

Many Innocent Girls Ruined As R. C. A. F. Hunts Lesbians Among Suspected Airwomen !

A relentless "witch hunt" against female sex perverts who have enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force to seek victims in military barracks, has been launched by R.C.A.F. brass, FLASH learned last week when a number of servicewomen complained that, due to the sledge-hammer methods used against suspected personnel, dozens of normal, innocent young women are being branded for life as Lesbians !

Prostitution, drinking and loose conduct among airwomen have also drawn official fire, our correspondents assert, and again the vicious legend that all servicewomen are tarts is gaining ground to the humiliation and discomfort of decent airwomen !

"Is the public aware that five out of every 50 girls recruited by the R.C.A.F. are being discharged for unsatisfactory conduct? Do they know that this constitutes one-tenth of the girls joining up? And do they know what is meant by the term 'unsatisfactory conduct?'" Flash's correspondents asked.

Pointing out that the R.C.A.F.* has recruited many girls into regular service — while the Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Navy female personnel are recruited on a reserve basis—the young women declare that the general public would be incensed if it became known how shamefully and brutally its daughters and sisters are being treated by blind officialdom.

FLASH concedes here that R.C.A.F. authorities are justified, if alone for the protection of its decent, normal airwomen, in seeking to root out Lesbians and prostitutes who may slip into the service past recruiting officers.

Crude and Clumsy

But this journal refuses to believe that the blunderbuss manner in which authorities are today screening airwomen is either justified or required!

It is doubtful if even Senator Joseph McCarthy in his smear campaign against all liberals in the United States, ever stooped to the ruthless devices of coercion, character assassination, and persecution being used against Canadian girls who volunteered to serve their country!

"On some R.C.A.F. stations if a girl goes out with a man she is considered to be going out with him for only one purpose," FLASH's correspondents continued. "If she stays in barracks and keeps to herself, she is anti-social and may wind up in front of an air force psychiatrist. If she chums around with a few other girls, she is considered to be a Lesbian. While she may do any of these at a boarding school or college without attracting any attention, it seems she is damned if she does and damned if she doesn't in the R.C.A.F.!"

"If a girl does go on leave, or even out for an evening, with another girl, she is immediately called into her officer's room and questioned and accused of being queer until she is practically blue in the face!" the irate young women wrote.

Women Gestapo

"Not too long ago two women officers from Trenton held a big investigation at Aylmer," the letter goes on. "Now a great many girls are being discharged with-
out even a chance to be heard."

cept unfounded suspicion, bare accusation and even petty spite as grounds for blackening a girl's name for the rest of her life!"

The Aylmer victims were asked if they would submit to psychiatric examination, the letter continues, and most of them consented, being anxious to clear themselves.

"The next thing they know their discharge papers arrive and they are pushed off the station like a common criminal without any kind of trial, without having undergone any psychiatric examination, and without being allowed to defend themselves in any way!"

Bitterest part: the released women's walking-papers are marked "dishonorably discharged" or otherwise marked so that the girl's chances of ever enlisting in any other service or using the documents to obtain a job are worse than worthless.

Partly Justified, Yes!

FLASH is well aware that such things as Lesbianism among servicewomen does exist, and for this type of sex deviate life in barracks must seem an ideal haunt for trapping innocent girls. This journal is further aware that a few good-time girls and genuine prostitutes join the armed services with nothing more in mind than the knowledge that a uniformed woman can always attract male attention.

But FLASH is also aware that some of the women who become officers in the services are embittered people who use their rank and authority to work off unconscious grudges and perhaps sneakily retaliate against girls who are more popular and attractive than themselves.

Given the green light by R.C.A.F. brass, these angular Amazons can—and apparently do—make life hell on earth for any girl who draws their spiteful attention through her innocent vivacity, good looks and youth.

In the present witch hunt this type of petty tyrant seems to be running wild, inflicting terrible damage to any airwoman who gets in the way!

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