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Malcolm Bruce has left Vancouver to attend the Annual Convention of the Mine Workers' Union of Canada which is being held in Calgary, Alta.

There are indications that the revolutionary element are planning to create strife among the miners in the Bienfait (Sask.) District.

The Friends of the Soviet Union party which left Canada recently to visit Russia was given quite a send-off. This delegation is described as one of the strongest groups to leave Canada.

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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERALI. Revolutionary Work among Children

The First National Conference of revolutionary work among children

[✂ #] took place in Toronto, Ont., on 13th and 14th October. About 50 delegates from points as far away as Vancouver were in attendance, including leading

figures in the children's movement in the United States of America. Many of the delegates were members of Young Pioneer Groups.

Minnie Shelley, head of the National Children's Council, delivered the main report and generally led the conference. She showed by many illustrations that the children's movement in Canada is growing.

Mrs. Wilson of Vancouver, Leslie Morris, prominent Communist and Editor of The Worker, and Sam Carr also attended and took an active part in the proceedings.

The question of how to win the children for the militant working class and away from Fascism was given primary consideration. It was pointed out that this was the task of the workers' organizations and it was recommended that the revolutionary trade unions and unemployed associations help building the children's section, that under their guidance the child labourers be organized by the Pioneer leaders. It was further recommended that the National Children's Council prepare a memorandum on "Child Labour" to be sent through delegations to Provincial and Federal Governments presenting the demands of the militant labour movement for the child labourers.

A great deal of attention was paid to the problems of where are the leaders to come from. It was resolved that training schools be organized for leaders and that a mimeographed bulletin called "Leader Manual" be issued regularly for these leaders. Further, that greater efforts be made to secure more matured people for this particular work.

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The conference also discussed the fact that over 100,000 children are in the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movement. It was pointed out that the only way to win these boys and girls over to the side of the working class was through united front action, particularly in the schools.

The conference also paid considerable attention to the question of enlarging the circulation of the children's magazine "Always Ready". It was decided to increase the circulation of this magazine to 7,000 copies per issue by 1st May. It was further decided to hold a conference of school teachers of the various language sections next year; to issue a program for the Pioneer movement every six months; recruit 100 French children into the movement by 1st May; and to issue a printed manual "Hints to Pioneer Leaders" containing elementary directives on the program of the Pioneer movement.

The third week in October, being International Children's Week, has been set aside for work among the children. Calls have been issued by all responsible bodies in the revolutionary movement to devote this week to a campaign among school children with a view to enlarging the existing

Pioneer Groups and Youth Sections of the various revolutionary language mass organizations. Another object of this drive is to enlarge the circulation of "Always Ready", the official organ of the Young Pioneers.

2. The Finnish Organization of Canada

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An Enlarged District Committee meeting of District No. 8 of the Finnish Organization of Canada was held in the Clinton Hall, Vancouver, B.C., on 7th October. The branches represented were: Chase River, Vancouver and Websters Corners. There were also present delegates from

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the local branches of the Women's Labour League, the Workers' Sports Association, the Canadian Labour Defence League and the Fishermen's and Cannery Workers' Industrial Union. Tim Buck, Tom Ewen and Arthur Evans were elected Honorary Members of the presidium.

The Secretary's report showed that the District Committee has not been able to revive the activities of the branches throughout the district, that in some localities the Pioneers' movement had died altogether. The Secretary also reported that insufficient interest and energy were shown in campaigns, particularly in the drive for Vapaus. It was, however, admitted that the branches had played a very active part in the campaigns of the Canadian Labour Defence League and the Workers' International Relief and also in the campaign against war and Fascism.

Greetings were read from District No. 9 of the Communist Party of Canada and the Jugo Slavian Workers' Clubs. The latter promised to aid the Finnish workers to crush the Capitalist system and establish a Soviet Canada.

The delegate from the local Gymnastic and Sports Association reported that it had been very inactive during the summer months and requested support from the Finnish Organization.

Another report showed that the Finnish Organization had materially assisted the Fishermen's and Cannery Workers' Industrial Union.

3. Matthew Popovich in Winnipeg

[✂ #] M. Popovich addressed a meeting in the Ukrainian Labour Temple at Transcona, Man., on 15th October, his subject being "The Rise of Fascism". He urged the workers to join the labour organizations and to help to build up the united front.

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He also addressed a mass meeting held under the auspices of the Russian Workers' Clubs on 19th October. The meeting was attended by about 350 [✂ #] people and he chose as his subject "The International Situation". He attempted to show that the bourgeoisie is preparing for a new imperialist war against the U.S.S.R.

