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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL

1. The Y.C.I. Fights Through RevolutionaryMethods

[38 #] The Young Worker for 24th September published a pamphlet, in the form of a supplement, entitled "Unite the Youth!" by Chemodanov, Secretary of the Young Communist International, with the request that it be studied and discussed by the various youth organizations in Canada. The pamphlet places before the Socialist youth organizations the position of the Young Communist International with regard to the question of the united front in its struggle for power. It declares that the Young Communist International seeks to organize the youth for the violent overthrow of the present order of society. It reads in part:-

"The programme of the Young Communist International sets as its chief aim the rallying and unity of the vast masses of the toiling youth for the defense of their own economic and political interests.

"The Young Communist International wishes to unite the youth in STRUGGLE for their interests, for the VIOLENT OVERTHROW of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and for the setting up of the DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT, without which the building of classless socialist society cannot be thought of.

"These principles of revolutionary class struggle are now triumphing more and more the ideas of peaceful, reformist evolution of capitalism into socialism, and are winning over greater numbers of supporters amongst the working and the toiling youth.

"The class struggle exposes more and more obviously, the irreconcilable antagonism which exists between the working class and the bourgeoisie

"Never and nowhere have we hidden the fact that we fight through REVOLUTIONARY methods for the violent overthrow of the bourgeoisie, because it will not abandon its power over the toilers without struggle, and will not give up exploitation and oppression. While fighting for 'the minutest' economic, political and cultural demands of the youth, we fight for the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, of Soviet Power. What is the result of this? The result is that, in the first place, there can be no question of any class collaboration on our part, of any bloc with the bourgeoisie; secondly, that we cannot accept 'unprincipled unity', -- unity for the sake of unity".

2. Third Convention of Scandinavian Workers' and Farmers' League

[✂ #] The [✂ deletion: 1/3 line] Scandinavian Workers' and Farmers' League held its Third Annual Convention in Winnipeg, Man., recently. It was reported that the organization which has its headquarters at 282 Stanley St., Winnipeg, now has branches at the following places:-

Port Arthur	Kirkland Lake	Fort Frances
Bergland	Toronto	Flin Flon
Edmonton	Vancouver	Port Alberni
Sudbury	N. Burnaby	New Westminster
Saskatoon	Prince Rupert	Calgary

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:-

Secretary --	[✂ deletion: blank]
Organizers --	[✂ deletion: blank]
Executive Board	
Members --	[✂ deletion: 3 lines]

This organization, it was revealed, is openly affiliated with the Workers' Unity League and the Canadian Labour Defence League.

3. Jugo Slavian Clubs Hold National Convention

[✂ #] The Jugo Slavian Club held its Third National Convention in Toronto, Ont., on 5th and 7th September with 29 accredited delegates from all parts of Canada in attendance. There were also present fraternal delegates from the Czechoslovakian Workers' Clubs, the Hungarian Workers' Clubs and other revolutionary mass organizations.

John Boychuk, recently released from Kingston Penitentiary, delivered a lengthy address in which he stressed the necessity of a "united front" against Capitalism, against war and Fascism and for the defence of the Soviet Union.

The convention recorded a notable growth of the organization since the previous convention.

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Among the more important decisions were: a six months "shock troop" drive to reorganize and activize the branches in order to lift them up to a higher level of "class consciousness", to organize new clubs and increase the circulation of Borba.

Resolutions calling for the legalizing of the Communist Party, for the repeal of Section 98 of the Criminal Code and Sections 41 and 43 of the Immigration Act, demanding the release of Thaelmann, etc., were passed.

An interesting feature of the convention was the greetings sent by the Union of Croatian and Serbian Workers' Club of America. These greetings, as published in Borba for 13th September, contain the following passage:-

"Our mission is to lead the workers in the revolutionary organization under the guidance of the Communist Party of Canada for the overthrow of the existing Capitalist order and the establishment of Soviets".

An editorial appearing in this same issue of Borba entitled "Two Conventions" draws a comparison between the Jugo Slavian Workers' Clubs Convention and that of the Jugo Slav Canadian Association, the latter a Jugo Slav patriotic organization. It says:-

"While the Jugo Slavian Workers' Clubs firmly stand for revolutionary class struggle, the Jugo Slav Canadian Association works in the interests of Jugo Slav and Canadian Capitalists".

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4. Tom Hill Chief Editor of "Vapaus"

Tom Hill, paroled Communist, has been appointed Chief Editor of Vapaus. He is to address a series of meetings in Northern Ontario starting at the fall festival of the Finnish Organization at Beaver Lake on 22nd and 23rd September. His object is to popularize the decisions of the Seventh Convention of the Communist Party of Canada.

