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The attempts which have been made to settle the strikes among the lumber workers in Ontario have not been successful so far.

Mathew Popovich and Malcolm Bruce, who were recently released from Kingston Penitentiary, are touring the country. Their meetings are well attended.

A delegation 11 strong sailed from Montreal on 20th October under the auspices of the Friends of the Soviet Union to attend the November celebrations in Russia.

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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL1. Louis Perigaud Addresses Montreal Meeting

[✂ #] Louis Perigaud, representative of the World Committee Against War and Fascism, Paris, France, addressed a public meeting under the joint auspices of the Canadian Labour Defence League and the Italian Patronati of Montreal, Que., on 12th October. J. S. Wallace, who acted as Chairman, announced that the meeting was an anti-war and anti-Fascist rally. He explained that the Italian Patronati was an organization formed to combat Fascism in Italy.

An Italian named Perisco spoke briefly denouncing the Fascist "terror" in Italy.

Louis Perigaud spoke in French. His speech was translated into English by Stanley Ryerson. He conveyed greetings from the World Committee Against War and Fascism which, he asserted, had been formed two years ago in Amsterdam. He claimed that many difficulties had been met with at the start as some of those interested in the movement could not forget their own political prejudices when it came to forming a united front against Fascism. These difficulties, he maintained, had been overcome and now the rank and file of the organizations whose leaders attended the World Congress were solidly behind the united front against war and Fascism. He spoke of the progress made up to the time of the general strike in France in February this year. He said committees were being formed all over the world to fight Fascism and war. He cited the general strike as the best means at the disposal of the working class to fight war and Fascism. His speech was well received, and the meeting, generally speaking, was a very enthusiastic one. Many of the audience signed a paper declaring their intention to join the anti-war and anti-Fascist movement in Montreal. Quite a number of those present were of the better class and when an appeal for money was made they responded quite liberally.

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2. Mathew Popovich in Winnipeg

[✂ #] Mathew Popovich addressed a large mass meeting in the Ukrainian Labour Temple, Winnipeg, Man., on the evening of his arrival, 11th October. The Auditorium was filled to capacity. Many were sitting on the stairs, in the aisles and up in the balconies and hundreds who did not come early enough were turned away. He spoke for slightly over half an hour in

English congratulating the Winnipeg workers for the splendid spirit and support they had shown in the struggle for the release of the Communist Party leaders. He warned the workers of the danger of war and Fascism but expressed the hope that the working class will unite and will finally succeed in routing the Fascist forces. He spoke of the Congress Against War and Fascism held in Toronto, Ont., recently, claiming that it was a wonderful example of unity and expressive of the desire on the part of the working class to fight the common enemy. He cited present-day Germany as an outstanding example of Fascist rule.

Following a short intermission, which was utilized to take up a collection, Popovich resumed his address and speaking in Ukrainian he told of the conditions in Kingston Penitentiary. He blamed the Capitalist system, particularly the schools, for the conditions existing in Canadian prisons. He asserted that many youths have been sent to prison since the present economic depression commenced. He claimed that Canadian penal institutions do not serve to reform criminals as no convict has ever come out reformed. Speaking of the trial of the Communist Party leaders he said that he would be a traitor to his class had he flinched from his responsibility as a leader of the working class and the Communist Party of Canada. He condemned Section 98 and urged the workers to fight for its abolition.

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On the afternoon of 14th October a reception and banquet were given in his honour at the Ukrainian Labour Temple. Representatives from all Ukrainian mass organizations tendered greetings and good wishes. The Young Pioneers presented him with a large bouquet of roses amidst singing "The International", "The Red Flag", and much cheering. Popovich assured them that the arrests of the leaders will stop when every worker becomes a leader and organizer. "The bourgeoisie Government will not be able to jail all the workers, it will be easier to jail the bourgeoisie as this class is much smaller in numbers", he said.

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### 3. Malcolm Bruce in Vancouver

Malcolm Bruce was the principal speaker at a well attended meeting of the Vancouver (B.C.) Branch of the Canadian Labour Defence League held in the Orange Hall on 15th October; there being well over 1,000 persons present, and the meeting was presided over by William Bennett.