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5. Send-Off to Russian Delegates

[✂ #] A mass meeting of the Friends of the Soviet Union was held in Prince Arthur Hall, Montreal, Que., on 19th October, as a send-off to the 11 delegates proceeding to Russia. About 300 people attended. The audience would probably have been bigger but for the fact that another meeting was being held the same evening in St.

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Martin's Hall which was better attended.

Joseph Peon, a French longshoreman, Napoleon Nadeau, another French-Canadian delegate, Peter C. Munro, a representative of the Vancouver Street Railwaymen's Union, one MacKinnon, a Vancouver lumber worker, and P. T. Russell, a representative of the Vancouver Waterfront Workers' Association, all made short speeches. Sam Scarlett, of the Workers' Unity League and the Friends of the Soviet Union, made a rather vigorous attack on Mr. Bennett. He gave an imaginary telephone conversation between Stalin and Mr. Bennett which caused much laughter and loud applause.

Jack Cowan, of the Toronto Office of the Friends of the Soviet Union, who is in charge of this party, spoke briefly.

About 300 people assembled at the docks to bid this party bon voyage and the "International" was sung in both English and French as the "Montrose" left the docks.

6. The Jewish National Bureau of the C.P. of C.

[✂ #] Der Kampf, in its 19th October issue, publishes the program adopted at the last session of the Jewish National Bureau of the Communist Party of Canada as follows:-

- "(1) To popularize the decisions of the Communist Party Convention among the Jewish workers through the press, leaflets, lectures, meetings and pamphlets.
- "(2) To recruit within the next three months 150 new members for the Communist Party as follows: 70 in Toronto, 50 in Montreal, 25 in Winnipeg, and 10 in other towns.
- "(3) To establish sections of the Communist Party in every Jewish mass organization and to manifest it in every action.
- "(4) To draw in the Communist Party the best and most active members of our mass organizations.

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- "(5) To strengthen the Communist Party fractions and to give better leadership to our mass organizations.
- "(6) To build up on a larger scale our organizations and press
- "(7) To prepare for the forthcoming Federal elections.
- "(8) To intensify our anti-Fascist movement and to draw in the Jewish petty-bourgeois organizations in the united front against war and Fascism.
- "(9) Through the celebration on 7th November to build up a stronger IKOR.
- "(10) To enforce the propaganda against the Fascist Codes.
- "(11) To draw in the Jewish Organizations in a struggle for social insurance against unemployment and to prepare to demonstrate on 7th November.
- "(12) To support our brother organ La Vie Ouvriere.
- "(13) To intensify the drive for The Worker.

[✂ #] Der Kampf, for 19th October, also announces the formation of a Proletarian Authors' Circle in Montreal and Winnipeg which has for its object:-

"To write from time to time a literary page in the Kampf; to publish a literary monthly periodical, and to prepare the ground for a Dominion-wide organization of Jewish proletarian writers; to group around them the Worker correspondents; to establish a Study Circle of their own where various proletarian literary problems should be explained in the light of marxism; and to appear collectively at workers' mass meetings".

7. Unemployment Insurance

[✂ #] Seventeenth November has been selected by the National Unemployment Council as a day upon which country-wide demonstrations and mass meetings shall take place to demand that the Government act at once on the question of unemployment insurance. Prior to that time conferences are to be held throughout the country to decide which are the best forms of struggle in their own localities. Mass demonstrations and parades and the sending of deputations to the local authorities will mark 17th November.

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APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCES

I. BRITISH COLUMBIA

8. L.W.I.U. Meeting in Vancouver

[✂ #] The Lumber Workers' Industrial Union in Vancouver, B.C., held a public meeting at the Orange Hall on 21st October. J. Johnson acted as Chairman and the attendance numbered approximately 400.

The first speaker was one Lorne from the Alberni Pacific Lumber Company at Port Alberni, B.C. He gave a brief outline of how this camp was being operated, asserting that the bosses were again intimidating the workers and showing considerable discrimination which, he said, was the main reason for the present strike.

The second speaker, one LaRoche, reiterated Lorne's remarks adding that the management of the camp had forbidden any sort of workers' newspapers to be sold in the camp. Four men, he alleged, had been discharged for their working class activities.

Fred Grange also spoke on the strike situation claiming that this camp came out to defend the interests of the working class. He stressed the importance of maintaining a strong picket line. He informed the audience that the longshoremen at Port Alberni are co-operating to the extent of refusing to handle "scab" cargo in the event the management did succeed in producing lumber with non-union labour.

[X #] [X deletion: 1/4 line] arrived in Vancouver, B.C., from Winnipeg, Man., to assume the function of Section Organizer replacing [X deletion: 1/4 line] who proceeded to Winnipeg to edit the Scandinavian paper Frihet.

