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Communist agitation in relief camps and amongst the unemployed in the cities of Western Canada continues. Provincial Conferences of the Relief Camp Workers Union are to be held during the latter part of February at which delegates to Ottawa will be appointed. Tentative plans call for a delegation consisting of two relief camp workers from each province.

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3. Objective Attained in “The Worker” Campaign

The final result of the campaign for a \$10,000 sustaining fund for The Worker, as recorded in a recent issue of this paper, is as follows:—

| <u>District</u> | <u>Quota</u> | <u>Result</u> | <u>P.C.</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| S. Ontario | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,845.40 | 128.1 |
| Timmins | 1,000 | 1,144.50 | 114.4 |
| Manitoba | 1,000 | 1,051.69 | 105.1 |
| Alberta | 1,200 | 1,210.73 | 100.8 |
| B.C. | 1,000 | 1,008.22 | 100.8 |
| Pt. Arthur | 1,000 | 914.20 | 91.4 |
| Quebec | 1,000 | 618.58 | 61.8 |
| Sudbury | 500 | 189.29 | 37.8 |
| Sask. | 500 | 158.52 | 31.7 |
| Maritimes | <u>200</u> | <u>13.25</u> | <u>6.6</u> |
| TOTALS | <u>\$10,000</u> | <u>\$10,154.65</u> | <u>101.5</u> |

The first prize, consisting of a set of Lenin's Works, has been awarded to the Southern Ontario District which turned in the largest amount or 128% of its quota.

4. U.F.A. Convention Rejects United Front Proposal

The Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta at Edmonton on 25th January, overwhelmingly rejected a resolution introduced by the Communists through the Hillside Local in Wetaskewin Constituency reading as follows:—

“WHEREAS the objectives of the C.C.F and the Communist party are very largely the same, and

“WHEREAS it is essential both for our own protection and for the sake of progress that the greatest possible unity of the common people be achieved;

“THEREFORE, be it resolved that every effort should be made to bring about the closest possible co-operation between the C.C.F. and the C.P. in order to increase the strength of the common people”.

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In support of the resolution [~~deletion:2 words~~] the sponsor, said the policy of U.F.A. locals was against Fascism which she claimed was a concentrated part of Capitalism and war. “We farmers have to co-operate with others who are fighting the same danger as we are”, she said. Mr. O. L. McPherson, former Minister of Public Works in Alberta, and Mr. Garland were very emphatic in their condemnation of the resolution. The latter remarked, “There is nothing compatible between the two organizations; the C.C.F. believes in obtaining results by constitutional means, whereas the whole tenets of Communists are opposed to ours”.

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APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCES

I. BRITISH COLUMBIA

5. Conditions of Affiliation of L.W.I.U. with A.F.L. Body Outlined

The basis of affiliation of the Lumber Workers Industrial Union, British Columbia District, with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America as agreed upon by the Executive Board of the former in conjunction with W. Page, Secretary of the Building Trades Council of the U.B.C.J., is as follows:—

- (1) That the United Brotherhood accept the entire membership of the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union en bloc, without initiation fee, giving them all rights as members.
- (2) That the United Brotherhood grant a Charter covering our entire membership in British Columbia; that this Local be empowered to apply for additional charters as the occasion demands, and also to apply for a Charter for a B.C. District Council to be located in Vancouver.
- (3) The B.C. District Council is to be comprised of delegates from Locals of loggers, sawmill workers, shingle weavers and other branches of the lumber working industry in accordance with the Brotherhood Constitution.
- (4) The organization to be entitled to delegation on the Vancouver, New Westminster & District Trades and Labor Council.
- (5) That the B.C. District Council be empowered to draw up suitable bylaws governing the organization in this district.
- (6) That provided the change is made in affiliation, the name of our organization will be the same as that used in the United States, the Lumber & Sawmill Workers' Union.

A referendum vote on the question of affiliation with the American Federation of Labor organization will be taken by the Lumber Workers Industrial Union shortly.

