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This almost might be called a Depression Number, for a surprising number of its items deal with the shortage of cash among the revolutionists.

A "Nationalist Party" has appeared in Winnipeg, under rather curious auspices.

La Vie Ouvriere is to be continued; Toronto helped when Montreal had got to the end of their money.

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APPENDIX NO. 1: GENERAL1. The "Canadian Nationalist Party"

Attention has been directed to a society which is forming in Winnipeg under the name of "The Canadian Nationalist Party"; formerly it was the "Canadian Fascist Party". The Secretary and the chief organizer is Arthur F. Hart Parker, formerly a member of the Detective Agency; the president is William Whittaker, an ex-Sergeant in the British Army, and formerly a member of the Canadian Pacific Railway Police. Both these men are on relief.

There perhaps is some association between this organization and a body calling itself the "Friends of the New Germany", which is situated in Detroit; communications are known to have been sent from the Detroit body to a somewhat suspicious person named Schwab in Winnipeg. A number of Germans are said to have joined the "Canadian Nationalist Party." There also are certain rumours as to financing by a German, etc.

A Winnipeg barrister, an Italian named Marino Dulicia, also is connected with it; his reputation among his legal brethren is bad, it being alleged that he has been a gambler and a bootlegger.

Our report says:-

"At present the 'Canadian Nationalist Party' is said to have a membership of around 500 in Winnipeg, and they are extending their activities outside Winnipeg. It is reported that there is a branch in Transcona with 75 members. One Burke, President of the Veterans' Association, is Provisional President."

A number of the members have uniforms, and a parade is being organized.

The terms of membership exclude Jews by insisting that applicants must be Christians. In a conversation with the Chief Organizer Parker is reported to have said:-

"That any person joining must be a good Christian, and loyal to the British Empire."

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The membership fee is 25¢ per month, with no initial fee.

There is a "National platform" with 17 "main planks" as follows:-

1. The abolition of all Provincial Governments and the establishment of one central Government.

2. **Suppression of Communism and all other subversive elements within the borders of Canada.**
3. **Wages shall be increased and prices stabilized to the end that the wages may express the recognized standard of living for the worker.**
4. **The hours of labour shall be regulated so that every worker shall have an opportunity to earn sufficient to maintain a commendable standard of living.**
5. **Prices of agricultural products shall be raised and stabilized, and other arrangements made so as to ensure to the farmer an adequate compensation for his labour that will secure him against the results of those vicissitudes that are common to all agricultural industries.**
6. **There shall be no speculation in agricultural products within the borders of Canada.**
7. **There shall be no importation of commodities that can be produced within the borders of Canada.**
8. **Canada shall not have to depend upon her surplus products or world markets to maintain a comfortable standard of living for her people.**
9. **Products shall be terms 'surplus' only when the quantity for domestic consumption has been defined and protected.**
10. **The Nationalist Government of Canada shall reclaim from foreign domination all natural resources that have been alienated by all former Governments of Canada.**
11. **A reasonable moratorium on all foreign debts that will permit of the reconstruction of the economic conditions in Canada.**
12. **Wages and other emoluments for services rendered shall in all cases be commensurate with a recognized value of such services.**
13. **While Canada has less than a hundred million people, there shall be no unemployment and no economic distress.**
14. **Banks must be national banks.**
15. **The Government shall float its own loans and discount its own notes.**

16. There shall be a National Insurance Policy whereby each workers shall contribute the equivalent of one hour's work per week to support a system of free medical and hospital treatment, which will include free dental

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clinics, maternity wards, old age pensions, bonuses for each child after the third in each family.

17. State control of alcoholic liquors shall be abolished. Beer and wines shall be procurable at any establishment where general merchandise is sold.

One account states that the uniform includes brown shirt and breeches.

## 2. The Workers' Unity League Congress

Vapaus of 13th September contains a notice of the Workers Unity League Congress which was held in Toronto, on 10th September. The attendance was 175 and:-

"they represented 23,814 organized workers from militant trades unions. Altogether were represented 38 organizations, of which 20 directly belong to the Workers' Unity League, 15 are brother organizations and three are independent unions. Official delegates were 144, and of them were 15 members of the national committee of the W.U.L. The brother organizations were represented through 25 delegates, and the independent unions through six. Of the delegates were 14 women."

It is stated that the congress received congratulations from Tim Buck and the other Communists in prison.

Sam Scarlett, who had just arrived from Nova Scotia, was chairman of the second session of the congress.

Stokaluk of Alberta said how the Mine Workers Union had made good progress through following the programme of the Workers' Unity League. He spoke of strikes and fights and said that "by adhering to the united front tactic the workers have been able to fight the bosses."

Smith at the afternoon session conveyed greetings from the Canadian Labour Defence League and from the "class war prisoners." He announced the holding of the Canadian Labour Defence League Conference in November "in which the release of Tim Buck will be demanded."

The Congress sent greetings to the Canadian Labour Defence League and thanked it for what it has done in defending the workers.

### 3. Scarlett on the Nova Scotia Election

On 13th September Scarlett gave an address, dealing

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with the elections in Nova Scotia and mainly with the struggle in Cape Breton, and "how J.B. MacLachlan, the united front candidate, had received so many votes." The report continues:-

"He said that as soon as the candidate had been nominated and the united front programme had been published the Conservatives and the Liberals launched an impudent, defamatory campaign against the united front programme, declaring that 'the united front is the same as the Communist Party'. They tried in every way to intimidate class unconscious workers, thus expecting to prevent them from voting for the united front candidate. In this their attempt they were supported by the press, radio, church and C.C.F., the third capitalist party.