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5. [✂ deletion: blank] Working for C.P.C.

[✂ #] It has been reported that [✂ deletion: 2/3 line] is a member of the Communist Party though she does not officially belong to any party branch. To all outward appearance she is a member of the Socialist Party and she speaks as such from the platform. She has strict orders from the Communist Party to act as a Socialist in order to work under cover and win over elements who would not care to listen to or affiliate openly with Communists. Under guise of being a Socialist she has won over many people from the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and from churches in Toronto and other points in Ontario.

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7. [X deletion: blank] to Tour West

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[X deletion: 2/3 line], recently to take up Canadian Labour Defence League and Communist Party organizational work in Western Canada.

8. W.B.A. Strong Financially

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An item in the Ukrainian Labour News for 25th September states that the Workers' Benevolent Association has since its inception in 1922 paid out in sick benefits the sum of \$259,539.54, in death benefits \$40,772.16, and has now cash balance in the bank of \$90,854.86. In addition

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to this cash balance the organization claims assets in the form of properties valued at \$65,000.00.

9. Lumber Workers' Strike in NorthernOntario Growing

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The strike of lumber workers called by the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union of Canada in Northern Ontario about two weeks ago, is spreading. It is reported that it now involves over 800 lumber and pulp workers, principally in the Abitibi Company's camps in the Driftwood-Cochrane area. A report from Iroquois Falls says that 350 workers have recently joined the strike. It is the intention to make this strike as general as possible.

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APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCESI. BRITISH COLUMBIA10. Demonstration Before Japanese Consulate in Vancouver

[3 #] On 18th September a delegation representing the British Columbia League Against War and Fascism, the Friends of the Soviet Union, the Workers Ex-Service Men's League, and the Women's Labour League of Vancouver, B.C., headed by Mrs. Martin, visited the Japanese Consular's Office in an endeavour to lodge a protest against Japan's action in Manchuria. Six delegates, two of whom were Chinamen, gained admittance to the Consul's Office. They were, however, told by a member of the staff that the Consul would not see them but that they could, if they wished, send their complaints in writing. This they did. The delegation was supported by a crowd of demonstrators gathered on the streets adjacent to the building. The demonstrators commenced to block the traffic and as a squad of City Foot Police were unable to move the crowd the City Mounted Police were called into action to disperse them.

[3 #] The Unemployed Worker, a weekly mimeographed sheet appearing in the City of Vancouver, B.C., has dropped in circulation from 2,600 to 500 in the course of last week and its Editor, Purvis, has gone panicky, passing the job on to someone else.

[3 #] The financial report of the District Executive Committee of the Canadian Labour Defence League in Vancouver, B.C., for the month of August, 1934, shows a total income of \$731.91. Against this a total expenditure of \$656.05 is shown, leaving a balance on hand at the end of the month of \$75.86.

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A very enthusiastic meeting was held by the Friends of the Soviet Union at Vancouver, B.C., in the Moose Hall, on 16th September. The meeting

[3 #] opened with the singing of "The International" following which the Chairman, Mrs. Steeves (M.L.A.), addressed the audience. She emphasized that it was necessary to send delegates to the U.S.S.R. in order that the workers of this country could get the truth of what was really being done there. She appealed for the whole-hearted support of all workers to send the delegation to Russia.

She was followed by Jack Brown of the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union. His speech consisted of reminiscences of his trip to Russia some time ago. He painted a glowing picture of the reception accorded to him and the other delegates. He described how the Soviet Army had received the delegates on that occasion with an artillery salute while aeroplanes dropped leaflets to welcome them to the "Fatherland of the proletariat".

Arnold Webster, school teacher, maintained that the Nazi storm troopers' ranks in Germany were filled with young Communists waiting their chance to overthrow the Hitler regime. He declared that Communism as it is in Russia today is the only way out for the workers in this country.

Fred Grange, District Secretary of the Friends of the Soviet Union, in a 15-minute talk praised the rank and file worker for the noble support he has given the Friends of the Soviet Union, and appealed for more funds and more support in order that the organization may carry on successfully.

Short addresses were also given by the delegates who have been elected to represent Vancouver on the delegation which is being sent to Russia by the Friends of the Soviet Union of Canada next October. The delegates are Pete Munro, of the Street and Electric Railway workers,

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Tom Russell, from the Longshoremen's Union, and Mac McKinnon, prominent leader of the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union.

[#] A meeting of the Single Unemployed Men's Protective Association held at 52 1/2 Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C., on 21st September, attracted an audience of approximately 200.

McLeod, a member of the British Columbia Relief Camp Workers' Union, bitterly criticized the present system of relief, alleging that the authorities were discriminating against the workers.

