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National Unemployed Day, 6th March, 1934, passed off quietly. There were some strikes of short duration in British Columbia Relief Camps, but there was no disorder.

The National Unemployed Councils are still planning to send a delegation to Ottawa on 15th March next. They will ask the Prime Minister to bring down legislation to provide for Non-Contributory Unemployment Insurance.

The Amalgamated Mine Workers of Nova Scotia and the United Mine Workers of America, who have been fighting each other for a long time past, will both oppose any attempt to reduce the miners' wages in Nova Scotia.

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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL

1. The Furniture Workers' Strike in Kitchener

During the month of February Isidore Minster, of the Workers' Unity League, has been active in Kitchener, Ont., in an attempt to organize a general strike of all furniture workers in the district. On 7th February the employees of the Deluxe Upholstering Company went on strike demanding a wage increase of from 25% to 40%. On 12th February plans were made

for a general strike at the Reitzel Furniture Plant, but these plans never materialized due to the attitude displayed by the management of the company.

On 15th February 60 employees of the Reliable Manufacturing Company and 100 employees of the Brandt Furniture Company went on strike.

On the same day a parade of strikers headed by Isidore Minster took place and afterwards at a crowded meeting plans were announced for a complete tie-up of all Kitchener and Waterloo furniture factories if the union demands were not met.

The employees of the Snyder Desk and Table Company of Waterloo resented the interference of Isidore Minster and passed a resolution to that effect. On 21st February the striking employees of the Deluxe Upholstering Company at Kitchener signed an agreement with the management and returned to work on the following day. The agreement was reached without the aid of Isidore Minster with whom the company has refused to have any dealings whatsoever.

2. The W.E.L. in Vancouver

The Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League of Vancouver, B.C., held a meeting in the Workers' Ex-Service Men's League hall on Granville Street, on 25th February, there being approximately 200 persons present. W. Purvis gave a lengthy lecture on current events. He spoke of the importance of an effective workers' press and praised the good work done by the local mimeographed papers, the Heavy Lift, Rank and File

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Veteran, and the Unemployed Worker. He commented adversely on the local daily newspapers, the Vancouver Sun and the Daily Province, explaining that the articles recently appearing in them were published to mislead the workers. He criticized severely Bob Bouchette of the Vancouver Sun whose articles expressed considerable sympathy for the working class.

3. Communists Sponsor Anti-Fascist Organization

A new anti-Fascist organization is being sponsored by the Communist element in Winnipeg. A mass anti-Fascist meeting was announced to take place at the Dominion Theatre, on Sunday, 25th February. It was rumoured that the Nationalist Party would make trouble resulting in that the theatre was closed by the police. Some 150 persons who arrived at the theatre were told by the Communist leaders that the meeting was adjourned to 148 Princess Street. At that meeting Ross vigorously attacked the Nationalist Party saying that this party is supported solely by Capitalists and the

Government. He called on all workers to mobilize and crash the growing Fascism. Jacob Penner, the second speaker, described the growth of Fascism and the present situation in Europe. He said:-

"When the Austrian Socialists saw that Dolfuss was preparing to usurp power they began arming vigorously purchasing arms from Czecho-Slovakia and Switzerland but they began too late. Therefore, comrades this should be a lesson to us. Fascism was only born here not very long ago. We should not let it grow, we should crush it while it is still in the stage of infancy."

At this meeting two delegates were elected to wait on the City Council and officially protest against the action of the police in forbidding the meeting at the Dominion Theatre.

4. Trouble in C.L.D.L. in Montreal

A Secretariat Meeting of the Canadian Labour Defence League was held in Montreal, on 28th February, J.S. Wallace, Bella Gordon, and Henry Segal were present, together with Fred Rose, Alex Gauld and G. Cotter of the

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Political Bureau of the Communist Party.

The meeting was held to try to straighten out the quarrel between Wallace and Bella Gordon, who cannot work together. An additional grievance is the fact that Bella Gordon produced a donation of \$100, which she received from some secret source, and refused to divulge the name of the donor. Wallace then remarked that although he is the District Organizer for the C.L.D.L. he is not trusted. After a great deal of discussion it was decided that the two should continue to work together for another month. Alex Gauld will attend all secretariat meetings and will try to preserve peace between the two of them.

5. Mayor Taylor and the C.P. of C.

A minor demonstration took place in front of the Vancouver, B.C., City Hall, on 26th February, in support of a two man delegation to the City Council bearing protests of the single unemployed who had deserted the Government relief camps. The delegation was denied a hearing. The few that were gathered before the City Hall created no disturbance. The Mayor, Mr. L.D. Taylor, when informed of the wishes of the delegation is alleged to have said:-

"So Far as I am concerned, the Communist Party is going to be held in check in the city of Vancouver."
