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A conference of the Manitoba Camp Workers Union held at Winnipeg on 23rd February selected one [deletion: 1 word] from Shilo Camp to represent Manitoba on the delegation which is to submit the demands of the camp workers to the Federal Government at Ottawa during the second week of next month. Lack of funds prevented the inclusion of additional delegates from Manitoba.

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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL

1. Stewart Smith Reports on His Western Tour [&deletion:4 words]

Stewart Smith, who returned to Toronto recently from a tour of Western Canada, [&deletion:2 lines] He observed that the movement towards unity with the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation is finding response in sections of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation that were formerly considered as reactionary by the Communist Party. This, he said, is due to the good work of leading Communists in the localities.

In British Columbia developments towards unity between the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and the Communist Party are quite healthy, he stated. [Xdeletion:name] who formerly was definitely anti-Communist, is now willing to co-operate with the Communists, especially in the movement against war and fascism. Smith asserted that as a result of the good work of the Communist Party in British Columbia the policy of the Communist Party is becoming firmly entrenched in the membership of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

At Edmonton the move towards unity has not progressed to any appreciable extent owing to the possibilities having been overlooked by the Communist Party leadership. He remarked, however, that in various localities close relations exist with the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

Regina, he stated, offers a fine example of how Communists should conduct themselves in the municipal field. The "All-In-All" Labour Party is definitely established as the leading force of the administration of civic life, he alleged. He also stated that "numbers of our Party and Young Communist League members have been able to secure employment in the civic administration as a result of dismissals and an enlarging on

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the numbers of employees". The Communist Party in Regina has not solved the details of the problem but they are considering applying greater pressure on the Saskatchewan Provincial Government for cancellation of civic debts, he said. [Xdeletion:5 lines]

2. Communist Influence Felt in Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement, Ontario Section

The Annual Convention of the Ontario Section of the Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement held in the Oak Room, Union Station, Toronto, on 4th and 5th January last, passed a number of resolutions, some of which show profound "Leftist" tendencies. The following resolution on "war" reflects the influence exercised by the Communists in this youth organization:—
"BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the CCYM is unalterably opposed to all capitalistic war.
2. In case Canada should go to war the CCYM will continue waging a struggle of opposition to such action by agitating amongst the militia, regulars, reserves and all military units to refrain from leaving these shores and instead fight for the overthrow of the

existing regime.

3. In time of war the CCYM favours the general strike as the only weapon that can stop the capitalist class from using workers as cannon fodder.

4. Should a revolutionary situation develop through Canadian participation in a war the CCYM will be prepared to utilize the opportunity to attain power.

5. The CCYM must conduct an intensive anti-war agitation now both within and without the organization and to the latter end it must co-operate with and seek to attract other youth organizations into a broad anti-war youth organization".

The vote on this resolution showed that 20 voted in favour and 13 against it, with a number of the delegates refraining from voting.

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The convention was attended by three leading members of the Young Communist League who were listed as fraternal delegates.

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3. [deletion:3 words] Y.C.L. Sponsor of "Youth Bill"

[deletion:3 lines] stated that while in Ottawa he had interviewed a number of Members of Parliament in an endeavour to obtain their support for the "Youth Bill" which is being sponsored by the Young Communist League and which is to be presented to Parliament at an early date. He asserted that he had enlisted the support of several Members of Parliament, some of whom, he said, were very enthusiastic about the idea and had agreed to give active support to any campaign around such Bill. [deletion:name] proposed that an office of the Canadian Youth Council be opened in Ottawa to give a lead nationally in a campaign for such a Bill. He also proposed that a member of the National Committee of the Young Communist League be permanently stationed in Ottawa to be responsible for organizing the movement.

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After some discussion, it was agreed that [deletion:name] should return to Ottawa on 18th February and follow up the connections that he had made with the Members of Parliament and with the officials of the League of Nations Society.

The "Youth Bill", it was decided, is to be presented in a draft form to the Canadian Youth Council in Toronto shortly and that as soon as it is accepted by the Council a wide campaign will be initiated.

4. Ukrainian Revolutionary Opposition Organized

The Lobay faction of the Ukrainian revolutionaries, who were either expelled or had broken away from the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, have formed a new organization known as "Ukrainian Workers Farmers Educational Association" with two branches, one in Winnipeg with a membership of 70 and one in Transcona with 42 members. The newly formed organization is issuing a paper called Prawda (The Truth), the first copy of which appeared at Winnipeg on 15th February. It is said that after 15th March the paper, which is to serve as a newspaper "for Ukrainian workers and farmers in Canada and the U.S.A.", is to appear weekly. The aims and objects of the association are outlined in an editorial appearing in the first issue of Prawda which says that Prawda and the association will "fight in the interests of the workers and farmers, for the abolition of Section 98 and slave camps, for a united front of the workers and farmers against war and fascism, and for the defence of the Soviet Union".

It is expected that with the help of this paper the Lobay movement will continue to grow at the expense of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association and its organ, the Ukrainian Labour News.

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The state of affairs in the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association [deletion:2 1/2 lines]

[deletion:name] reporting on the work of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, stated that the association suffers from sectarianism and the effects of the expulsion of D. Lobay from the organization in Winnipeg. Many of the branches of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, including Women's and Youth Sections, have gone out of existence in Ontario. Much suspicion is prevalent among the membership of the association and anti-semitism is on the increase because of Lobay's propaganda he said. The attitude of the Jewish organizations towards Communist Party work has also helped to aggravate the situation. The Ukrainian nationalist organizations are growing stronger at the expense of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, while relations between the Ukrainian Labour Temple Association and the National Ukrainian organizations are as antagonistic as ever,

[~~deletion:name~~] reported. The Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, he complained, had been over burdened with tasks such as the raising of funds, and consequently the leadership of the organization had not been able to give sufficient time to building the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association and combatting Lobayism.