Bruce extended greetings from Tim Buck and Ewen and then proceeded to discuss the various political forces at work in Canada and other countries. He bitterly attacked the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and

strongly criticized all charitable organizations in the city, particularly the Community Chest Fund movement. He devoted a great deal of his time to his experiences in Kingston Penitentiary and the alleged shooting of Tim Buck. He explained that he was making a Western tour to tell the public the truth regarding conditions in Kingston Penitentiary. Referring to the alleged shooting of Tim Buck he affirmed that Tim Buck was shot at and stated that he knew three of the four guards who had shot at him. These people, he said, were merely guards and were acting on orders from the "higher-ups". Referring to the alleged brutal treatment at

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Kingston, Bruce stated that prisoners had been chained to bars, also that the paddle was used on many occasions. In conclusion he stated that he would sooner be with the prisoners in Kingston than be voted into the Provincial House at Victoria. He asked his audience to bear in mind that he might be classed as a man walking around with a handcuff on one arm.

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#### 4. [☒ deletion: blank] On Tour

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##### (A) In Winnipeg

[☒ deletion: 1/4 line] National Secretary of the Workers' Unity League, spent some time recently in the City of Winnipeg, Man., in an endeavour to bolster up the local Workers' Unity League. He concentrated his efforts with a view to building up the Executive Committees of the various unions affiliated with the Workers' Unity League. He addressed a public meeting in the Regent Theatre on 7th October, stressing the importance of organizing the railroad workers into the Workers' Unity League. [☒ deletion: blank] showed keen disappointment in the poor showing made by the Workers' Unity League in the district. He urged the leaders that if they were unable to organize the railroad workers into the Workers' Unity League, to get into the "Right" wing railroad unions and work from within.

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##### (B) In Regina

[☒ #] [☒ deletion: 1/4 line] addressed a meeting in the Balfour Technical School, Regina, Sask., on 14th October. About 200 people were present and [☒ deletion: 1/4 line] acted as Chairman. The subject of his speech was "Non-Contributory Unemployment Insurance". He urged the workers to fight against the Unemployment Insurance Bill sponsored by the Government and to join the Workers' Unity League, saying that they could

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join it and still belong to the American Federation of Labor or any other union. He claimed that during the last year the Workers' Unity League had led over 500 strikes in Canada, quoting the one in Stratford as an outstanding example of what the Workers' Unity League can accomplish. He asserted that the Workers' Unity League was not a branch of the Communist Party of Canada. He admitted, however, that some of the leaders like Tom Ewen and himself were Communists.

Little enthusiasm was manifest at this meeting.

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5. Mabel Marlowe On Tour(A) In Brandon

Mabel Marlowe addressed an audience of about 200 in the City Hall Chambers, Brandon, Man., on 12th October. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Canadian Labour Defence League and in behalf of the arrested Flin Flon strikers. In the course of her speech she recounted the history of the strike, claiming that the miners were forced to strike for higher pay and better working conditions. She made the usual appeal for funds. The amount collected was not announced, however.

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(B) In Regina

[✂ #] Mabel Marlowe addressed a meeting of the Regina (Sask.) Branch of the Canadian Labour Defence League in the Labour Temple on 15th October. Preceding her [✂ deletion: 1/4 line] of Regina addressed the gathering pointing out the aims and objects of the Canadian Labour Defence League and the work it had accomplished in connection with the release of the Communist Party leaders from Kingston Penitentiary.

Mabel Marlowe drew a gruesome picture of the

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conditions at Flin Flon (Man.) under which the miners lived and worked. She then went on to relate the history of the Flin Flon strike. She claimed that after six months of intensive and secret organization among the miners 600 of them had joined the Mine Workers' Union of Canada. In closing she appealed to the audience to donate as liberally as they could towards the fund for the defence of the strikers who are to be tried at Flin Flon at the end of October. She said the sum required is about \$2,000. She intimated that there would be another strike in Flin Flon in 1935.

