

PART 6: REGISTER OF BOLSHEVIST & AGITATOR INVESTIGATIONS 1920

[Verso of Page One missing]
[Recto Page 1]

175/1425, 20/9, Vancouver
Simpson Distr. of Prohibtd. Lit.

175/1257, 17/9, Vancouver
Longshoremen, IWW Propaganda
Manner in which American Agitators arrive in country to avoid Customs
& Immigration Officers.

175/1195, 17/8, Lethbridge
Alex McFegan, OBU organizer & agitator
Agreement between Dist. Mining Dept. OBU and Twin City Mining Co.

175/742, 15/10, Winnipeg
Louis Kon, Suspect
Believes Bolshevism will rule Canada
175/313, 6/10, Vancouver Island
ILP, Victoria

Barnard said that the Senate was a Political Pension House for old fogies. Canada today was worse than Germany had been. Speaking of the bonus he said: "The Gov't was unable to find the money, but if the war had lasted years longer the money would have been found." M.P.s were receiving \$2,500 for the Session called to ratify the Peace Treaty. 40,000 girls were driven to Prostitution every year in North America by profiteers, we did not have to go to Russia for free love. There was lots of graft going on in the Fisheries Dept.

[Page 2 recto and verso blank]
Page 3

175/87, 29/9, Winnipeg
Labour Church Service Winnipeg

Ald Queen Capitalistic class making Gov't. do as they wish even to

bringing out soldiers and machine guns to protect themselves or interests.

Moved Resolution asking "President Wilson to use influence in granting the release of Tom Mooney.

175/531, 14/10, Brandon
Rev. A. E. Smith, Labour Agitator

Speaking at Rainy River Re. Prohibition Temperance Party also for Farmers Party.

175/726, 14/10, Brandon
New Peoples Church

Miss Beatrice Bridgen spoke on "The Spirit of Youth and Industrial Autocracy."

175/992, 11/10, Brandon
Trades Labour Council, Brandon

Letter received from Bartholemew re resignation of H. C. L. Broadhurst. Boy Scout movement anti-union and controlled by Capitalism. Called for labour men to boycott movement until made non-partisan.

Letter from Defence Committee Winnipeg - endeavour of Canadian Government to stamp out what they are pleased to call seditious propaganda.

Local teamsters union withdrawn from International & will take vote on joining OBU.

175/620, 28/9, Lethbridge
J.S. Woodsworth, Agitator

Who will control Canada?

175/1146, 2/10, Calgary
9/10, Ottawa
8/10, Calgary
W. Lawson Editor Fernie Ledger

Starting New Labour Paper in Calgary. (23/10/19 New Name Search Light). Expects to publish 1st issue Nov 1st 1919.

Policy would be "extremely conservative at the start" later "it would be red enough for the reddest".

Lawson stated Christopher was at Vancouver re. the New Paper and that Brown was working to form Organization to be know as "Canadian Miners Union." Offering \$20.00 for Name for New Paper.

175/67, 6/10, Edmonton
S. P. of C., Edmonton

Working Class have to keep Army & Navy.

Maguire's speech Object of S.P. of C. was to educate their fellow workers to organize as the Russians had done. Revolutionary propaganda must be spread in an effort to get hold of arm force which is the support of Capitalism.

175/880, 13/10, E. Kootenay
R.J. Johns, Winnipeg Strike Leader

Johns speech in Grand Theatre Fernie "Democracy on Trial," - Winnipeg returned soldiers were going to hold silent parade with a coffin in centre labelled democracy.

Page 4

175/880, 14/10, E. Kootenay
R.J. Johns, Winnipeg Strike Leader

Spoke at Labour meeting at Michel - Papers in the pay of Capitalism, Anything the Capitalist Class fights is in the interest of the workers. - Winnipeg strike defeated by the Military power and courts. - Action would have to be taken to force the Government to recognize the workers.

175/1365, 14/10, Vancouver
Alleged Bolshevism amongst Finlanders

All Finnish found to be Unpatriotic. No use for English speaking people in the Dist except Geo. Stirling

Settlers very quiet until G. Stirling came to Dist.

Geo Stirling said to Agents. "I see you are returned soldiers, why were you fighting for the Capitalists and that rotten Government; you fellows will get nothing now, the only way for the R.S. to get anything is to organize and be ready for the Labour Movement in Canada."

175/1350, 14/10, Lethbridge
Holmes Jowett, Agitator

Spoke at Redcliff and Taber --: Where shall the Government get the money from for the Soldiers bonus?

175/244--Part 2, 13/10, Vancouver
Fed. Labour Party, Vancouver

R. P. Pettipiece speaker. "Exhorting his auditors to combine for political power stating he was for the complete overthrow of the present scheme of Government. Reg Flag might appear under new title "The Western Clarion"

175/236--Part 2, 8/10, Vancouver

Socialist Party of Canada, Vancouver

Johns, Pritchard, and Bray spoke alike. They were in their present position thro carrying out wishes of fellow workers, their only defence was The OBU. Winnipeg solid for OBU. Try coaxing instead of driving.

175/438, 15/10, Vancouver

Meeting held under Auspices of OBU Vancouver at The Arena 24/9/19.

R. E. Bray - "First citizen of province should --- wear the emblem of that rotten bunch of politicians and profiteers who have brought this Province to the verge of bankruptcy.

You can call off the war on telephone girls.

You who have helped to put into office that emasculated spineless bunch of profiteers at Ottawa, you can use your influence to get them defeated also -

Bray's whole talk was on and about the period surrounding the Winnipeg Strike.

Page 5

175/313, 13/10, Victoria

12/10, Victoria

13/10, Victoria

Fed. Labour Party, Victoria

Barnard spoke re. "Government driving young girls to prostitution."

Barnard "The grandest flag whose honour had been dragged thro the mud and mire by the rottenest gang of swindlers and profiteers which had ever grown up in any country. Implicating Gov't: -- The Gov't made the Bolshes by their corrupt and rotten practices.

They say you are talking Bolshevism if you attack the Profiteers. If that is true, then I am a Bolshe.

Dr. Curry said that Russians who were deported, were being handed over to Kolchak on arrival which meant they were murdered within 24 hours. Stated Bolshevism simply meant the rights of the people and that he stood for Bolshevism all the time, "I stand for Bolshevism all the time."

175/1402, 17/10, Edmonton

Gov't. Conditions in Ft. George and - McBride Dist.

Grod states Socialist platform no good owing to its condemnation of religion and churches why socialism made no head way. Grod stated capitalism was afraid of Bolshe reason why truth not coming out in press.

175/919, 15/10, Lethbridge

Donald McNabb, Organizer D.L.P.

Thousands of Russians slaughtered by Kolchak.

In Russia the people got rid of Czarism established Democracy but Kolchak and Allies want to strangle it and so the profiteers wait to do in Canada.

Capital is united vs. OBU.

Labour has its reward. Where do we get that reward? Only remedy is collectivization.

Whole speech on Revolution and Bolshevism

Windwood good witness.

175/1455, 10/10, Saskatoon

Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Sauna Kannasto, Alleged Bolshe

Education chief weapon against Capitalism

175/1513, 15/10, Lethbridge

Dominion Labour Party, Re. Alex McRoberts, Labour Agitator

McRoberts stated referring to bonus - The Borden Gov't. spends money like water on stool pigeons, secret service men and mounted Police, to keep himself and party in office, but it will not help any. We and Labour Party will see that he and his minions will be thrown out.

All the money spent for his own use and protection of friends would nearly pay the soldiers bonus.

Page 6

175/1107, 16/10/19, Vancouver

OBU Transport Workers Unit

Lester's theme at Meeting --- The Unpleasantness & Needlessness of Labour

175/1523, 16/10, Vancouver

J. Kavanagh, Agitator

Has been canvassing for Defence Fund in Winnipeg Cases reports poor results (USA). States there will be more bloodshed in USA in next few years than any where on earth.

175/635, 13/10, Calgary

Harry Hanson, OBU Organizer

6743 Requested by Lawson to get as many subscriptions as possible for New Labour Party as he was broke and needed money.

Hanson making living by taking collections at meetings where he speaks.

175/897, 17/10, Winnipeg

Soldiers and Sailors Labour Party of Canada

Grant speaking re. Gratuity ---

When party convinced that Gov't will not further assist R.S. we will use violence to obtain it. We will make them give it to us.

Flynn ? with the idea of joining Gratuity League with S + SLP of C.

175/514, 20/10/19, Regina

OBU, Regina

Speakers of evening P.M. Anderson K.C. (lecture) "Future of Labour"

Sambrook said speaker blamed working class for trouble and that "there would always be strikes till the rich man stopped making profits from working class.

Scotland blamed Master Class as much as Working Class.

175/635, 16/10, Calgary

Harry Hanson, OBU Organizer

Hanson spoke on Constitution of OBU. Attempted to show OBU & IWW were identical.

A stranger in reply said that although he did not know what the OBU might be or do, once it begins its functions he felt convinced that the OBU did not believe in direct action as the IWW does at present.

175/491, 16/10, Calgary

OBU Calgary

Membership OBU 208 dues paid for October \$83.00

Townsend organizer in Ogden Shops wanted assistant.

