

# SHARP WARNING TO AGGRESSIVE ALIENS

Sharp warning to alien enemies that they must not abuse the freedom which they enjoy in this country was administered during the course of a recent investigation which culminated on Saturday in officers of the intelligence department of M.D. 10 escorting Andrew Melnyk, proprietor of the Ruthenian bazaar, North Main street, to an internment camp. Melnyk had published a circular, which he had sent throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, and also a few to Ontario, in which he invited patronage to his store, where he dealt in musical instruments, books, etc. In this circular, printed in Ruthenian, he exhorted his countrymen to have nothing to do with "enslavers, tyrants, corruptors, etc.," but to deal with him, and further added that a part of the profits would go to war widows and children in the old country.

Invited by the intelligence department to explain whom he meant by "enslavers, tyrants, corruptors, etc.," Melnyk stated that he meant his own countrymen engaged in business similar to that of his own, and he attempted to defend his advertising circular by pointing out that it was a new business venture and warranted unusual publicity methods. The authorities, however, declined to accept Melnyk's version in face of the circular, which he admitted publishing, and he was ordered to be interned during the continuance of the war. Five thousand copies of the circular were confiscated.