The meeting applauded Marlowe very enthusiastically.

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### 6. James Corrigan Convicted

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[✂ deletion: 1/4 line] on 10th October at Edmonton, Alta., was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the Fort Saskatchewan Provincial jail for "counselling and inciting a riot" and for being "a member of an unlawful assembly" on 20th December, 1932. He declined to appeal.

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### 7. Jim Turner On Tour Organizing W.S.A.

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Jim Turner, General Secretary of the Workers' Sports Association, is now in the Winnipeg (Man.) District addressing meetings and organizing on behalf of the association. He will also visit the Port Arthur and Sudbury (Ont.) Districts.

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### 8. Tom Hill In Northern Ontario

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A. T. Hill addressed a mass meeting at Cochrane, Ont., on 15th October. The attendance numbered approximately 500, and the meeting was held in behalf of the campaign for the release of Tim Buck.

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He visited Rouyn, Que., on 18th October and was met at the station by a crowd of sympathizers who presented him with a bouquet of red roses

[✂ #] and then escorted him to the Ukrainian Hall where he addressed a gathering of local radicals.

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### 9. Canadian Delegation Sails for U.S.S.R.

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The Trade Union delegation selected by the Friends of the Soviet Union in Canada sailed on the S.S. "Montrose" from Montreal, Que., for the U.S.S.R. on 20th October.

It included:-

P. Russell	--	Vancouver, B.C.
MacKinnon	--	" "

P. C. Munro	--	" "
Thomas E. Mountford	--	Wynndel, B.C.
Enoch Williams	--	Blairmore, Alta.
Louis Krakover	--	Toronto, Ont.
Sam Scarlett	--	" "
Jack Cowan	--	" "
N. Nadeau	--	Montreal, Que.
J. Peon	--	" "
M.A. McKenzie	--	Sydney, N.S.

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## APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCES

### I. BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### 10. Lumber Workers' Strike In Port Alberni

[⌘ #] On 10th October a strike was declared in the lumber mill operated by the Alberni Pacific Lumber Company at Port Alberni, B.C. Organizers of the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union who are in charge of the strike assert that the "walk-out" took place in protest against the discrimination policy of the company. They allege that four of their number had been discharged because they were members of the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union. The company officials, however, charge that these men had been dismissed because they had organized Camp Committees which was in violation of the existing agreement. The agreement entered into last spring stipulated that Camp Committees would not be tolerated in camp and that no organization meetings were to be held on company property. The Organizers of the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union have declared that they would hold meetings whether the company liked it or not. The union headquarters in Vancouver have issued a call for pickets to stop workers going to Port Alberni.

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[⌘ #] The Communist Party in Vancouver, B.C., held a concert meeting in the Orange Hall on 14th October. Approximately 450 people were present, and the purpose of the meeting was to raise funds for The Worker. A number of musical selections were rendered by the Jugo Slav Orchestra and an address was given by William Bennett. He made a vicious attack on the Capitalist press and appealed for subscriptions for The Worker. He asserted that the British Columbia District will endeavour to collect \$1,000 for this paper.



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Approximately 900 people attended a meeting of the Unemployed Single Men's Protective Association in the Orange Hall, Vancouver, B.C., [X #] on 7th October. The meeting was called primarily to hear a report on the Unemployed Conference held in the Orange Hall on 29th and 30th September.

[X deletion: 1/4 line] reported on the good work which had been done by the Grievance Committee of the Workers Ex-Service Men's League. He urged all ex-service men to join the league.

A man named [X deletion: blank] also spoke, urging the audience to forget their political differences and to fight against conditions on a united front basis. He asserted that there was no justice in the law courts of Canada, that discrimination was evident in many trials, particularly when radicals are being tried. He said that he, personally, would not stop fighting until the Capitalist class was extinct.

[X deletion: blank] another speaker, described conditions prevalent in the institutions which took care of single men in the provinces. He urged the workers to become organized and to fight for an increase in the relief rates.