Broatch said everybody make themselves organizers for their respective craft.

16/10, Victoria

Conditions in Victoria, Re. Trades & Labour Meeting

T & L Council would not assume the financial responsibility of Semi-Weekly Tribune, Would be conducted by private control in future.

Communicate with Ottawa re. "Elections Act"

Page 7

175/420, 21/10, Lethbridge,

P. M. Christopher

Dick Johns expounded OBU & Marxian ideas

Christopher said: "I have very good OBU organizations at Fernie, Blairmore, Coleman, Michel, & Hillcrest, & at Taber I have a very good beginning."

175/1531, 18/10, Fort William,

W. W. Lefeaux, Sec. S.P. of C. in B.C.

Lefeaux spoke "Ex member of R.N.W.M. Police Secret Service until he realized his position, namely being used against the poor workers. Showed the lethargy of towns when "you have to send to Vancouver and Winnipeg for help for workers when arrested."

175/943, 17/10, 18/10, Fort William
Fred E. Moore, Suspect
Distributing of Prohibited Literature too dangerous

Moore introduced himself as Int'l. Socialist of C. who stands not only for Canada but for the whole world. Said Englishmen had lost job through Austrian - wanted Moore's help. Moore told him it was not through Austrian but the rotten Capitalist System. He introduced Lefeaux as "one who has been doing good work for the workers."

175/438, 11/10, Vancouver Island
OBU Vancouver Island

A list of IWW members now undergoing Jail sentences in USA was read with appeal for funds to help same.

175/1534, 18/10, Fort William
IWW Branch of LWIU #500, Bushmens Organization Meeting
Meeting called to organize Bushmen of dist into OBU. Those interested in IWW took charge.

Holm a stranger elected Secretary

A. Dahlgren travelling delegate reported bushmen winning their fight on Algoma Central Line

Rates of Wages decided.

Committee of five appointed to formulate plan of campaign.

175/762, 16/10, Winnipeg,
Alfred Johanson, Alleged Strike Leader, Novy Vek - Gift by Bolshevists to.

Charitonoff in his evidence on his behalf said he had received money to publish this Newspaper.

175/87, 20/10, Winnipeg,
Labour Church Service, Winnipeg, Columbia Theatre 19/10/19

Rev. A. E. Smith launched out into an attack on Gov't and Orthodox Church. "While the people were praying for relief from the oppression of the RNWM Police they, (Gov't, Orthodox Church) had secured professional Evangelist spreading false doctrine beneficial to the "Overhead System" and to mislead the people in general. Arrest of strike leaders increase of Military etc. were for the purpose of striking terror into the

hearts of the Labour Class.

Revolution meant "Speeding up" of Evolution" that they were not going to wait a 1,000 years for these things to come to pass.

Page 8

175/1274, 20/10, Saskatoon

W. Thrutchley, Suspected Agitator

Idea of holding Dominion Convention of Bible Students, Nov 15th.

175/313, 16/10, Vancouver Island,

Federated Labour Party

Major R. J. Burde whilst attacking Gov't only on political points. Attacked Gov't for standing by and not stopping profiteering. Referred to Borden & Rogers trip to France compared their patriotic utterances to the troops with their failure to fight men's battle home in Canada.

Barnard as a counter-irritant. OBU as One Big Opportunity and that you have in the coming election (62's report).

While in France voted for Union Gov't lesser of two evils now would oppose it in every way possible and the help of IWW and OBU not to be despised. He did not go overseas because 100% patriotic but more from adventure. (Corpl. Newnham report)

Barnard In 1914 it was "King & Country" & Fight for the Old Flag

1919 it was a case of "Red Devils" Soldier made mistake in coming back. He was asked to go, but none in authority wanted him back (62's report).

R.E. Bray said "some said OBU was a failure but this was not so." Advocated everybody being member.

175/880, 20/10, Lethbridge

R. J. Johns, Labour Agitator

Holmes Jowett referring to Winnipeg Strike said "If the Gov't and the Citizens Committee, the tools of Capitalism, had not put Special Police on the Streets armed with guns against striking policemen etc.

Whole speech on Winnipeg Strike.

After we are free we will then put up a movement which will give the workers what we want.

175/1535, 19/10, Esquimault, B.C.

Federated Labour Party, T. A. Barnard

Speaking on unemployment said: "Are you going to starve this winter?" Voice from crowd, "No! You bet we are not, we will have a rifle."

Page 9

175/313, 18/10, Esquimault

Federated Labour Party

Rev. Spence what he wished to do was to make his audience think then they would act. Church & Labour must co-operate they must use the ballot box. Gov't had done nothing to reduce H.C. of L. The dollar came before the manhood of country. Big interests welcomed strikes. Middleman should be cut out. Speaker and A. E. Cook found 2,250,000 lbs of foodstuffs had been destroyed in Vancouver in 32 months. Profiteer vultures "he would fight them to a finish."

Major Burde said Dr. Tolmie was a shock absorber for the Gov't.

Barnard was a shock conductor.

175/867, 15/10, Nelson Detch

OBU Movements in W.Kootenay, Re. R.E. Bray, Re. OBU Meeting at Nelson

R.E. Bray appealed for funds for defence of Winnipeg Strike Leaders. Blamed Govt & Citizens Committee for Strike.

Referred to International Union & Officials as "tools of a Slimy Gov't"

Referred to RNWMP as, slimy spotters, dirty rattle snakes and skunks.

He stated that these same skunks etc. broke into Russell's roll top desk and after there was \$50.00 missing.

Alderman Austin in chair introduced R.E. Bray as the Saviour of the Working Classes. All at meeting given two Booklets, "One Big Union" the other "Industrial Union Methods" by Wm.E. Trautman. "Industrial Unionism" by Eugene V. Debs.

For all information regarding IWW referred to in this Booklet (One Big Union) write to Vincent St. John, Gen. Sec. Treas., 518 Cambridge Building, Chicago.

175/1457, 22/10, Prince Albert

Lumbermen & Millworkers, Organization of

Six men leaving Vancouver in connection with IWW for Lumber Camp at P.A. (Big River Lumber Co Camp now divided into Ladder Lake Lumber Co. of Big River and Prince Albert Lumber Co. Ltd.

Extract of letter from Mr. Armstrong to Big River Lumber Co.

This organization is not an ordinary Labour Union such as is affiliated with the International Union but is pure and simple, an IWW organization under another name.

175/622, 17/10, Vancouver

Vancouver T & L Council

Piledrivers and Wooden Bridgemen's Unit granted affiliation 97% OBU, Two strikes settled one of which was at Andersons Camp

Kavanagh re. trip to Seattle said of Strikes in progress. Carpenters out

for \$10.00 per day.

The following are debates for Educational Meetings "The Shop Steward System." "Should the Labour Movement continue to have per capita tax system as financial basis?" What form should the OBU take?

Page 10

175/1506, 20/10, OBU Vancouver Island Sub. Dist., Victoria
Nanaimo, B.C.

Letter from Midgeley stating "Voice of Reason" was being sent to Nanaimo which should be sold to members and others, if necessary should be given as it contained "Most useful propaganda." It was decided local should embrace all labour instead of only mineworkers. Canvasser wanted, nobody anxious.

175/244, 20/10, Vancouver
F.L.P. Vancouver

Dr. Curry stated subject "The Iron Heel." Class in power had two ways of staying there 1st. Keeping the "Slaves" in ignorance re. their true standing in society, 2nd Masters had educated the Slaves to think it right and proper they should be slaves. The Church told the "Slaves" they must be content with their lot on Earth.

The "Iron Heel" could kill off or throw into prison Slaves who had seen the Light. Should use power behind ballot to gain ends first, if that no good then blood shed.

R.E. Bray said what Curry meant by "power behind ballot" was not the Big and Machine guns. The other side had that, but rather the very men whom the Masters expected to operate those guns would refuse to do so. Referring to RNWMP he said "We are planting seeds in the very place they are most needed and when the time comes we shall see the Red-Coats are not what a lot of us think them now."

175/897, 20/10, Winnipeg
Ex Soldiers & Sailors Labour Party, Winnipeg

Re. Murder of DeForge. Jas Grant said "It is just what he deserves, the dirty spy and all the rest should get the same." When asked if he thought an alien had killed DeForge said "There are no aliens in this city, we are all brothers. The dangerous alien is the Capitalist and the members of Gov't.

175/521, 20/10, Vancouver Island
OBU Cumberland, B.C. - Miners Meeting

J. Naylor. OBU Organizer to visit Nanaimo every two weeks. Pritchard said RNWMPolice were responsible for strike at Winnipeg claiming them as strikebreakers, urged all miners to join OBU.

175/336, 22/10, Edmonton
Ukrainian Labour News

Extract from letter sent by Marsyrk to Editor U.L. News to publish out of 80 labourers at Coalhurst only a few take the U. L. News. The rest do not recognise their own Labour Paper which is defending their interests --- Our paper enlightens us to the tricks of Capitalists, it also teaches us laborers to capture our aims and objects.

