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Civil Rights Union

GOVERNMENT
"LOYALTY QUESTIONNAIRE"

The Civil Rights Union has obtained a copy of the Federal Government's questionnaire that is now part of the system of "investigating" civil servants. The use of the questionnaire has been condemned in the House of Commons by C.C.F. members.

"THIN EDGE OF THE WEDGE"

Mr. Clarence Gillis, (CCF, Cape Breton South) is reported in the Press of June 11th, as describing the questionnaire in the following words:

"This is bureaucracy in the extreme; it is interference with the rights of persons as citizens, and I believe the time to stop this kind of thing is now. This is the thin edge of the wedge. If one or two departments of the Government can get away with it, then it may become much less free than they are today; and they don't have so much freedom now".

Mr. Stanley Knowles, (CCF, Winnipeg North Center) asked if civil servants were likely to be disciplined for their reported refusal to fill out the questionnaire.

Hon Colin Gibson, Secretary of State, replied; "If they were on the strength of the Civil Service Commission, the Commission would re-assign them to some other department."

The questionnaire has so far been circulated in only two Departments; National Defence and External Affairs.

The questionnaire was distributed to civil servants in these two Departments in the first week of June with instructions that it be completed by June 19th.

Information Bulletin

CONTENTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

The following are the questions asked in the document which is headed "PERSONNEL QUESTIONNAIRE"

Instructions at the top of the first sheet state: "IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE FOLLOWING BE COMPLETED EXACTLY AND IN DETAIL

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"Name.....Give names in full
CHANGES OF NAME: (IF ANY)
DATE OF BIRTH: PLACE OF BIRTH:

"PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR PREVIOUS FIFTEEN YEARS.....from.....to...

"EDUCATION

Schools	Location	Grades	19.... to 19.....
Primary.....			
Secondary.....			
University.....			
Degree,.....			
Others.....			

"EMPLOYMENT

STATE BELOW OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIFTEEN YEARS. DO NOT OMIT ANY PERIOD. IF UNEMPLOYED, OR ATTENDING SCHOOL, SO STATE.
FROM.....TO.....OCCUPATION EMPLOYER'S NAME EMPLOYERS ADDRESS

"DETAILS OF SERVICE IN ARMED FORCES

SERVICE SERVICE NUMBER 19... to 19.... RANKED ATTAINED

"RESIDENCE IN, OR EXTENDED VISITS TO, OTHER COUNTRIES - GIVE DATES PLACES AND PURPOSE OF VISIT.

"PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

"FAMILY HISTORY

"MARITAL STATUS.....RACIAL ORIGIN....FULL NAME OF HUSBAND/WIFE...
PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND WIFE.....
CHILDREN..... PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH.....
FATHER'S FULL NAME..... OCCUPATION.....
MOTHER'S FULL NAME.....
ADDRESS (IF DECEASED GIVE LAST ADDRESS.....
IMMEDIATE RELATIVES, (BROTHERS, SISTERS, UNCLES, AUNTS, COUSINS ETC.)

GIVE DETAILS OF RESIDENT AND PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

"HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.....
GIVE DETAILS.....
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN FINGERPRINTED.....IF SO, GIVE DETAILS.....

"YOUR NATIONALITY..... YOUR RACIAL ORIGIN.....
LANGUAGES: (STATE IF FLUENT)

"RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.... CHURCHES ATTENDED.....
CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS (NAME AND ADDRESS OF CLUBS ETC. OF WHICH A MEMBER OR PAST MEMBER

"THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSONNEL OF OTHER THAN CANADIAN BIRTH:

DATE OF ENTRY INTO CANADA...PORT...SHIP...ARE YOU A NATURALIZED CANADIAN OR BRITISH SUBJECT.....
SELF NATURALIZED..... OR THROUGH PARENTS.....
DATE AND PLACE OF NATURALIZATION..... CERTIFICATE NO.....

Date.....

Signature....."