[X deletion: blank] the last speaker, also emphasized the need for better organization.

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## II. ALBERTA

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A District Convention of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association was held in Coleman, Alta., on 7th October. Delegates were present from Michel, B.C., Coleman, Blairmore, Hillcrest and Bellevue, Alta.

[X #] The various reports submitted disclosed that the branches at Bellevue and Blairmore were very inactive during the last few months, in fact, were almost defunct. The branch at Michel, the reports showed, made considerable progress. It enlarged its membership and was very active generally. [X deletion: 1/4 line] of Coleman was elected District Organizer.

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[✂ #] On 6th October 42 inmates of the Government camp at Coleman, Alta., quit work and proceeded to Calgary. On their arrival 21 of these men entered a restaurant, ordered meals and then refused to pay for same. They were arrested and are being held for trial on a charge of "vagrancy". They are being defended by the Canadian Labour Defence League.

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[✂ #] All the men employed in the Ideal Coal Company mine at Wayne, Alta., came out on strike on the morning of 11th October. The strike involves about 100 men.

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### III. MANITOBA

#### 12. Winnipeg Communists Enter Civic Election

[✂ #] A recent United Front Election Conference attended by 65 delegates representing 37 organizations in the City of Winnipeg, Man., nominated M. J. Forkin for the Aldermanic seat in Ward 3, Saul Simkin for Ward 2, and M. Sawiak for the School Board in Ward 3.

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### IV. ONTARIO

#### 13. Lumber Workers' Strike Continues

[✂ #] The pulp-cutters' strike in Ontario continues. In the Algoma Central Railway area two more camps have joined the strike, bringing the total number of workers involved in this particular area to approximately 750. A meeting of strikers held at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., on 22nd October unanimously and emphatically rejected the settlement proposals made by the Honourable Peter Heenan, Ontario Minister of Lands and Forests. Strike leaders considered the settlement offer as a snare.

Vapaus, for 10th October, reports that 150 workers from Brancken's camp in the Cochrane District have joined the strike.

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[✂ #] [✂ deletion: 2/3 line] addressed a public meeting at the Chabot Hall, Ottawa, Ont., on 6th October. The meeting was held in the interests of the men who are awaiting trial at Amos, Que., for their strike activities at Noranda.

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[X #] [X deletion: 1/3 line] of New Toronto, Ont., has arrived in Ottawa to replace [X deletion: blank] local Teacher of Ukrainian mass organizations, who has been transferred to Sudbury.

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[X #] At a meeting of the Ottawa (Ont.) Branch of the Canadian Labour Defence League on 15th October it was resolved to ask [X deletion: blank] if he would be willing to organize the English Branch of the Canadian Labour Defence League.

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### V. QUEBEC

#### 14. Notes

Provincial and City Police broke up a demonstration of Communists who gathered at the Court House, Montreal, Que., on 18th October, when Sam and Ann Feigelman came up for sentence after being found guilty of selling seditious literature. Sam Feigelman was sent to jail for one month and the girl received a suspended sentence.

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[X #] A meeting of the Secretariat of the Canadian Labour Defence League in Montreal, Que., held on 11th October it was revealed that the organization now finds itself to the extent of over \$500 in debt. This, it was alleged, due to the fact that it had to support both the youth and the adult Anti-War and Anti-Fascist Conferences, and also that large sums of money have been spent on court cases. The Secretariat decided that no more financial support will be given to the Anti-War and Anti-Fascist Conference. Further, unions involved in strikes will have to defray any expenses arising out of the arrests of any of their members. [X deletion: 1/4 line] Business Manager of the Dresscutters' Union, was recently sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$100 on a charge of "conspiracy". The case has been appealed and [X deletion: blank] is at present out on bail. The Canadian Labour Defence League decided to make a real issue out of this case in an attempt to form a United Front with various "Right" wing unions.

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[X #] [X deletion: 1/4 line] arrived in Montreal, Que., on 7th October and has since addressed a number of meetings of the French-speaking workers.

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