[X #] As a result of [X deletion: 1/4 line] transfer from Vancouver to Winnipeg, [X deletion: 1/4 line] has been installed as Literature Agent for the Vancouver District, [X deletion: 1/4 line] as assistant.

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Unit No. 5 of the Unemployed Married Men's Association of Edmonton, Alta., met at [X deletion: 1/4 line] residence on 17th October, to consider primarily the question of a new Executive Committee. The meeting elected [X #] an Executive consisting of the following: [X deletion: 2 1/2 lines] delegate to the Central Council of the association. It was reported that so far there have been organized five branches under the new reorganization scheme, and that the Women's Auxiliaries work in conjunction with the area branches.

[X #] The 20 unemployed single men from the Coleman (Alta.) relief camp who were arrested by the City Police in Calgary for ordering meals in a local restaurant and then refusing to pay, were on 11th October sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and costs or 30 days in prison. Not having the money they went to jail. The Unemployed Married Men's Association, in conjunc-

tion with the Canadian Labour Defence League, have entered an appeal as a test case.

[✂ #] The Single Men's Section of the Unemployed Married Men's Association of Calgary, Alta., held two mass meetings on 16th October. After some argument a number of the single men decided to go back to the relief camps. This in spite of the attempts of the Communist Party to retain them in the city to fight for their rights.

[✂ #] Harry Patterson, recently returned from the Toronto (Ont.) Congress Against War and Fascism, spoke before an audience of approximately 700 in Calgary, Alta., on 18th October, giving an outline of the proceedings of this congress.

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III. SASKATCHEWAN

10. Mabel Marlowe in Saskatoon

[✂ #] Mabel Marlowe addressed a public meeting in the Regent Hall, Saskatoon, Sask., on the night of 17th October, her subject being "The Flin Flon Strike". She was bitter in her attack on the Anti-Communist League in Flin Flon and Premier Bracken of Manitoba whom, she charged, used the slogan "Canada First" to protect American interests. The meeting was attended by approximately 100 people with [✂ deletion: 2/3 line] in the chair. H. E. Mills, of Colonsay, and Ceril Harding also spoke.

A resolution demanding a fifteen per cent increase in cash relief was passed by the meeting. Other resolutions protesting against the deportation of Patrick O'Daire, one of the rioters at the Saskatoon relief camp last year, and demanding that R. J. Swain, another of those convicted at the same time as O'Daire and recently released from Prince Albert on parole, be placed on relief were also passed by the meeting.

[✂ #] [✂ deletion: 1/4 line] Provincial Organizer of the Farmers' Unity League in Saskatchewan, addressed a public meeting in the Legion Hall at Shaunavon, Sask., on 18th October. He dwelt upon the evils of war and Fascism and claimed that Fascism is becoming more prevalent in Canada every day. He made special mention of [✂ deletion: 1/2 line], charac-

terizing him as an Organizer of the Fascist Party. He also bitterly attacked the leaders of the Canadian Government who, he said, had put thousands of people out of work.

Clarence Stork, M.L.A. for the Shaunavon Constituency, also spoke briefly condemning war.

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It is reported that the Bienfait Unemployed Association is working secretly among the miners with a view to calling a general strike. Among [§ #] those organizing for this association are [§ deletion: 1 line]

[§ deletion: blank] has received some training at the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association in Winnipeg recently and is now working in the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Coal Company.

[§ deletion: 1/4 line] who made a trip to Russia to fetch his family in 1930, works as section man on the Canadian Pacific Railway in summer and in the mines in winter.

IV. MANITOBA

11. The Railroad Workers' Industrial League

[§ #] A special meeting of the Railroad Workers' Industrial League in Winnipeg, Man., was held on 10th October, attended by [§ deletion: 2/3 line] National Organizer of the Workers' Unity League, and M. J. Forkin were also present. The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing a plan of action in the railroad industry. This plan, which was presented by [§ deletion: blank] and M. J. Forkin, is based upon the following points:-

- (1) Demand for the return of basic rates of pay.
- (2) Demanding the right to have a representation on the Negotiating Committee for wages and hours.
- (3) Recognition of Grievance Committees in the shops.
- (4) All apprentices to be organized into the Weston Railroad Workers' Organization.
- (5) A United Front with the Railroad Unemployed Association.
- (6) A special bulletin be issued dealing with the Division No. 4 Convention.
- (7) The formation of "Left" wing groups within

the American Federation of Labor
lodges of machinists, carmen,
blacksmiths and boilermakers.

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The programme was adopted and the members of the meeting pledged themselves to carry it into effect in the Weston Railroad Workers' Organization.