Kelly, also of the British Columbia Relief Camp Workers' Union, in a long address dealt with the conditions existing in the National Defence relief camps in British Columbia. He urged greater organization among the camp workers as a means of forcing the authorities to concede to their demands. He ended with an appeal for more unity throughout the revolutionary movement.

Sims, the last speaker, outlined the whole relief situation, referring particularly to the miserable conditions prevailing in relief centres in Vancouver.

[3< #] Seventy-five people attended a meeting of the English Bay Branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union held at 710 Davie St., Vancouver, B.C., on 23rd September. Mrs. Stewart occupied the chair.

Breffit, of the Workers Ex-Service Men's League, spoke on "The Present Government in Canada". In a lengthy and uninteresting lecture he scored the present conditions in Canada under the Conservative regime.

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II. ALBERTA

11. Calgary Relief Strike Postponed

[3< #] The Calgary (Alta.) City Council on the night of 17th September voted by majority to continue the present schedule of relief indefinitely. This came as a surprise to the Unemployed Married Men's Association and the Communists as they fully expected that a cut would be put into effect. The proposed strike, therefore, has been called off indefinitely.

[3< #] The Unemployed Married Men's Association of Edmonton, Alta., held a meeting in the Albion Hall on the evening of 16th September with approximately 175 persons in attendance. J. A. MacPherson acted as Chairman, and the subject discussed was "Fascist Government". The speakers were O. C. Doolan, Dorsay, F. Newman, M. Rosen and J. Lakeman.

III. MANITOBA

12. United Front Formed Among Winnipeg Unemployed

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The proposed cut in the relief rates at Winnipeg, Man., has resulted in the formation of a "united front" of the various unemployed organizations. The Communist leaders are taking credit for this accomplishment. They claim that the only course open to resist these cuts in relief is by mass demonstration. All sections of the unemployed are being carefully canvassed and it is hoped to have a solid organization of unemployed in existence before winter sets in. The Neighbourhood Councils are very active among the married families and the Women's Labour League is trying to organize the single women, the Unemployed Single Men's Protective Association is busy organizing the single men and are laying plans for

mass demonstrations as soon as the cold weather sets in. The Workers Ex-Service Men's League is

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also active organizing among the unemployed ex-service men.

On the afternoon of 26th September a mass demonstration was staged in front of the main entrance to the Legislative Building. The gathering did not come up to the expectations, only about 400 men and women attended. The meeting was conducted by a railway employee, a man named Burns, and the speakers were George Nicols (E. Levi), A. B. Howe, a blind man, Cecil Spence, Mrs. Hutchins, from the Winnipeg Unemployed Association, and C. W. Foster.

Levi, a well known Communist, predicted that the worst is yet to come if the workers refuse to unite. He urged that they should be ready and know what to do when the time comes.

Howe characterized existing conditions as a disgrace to humanity.

The next speaker, C. Spence, made an appeal for unity ascribing all the present evils to lack of unity in organization.

Mrs. Hutchins insisted that the workers should not only repudiate the reduction in relief but strive to get an increase.

C. W. Foster, the last speaker, also pleaded for unity.

No attempts were made to send a delegation to interview the Provincial authorities. No banners or slogans were on display, and the meeting was quite orderly.

[* #] Headed by Reg. Cunningham, active English-speaking Communist, and J. Varga a delegation representing the Canadian Labour Defence League and the Hungarian Workers and Farmers Clubs visited the Royal Hungarian Consul at Winnipeg, Man., on 27th September. While the delegation endeavoured to interview the Consul and present to him a resolution of protest, about 50 people staged a demonstration

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outside the building. The Consul refused to meet the delegation.

On the following day a small gathering of about of about 20 persons paraded in front of the Consular Offices carrying banners. The City Police seized the banners and kept the demonstrators on the move. The demonstration was staged as a protest against the imprisonment of the Communist Rakosi in Hungary.

[X #] [X deletion: 1/4 line] recently resigned as Organiser from the Workers' Unity League in Winnipeg, Man. He, however, has not severed his connection with the league but will continue as an ordinary member devoting most of his energy to the building up of the Communist movement among the railway workers. His resignation was due to his refusal to accept the dictates of the Ukrainians who constitute the majority in the leadership of the Communist movement in Winnipeg. His policy has been to concentrate on the Anglo Saxon element which the leaders of foreign extraction resented. They disagreed, the result being that [X deletion: blank] resigned. The services of [X deletion: blank] will be greatly missed and, due to his resignation, it is thought that the movement has received a set back.

