reams against Christian Churches, he can rent halls and publicly ridicule and denounce Christianity in every way possible. Criticisms can be heaped upon the Ministers, the Priests and the Bible; the Name of Christ can be slandered, bespattered and torn to pieces and there seldom, if ever, is heard a cry of persecution from any Christian, no one gets excited and very little is done to prohibit the speaker.

### A different Story

But, let anyone dare mention "Jewish religion", let anyone condemn the Jewish beliefs and there follows such shrieking and snivelling cries of "persecution" and "intolerance" that the daring speaker who mentioned "Jew" is lucky to escape with his life. What makes the situation still more amazing is that the Jew is allowed to bring into play his full control of the press to stir up hatred towards any foreign, Christian country that has had the courage to fight International Jew control.

### The Jews fear discussion of their religion.

The reason for the clamour set up by the Jews when anyone mentions their religion is because they do not want their religion discussed. The Jews know quite well that when it is exposed their position is very uncomfortable. They know this from centuries of experience. As soon as the Christians realize the true nature of this so-called religion they naturally take measures to protect themselves and the Jews are treated like the criminals they are.

### What is the Jewish religion?

The Jews are always looked upon as a very religious people and very few Christians ever take the trouble to look into the Jewish religion. The Jews themselves are very careful to see that it is kept a secret. Let us look at some of the Jewish teachings. We quote from "Why Are Jews Persecuted for Their Religion?", a pamphlet published by "American Publishing Society", P.O. Box 103, Bremerton, Wash. The author challenges any Jewish authority to disprove any statement contained in the pamphlet:—

(Note: GOY means non-Jew. GOYIM, plural of GOY.) From the Talmud:—

"The teachings of the Talmud stand above all other laws. They are more important than the laws of Moses."—Rabbi Ismael, Rabbi Chamber et al.

"The decisions of the Talmud are words of the living God. Jehovah Himself asks the opinion of the earthly rabbis when there are difficult affairs in heaven."—Rabbi Menchem Commentary on Fifth Book.



THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

"Jehovah Himself studies the Talmud standing, he has such a respect for that book."—Treat Meekille.

"Every goy who studies the Talmud and every Jew who helps him in it, ought to die."—Sabbatrya, 59a, Aboda Zara 8-6, Sanziga 13.

"To communicate anything to a goy about our religious relations would be equal to the killing of all Jews, for if the goyim knew what we teach about them they would kill us openly."—Libbre David 37.

"If a Jew be called upon to explain any part of the rabbinic books, he ought to give only a false explanation. Who ever will violate this order shall be put to death."—Libbre David 37.

"A Jew should and must make a false oath when the goyim asks if our books contain any thing against them."—Sassloth-Utzabot, The Book of Jose Dia 17.

"The Jews are human beings, but the nations of the world are not human beings but beasts."—Baba Mecia 114, 6.

"A Gentile girl who is three years old can be violated."—Aboda Sarah 37a.

"A Jew may misuse the non-Jews in her state of unbelief."—Maimosides, Jch, Chasaka 2:2.

"If a goy kills a goy or a Jew he is responsible; but if a Jew kills a goy he is Not responsible."—Tosefta, Aboda Zara 8, 5.

"It is permitted to kill a Jewish denunciator everywhere. It is permitted to kill him even before he denounces."—Schulchan Aruch, Choson Hamispat 338.

"Thou shalt not do injury to thy neighbor

(Bible), but it is not said, 'Thou shalt not do injury to a goy.'—Mishna Sabbatrya 57.

"A Jew may rob a goy—that is, he may cheat him in a bill, if unlikely to be perceived by him."—Schulchan Aruch, Choson Hamispat 364.

"If a goy wants a Jew to stand witness against a Jew in a Court of Law, and if the Jew could give fair evidence, he is forbidden to do it; but if a Jew wants a few to be a witness in a similar case against a goy, he may do it."—Schulchan Aruch, Choson Hamispat 28, Art. 3 and 4.

"Those who do not confess the Torah and the Prophets must be killed. Who has the power to kill them, let them kill them openly with the sword. If not, let them use artifices, till they are done away with."—Schulchan Aruch, Choson Hamispat 425-5.

"How to interpret the word 'robbery'. A goy is forbidden to steal, rob, or take women slaves, etc., from a goy or from a Jew. But a Jew is Not forbidden to do all this to a goy."—Tosefta, Aboda Zara VIII, 5.

"All property of other nations belongs to the Jewish nation, which consequently, is entitled to seize upon it without any scruples. An orthodox Jew is not bound to observe principles of morality towards people of other tribes. He may act contrary to morality, if profitable to himself or to Jews in general."—Schulchan Aruch, Choson Ham. 348.

Space does not permit us to quote further but the above should be sufficient to show that the Jewish religion is nothing more than an authorization to permit the Jews to Continued on Page 6

NATIONAL UNITY IS ESSENTIAL!

### Newspaper

The official publication of the Canadian Nationalist Party, edited by the party's leader William Whittaker. This issue exploits the staples of religious anti-Semitism and urges readers to boycott Jewish businesses.

Courtesy of Don Stewart