[✂ #] The coming trial of the Flin Flon Strikers, which is to commence on 30th October, is causing the District Office of the Canadian Labour Defence League in Winnipeg, Man., considerable concern. Mabel Marlowe's tour to raise funds has met with very little success. To date she has only been able to raise sufficient money to pay her own expenses. To aggravate matters the forthcoming Civic election campaign will command a certain amount of attention.

V. ONTARIO

12. C.I. and Y.C.I. Appeal for Spanish Workers

[✂ #] The 17th October issue of The Worker contains appeals issued by the Communist International and the Young Communist International in which the working class of the world is called upon to rally immediately to the support of the Spanish workers in their revolutionary struggle against "Fascist reaction". The appeals are particularly addressed to the members of the Socialist International and the Socialist International of Youth.

Considerable space is allotted in this issue to the Spanish Revolution. An editorial urges the Canadian workers, farmers and middle class people to heed the appeal of the Communist International and the Young Communist International. It says in part:-

"Every Spanish consulate must receive deputations of workers demanding a halt to the murderous attack of the Spanish police and soldiery upon the struggling masses. Mass meetings and demonstrations should be organized, on the widest united front basis, great the struggle in Spain and to present ultimatums to the representatives of Spanish capitalism here!

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"Demonstrate, then, your support to the Spanish people! Organize mass meetings, send delegations to Spanish consulates, awaken the

masses of Canada to the significance of the struggle in Spain, and thereby speed the fight against the drive to Fascism and to War!"

On 13th October the Young Communist League in Toronto, Ont., staged a demonstration at the offices of the Spanish Consulate and sent a delegation to the Consul demanding "the stopping of the regime of mass murder by the Spanish Fascist Government against the workers and peasants of Spain". The Consul agreed to forward the demands to the Spanish Government.

The National Executive Bureau of the newly-formed Canadian League Against War and Fascism dispatched a strongly worded cablegram to Premier Lerroux of Spain protesting against the measures taken by the Spanish Government to suppress the anti-Fascist wave. The cable was sent following a meeting of the National Executive Bureau on 16th October. The meeting was attended by all members resident in Toronto including the Reverend Salem Bland, Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, A. E. Smith, Leslie Morris and others. The cablegram read as follows:-

"THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND CANADIAN ANTI-FASCISTS PROTEST RISING SPANISH FASCISM. DEMAND CESSATION OF GOVERNMENT TERROR AND UNCONDITIONAL LIBERATION ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS"

[✂ #] The Council of the Building Trades Workers' Industrial Union, an affiliate of the Workers' Unity League, has issued a call to all American Federation of Labor and All-Canadian Congress of Labour building trades unions in the City of Toronto, Ont., for a United Front against the workers' codes sponsored by the Provincial Government and to force the latter to adopt a building program which would provide employment for the unemployed workers in the building industry.

The call proposes a United Front Conference in the Labour Lyceum on 24th November.

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Leslie Morris was the main speaker at a meeting in the Massey Hall, Toronto, Ont., on 21st October, held under the auspices of the Workers' [✂ #] Forum. There were approximately 1,800 persons in attendance, and A. E. Smith presided over the meeting. Leslie Morris' speech was typically anti-Fascist and anti-Capitalist, a condemnation of all Governments except that of the U.S.S.R.

VI. QUEBEC13. Notes

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[✂ #] The District Central Council of the Canadian Labour Defence League in Montreal, Que., met on 20th October. Among the many items under consideration was the [✂ deletion: 1/4 line] Although the National Office and the local Bureau of the Communist Party more or less decided that an appeal should be made and a national issue of the case, the council resolved that it would not pay to appeal the case in view of the short sentence and the cost of the appeal. It was further resolved that a campaign, both local and national, be launched against Section 98 and the police "terror"; that a special leaflet be issued on these issues; further that a big mass meeting be held in the St. James Market Hall with A. E. Smith as the principal speaker. The decision will be submitted to the Communist Party fraction and if approved will then be submitted to a

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general membership meeting of the Canadian Labour Defence League which is scheduled to take place on 27th October. It was reported that the owners of the Russian Hall of the French Canadian Labour Defence League have been served with summons for operating halls without licenses. This, it was said, was part of the campaign by the Montreal City Police to close every Canadian Labour Defence League hall in the city.

VII. THE MARITIME PROVINCES14. C.L.D.L. in Halifax, N.S.

[✂ #] An effort is being made in Halifax, N.S., to reorganize the local Canadian Labour Defence League. All the ex-members will be approached with a view to rejoining the branch and it is intended to rent a suitable hall.