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II. ALBERTA

6. Edmonton Youth Conference

On 18th January 140 young persons representing 21 youth organizations met at St. Stephen's College, University of Alberta, Edmonton, for the purpose of drafting the program on war and peace, socialism and economic reconstruction. The conference also attempted to unite in common action the 62 youth organizations which exist in the City of Edmonton.

Donald Cameron of the University of Alberta, Extension Department, spoke on "Youth movements of the world". He pointed out that the movement to unite the youth organizations in Canada had for its purpose to guide the idealism of youth along the right lines.

Rabbi Eisen also spoke briefly.

The conference elected the following officers: President, Bill Thornton (Canadian Commonwealth Youth Movement and Edmonton Young People's Board); Vice-President, Gilbert Wright, (Young Conservative Association); Recording Secretary, Cyril Griffiths (Young Communist League and Alberta Rangers Sports Club); Corresponding Secretary, Norma Cuthbertson,

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(Young People's Board); Treasurer, Joseph Eizenbraune, Jr., (Young Communist League).

The conference and resultant formation of Canadian Youth Federation-Edmonton-Council, was brought about by the Communist party [~~deletion:3/4 page~~]

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The Unemployed Single Men's Protective Association at Edmonton held a concert and smoker at the Emery Hall on 27th January with approximately 350 single men in attendance. Speeches were given by J. Hollopeter, J. A. MacPherson, the Reverend Carl Storm and W. Bundy. Hollopeter invited all present to join the Young Communist League or the Unemployed Single Men's Association. The smoker closed with the singing of the "International".

At the present time the Unemployed Single Men's Association is said to be very active under the leadership of Hollopeter and Nicholson in an endeavour to organize all unemployed single men in Edmonton.

III. MANITOBA

7. U.L.F.T.A. Meeting Discusses D. Lobay

Approximately 700 people attended a meeting of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, Winnipeg Branch, on 4th February, at the Ukrainian Labour Temple. T. Stefanicki, editor of Ukrainian Labour News, acted as chairman and the principal speaker was P. Lysec who discussed and strongly condemned Lobayism. Short speeches were also given by Woytowicz, Zmiyowski and Mrs. Bartko. Woytowicz read the names of about 50 members of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association who attended Lobay's meeting recently and said that approximately \$300 had been subscribed by supporters of Lobay with a view to starting a paper which they aim to call Pravda (Truth) and which is to make its appearance in Winnipeg

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on 15th February. Several of those present whose names were mentioned by Woytowicz objected to the announcement and stated that the sum contributed to the Lobay fund was far greater than stated. It was intimated that at least \$700 had been collected thus far and that the support which Lobay is receiving is far greater than generally admitted by the leaders of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association.

D. Lobay is said to have returned to Winnipeg recently. It is anticipated that a considerable split will occur in the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association as a result of his activities.

IV. ONTARIO

8. Application of N.T.W.I.U. for A.F.L. Charter Still Pending

J. Gershman, General Organizer of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union recently declared that the American Federation of Labor has not yet accepted the application of the Toronto Section of his union for a charter, and that until a charter is obtained the office of the Industrial Union is to remain in operation. He further remarked that many of the Communist Party trade union organizers have obtained employment in factories and are learning various needle trades as it is impossible to be a member of an A.F. of L. union without working in the trade.

The election of Arthur H. Williams as Reeve of East York Township has been ruled invalid by F. H. Barlow, Master of the Supreme Court, recently. Mr. Barlow found that Arthur Williams owed more than three months' rent on his property on 21st December, 1935, and therefore was disqualified under the Municipal Act.

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V. THE MARITIME PROVINCES

9. Annie Buller in Halifax, N.S.

Annie Buller arrived in Halifax, N.S., on 30th January and on the evening of the following day addressed a meeting under the auspices of the Halifax Section of the Communist Party of Canada in the School for the Blind. Only

117 persons attended the meeting which served to commemorate the death of Lenin. In addition to eulogizing Lenin's work Annie Buller attacked Fascism and war preparations.