[X #] [X deletion: 1/4 line] who has just returned to Winnipeg, Man., appeared before the District Council of the Canadian Labour Defence League at Winnipeg and presented a full report regarding conditions in Flin Flon. He stated that the situation, as far as the defence of those arrested is concerned, looks very serious as most of those coming up for trial refused to have anything to do with the Canadian Labour Defence League. Further, that funds are very difficult to get and that the majority at Flin Flon refused altogether to assist in raising funds or helping in any way

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for the defence of [X 2/3 line] who are being blamed for losing the strike. He further stated that it is felt in Flin Flon that these people had no right to take part in the strike and that their pictures should not have been on the collection list as they were not miners. In consequence, [X deletion: blank] stated, the workers in Flin Flon were not interested in them in any way and that some of them have even expressed the hope that [X deletion: 1/2 line] would get a heavy sentence.

[X #] The Workers Ex-Service Men's League at Winnipeg, Man., which has been rather inactive for some considerable time, is being revived under the leadership of [X deletion: blank] A drive for new members is being made and at present the leaders are concentrating on grievances of ex-service men who have been cut off relief. In this way it is hoped to draw into the Workers Ex-Service Men's League all discontinued ex-service men. [X deletion: blank] has been connected with Communist activities for several years and is well known to the veterans of Winnipeg.

IV. ONTARIO13. [X deletion: 1 line]

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[X #] At a Canadian Labour Defence League Conference held at Port Arthur, Ont., on 21st September it was decided to hold an open-air protest meeting and street demonstration on 1st October. An application for permission to hold

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parades at Port Arthur and Fort William has been made and it is the intention to parade without a permit should same be refused, provided the crowd is large enough.

V. QUEBEC14. Notes

[X #] A mass meeting in the Prince Arthur Hall, Montreal, Que., on 20th September, marked the opening of the campaign for "Right to Strike and Picket" sponsored by the Canadian Labour Defence League in the City of Montreal. The meeting was a failure as only about 100 people attended.

Addresses were given by [X deletion: 1/4 line] who also acted as Chairman, [X deletion: blank] speaking in French on behalf of the [X deletion: 3/4 line] representing the Young Communist League, and [X deletion: 1/4 line] who spoke on behalf of the Workers' Unity League.

[X #] Despite extensive preparations the anti-war and anti-Fascist mass meeting held by the Canadian Labour Defence League in the large Carmen Sylva Hall at Montreal, Que., on the evening of 24 th September was a complete failure. Only about 100 people attended. [X deletion: 1/4 line] acted as Chairman and [X deletion: 1/3 line] of Toronto, Ont., was the main speaker, her subject being "The International Women's Congress Against War and Fascism" held in Paris, France, recently. She did not arouse much enthusiasm.

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The Italian Branch of the Canadian Labour Defence League in Montreal, Que., has formed a Patronati Group of about 40 members who are now collecting money for "class war" prisoners in Italy. All money collected is sent to the National Canadian Labour Defence League Office in Toronto, [X #]Ont., and then forwarded to the International Red Aid in Italy.

[X #] The furniture workers' strike in Montreal, Que., remains unsettled. Several arrests have taken place during the past week. [X deletion: 1/4 line] who came to Montreal for the occasion, is apparently not getting the results that he has obtained in other cities due to the difficulty of organizing the French-Canadian workers in this particular trade. The Furniture Workers' Union, as a result of the strike, is now without funds and it appears that the strikers will not hold out much longer.

[X #] A short lived but very militant strike of window cleaners took place in the City of Montreal, Que., recently. "Scabs" have been severely beaten and quite a few arrests have been made. The strikers gained a complete victory, securing an increase of 15 cents an hour, time and a half for overtime, and complete recognition of their union which is an affiliate of the Workers' Unity League. The militancy of this strike is looked upon with the greatest satisfaction by all "Left" organizations.

[X #] [X deletion: 2/3 line] of the Friends of the Soviet Union, visited Montreal, Que., recently for the purpose of checking up on what the local branch of his organization had accomplished in regard to sending three trade union delegates to the Soviet Union. It would appear

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that no delegate has been appointed in Montreal so far. Doubt is being expressed as to whether any delegate will go from Montreal at all for the cost is approximately \$300 per delegate which the local organization is asked to meet.

[X #] [X deletion: 2/3 line] of the Young Communist League of Canada, is now in Montreal, Que., and is making every effort to strengthen the local branch of the organization.

VI. THE MARITIME PROVINCES15. Miners' Strike at Glace Bay, N.S.

[#] A dispatch from Halifax, N.S., states that 1,500 miners from No. 2 mine at Glace Bay, N.S., came out on strike on the morning of 1st October, demanding a higher pay scale.