Page 11
175/313, 22/10, Esquimalt
Fed. Labour Party

J.S. Woodsworth spoke on "The New Canada" Before War goods marked "Made in Germany" now it was in Japan. Competition system could not go on. The country must produce for needs of the people first. The press had been used to break Winnipeg strike. He was ashamed of being a Canadian. (Report of D.R. Wilson). Labour & Capital were going to quarrel, majority of people not capitalists will rise up in their might and get control of machines of production. Said there would be a lot of unemployment and Unrest this winter and because of this the Gov't were rushing in RNWM Police. There are no Indians here for them to shoot, so they must be coming over the mountains to shoot down the workers of this country. Gov't bent on Repression and not on Construction.

Pte. McLernan said when Gov't wanted men they offered inducements to enlist and certain promises were made re. pensions etc. None of the promises had been fully carried out, and RS were being side-tracked for foreigners etc. (Report E.G. Newnham)

TROTTER said papers were controlled by capital and that all news items were "cooked". Mentioned "Ontario Elections" as Labour was beginning New Era. If "Direct Action" ever became necessary it would be Gov't fault. "It is the man who sits on the safety valve who always causes the trouble."

175/244, 20/10,
Fed Lab Party, Vancouver

J.S. Woodsworth. Winnipeg strike peaceful orderly proceeding ---. Give them no excuse to turn military loose and shoot you down. Said he was told the Gov't were going to meet the Industrial unrest. Strike committee held undisputed power in Winnipeg for 6 weeks. 8% R S were with the strikers and they would soon convert RNWMP. Winnipeg City Police were with them. Citizens Committee also held authority until City authorities literally held a gun to their heads and made agree not to join any general strike while a member. Courts and jury only the people. One Russian lady. It was a worse raid than any she had seen in Russia.

175/880, 22/10,
R. J. Johns

R. J. Johns. Eight of us were elected as spokesmen for you. We only did what you told us to do, if we are convicted you will have no one to fight your battles for you, etc.

Everyone subscribe to OBU Bulletin.

[extra typed page inserted in volume.]

Extract taken from report dated May 31st, 1920.

RE

H. J. Flynn (Vice- President and organizer of the Grand Army of United Veterans.)

"The present Government are all a bunch of grafters and profiteers; they are no good to any one but themselves; they do not represent the people of Canada, they only represent the few moneyed men of Canada, and these few men today control the Government, and the government do not care what the people ask for but they do every-thing that the rich men ask them to do.

The returned soldiers will never get anything from Borden and his gang; we need a change of government right away, a change by the good old vote, and I do not see why we cannot have a returned soldier at the head of our next government. It is up to all the returned men to unite and overthrow this rotten bunch down in Ottawa, and put good men in who will not write you a nice letter with one hand and steal your money with the other."

[Also inserted in volume.]

COPY

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.

June 27th, 1920.

On June 26th, 1920, I was in the office of J. Stevenson, Secy. of the O.B.U. and in conversation with him discussed the recent strike.

He said -

"A general strike is no good in this part of the country, the men won't hold together.

The only thing to do is to strike on the job.

The delegates who are leaving here now will go back to work in the camps and I have instructed them to do all they can to organize the camps in which they work and explain to the workers how to 'Strike on the job.'

The men must work as slow as possible and hold their jobs. Between employments they are to lay off half a day or two or three days so that the employers will always be short handed. When working with axes or other tools they are to mislay the tools they are working with and take time to hunt for them, move the tools about as much as possible without ac-

complishing any work. If they are around where heavy timbers etc. are being lifted by hand they are to always be the last to get under the lift and delay the lift by placing axes required, far away so that when they are wanted it will be a few minutes delay to get the tools.

The employers will soon get fed up and come to the working class to make terms."

[Also inserted in volume.]

Extract from Morning Journal July 13th, 1920

ORANGEMAN PASS MANY RESOLUTIONS

"Resolved, that we call upon our Provincial and Dominion Governments to suppress the disloyal meetings in Canada favoring an Irish republic, and to declare 'The Self-Determination for Ireland League' as being contrary to the principles of British citizenship and utterly subversive of British authority."

"Resolved, that we further declare for the abolition of all separate schools, and the establishment of one common public school for this Dominion, the institution of a universal marriage law for Canada, and the strict limitation of bilingualism to those official spheres granted to it by the terms of the British North American Act."

R.J. Johns, 175/880, 22/10/19 [Copy of broadside inserted in volume.]

WINNIPEG

DEFENCE LEAGUE

Tuesday, Oct 21

at 8 p.m.

A mass meeting of all workers will
be held in the Al Azhar Temple

Chairman

ALD. BROATCH

Speakers

F.LAWSON and R.J.JOHNS, Winnipeg

Page 12

175/420, 22/10, 23/10/19, Calgary

P. M. Christopher, OBU Organizer

Christopher stated That when a referendum vote is taken in Dist 18, it will not be under the orders of the International but when called by the OBU Dist 18 is solid behind OBU 100%.

Possibility of GWVA sending men to run him out of town. C. compelled to pay cash for all goods bought while other men got credit.

Christopher one time dead against OBU apparently takes either side

according to size of meal ticket.

175/1146, 23/10, Calgary
P. F. Lawson, Labour Defence Force

Name of New Paper "Search Light." Another paper same name Edmonton. IWW say Lawson, Christopher & Brown out only for themselves. Paper not strongly supported.

175/514, 28/10, Regina
OBU Regina

Sambrook, Haseltine, Smith-Eddy & Alley at T. & L. Meeting. When anything came before meeting all 4 got talking and tried to make meeting a failure and succeeded. Haseltine announced Geo Armstrong would speak at T & L Hall Oct. 30th 1919.

Alley asked that a letter be sent to St. Railway to find out why they have some of their men working 7 days a week and to find out why they will not pay more than 36 cents an hour.

Ald Perry agreed that St. Railway men were not being paid enough.

175/1107, 23/10, Vancouver
Transport Workers Union OBU

Chief business appointing "Business Agent" and Quarters Committee. Shaw & Read to act on latter till next meeting.

A.S. Wells ---: Federationist only just paying its way. As paper supported the worker and its policy was dictated by them ---: Workers must organize their purchasing power, deal with people who advertise in Fed'ist --- other stores would soon fall into line & it would not be long before the workers could make the merchants organize the employees.

27/10, Lethbridge
John McCormick, Suspected Agitator

McCormick, I am going to get a speaker from Calgary in about two weeks to start OBU Meetings. I will advertise them as Labour Meetings but they will be OBU. I will be chairman myself & prepared with a six shooter on my hip & will tell the audience that I promised this man protection.

If any man should interfere with this meeting I will fill him full of lead.

Page 13
Ref. No. 175/1538, 27/10, Lethbridge
Govt Report re. Social & Political Unrest in Canada

The private word passed was to keep very quiet until the trial is over & until the States is a little more chaotic.

General conditions in Lethbridge mines rotten, Provincial laws and

Union agreements being violated flagrantly. Ready for revolt against working conditions. OBU will simply help Chaos rather than go ahead openly depending upon conditions.

175/244, 27/10, Vancouver
Fed Labour Party, Vancouver

Song Red Flag

175/87, 27/10, Winnipeg
Labour Church Service, Icelandic Hall

F. J. Dixon dealing with conscription he said "They" conscripted men although money was equally needed. They did not conscript that but said to the Profiteers, Give us the loan of your millions & we will give you 5 1/2% for the loan of it guaranteed free from taxation.

175/474, 24/10, Saskatoon
OBU Northern Sask.

J.D. Wallace, Sec Saskatoon T & L Council attended recent convention of T & L Congress at Hamilton "lacking" "get together" feeling between E & W. Red element numerically weak but well organized (at convention).

Resolution authorizing T & L congress to revoke the charter of any labour body in C. holding charter from Congress whose officers should openly espouse the cause of OBU or any other departure from the Orthodox teachings of the T & L Congress, was resented.

175/247, 24/10, Winnipeg
Jacob Penner & Family

Re. Ontario Gov't Election said we could establish Socialistic rule in Canada within a very short time. The next Federal Election will destroy Borden and as a result the Red Coats will disappear and we shall have everything our own way all over Canada.

Stated that Hyman had denounced Natl. Educational Conference a Capitalistic scheme to make foreign children slaves & tools of capitalists.

175/1555, 24/10, Winnipeg
Peter Wright

I am more convinced than ever that 75% of the working men here are OBU men with socialistic tendencies altho many are still Internationals nominally.

175/880, 24/10, Lethbridge
R. J. Johns, Agitator

Majority of miners locals in Crows Nest Pass did not pay their per capita to the International but to the OBU.

Page 14

175/1146, 24/10, Calgary

P. F. Lawson, Labour Defence Fund

John Tulloch "Everyman solid for OBU now "OBU No 1 Mining Dept." and are 90% strong whenever ? Trades want to strike, miners will not mine one pound of Coal.

175/1457, 29/10, Prince Albert

L.W.I.U. of OBU, P.A.

Clipping in P.A. Herald mentions as members, J. Ward, Walter Cowan, E. Lamonte and J. McKnight.

175/313, 25/10, 27/10 Victoria

Fed Lab Party, Victoria

Stevenson stated, A new era had arrived in the labour world not brought about through ignorance but by intelligent thought. Conditions no better today than they were in the old days in the Southern States.

Barnard said he had done all in his power to stop sympathetic strike in Vancouver.