"But in spite of all intimidations and attacks against the united front programme 1,737 workers cast their votes for the workers' candidate and the united front programme, or for 'the Communist Party and Communism' as the bourgeoisie called it to frighten the workers.

"Scarlett said that the militant united front struggle is making a wonderful progress.

### 4. C.L.D.L. Finance

The "Tom Ewan" (English) Branch of the Canadian Labour Defence League met in Toronto on 18th September.

A.E. Smith stated that a telegram had been received from their lawyer in Saskatoon stating that unless he received more money he refused to handle the cases; and that these are expected to last a couple of months. Smith asked the branch to borrow \$75 at once, so that he could go on a speaking tour and raise money. He further declared that the Canadian Labour Defence League was in a bad state, that he was ashamed to ask a certain personal friend of his, who had lent him \$200, for any more, and he added that another lawyer was suing them for \$4,000 "which he will never get."

In the discussion it was revealed that the "Tom Ewan" branch had only 10 cents in its treasury; while Decker stated that he had tried to borrow money from several mass organizations and had failed.

6. Montreal Occurrences

A report from Montreal, dated 18th September, says:-

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"There has recently been a shake-up in the leadership of the Communist Party in this district.

The following men now occupy positions as stated:-

Bill Baker - organizer and treasurer  
 Zarkin (Sarkin) Needle Trades  
 Frank Breslow - Section 3 of the Communist Party  
 George Edwards - Workers Unity League  
 Fred Rose - Secretary of the Community Party

"The Following men will do organizational work: Joe Gershman, Leo Robbins, Alec Gauld, Guilbeault, Frank Bresco and Mischa Kroll.

"I am informed that Mischa Cohen is now expelled from the Communist Party. All units have been warned not to admit him to Communist Party Unit Meetings."

The Mischa Cohen, who is mentioned above, is the man who, under the name of Adams, was leader of the Communist Party in Vancouver for a brief period last winter.

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A report upon a meeting of the Central Branch of the Canadian Labour Defence League in Montreal, on 14th September, after noting the election of new officers, says:-

"Of the above Executive Board, York, Sigler and Taplitsky are members of the Communist Party; Chait is a member of the Young Communist League; and Kahn, Zuker and Kenny are Communist sympathizers. It follows that any decision passed by this executive will be in accordance with Communist principles.

"Nearly all the lending positions in the Canadian Labour Defence League are filled by Communist Party members. Consequently it is the Communist Party that really maps out the programme and action of the Canadian Labour Defence League."

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A meeting of Section 3 of District No. 2 of the Communist Party was held in Montreal on 15th September. Fred Rose was the chairman and the speaker was Frank Bresco and stated that the purpose of the meeting was the planning of the organizational tasks of this section for the next three months. The report continues:-

"During this period the whole district of the Communist Party is to concentrate on four fields, namely: railroad shops, steel works, textile industries and the water-front.

"A drive is to be made for new members throughout Canada. An attempt will be made to get 3,000 new members into the Communist Party during the next three months. A quota of 200 new members has been placed on this district (Montreal.) All work is to be done through the Communist

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Party units. Members will be given definite tasks at the next unit meetings.

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A report from Montreal, dated 18th September, states that:-

"The Canadian Labour Defence League office in Montreal was in dire need of money owing to the numerous arrests that have been made during the last few weeks. The amount of money needed to register bail bonds exhausted all ready cash.

"The branches have not been paying their regular monthly quota to the district, neither have they been buying due stamps. The only two branches that have met their quota during recent months are the Jewish and Finnish branches. Hopes of raising money are being placed on the C.L.D.L. bazaar in November.

"Sympathizers of the Canadian Labour Defence League are to be visited this week in an effort to raise some ready cash."

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At a meeting of the Central Group of the Communist Party in Montreal held on 21st September, with 14 members present, it was reported that money has been sent from Toronto to publish an October issue of La Vie Ouvriere. Furthermore, in November a national campaign will be set on foot to get money for it.



It was also reported that Jeanne Corbin would return to Montreal and would deal with the financial part of the work of La Vie Ouvriere, and in addition handle correspondence; Moisan to remain editor.

#### 6. C.L.D.L. Hard Up

On 17th September a membership meeting of the Canadian Labour Defence League was held in Brunswick Hall, Toronto. Only 21 members were present. Of the 21, eight were English-speaking and the remainder foreigners.

It was arranged that Joe Derry should go on a speaking tour extending from Hamilton to Windsor.

Another paragraph in our report is:-

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"Reports from all Canadian Labour Defence League branches are that they are in bad condition in finances and attendance, but they expect better results during the winter months if meeting places can be found."

Another passage is:-

"Guralnick gave the usual line that money was needed very badly, and that the landlord is after them for office rent. They were two and a half months behind at present, and unless this was paid up the National Office would have to move. He also stated that they had to borrow \$200 to pay the lawyer before he would leave Regina to fight the cases of the 27 in Saskatoon; that they had to borrow money to pay O. Brown, the lawyer in Toronto; that the office staff of the District Central Council and National Executive Committee had not received a week's pay for the last six weeks; that the Canadian Labour Defence League was up against it so badly that their credit is not as good as a few years ago; and if arrest of workers keeps up the way they have been in the last few months, the Canadian Labour Defence League will go under."

A debate on the financial standing of the society followed.

#### 7. "Vapaus" in Alberta?

Vapaus of 11th September announces that on 15th November it is hoped to publish an "Alberta District Edition". The usual requests are addressed to members to send articles and to secure advertisements, etc.