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AND AGITATORS IN CANADA
REPORT

A Communist in Winnipeg behaved in a disrespectful manner during the singing of "God Save the King", after a meeting of the Canadian Nationalist Party. He was given a much needed lesson in manners.

The two miners' unions in Nova Scotia, the United Mine Workers of America and the Amalgamated Mine Workers of Nova Scotia are quite unable to settle their differences.

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APPENDIX NO I: GENERAL

1. The Strike Among Lumber Workers at Rouyn

Seventy-seven lumber workers who were recently arrested near Rouyn, P.Q. were brought to trial at Ville Marie on 19th December, 1933. Thirteen men were given jail sentences varying from four to twelve months. Sixty-four others were let out on suspended sentence for six months. There are still a few more being held at Rouyn. These cases were to be heard on 20th December.

The Canadian Labour Defence League in Montreal received orders to make arrangements for the defence of the lumber workers. They were having a hard time to raise enough money to pay a retaining fee to M. Garber, who was not at all anxious to appear. He claimed he had not been paid for his last trip to Rouyn about 19 months ago. Some agreement must have been reached as Garber defended the lumbermen.

Joe Wallace was most anxious to go up himself, no doubt to advertise the Canadian Labour Defence League. The District Bureau, however, declined to grant him permission.

A press report from Rouyn says that more than 400 striking lumberjacks have returned to the camps.

The Quebec Government is inquiring into conditions as they exist today in these camps.

2. Mrs. Lilian Mendelssohn

For a long time it has been known that Sam Mendelssohn and his wife Lilian, have been interested in the Communist Party. They have always kept well under cover and have never been actual members of the Communist Party of Canada, or any affiliated organizations.

Last summer Mrs. Mendelssohn and her husband made a trip abroad and visited the U.S.S.R.

On 9th December this woman delivered a lecture at

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the Jewish Library Hall in Montreal. She gave an account of what she had seen in Russia: her account was wholly favourable. At the conclusion of her address she was asked a number of questions: Her answers to these were too vague to be convincing and the whole performance was a distinct disappointment.

Mrs. Mendelssohn has now been recommended for membership in the C. P. of C. Her application has been referred to the District Bureau. Her husband is a Customs broker and they think that as such he might be regarded as an exploiter of labour. Her reason for wishing to become a

member of the Communist Party openly after being secretly associated with the party for a long time is not known.

3. Communist is Giving a Lesson in Manners

The Canadian Nationalist Party held a meeting at the German Club in Winnipeg, on 14th December, under the leadership of A. Lenz. Lenz himself and H. Voss, George Smith from Transcona, A. Bowers and Whittaker all spoke and were exceedingly bitter against the Jews. At the end of the meeting "God Save the King" was sung. Some Communists who were present were noticed to put on their hats and one of them shouted "To Hell with the King, onward with the Red Flag." Our report says that the Brown Shirts attacked him and beat him up.

4. The Miners' Unions in Nova Scotia

The Honourable Michael Dwyer, Minister of Labour in the Provincial Government in Nova Scotia, presided over a conference between the citizens of Inverness and Amalgamated Mine Workers of Nova Scotia. This union is opposed to the United Mine Workers of America. The trouble is that the United Mine Workers of America are endeavouring to so arrange matters that their union will be the only one recognized, and all miners must join this union, and the Amalgamated Mine Workers of Nova Scotia insist that members of both unions should be employed, and that a vote should be taken on some date to be fixed to determine which union is to be

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recognized in future.

The Provincial authorities are endeavouring to bring about a settlement. The Hon. Mr. Dwyer intimated that the Unions will have to come to an agreement among themselves and that no further Government assistance will be forthcoming until a satisfactory settlement has been reached.

5. Some Prominent Agitators

Harvey Murphy

Harvey Murphy seems to have delayed going east. On 10th December he addressed a meeting at Coalhurst about present conditions generally; in the evening he left for Lethbridge where he was also going to speak.

It is anticipated that he will endeavour to organize the unemployed in the Crow's Nest Pass and Lethbridge districts for the purpose of causing trouble to the Provincial relief authorities.

Murphy has been in some trouble with the leaders over his drinking propensities.

Stewart Smith

Whilst in Princeton recently Stewart Smith consulted with various well-known local communists. He left Princeton at the end of November and is back again in Vancouver. The movements of this man are kept very secret.

James Beattie, alias Howard Johnson

James Beatty has left Saskatoon and has gone to Regina for a few days to try and straighten out the bad feeling which exists between the Ukrainian and English members of the revolutionary organizations there. Beatty will then go on to Moose Jaw as previously arranged. This man James Beatty has been identified as James Beattie, alias Howard Johnson, who has quite a criminal record and who was run in by the Toronto City Police early this year for disturbing the peace. He is an active agitator and organizer.

William Findlay

Early this year Findlay came to Toronto from Vancouver,

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and was supposed to become a member of the staff of the Worker. Very little was heard of him in Toronto in any capacity, but he was reported to have been there last August. Now a rumour has come in that he is in Russia. The matter is being inquired into.

Anna Buller

It is known that Anna Buller (Mrs. Guralnik) was contemplating going overseas recently but circumstances compelled her to change her plans. She is expected to leave shortly.