McLernan remarks against Govt., "The neglect of wives & families of men who were overseas during the war."

175/1349, 28/10, Lethbridge

D. L. P. Lethbridge

Donald McNabb, We cannot say our Govt Democratic but it is quite Autocratic. We are here to protest against Autocracy for Governing & to select a Labor candidate to oppose this.

Holmes Jowett, Labor candidate not necessarily a Labor man to oppose present incumbent of Commissionership. Within 1 month after election this Com'r would have to introduce legislation to change present form of City Gov't. Milk, coal, light and water to come under Municipal Control with profit of 10% - 15%.

175/432, 27/10, Calgary,

OBU, Drumheller

OBU not dead in Drumheller. No more agitators will be run out as the foreigners & OBU would fight Compelled to return to work or starve. They are going to get OBU if they have to strike 9 out of 12 months. Agitators using every effort to irritate these men.

175/236, 27/10, Vancouver

S.P. of Canada, Vancouver

Armstrong labor owned out & out by Capitalism show his meaning, quoted about a factory owner complaining about the strikers interfering with his men and preventing them from going to work.

Page 15

175/1311, 23/10, Prince Rupert

Labour Meeting at Prince Rupert, Speech of W.A. Pritchard

--"The growing strength of the organized labour movement had to be broken by the Manufacturers Ass'n and that directly affects you.

methods used by a government build up organization whose one object is to break the labour movement. RNWMP searched homes without search warrant.

175/432, 26/10, Drumheller

OBU Drumheller

Hanson & Lawson think of starting paper called "Searchlight". "They are advocating" "Down with the worker." In the peace terms "The worker shall have the right to collective bargaining" this has been quashed. Why? Only the men sitting in Ottawa know.

175/992, 30/10, Brandon

T. & L. Council Brandon

Circulars form New York Bond House re. German Bonds on Canadian Market.

175/1283, 29/10, Regina

Mrs. W. R. Donnelly, International Bible Student

Method of getting prohibited books from Winnipeg. Brother Heckman living at Luella, Sask, near the States drives over with his team and gets the books for us.

175/493, 28/10, Vancouver

OBU Organization Meeting

Literature distributed "Social Revolution" "Join the OBU" "Industrial Union Methods" and Industrial Unionism.

Sec Morrison wished Lit removed because it gave the International chance to withdraw Charter.

175/490, 29/10, Calgary

OBU Calgary

Smitten Sec of Alberta Federation says and proves 8 locals out of 9 are paying their per capita to Internationals. Johns states 9000 in OBU in

Winnipeg which is a lie as Dominion Congress shows only 2,000.

175/897, 2/11, Winnipeg

Ex Soldiers & Sailors Labor Party, Winnipeg

Meeting re. Gratuity. J.Martin quoted from Extra edition Telegram announcing that Government had knowingly permitted the export of Canadian nickel to Germany during war.

Scraggen To the Victor belongs the Spoils so let them come across.

Page 16

175/1356, 3/11, Winnipeg

Mass Meeting Industrial Bureau

2/11/19

In doorway Bolshevice Lit being sold.

W.W. Lefeaux says Cause of labour knows no nationality or Creed.

F. J. Dixon Re. Immigration Act. "The Government prostitutes the law not by breaking it but by changing it to suit their purpose in breaking strike."

Ivens stated Toronto had given \$50,000 to Defence Fund. every worker giving one days pay. Leading lawyer of Montreal had offered his services except when House is in session.

Unknown told Ivens amendment to Immigration Act is a great conspiracy and you are not aware of many things that happen at Ottawa but I dare not tell you or I would lose my job.

175/897, 4/11, Winnipeg

Ex Soldiers & Sailors Labor Party of Canada, Winnipeg and Dist. Branch
Re. Gratuity for R S.

Martin now on bail for Sedition expressed wrath that he could not get employment, had applied to S.S.B. for vocational training but had been temporarily refused pending result of trial Advocated putting in R.S. Government.

Drake if coal was taxed \$1.00 per ton would pay \$2,000 bonus to R.S.

175/535, 2/11, Vancouver

Ex Soldiers & Sailors Labor Council, Vancouver,
Charles Lester Speaker

Chas. Lester, "In the army of the proletariat would be found greater Generals than the nincompoop who had been handling the forces of Great Britain. That when working class finally kicked the reins of Government out of the hands of his master and the "Red Flag" of Liberty led a force opposed to the "Black Flag" of Capitalism it would be a short sharp conflict and they could truly say "The will of the people had conquered the forces of tyranny and oppression."

175/493, 4/11, Vancouver
 OBU Vancouver

Winch stated OBU meeting with stiff resistance in camps but organizers were able as a rule to get from 1 - 5 members before being found out. All delegates communicate with Hdqs by number instead of name.

Midgeley reported receiving orders for supplies from Edmonton.
Organizers gone to Amyox.

175/1146, 3/11, Calgary
 P. F. Lawson, Labour Defence League

Taking subs for "Searchlight" and speaking on OBU, Monarch Mines
Advocating miners to join OBU in a body.

Page 17
 175/87, 10/11, Winnipeg
 Labour Church Service, Winnipeg

When Labour Party assumes reins of Gov't. it shall be made law that those who do not actually work & produce shall not eat. (Dixon)

175/992, 7/11, Brandon
 T & L Council Meeting -- Brandon
Bartholemew & Broadhurst and Boy Scout Movement.

175/1050, 31/10, Calgary
 Labour Defence Fund Circular Letter from J. Law
 See attached letter.
 Ref. No. 175/1050, 31-10-19, Calgary Sub Dist, Drumheller
 COPY

Winnipeg, Man. October 25, 1919

To Secretaries of Local Committee and Co-workers
 Dear Comrades:

We are issuing this circular for the purpose of stimulating the interest in the case of our arrested brothers and for the object of urging upon the many workers assisting us, the need for renewed efforts.

During the past two weeks we have received added responsibilities. Several Finnish people have been arrested at Fort William for having prohibited literature. We are assisting in the defence of these brothers and sisters and have lawyers on the scene. The Finnish workers in return are organising defence committees and forwarding funds to us.

In addition to the men arrested and who are to be tried in the Courts are those unfortunate brothers who being of foreign birth have been interned at the Kaspusing [Kapusksing] Camp. Some of these men are returned soldiers one of them having served three years and eleven months

in the army. Many of them were not near the scene of the riots and did not know of any parade. We understand that the Government intends to deport these men but before this is done we are going to endeavour to have them given a Jury trial. Of course you understand that Jury trial for such cases is abolished in Canada.

Our Defence Bulletin #6 will be issued this week. We are forwarding you some for distribution. This will be the last bulletin issued before the trials which we expect will come off on November 4th.

Fellow workers we need money. This fight cannot be carried on without it. So we appeal to you, to do all in your power to boost the defence fund. The committee here are arranging to have a weekly letter similar to this sent out for the purposes of keeping you informed as to the progress of this situation.

We would impress upon you the need for prompt remittance to the Central Defence Committee here, of all monies collected in order that we can more efficiently carry out the duties entrusted to us.

Yours for Justice

(Sgd). JAMES LAW. Secretary Central
Defence Committee".

175/424, 9/11, Winnipeg
S.P. of C. Winnipeg Branch No 3.

Pritchard spoke on "The function of Socialism" & "The Marxian Theories of History, Religion & Economics" & "The Exploitation of the Worker"

175/1356, 10/11, Winnipeg
Mass Meeting Industrial Bureau, Winnipeg

Ivens spoke on Law & Order rebuked the Govt. for that "bit of lawless law" in referring to the Immigration Act Amendments.

Spoke about Citizens Committee publishing the "Winnipeg Citizen" without publishing party responsible for it. Abused the Civic Administration for hiring a gang of thugs and ex-convicts to do the bidding of the committee of 1,000. Announced that V.B. for the defense of men on trial will be ready Saturday next.

175/1628, 7/11, Ottawa, D.I.O.M.D.11
Logging Industry in B.C., Agitation & Unrest.

Weinstein Russian Jew, speaks 5 Languages going to Big River to organize Hilquist Swede going to Swanson Bay from there to Ocean Falls to Prince Rupert then Prince George.

{English speaking men in camps against OBU. foreigners good for OBU, Edmonton Dist}

175/491, 7/11, Winnipeg
OBU Business Calgary

R. B. Russell stated Convention to be held in Winnipeg in Dec, date not yet fixed. Clause 16 provides for Convention every 6 mos.

175/1631, 6/11, Vancouver
Comrades of the Great War

S. Gothard representative of C. of G. W. at Ottawa re. Gratuity (18,000 men). The R.S. must have their own political party & M. P.

Ex S/MJ. Robinson advocated all soldier organizations to join together and enter political field. Term R S objected to said Returned Citizen right, R S had been betrayed, Barnard spoke re. difference in Widows pension (private and officer).

Page 18
175/237, 6/11, Vancouver
L.W.I.U.

IWW Methods of crossing & re-crossing boundary.

175/1523, 9/11, Vancouver
Jack Kavanagh

Criticized the Victory Loan saying it raised the Cost of Living. Condemned the Immigration Act. Advocated Soviet Rule.

