

APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCESI. BRITISH COLUMBIA8. Patrick Driscoll

- [3<#] Patrick Driscoll alias James Lacy is now serving three months in Oakalla Jail, B.C., in connection with his activities which resulted in the men of the S.S. "Southholm" refusing to work.

II. ALBERTA9. Communist Activity -- Calgary

- [3<#] The Communist Party at Calgary, Alta., are active in trying to get literature into the Sarcee Military Training Camp to influence members of the Militia. They claim that most of the non-permanent Militia are sympathetic to the workers' cause and would refuse to fight against the workers in case of trouble. The local mimeograph machine is kept busy printing pamphlets to be distributed in the camps.

- [3<#] Approximately 250 persons attended a picnic held in Edmonton, Alta., on 7th July, consisting of Party members and sympathizers. J. Lakeman and O. C. Doolan spoke on the Communist Party election programme, scoring the Capitalist system, the action of the Dominion Government towards the British Columbia strikers at Regina, classing this action as Fascist dictatorship and police terror.

On 8th July J. Lakeman gave a report on the local political and economic situation, the C.P. achievements and shortcomings, together with an agenda of the future tasks. Lakeman remarked that the C.P. in Edmonton is growing rapidly and at this time have 209 Party members, seventy-five per cent of which have been obtained during the last six months, also that the C.P. members in Edmonton have collected over \$1,500 for Party funds and sold hundreds of dollars worth of C.P. literature besides publishing various leaflets, arranging mass protest meetings, organizing the Canadian League Against War and

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Fascism in which they have interested various local women's and youth organizations, trade unions, church representatives and a few intellectual individuals. The C.P. has also led the local strikes and organized a number of group contacts in local political parties and the principal industries such

as the railroads, mines, packing plants, etc., together with the recruiting of a large number of members into local mass organizations. Further, that the Party had succeeded in electing two members in the Edmonton Trades and Labour Council, and made 16 contacts in trade unions. Lakeman also pointed out that the leadership of the C.P. in Edmonton is today composed largely of British-born persons which, he stated, will obviate the opportunities of the Dominion Government for using Sections 41 and 42 of the Immigration Act in deporting leaders of the Communist Movement. He then went on to say that during the past six months the C.P. throughout Canada has made considerable success in all ventures they have undertaken, organized and led. But, today we are confronted with more important tasks and to meet situations that may arise in the future, we must be prepared to go underground at any time and also to be in a position to replace the present leadership of the C.P. if the leaders in question are arrested by police.

Every Unit and Section must now become an independent section of the C.P., must have its own typewriter and mimeograph machine with its own Section leaders. We must activize all Party members we now have and each member must become a real Bolshevik before any new members are taken on, and that any recommendations regarding new members must be rigidly scrutinized and investigated before such recommendation is allowed into the Party.

[✂#] On 7th July a meeting of the Unemployed Single Men's Protective Association was held in Edmonton, Alta., at which 30 persons attended, the majority being strikers from Regina. It was decided that those who wished to do so should go to the relief camps

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and commence organization for a strike in the fall.

The Communist Party at Calgary, Alta., are again planning a children's [✂#] school at Sylvan Lake. It is expected to be ready in two weeks.

III. SASKATCHEWAN

10. Saskatchewan Union of Unemployed -- Saskatoon

[X#] A mass meeting was held by the Saskatchewan Union of Unemployed in the Roxy Theatre at Saskatoon, Sask., on 9th July. The speakers were John Boychuk and Tim Buck.

Boychuk spoke on the Regina riot appealing for funds for the defence of those arrested.

Buck also spoke on the B.C. trekkers, saying that when they were reorganized he hoped they would be 50,000 strong, and that he would give his support all the way.

The theatre was packed mostly with people of foreign extraction. One worthy feature of the meeting was the absence of responsible people. Buck and Boychuk left Saskatoon for Winnipeg after the meeting.

[X#] [Xdeletion: 1/4 line] arrived in Regina with the object of taking charge of the defence of the rioters and leaders arrested in Regina on 1st July. He announced he would stay in Regina for at least a fortnight.

[X#] About 36 persons attended a meeting at Mitchellton, Sask., to hear T. C. McManus, Communist Party candidate for Moose Jaw. His speech was the usual denunciation of the country's economic system and the customary appeal to the working class for mass action in their own interests. Meetings were held at Dunkirk,

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Ardill, Crane Valley and Davyroyd, with small attendances and not very enthusiastic audiences.

IV. MANITOBA

11. Camp Strikers' Supporting Conference -- Winnipeg

[X#] A mass meeting of the Camp Strikers' Supporting Conference was held in Winnipeg, Man., on Saturday, 13th July, with approximately 3,000 in attendance. The speakers were J. Litterick and the Reverend S. B. East.

J. Litterick, Organizer of the Communist Party and the Provincial Manager of the Communist election campaign, stated that it was the C.P. that was leading the camp strikers, not only in Winnipeg but throughout the whole of Canada, and they were proud to give this leadership and

appreciated very much the support given the C.P. in this great struggle of the camp workers by other labour organizations.

The Reverend S. B. East spoke at great length. He went into the history of the camp strikers at Regina. He condemned the Prime Minister and his Government, also the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He spoke in a very agitated manner, unbecoming to a Minister of the church.

V. ONTARIO

12. On-to-Ottawa March -- Toronto

[✂#] About 400 Ontario hunger marchers congregated on 16th July in Queens Park, Toronto, parading through the city to Riverdale Park. The parade was made up of four sections -- Windsor, Niagara Falls, Hamilton and Toronto -- the leading section being composed of 40 women. A number of Regina strikers were in the parade, and appeared to be very active.

Leaders of the trek are not very hopeful regarding the total number who will trek to Ottawa. Of the four districts re-

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presented Toronto is in the minority.

The Canadian Labour Defence League in Ottawa, Ont., are busy getting in touch with owners of property for the purpose of bail in case of arrests when the marchers reach Ottawa. A committee, on 15th July, was formed for this purpose.

VI. QUEBEC

13. On-to-Ottawa March -- Montreal

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The marchers from Montreal, Que., appear disorganized owing to the numerous arrests by Provincial and City Police Forces. Communist leaders in charge of arrangements claim about 200 marchers are on their way to Ottawa, but they are completely unaware of the number, or where the men are. Marchers are still leaving the city in two's and three's, 40 are supposed to have left on 13th July. The marchers have practically no money or food supplies on hand, the largest donation received so far was \$60 worth of groceries received from one firm. It is the policy of the Party, if a sufficient number of marchers do not reach Ottawa by the end of July, that they will

try to raise between \$300 to \$400 to pay the train fares to Ottawa of all French-Canadians they can get.

An attempt will be made by [deletion: 1 word] Canadian Labour Defence League lawyer, to get a court injunction against the Provincial Police for arresting hunger marchers on the highways, the cost to be advanced by the Communist Party.

VII. THE MARITIME PROVINCES

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