

Canada's 'Mosley' Case Puts Gov't on Spot— Admits It Can't Find Crate, Released Fascist

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Charles Crate, an avowed Hitlerite, freely foams Canada today in what shapes up as a Canadian version of England's Oswald Mosley scandal.

Mosley, No. 1 British fascist, was released from Holloway Prison last November, for reasons of "poor health."

And now Canada comes up with Crate.

Taken into custody last June for "unlawfully making statements likely to be prejudicial to safety of state," Crate was released without bail a month later, and now Alberta's Attorney-General Wilson informed the Canadian Tribune that he has "no knowledge of his whereabouts."

Fine thing. The Attorney-General doesn't know the whereabouts of a man who was one of the brains behind the Canadian Union

of Fascists: an arrogant Axis-grinder who once said "the great leaders of Germany and Italy have increased in world prestige and have earned the admiration of all mankind."

Charles Crate made that statement in honoring Hitler's rape of Czechoslovakia.

Crate made a lot of statements that would at least warrant the Attorney-General's knowledge of his whereabouts. Editor of a paper called *The Thunderbolt*, Crate crassly remarked in November, 1938:

"The Thunderbolt is the only Canadian fascist and National Socialist paper published in the English language."

Long concerned over Crate's activities, the Canadian Tribune disclosed on Sept. 26, 1942, that Crate was working in a defense plant in an area "strategically vital to the

safety of Canada and the North American continent."

That news was confirmed by the Toronto office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Obviously, the Canadian authorities knew Crate was employed at a key defense plant, but were not sufficiently troubled at the time to investigate Crate's "support" of the war effort.

Last June, it was discovered that the fascist had been allowed to visit the Alaska highway, vital avenue of war transportation.

It was for his sabotage on the Alaska highway, that Crate was finally nabbed by the Canadian police.

What form of blundering laxity asks the Canadian Tribune, makes it possible for the Alberta Attorney-General to unashamedly admit that he has "no knowledge" of Crate's whereabouts?