175/488, 11/11, Fernie B.C.
OBU Fernie

900 Men working Coal Creek Mines all supposed to be members of UMW of A. Really only 400 UMW of A balance OBU Members. Officers all OBU.

Hdqs of OBU Central Hotel Fernie & unless absolute proof given none are admitted into meetings.

General Strike being discussed.

Christopher & Brown on long distance phone to Beard etc. used the following expression on conclusion "I presume you're still Steward of the Presbyterian Church" Apparently for identification of members.

175/P594, 21/9
Defence Fund in aid of Strike Leaders

Woodsworth, We got to get possession of the industrial & financial machine. I am not so sure we lost in Winnipeg Strike. Necessity of Labour sticking together. Parliament controlling military so we must control Parliament.

175/236, 10/11, Vancouver
S. P. of C., Vancouver Empress Theatre

All speakers seemingly have decided to avoid seditious utterances and try to advocate force by Inference & Allusion & deduction.

175/1315, 5/11, Prince Rupert
I W W Cards advocating Sabottage Re. W. Walquiss Agrt.

While at Camp of Lakelse Lumber Co. suspected of distributing Cards, advocating Sabbotage, Copy of card on file. orkers. Lay down on Job, etc.

175/1107, 13/11, Vancouver
Transport Workers Unit of OBU

Wood of Labour Council said -- if men on trial at Winnipeg got free, OBU would grow fast & if they were sent down there it would grow faster. The IWW were in a mix up all the time & would be until properly educated along Class lines

175/424, 16/11, Winnipeg
S. P. of C., Winnipeg

L Kon Nothing can crush Bolshe movement in Russia & that here in Canada we will have similar Rule.

Page 19
175/1397, 21/11, Regina
P. S. Burnell. Suspect

Burnell "The OBU is the IWW only with the other name. They are the same."

175/1698, 20/11, Winnipeg
Chas H. Kerr Co. -- Chicago, Proh Pub's

Warne (S. P. of C.) assets he intends getting Proh Lit through from USA by underground methods if necessary.

175/1356, 18/11, Winnipeg
Mass Meeting Industrial Bureau, Winnipeg

Dixon "If 8 men can be thrown into Jail for voicing their honest opinion then all men can be thrown in if their opinions are unsatisfactory to the powers that be.

Russell stated IWW was strongest opponent of OBU so long as A. F. of L. exists, when the latter goes the IWW goes too.

175/237, 23/10, Fernie, B.C.

B. C. Camp Workers Union (L W I U)

Re. Significant that IWW organization in U.S. is that Lumberjacks in Canada have organized a similar organization using the same name "L.W.I.U." The only difference in USA it is called L W I U of I W W in Canada it is L W I U of O B U.

6/11, Vancouver -- do --

List of delegates for OBU Convention,

E. Winch, A. McKenzie, J.M. Clark, H. Allman, N.N. Hatherley.

13/11, -- do --, -- do --

Lundberg said There would be One Union moulded after IWW ideas.

175/237, 14/11, Prince George

L.W.I.U.

OBU "Dodger" sent by Mace words. 8 hours mentioned do not mean fight for 8 hour day, but is meant re. what is going to take place. Something going to take place this winter, nothing definite other than There would be Hell to pay & that it would only last one day.

R. Men very bitter (Corpl St Laurents report) Looking for L W I U to burst in spring. IWW Dissatisfied with Lundberg as editor of Worker & sore over other matters.

175/622, 14/11, Vancouver

T. & L. Council OBU

A. S. Wells stated \$8,000 had been collected for Defence Fund most of which had been used. In the event of more money being collected than was at present required it would be placed in Common Defence Fund. See File 175/1006 Report 3/11/19 J. Penner to No 50.

Page 20

175/493, 15/11, Vancouver

OBU Vancouver

Wood made no mention of "Dodger" being drawn up by himself & Midgely in the form of BC Electric "Buzzer" which it was proposed to place in boxes put in Street Cars for the Buzzer after the latter had been removed.

175/1146, 18/11, Calgary

P.F. Lawson, Labour Defence Force

Lawson said that if he was ever arrested for publishing anything radical in paper "Searchlight" the miners would strike until he was released. A letter in "Searchlight" re. "Returned Soldier & Victory Bond" had not been sent to him but that he had altered it to read as he wanted it too.

175/1628, 7/11, Vancouver
Logging Industry B.C., Agitation & Unrest

Winch proposes to send launch Bellingham. Wash. for Russian & foreign literature (M & D Report).

See also S. A. 33. 6/11/19 of 175/237.

175/420, 21/11, Calgary
P.M. Christopher, Agr.

P.M. Christopher said during trouble over Habeas Corpus case that he, personally, got into soldiers camp & so influenced soldiers that if they had been ordered to fire they would have fired on their officers. Witnessed by 4 names given on file.

175/491, 20/11, Calgary,
OBU Calgary

OBU planning strike for 1-12-19.

175/593, 22/10, Edmonton
Conditions in Nordegg

Re: Seizure of illicit still at Nordegg by Cpl. Blocksedge.

175/237, 23/11, Vancouver
L.W.I.U.

Winch advising Union men to go to work as he does not want funds to go any lower. Mick Williams said if Law knew what he had done he would be in Jail & may be hanged.

175/1573, 24/11, Winnipeg
Labour Election Propaganda

F.G. Tipping. We did not start this class war but if politics are to give labor man his rights then labor class must and will win. Labor no longer satisfied with small raises of wage but must control & own all industries. J.J. Samson said they had attempted to bribe him.

Page 21
175/1725, Vancouver,
OBU Vancouver, IWW Supplies

Direct connection between IWW & OBU

175/488, 25/11, Fernie
OBU Fernie

OBU Convention to be held Calgary Dec 1st 1919. Rawson delegate. OBU anxious to get semblance of order out of their loose ends as some

100 odd members in each of various camps & then approach Operators to get agreement made. Succeeding in this they hope to at once swell their ranks. An attempt to pack the convention in spite of their Constitution.

175/514, 25/11, Regina
OBU Regina

Street Railway men refuse to Join OBU. J.S. Moore trying to sell Workers Liberty bonds but T & L Council refuse & will not take them up. J.S. Moore quoted portion of Woodsworth speech at Winnipeg re. Revolution if 8 strike leaders sent to pen.

Bond attached. requested to be returned.

175/1586, 25/11, Lethbridge
I.B.S.A. Lethbridge

Pastor Russelites intend to delay cases as long as possible. After peace definitely declared intend to flood the country with literature which they at present have concealed.

175/1345, 1695
Keewatin Lumber Co & IWW propaganda. M.J. Keane Labor Organizer
Keane attempting to form OBU on N. Shore Lake Superior.

175/1737, 24/11, Fernie
L.W.I.U. of OBU Fernie

Large amount of radical lit being sent to Lumber Camps in this Dist. Pamphlets got up in such a way it shows the IWW on USA side & OBU on Canadian side are similar & strongly supports the fact that doctrines etc. of the IWW & OBU are the same.

175/1506, 24/11, Nanaimo
OBU Meeting Nanaimo

Thomas Barnard -- until we do revolt we will not get our freedom. Likened Canada to volcano ready for eruption & in a few months there will be revolution & bloodshed.

175/438, 22/11, Victoria
OBU Vancouver Island

OBU trying to import three IWWs for propaganda & organization work.

Page 22
175/87, 1/12/19, Winnipeg
Labour Church Service, Winnipeg

Letter read by Mr. Watt from a 13 year old boy in Brandon re Boys Club

saying that a Mr. Neil Shaw was teaching them on Socialistic Views & that it was real Red Stuff.

175/622, 28/11, Vancouver
Vancouver T. & L. Council of OBU

Discussion on best financial system for OBU to follow. A.S. Wells made a motion that the "General Fund System" be adopted by the OBU. Smith supported this. Allman (LWIU) suggested best organize by industries & let each unit look after its own funds.

175/1146, 2/12/19, Calgary
P. F. Lawson Labour Defence Force

Lawson says he is going to publish an article in Searchlight Re. L.S. Horse re. French-Canadians being sent to Calgary & English speaking troops sent East. Going to make it appear a direct insult to R.S.
See article Non Speaking Soldiers in Calgary 5/12/19 News 499.

175/1797, 28/11, Winnipeg, S. P. of C. Local No 3, Winnipeg, Ernest Aston

Aston was scrutineer Winnipeg election. Claimed many persons voted twice & even more for Mayor. Sent out several Messages. Labor Party will attempt to have Major Gray's election disqualified.

175/1684, 5/12, Calgary,
Searchlight

(Paper) Gives names of delegates attending 1st Annual Convention Dist No 1. Mining Dept OBU with district from which they come.

175/1283, 8/12, Regina, Sask
Mrs. W. R. Donnelly

Golden Age speaks about OBU & Brother Hickman getting books for her. Says Revolution coming.

175/1424, 5/12, Ft. William
OBU Ft. William Branch

Agents selling Bonds for defence of Winnipeg Strike Leaders have made statements that these Bonds will be redeemed "After the Revolution." Rumoured that plans to take control of Industries by force if OBU demands are not granted.

175/1449, 8/12, Winnipeg
OBU Manitoba Dist.

