

SPIRITED LETTER FROM RUTHENIANS

Repudiates Budka, "Canada," Karmansky, et al—Says Less Bilingualism Is Desirable.

P. A. Lazarowicz, of Teulon, a Canadian Ruthenian, in the course of a letter to the Free Press says:

"Bishop Budka does not represent the sentiments of the Ruthenian citizens of Canada. This gentleman and some of his co-workers, together with their papers and particularly the Ruthenian Roblin organ, 'Canada,' run by the money obtained directly or indirectly from the public treasury of Manitoba, can be safely classed with the autocratic aristocracy of Europe and the insane, murderous policy of the insane monarchs who are causing the murder and slaughter of thousands of innocent men of all nationalities concerned.

"However, to be fair, I must admit this much, that, while all of us are loyal to the British flag and are ready and willing to support the British arms at any time, anywhere, yet you must admit yourself that those of the Ruthenians who came here with families and have relations in the old land would be reluctant to go to Europe and shoot down their own relations, and would do so only in case of invasion of that power of Canada, or in case English arms were in danger of losing the power to hold their own, which is not, and never will be, the case. This point is considered and conceded by every military power in the world.

"Our younger generations and the generations to come are and will be different, providing the government of the country conducts the business of the land in a proper British manner, but as long as the present Roblin machine methods are existant so long there will be the spark of European feeling kept alive and so long there will be hundreds of different communities instead of one solid nation. To understand this point and its results, directly attributable to such conditions, we need only to refer to the map and the history of Europe.

"We cannot justly condemn the people for being ignorant or unprogressive. It is not their fault. Give them the means and see that those means are properly employed and notice the results. However, we cannot hope for anything in this line so long as the present political machine methods and the promulgators of that machine are in existence.

"Again, you cannot justly blame us all just because a lot of our people who are not citizens are anxious to return and fight for their governments. That is the law, as you are well aware, of any and all nationalities, as well as a solemn duty. Therefore, we should not condemn anyone for trying to do what he thinks is his solemn obligation and duty to do, if there were no political traitors there would not be any national 'wobblers.'

"Canada should have less regular tactics in politics, such as were in evidence during the last campaign perpetrated by the Roblin machine.

"Canada should have universal compulsory education, more stringent laws as to teaching of English and less bilingualism (at present it is Babel complete), a more competent staff of educators and fewer politicians.

"Canada should have more stringent laws as regards naturalization, or at least the present law should be administered according to the letter of that law, not according to the sweet will of the political machine.

"Canada should have some system whereby a person not a British subject would not engage in politics, and that such a person should not receive the naturalization papers just for the asking, for his own convenience and for the use of a political machine as a useful cog and destructor of the citizens' will.

"Such educators and dispensers of wisdom as Karmansky, Budka, 'Canada,' 'Der Nordwestern,' Mr. Roblin, Mr. Coldwell, the machine, etc., etc., are not the ones to depend on for the unification and good will of the Canadian nationality, not forgetting the Telegram, which defends these people one day, gives them a nasty hint as to its sentiments towards them the next and defends again, the third, and so on. Contingencies change the opinions of some people and papers just for the time being.