

PREFACE

Our goal in publishing the *Bulletins* has been the creation of a volume which would be accessible to the general reader and useful to the specialized researcher at the same time. The documents we received presented two sets of problems. Those who gathered the information originally were quite casual about consistent and accurate nomenclature. While a complete annotation of the text to clarify and correct these matters was not possible, we have provided a comprehensive and corrective index. It was felt that the documents would be clearer without what would have been an awkward and confusing reliance on *sic*.

There were other elements of the documents that needed to be drawn to the reader's attention. As the introduction explains in detail, a great deal of material was judged exempt under the Access to Information Act and was deleted from the copies we received. To provide the reader with an accurate picture of what is missing, it was necessary first to indicate the location of page breaks. Each *Bulletin* begins with an unnumbered title page. Page breaks have been inserted at their proper location in the text in brackets (e.g., ...[6]...).

Exempt material has been deleted in three ways. Some pages containing such material were simply not included in the copies we received. We have indicated such omissions in the text in brackets (e.g., ...[6][Page 7 is missing.]...).

A second method of deletion was to cover the material with a white mask and an "exempt" stamp before copying (see Figure 1). We have in-

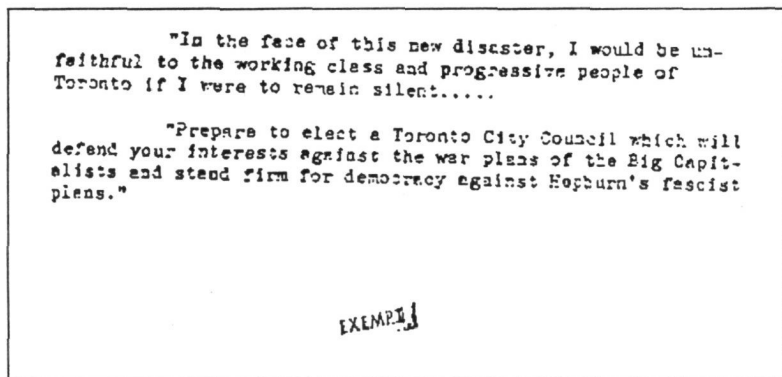


Figure 1: from page 7 of War Series, No. 4, 13 November 1939

icated such deletions with an outline scissor symbol at the appropriate place in the text (e.g., ...[§<blank>[6]...).

A third technique was used to excise shorter passages. Words, lines, and whole paragraphs were simply covered over with black marker on the copies (see Figure 2). Here it was possible to give a better sense of the

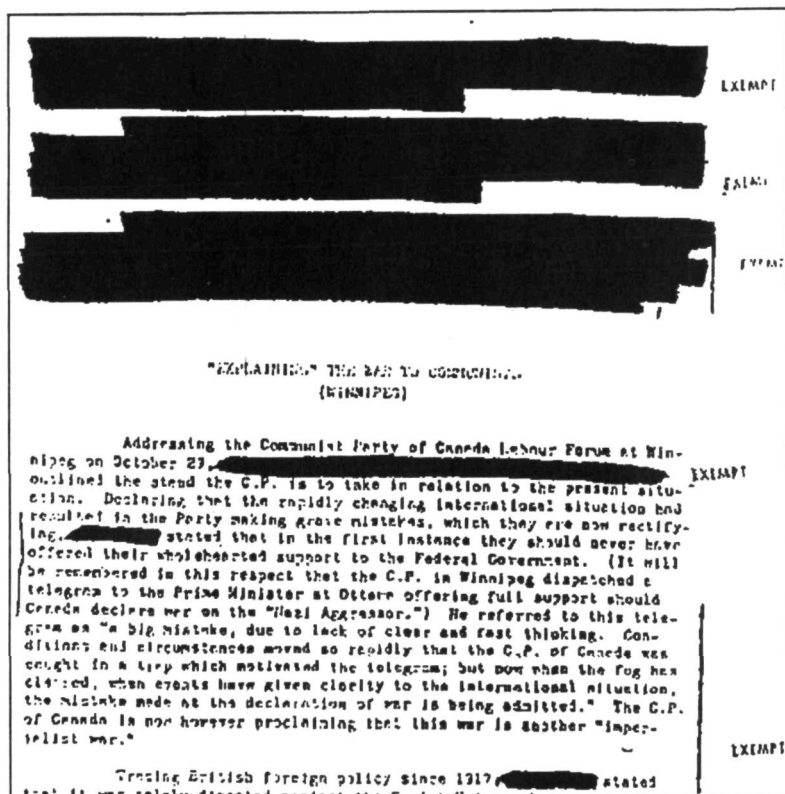


Figure 2: from page 8 of War Series, No. 4, 13 November 1939

amount of material withheld. We have used a black scissor symbol combined with a brief report of the number of lines missing to indicate such deletions (e.g., ...[§<deletion: 1 paragraph: 6 lines>...). We have defined a line as any part of a line in the original text. We have also made an effort to format such deletion symbols and reports as if they were text. For instance, lines which are obviously titles have been formatted as titles.

These devices should alert the reader to both the nature and quantity of what is missing without adding more distraction than is necessary.