Garment Workers Winnipeg go back to work after two day lockout &

make the statement that when their contract expires May 20th 1920 they will then see who controls the Garment Workers. R. Johns advised this OBU protest against stand taken by Interl re. recent schedule & agreement between Railway Workers & CPR. It may mean attempted starting of another strike in spring.

Page 23

175/438, 8/12, Vancouver
Vancouver Island Sub Dist. OBU

Fifty dollars (\$50.00) voted for Educational Committee (Membership 1700)

175/407, 4/12, Vancouver
Transport Workers Unit of the OBU

A. Lang informed the members that at next meeting he would take up the matter of Political Action by OBU or at least that it take part in the next Civic Elections. Shaw wanted to go into matter of organization of new lines but would leave it till next meeting.

175/1265, 10/12, Lethbridge
Herman Krause OBU Agr

Says IWA & OBU same ideas but IWW illegal the other legal.

175/1919, 17/12, Bankhead
OBU Bankhead

Wheatley said Bankhead would have to switch to OBU or looked on as a bunch of "scabs" by the 15th Jan. when the OBU called gen'l strike.

175/491, 18/12, Calgary
OBU Calgary

Mr. Carpenter of CPR Investigations Dept. named 1030 Men employed at Ogden shops (made up as follows) 720 Skilled & 310 Unskilled. Insp. Spalding reports less than 100 Alien enemies or Foreigners employed by Ogden Shops.

175/1979, 19/12, West Kootenay Trail
OBU Movement Kootenay
Re. Eric Equist
175/1977 Re. F. Campbell

Equist states between 700 & 800 members of OBU employed at Smelter. He states IWW & OBU were the same. Campbell states between 400 & 500 men employed. Campbell's daughter works at Trail, P.O.

175/81, 2012, Vancouver

Longshoreman

Sec said Employers would call a conference 15 inst. Sinclair and Hill appointed to attend conference.

175/737, 27/12, Vancouver
L.W.I.U.

Convention to be held sometime in January.

175/937, 19/12, Ottawa
L.W.I.U.

Re L.W.I.U. in Ontario. Actg. Chief Comm. of Police says man has been placed in North Ontario to investigate.

175/945, 21/12, Winnipeg
Labour Situation Winnipeg

Sec Midgley has sent a call to Affiliated Unions to set the date for Second Annual Convention.

Page 24
175/1908, 24/12/19, Edmonton
I.B. Smith on OBU

Smith's idea "The average working man of to-day did not want to do a real days work & would quit the first thing that was said to him." OBU not popular with railroad men as it is in direct opposition to the International.

175/2041, 2/1/20, Victoria
Progressive Workers of the Pacific

Various OBU executives at different centers have been considering the advisability of changing & also to organize & amalgamate with the I.W.W. At secret meeting of OBU 24/12/19 3 delegates were appointed to go to the Convention at San Francisco.

175/535/5/1/20, Ottawa
Charles Lester

Extract from letter from British Mission "Lester is reported as soliciting subscriptions from Indians in Vancouver to join in the Revolution which he says will take place in England this winter."

175/237, 29/12, Vancouver
L.W.I.U.

Hatherly works from Pt Athur to Sudbury & from there to Sault St. Marie.

175/1575, 1/1/20, Calgary

Wm. Day, Agr.

Day member of Central Strike Committee representing Boilermakers. Makes statements as: Crafts Unionism gone forever, every worker should join the OBU to fight the master class.

175/2055, 5/1/20, Taber

Canada West Local Taber

Mr. Howard, Manager, told Miners Union that he had withdrawn from Coal Operators Association & would be willing to have a separate agreement outside of U.M.W. of A.

175/7844, 7/1/20, Michel

OBU Proposed Strike Michel

Beard favoured 48 hr strike in favor of Russell, not upheld by meeting.

175/897, 8/1, Winnipeg

Ex S & S Labour Party of Canada, Winnipeg & Dist Branch

Labour Socialist OBU-Convention to be held Strand Theatre Jan 18th 1920. Grant Olliver Freneau Belleau Delegates (held See File 175/2013)

175/54, 12/1/20, Winnipeg

Labour Church Meeting 11.1.20

L. Pickup said that there would be a worse strike in the spring than the last one.

Page 25

175/897, 9/1/20, Winnipeg

Ex Soldiers & Sailors Labor Party

Invitations from Farmers organization to Ex S & S L. Party to attend joint meeting of Dominion L.P. Central L. P & Womens Labour League. Same to be held Jan 13th 1920 Elmwood.

18 Delegates elected to attend Convention by above Organizations Jan 18th 1920 under Labour Defence Committee. Entry by Credentials only. S. Cartwright said in near future likely he will be sent out through West with full power to act & represent Ex. S & SLP with chief object of forming Soldiers Labour Parties.

175/2095, 16/1, Winnipeg

Complaint of Mr. D.A. Ross

Ferley M.P.P. for N Winnipeg & Arznych[?] Russian Jew boasted of having 23 Ruthenians ready to run as candidates at Prov elections July next most of whom favored Bolshevism.

175/2097, 7/1, Nelson, B.C.

Gen'l Conditions W. Kootenay
 OBU Silverton

Every man in Silverton supposed to be in favor of OBU.

Mr. Nabb criticizes Gov't re "Reds" "Nothing in the world can stop the working men from getting their object

175/1780, 16/1, Winnipeg
 Beeken CE Winnipeg

B said Judge Metcalfe would not die a natural death as someone would kill him.

175/2094, 15/1, Vancouver
 Steve Manley, Delegate OBU

Insp Newsom suggests that such men as Manley could be utilised for distributing & explaining wholesome literature prepared by able men to enlighten & educate laboring men at this period of unrest.

175/1523, 12/1, - do -
 Jack Kavanagh, Agtr.

Jack Kavanagh hinted at unfair methods used by R.N.W.M.P. to secure jurors. Quotes re Deskaluk a stool pigen of MP.

175/40, Part 2, 16/1, Ottawa
 Finnish Socialist Organization

Constitution of Finnish Organization of Canada.

175/87, 18/1, Winnipeg
 Labor Church Service, Winnipeg

A Henry speaker. Let every man have the same power to make his own laws. All speech for Labour against Capitalism in any form.

175/1401, 14/1, Edmonton
 - do - Edmonton

Ritche & East said that they had a number of hand bills printed practically boycotting Empress Theater but would not appear to do so on the surface. If discovered it would be hard to prove.

Page 26
 175/622, 16/1/20, Vancouver
 Vancouver Trades & Labour Council

Officers elected T & L for coming term President Midgely
 Central Executor, W.A. Pritchard
 Sec/Joint Sec for Council & Gen'l Workers Unit 1, R.J. Campbell

Sec treasurer, J. Shaw
 Door Keeper, W. King
 Trustees, Pritchard, Merson, Clark and Wilson
 Midgley elected delegate to OBU Convention

175/2045, 20/1, Regina
 Peoples Forum

Malcolm Bruce advocated "direct action" for Labour to get what they want.

175/491, 16/1, Calgary
 OBU Calgary

Bradshaw states. "Brothers you know why we are organized. We are organized to take over all the industries of the country to be able to produce and run them for ourselves.

175/449, 12/1, Ft William
 OBU Manitoba Dist

Talk of Strike in Spring of Coal Handlers Unit

175/2123, 14/1, Grand Forks
 Gen'l Conditions Nakusp & Arrow Lakes

U.F. of B.C. to hold Convention at Vancouver 24-26/2/20.

175/449, 21/1, Winnipeg
 OBU Winnipeg & Dist
 Resolution to further OBU on trains using News Agents.

OBU not wanting to antagonize the International as OBU can do nothing alone (Ald Queen)

An unknown speaker supported Davis, who called the International delegates down for not giving an answer as to whether they would support a Dominion wide strike. The unknown said Russell was unjustly convicted. Once labour was properly organized they would startle Canada free Russell & "To hell with law".

175/237, Part 3, 20/1, Vancouver
 L.W.I.U.

Statement of Principles governing (undersigned) logging operators from & after 15/1/20.

Page 27
 175/897, 23/1, Winnipeg
 Ex. S. & S. Labour Party

Resolution. "That this party is pledging its support & will back to the limit the action of Labour Defence Committee." Some against.

R.E. Bray strongly defended D. Committee.

Communications being sent out re. Convention March 17th 1920 & to decide upon Gen'l Strike to enforce release of strike leaders.

Strike votes already being taken in Winnipeg.

175/1506, 21/1, Nanaimo
OBU Nanaimo

Davey believes there will be open rebellion in Vancouver before spring.
Mansen stated that miners Dist 8 will sign up with OBU.

175/449, 1/2/20, Winnipeg
OBU Winnipeg & Dist

Names of Ivens & Lefeaux have been removed from OBU Subscription Lists.

Movement on foot to organize Stock Co. & start publication of Labor News daily from their own plant.

Letter received stating OBU Dead issue in Edmonton.

175/19, 1/2/20 Winnipeg
Meetings Trades & Labour Council, Winnipeg

Sec Robinson read resolution prepared for next meeting re Internationals taking up the release of Russell alone by circulating petitions & other legal means.

3/2/20, - do -

Proposition re Dominion Wide Strike filed.

Defence Committee in helpless state & short of funds.

Ringlass tried to bolster up these causes but was alone.

