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Grand Jury Brings in W True Bill at Assizes

Sale of "Left Wing Com- W munism" Basis of Charge

On Monday last the Crown presented bills of indictment to the grand jury at the present assizes against A. S. Wells and The B. C. Federationist Ltd. On Tuesday, the grand jury, having heard the evidence of the prosecution alone, brought in a true bill against A. S. Wells, and the indictment has been referred to the Crown Prosecutor. The indictment reads as follows:

"The jurors of our Lord the King present that at the City of Vancouver, in the County and Province aforesaid, on the 16th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, A. S. Wells unlawfully did offer for sale a pamphlet in which is advocated the use, without authority of law, of force, violence, terrorism or physical injury to person or property as a means of accomplishing a governmental change, against the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace of our Lord the King his Crown and dignity."

A similar indictment has been preferred against The B. C. Federationist Ltd.

The charge arose out of the selling of copies of "Left Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder," written by N. Lenin. The section of the criminal code under which the charge was preferred, reads as follows:

"97b. (1) Any person who prints, publishes, edits, issues, circulates, sells, or offers for sale or distribution any book, newspaper, periodical, pamphlet, picture, paper, circular, card, letter writing, print, publication or document of any kind, in which is taught, advocated, advised or defended, or who shall in any manner teach, advocate, or advise or defend the use, without authority of law, of force, violence, terrorism, or physical injury to person or property, or threats of such injury, as a means of accomplishing any governmental, industrial or economic change, or otherwise, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for not more than twenty years."

The case will be heard at such time as the Crown may indicate at the present assizes now being held in Vancouver.