175/1976, 4/2, Vancouver
I.W.W. Activities

Allman wants every member of IWW in Van. May 1st intended to call strike all over Canada & U.S.A. in sympathy for Mooney.

175/237, 3/2, Vancouver
L.W.I.U.

Mr. Bulger Fair Wages Officers stated that E. Winch stated that he was going to pull the L.W.I.U. out on Strike in Spring.

175/1781, 10/2, Winnipeg
Sam Cartwright Ex S & S Labour Party

Cartwright on organization trip was in Port Arthur & Ft William preparing

the R.R. men for the coming strike so that if East will not join in transportation E. of Winnipeg would be tied up (48 Report).

Page 28

175/67, 9/2, Edmonton
S.P. of C. Edmonton

McKenzie said Russia had proper form of Govt. & that it would only be a short time before the same form of Govt. would rule in this Country.

The Capitalist had nearly fallen last year.

Question asked. Is the English Soviet in sympathy with Russian? Yes, in England the majority were in sympathy.

Question. Are Socialists in line Labour Party in using "Strike" to bring Capitalists to terms? 'Yes'

175/2301, 3/3, Winnipeg
T. Moore, Agr.

Moore stated he had been introduced to a Mrs. Johnson, wife of a juror on Ivens trial who was in favor of accused & Labor movement generally & concluded that one of the jury (Johnson) was in favour of accused. Moore stated that it might be possible to get something through to the jury via Mrs. Johnson.

175/717, 29/2, Calgary
Carl E. Berg, Agr.

Berg Stated. The OBU is exactly the same Organization as the IWW in the States.

175/35, 23/2, Vancouver
C. Lestor

Stated we were on the verge of another war greater than the last & if it produces more Reds than before they would soon get what they wanted.

175/1412, 27/2, Edmonton
OBU Edmonton

Row over Wages of the Gen'l Executive Board or Committee especially over the allowance of \$5.00 a day expenses while organizing. \$50.00 a week at home & \$70.00 a week away from home.

175/87, 8/3, Winnipeg
Labour Church Service

Dr. Johanneson referring to Strike Leaders said "These men are not being prosecuted but persecuted."

175/2274, 26/2, Kamsack

Joe Lorne Alleged Bolshevik

Joe Lorne said he had a 1,000 men ready etc.

175/2439, 10/3, Vancouver

10th Annual Convention of B.C. Fed. of Labour

Voted 9 for & 5 against the Elimination of B.C. Fed. of Labor & the adoption of the OBU in its entirety.

Page 29

175/67, 11/3, Edmonton

S.P. of Canada

S.P. of C. in favor of Russian Soviet.

If Convention called we should be represented with "Third International." Members of opinion that we should affiliate with "Third International" before long.

175/2255, 28/3, Hamilton

Hamilton

Smith, speaker, said "OBU will eventually lead to sabotage & become similar to I.W.W. also that OBU & SP of C working together will "finally result to mass action & armed tactics to accomplish social revolution.

175/2491, 19/3, Calgary

OBU Convention Lethbridge 9/3/20

The OBU appears to have some idea that a third organization is being talked of.

175/2202, 20/3, Thorold

A. Zhibum. Agr.

This building was exploded because the Capitalist does not like the proletariat to awaken & organize etc. Do not forget that the working men's rule will soon be in progress.

175/2503, 25/3, Hamilton

Amalgamated Clothing Workers

Their latest move was to organize along industrial lines so as to be ready when the clash comes. They wish to organize All in the clothing industry & also clerks, shippers, stenographers, etc. Other local units would be subsidiary to A.C. Workers.

175/2498, 25/3, Toronto

Weisman, Agr.

Weisman said that Anarchist Communist Paper "Wair" was the same

paper practically as "Bread & Freedom" & is the official organ of the Anarchist Communists or Union of Russian Workers.

175/2533, 31/3, Montreal
Bob Long, Agrtr.

Going to start to sell Liberty Bonds to help fight the sentence of the convicted strike leaders right through to Privy Council (Workers Defense League).

175/2436, 30/3, Montreal
OBU Montreal

St. Martin advocating the spreading of OBU Propaganda in Vickers Shops. Montreal & also the "Putting away" (killing) of local Sec. of A.F. of L. Knight "that no one can deny - that it was the object of Winnipeg Strike to overthrow the Gov't & establish Soviet. They should 1st have organized the OBU over Canada & then revolution which Gov't could not suppress.

Page 30
175/2226, 22/3, Montreal
Conditions in Montreal

J. Knight intends to have several reliable men & women of the OBU get positions in large factories or in some place where they can join the A.F. of L. local for that particular trade & to try to get OBU members & to distribute OBU literature. In some cases where members are reactionary this will serve two purposes, getting members for OBU & starting locals of S.P. of C.

29/3

Long is advocating a Gen'l Strike from Coast to Coast to show their indignation over the result of the Winnipeg Sedition cases.

Miss Buhay said she has no doubt that the authorities found some means of getting jurors to return such a verdict.

175/2253, 9/4, Hamilton
Conditions at Hamilton

N & R Kornu & Charnoff discussing method of Smuggling Radical books from New York before 1st May.

Lamcor to go to New York to get books.

175/1668, 7/4, Fort William
Lumber Workers Industrial Union

A petition to be sent to Minister of Justice Ottawa asking for the release of Strike leaders.

175/1798, 3/5, Fernie
 OBU Proposed Strike Fernie

A case of teamster who has refused to join the OBU & as a result every firm or individual who has employed this man has been informed that unless they dispense with his services they would be boycotted by the miners. OBU strengthening.

175/1457, 6/4, Prince Albert
 L.W.I.U. N. Sask Activities at The Pass

Ed Crandall states that there would be another strike this year, probably in May, which will be OBU & it would tie up all Western Canada & several points in Eastern Canada.

175/1006, 7/4, Edmonton
 Wm. Ivens et al Seditious Conspiracy

Geo. L. Ritchie To rise & use every means in their power to release these men (Strike leaders). We mean to seize law & order & constitution & replace them with ours & use them for the benefit of the oppressed worker.

175/2242, 9/4, Vancouver
 Fight (Barolba)

There will be similar organization as Barolba only under the name of "Locals of Ukranian Labor Temple of Winnipeg."

175/244, 12/4, Vancouver
 Fed. Labour Party Vancouver

Pettipiece speaker. Advocating, when a big strike on the railway's should also strike & tie up transportation. Transportation was the key to the whole situation. If there was no transportation the M. Police would not be any good.

175/2407, 17-18/4, Montreal
 Conditions in Montreal

A. St. Martin editor of Pas Meute.

175/313, 12/4, Vancouver
 F.L. Party, Crystal City

W.E. Pierce Winnipeg Verdicts would be received in a spirit of revolt & advocated vigorous action for the release of strike leaders.

175/2259, 14/4, Detroit
 Conditions in Detroit

Re. Gen'l Romanoff reported to be coming to Canada (Toronto). In possession of valuable jewelry smuggled into States from Russia, to be sold to assist in Revolution in Canada.

Week Ending April 28th, 1920

175/717, 14/4, Edmonton

Carl E. Berg

The workers have to get control of Industries.

175/2496, 10/4, Truro, N.S.

U.M.W. Convention Truro

Resolution - Unless the pushing of boxes is ended by July 1st, 1920 a strike of all N. Scotia miners will be called. This box pushing undermines health and is very dangerous.

Considerable discussion re. length of contract the President (Baxter) stated that "if they got all the American miners got they must have a two year contract" but owing to the war cost of living the convention stated that they would not advocate contracts for longer the 4 to 6 months. It was finally decided to offer the Operators a One Year Contract with a proviso that readjustment of the wage schedule can be made every four months should the cost of living increases warrant it.

175/539, 19/4, Toronto

J.R. Knight Agitator

Speech "Force is a word he never uses. Does advocate that the workers organize & educate themselves to get the "Power" in their own hands instead of Capitalists. How this is to be done he does not know.

175/2659, 19/4, Toronto

Spujnia Bolshe Society (S.D. Party)

Large numbers of foreigners carrying revolvers. Spujnia Polish Society.

Page 32

Week Ending May 5th, 1920

175/868, 21/4, Fort William

Ald. A.A. Heaps

Spoke at Finn Hall 18/4/20 "The workers of Manitoba are going to take Mass Action to have the said verdict reversed." Re. Winnipeg Strike leaders.

175/1668, 21/4, - do -

L.W.I.U. Fort William, Re. E. Winch

E. Winch spoke at Finn Hall. "I would sign an agreement with the

employer today if I believed it would benefit me to do so, & would break it tomorrow if I believed it would benefit me.”

175/1783, 16/4, Calgary

Geo. Palmer - Agr. -

The only way Bloody Revolution, which is near at hand. Capitalist Class forcing it on the workers. “I would take up arms tomorrow under the Red Flag.”

175/868, 29/4, Ottawa

Re. A.A. Heaps

Heap & Dunn both made attack in speech on Mounted Police. Clipping from Sudbury Paper 21/4/20.

175/68, 26/4, Haileybury

- do -

Angus McDonald recently elected Labor MP read a petition supposed to be from citizens of Cobalt to be presented to Dept. of Justice for the Unconditional release of the convicted Winnipeg Strike Leaders.

175/237, 27/4, Vancouver

Camps & L.W.I.U. of OBU

Harry Allman. - IWW Organizer

Hatherley urged General Strike of all Logging Camps to be called.

Allman in referring in a letter re. IWW says “We are going to try to hold a convention some time in July etc.”

175/1856, 5/6, Calgary

OBU Calgary

Re. Railroad Transportation Unit No. 1

Wage Agreement

Page 33

175/449, 15/6

Winnipeg

OBU, Winnipeg Dist Branch

Important

Re. Unknown Russian sent by Soviet Bureau in USA to collect funds for medical supplies for Soviet Gov't Russia.

Correspondence regarding the money being collected to buy medical necessities for the Soviet Gov't of Russia. This communication was not asking for any money but was only a letter from Martens for the purpose of identifying the representatives in the States as being the official

representatives of the Soviet Gov't of Russia. Told of blockade of Russia & spoke of the Soviet people who were starving. No name signed only The Soviet Gov't Representative Committee.

Discussion entered on questions from Chairmans statement that there were 10 organizers of A.L. of L. & International unions coming to Winnipeg.

[pasted in]

Letters & circulars to OBU Regina re. "Soviet Medical Relief Society" letter signed by Dr. Mendelson 19/6/20 175/514.

Also appearing at Vancouver.

Russian named Peter at Montreal re. same matter 29/6/20 175/2436.

Miss Bullin from N. York believed to be representative of Soviet Institution.

The Union of Russian Engineers & Workmen is a branch of the Society for Technical Aid to Russia Hdqs. in Russia. In direct communication with Martens NY 30/6/20 175/3007.

The chairman then read a short communication which he said he had nearly forgotten. It was a request sent to the Units of the O.B.U. asking for donations or financial assistance towards buying medical necessities for Soviet Russia. He announced that one of the Soviet representatives from the United States was present and would explain the situation.

A regular square headed Bolshevik then took the floor and endeavored to explain his mission.

He said he was not staying in the City long, having been sent over to Winnipeg to collect funds for medical assistance to Soviet Russia, which was badly in need and on whom a blockade had been formed.

He said he had been sent over to Winnipeg from a Soviet Bureau in the United States, and it was their intention to form a Soviet Bureau in Canada. He said letters had been sent to all the Labor organizations which they knew they could trust, and any money that was given was sure to reach the Soviets in Russia, as they had means of getting it through by a Scandinavian route.

He said there were only some places where he could go, as all labour organizations did not support the Russian Labor movement, but it was well known that the O.B.U. was a strong sympathizer, and therefore, circulars had been sent to their officials asking for assistance.

He said such communications read that the money was for medical purposes only, but that it really was to help the Soviet people out in general on their Labour and Government troubles between Labor and Capital.

He said he had only been in the City a couple of days and had collected over \$100.00. He explained that some people had got to know him, but very few. He was always just staying in the City a short time and had just arrived whenever he was talking to anybody - also explaining that he had been in Toronto and other Cities acting the same, but the funny way in

which he worded his speech made it hard to follow him, and his English was very poor.

He expressed his wish to have an interview with the S.P. of C. also, but he did not think there were very many Soviets amongst them, although he thought they were in sympathy regarding the Labor situation.

Page 34

175/1268P2, 17/6, Winnipeg

Dominion Labour Party Winnipeg Branch

Rev. A.E. Smith "Means of the Working man's salvation would come through the working class' self-consciousness only, & if they wanted freedom they must strike for it." "Intelligence was not formed in the Law or the Judge the only place in the Labour Parties.

Heenan M.L.A. of Kenora Ont.

He saw his main object was to impress on the minds of the working class that if their rights to strike were going to be taken from them, they must keep together & see to it that Labour candidates got better represented in Legislature & Parliament & it seemed to him that they had already been relieved of the privilege.

175/420, 15/6, Calgary

P.M. Christopher

Extract from P.M. Christophers fortnightly report.

[pasted in]

General Executive Board O.B.U.

I left for Blairmore on the 4th and spent the 5th in the Crows Nest Pass going over the ground with the Local Secretarys. After going carefully over the ground I have no hesitation in saying that the miners of this Dist. will be heard from again in due time. They are not whipped by any means but only biding their time for the next round of the battle for the right of self determination.

Yours for the O.B.U.

(Signed) P.M. Christopher.

175/2899, 28/5

Cumberland

James Smith Alleged Agtr.

Extract from Report dated May 29, 1920,

Vancouver, B.C.

RE: James Smith - Alleged Agitator.

On May 17th, 1920, I was in a conversation with the above named man at the "Vendome Bar(?)", Cumberland B.C. This man did a great deal of talking on Socialism and the present Government. One of his remarks during conversation which struck me very forcibly was that "the present

Government should be overthrown and a Soviet Government established, for this form of Government was the only kind for the workingman and he was ready anytime to do all in his power to assist in this movement."

Page 35

175/1401, 21/6, Edmonton

Labour Church Meetings Edmonton

Owens in speech advocated co-operation at the ballot box as the first step in doing away with the present system & electing a peoples Govt.

He said this could be done in a day.

He talked along lines of Co-operative Community amongst the farmers & advocated the Govt to seize all lands held for speculations.

Had written a book "Daylight on the Banking system."

175/2359, 19/6, Ocean Falls

Louis Bart - OBU Organizer

Glass has been found in the gear of the donkey engine.

Bart was discharged as he was engineer. No prove who put glass in gear.

175/236, 29/6, Vancouver, B.C.

S.P. of C. Vancouver Local No. 1

Chas. Listor. In a speech advocated the "Loaf on the Job" system to beat the Capitalistic System.

175/2

859, 22/6

Moose Jaw, Sask

OBU Transportation Unit

McAllister. We are trying to start a Railwaymen's Council from East to West-all under the OBU.

175/449, 2/7, Winnipeg

OBU Winnipeg & Dist Branch

Communication from Shop Stewards Organization of England which urged the shop stewards in the shops to join their organization.

175/3019, 2/7, Fernie

A.M. Robertson M.A. Allged Agitator

See also Circular letter issue by V.R. Midgely on behalf of OBU to all branches of OBU.

175/726P13, 5/7, Brandon

New Peoples Church

Rev. A.E. Smith stated "We must start & recruit for the next crisis which is not far distant." Speaking re people of Brandon "They would have to be badly beaten with the butt of a rifle before they could see any light or understand anything."

175/319P12, 5/7, Vancouver
 OBU

Midgley anticipated great trouble in Coal Mines in Dist 18 this coming winter over shortage of coal.

Page 36
 175/236, 11/7, Vancouver
 Meetings held under auspices of S.P. of C.
 Local Vancouver No. 1

J. Harrington in speech compared Russian conditions re children well fed etc. wards of State with R.N.W.M. Police.

175/2892, 27/7, Winnipeg
 Workers Defense Committee OBU Meeting

Thos. Flye speaking on Russell case stated "he was prepared to go to any extent in order to bring about the forced release & beat the thugs in Govt at Ottawa."

175/1412, 27/7, Edmonton
 OBU Edmonton

Maguire advocated the overthrow of Gov't and the Dictatorship of the worker. He also advocated the setting up of a Soviet in Canada.

175/1401, 2/8, Edmonton
 Labour Church Meetings

Carl. E. Berg "Some people say the OBU & IWW are one and the same but I say they are not. At the same time the OBU support every case performed by the IWW."

175/3009, 9/9, Toronto
 H.S. Rand. Federated Order of Railroad Employees.

W.J. Robinson used threats to prospective clients if they refused to place ads in paper which he was soliciting for. He is reported to have stated he would guarantee good transportation for freight would prevent strike & would weed out Bolsheviki if ad was put in paper & vice versa.

175/236, 5/9, Vancouver
 Meetings held under S.P. of C. Re Kavanagh

Kavanagh. "The Railwaymen went on strike through out the Country demanding that certain political prisoners would be released & they tied up things in such a way that their demands were soon granted. So thats something for us to take notice of. Spoke on housing in England and miners also the Irish Question.

Copy 175/2866

May 24th, 1920

Frank Cassidy at Empress Theatre Vancouver

You remember reading in the papers about the German Fleet surrendering to the British, we were led to believe that it was a great event in history, but I was always wondering why it was that the Germans hoisted the red flag to surrender, and I've found out of late that the German Fleet had turned Bolshevik. When the British found this out, they had to find some way of getting them out of the way. The Ebert Government (then in power in Germany) wanted them done away with too. They knew that a Proletariat armed with guns and ammunition was dangerous to the Capitalist, so between them they scattered propoganda and led the Germans to think that the British Fleet, had, also, turned Bolshevik, so they hoisted the Red flag and went out to meet their comrades - the British Revolutionaries, as they thought - but they were met by sixteen inch guns of the British Fleet and captured. That just shows you how we are being filled up with false reports by the papers which are controlled by the Capitalist class and Government. They give us all kinds of false reports telling us of the awful state Soviet Russia is in; telling of the moral of the women - of men living with other men's wives - but that is just an old game of their's to turn the rest of the world against them Russians, who have won a great victory over the Capitalist class and have the goods and are going to hang on to them, too.