The meeting decided to commence an educational campaign against anti-semitism in the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association and to more systematically plan the work of the leadership of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association in Ontario.

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5. General Fang Chen-Wu in Ottawa and Montreal

General Fang Chen-Wu, accompanied by Calvin Chen, Columbia University, New York, arrived in Ottawa on 11th February. He is said to have addressed a meeting of Chinese at the Chinese Mission, 314 Lisgar Street on the evening of the 12th at which he urged the Chinese people to sink their differences and band together in an effort to keep Japan out of Northern China. Both gentlemen were registered at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, occupying a suite of three rooms. They left Ottawa for Montreal at 3.20 p.m. on 13th February.

At Montreal Fang Chen-Wu was one of the speakers at a mass meeting of the "Popular Front" at the St. James Market Hall on 16th February.

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APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCES

I. ALBERTA

6. Edmonton Single Unemployed to Submit Demands to Provincial Government

The Unemployed Single Men's Protective Association, Action Committee, of Edmonton held a meeting on 12th February. [~~deletion:name~~] acted as chairman and [~~deletion:name~~] as secretary. The purpose of the meeting, as stated by [~~deletion:name~~] was to discuss the grievances of the single men and to draw up a plan of action. After considerable discussion it was agreed that a set of demands be drafted based upon the demands presented to the Government during the fall of 1935, and that same be submitted to the Provincial authorities in the near future. It was further agreed that a parade

and demonstration be held in support of the delegation when submitting the demands.

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The Lethbridge (Alta.) Sub-District of the Communist Party of Canada held a conference in the Ukrainian Hall at Lethbridge, on 10th February, with two delegates from each of the 23 units in the Sub-District in attendance. A report on finances revealed that the party is indebted to the amount of \$205. It was decided to hold socials and other affairs in order to liquidate that debt.

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[~~2 lines~~] The leader of the Ukrainian Fraction reported that over \$200 had been raised recently for Western Ukraine political prisoners. The Russian Fraction leader reported that \$75 had been collected for the Communist Party organization fund, and that the Russian Party members [~~2 lines~~]

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The Jugo-Slav leader reported progress in connection with the united front movement among the Jugo-Slav element. The German fraction representative reported that efforts to reorganize the German Workers and Farmers Association have met with little success so far; he stated that members of the German fraction have been instructed to join the German Nationalist organizations with a view to spreading propaganda therein. The representative of the Scandinavian Section said that the Scandinavian organizations in Edmonton had been approached with a view to bringing about a united front movement based on the policy of the Canadian League Against War and Fascism; further, that the Scandinavian Fraction working at the packing plants in Edmonton had been instructed to join the new union of packing plant workers. Reports were also received from the Polish, Czecho-Slovakian and Icor Fractions. [~~2 lines~~]

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II. SASKATCHEWAN

7. John Boychuk Speaks at Regina

John Boychuk, one of the eight Communist Party leaders on parole, was the principal speaker at a concert meeting held at the Ukrainian Labour Temple at Regina on 9th February. Speaking in English and Ukrainian he thanked the workers of Regina for the assistance rendered in the fight for the release of the eight Communist Party leaders from Kingston Penitentiary. Speaking of the

riot at Kingston Penitentiary he claimed the Communists had nothing whatever to do with it. He appealed for a united front of all workers in the revolutionary movement which, he said, would eventually lead to a mass revolution, liberty and freedom.

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The meeting was attended by approximately 350 persons, the majority of whom were of foreign extraction.

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An article appearing in the 14th February issue of Yapaus deals with the growth of the Finnish Organization of Canada in the Northern Ontario (Timmins) District. It is said that during November and December the organization in this district received 115 new members, thus bringing the total membership up to 511. The article also states that "cultural" activity had risen considerably and that this phase of activity was particularly noticeable in the mining districts.

M. Shatulski, editor of Ukrainian Labour News, was the principal speaker at a concert meeting at the Ukrainian Labour Temple at Fort William, Ont., on 16th February held to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the opening of Fort William Temple. He complimented the local Ukrainian Communists on the work performed during the past and urged them to carry on with a view to doing their share in the class struggle. There was considerable applause when he shouted "Down with the Capitalist class!" at the conclusion of his speech.

IV. QUEBEC

9. "Popular Front" Rally in Montreal

Over 2,000 people, mostly unemployed, attended a meeting of the "Popular Front" at St. James Market Hall, Montreal, on 16th February. The hall was packed with over half of the audience unable to obtain seats. Significance was added to the gathering by the presence of approximately 100 persons of various nationalities and colour on the speakers platform. The meeting was presided over jointly by Lucien Dufour, [~~3/4~~deletion:3/4 line] and Max D. Armstrong of the Labour Party. The speakers were:—

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Lucien Dufour	District Secretary of the C.P.
Max D. Armstrong	Labour Party
J. S. Chalifoux	President of the Federation of Workers Clubs
W. E. A. Long	District Council of the Labour Party
Emile Godin	President of L'Association Humanitaire
General Fang Chen-Wu	
Mrs. J. W. Lecavalier	Association Humanitaire
Mrs. Annie Pressner	Communist Party
Reverend F. Clark	Minister of African Church (Negro)
E. M. Packwood	Editor of "Free Lance" (Negro)
Germain Desrosiers	Young Communist League, representing Les Coeurs de la Jeunesse (The Hearts of the Youth)
Koonta	Hungarian Workers Club
Kravenko	Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association
Patriconi	Italian Workers Club
Pitger	German Workers and Farmers Assoc- iation
Jean Perron	Co-operative Commonwealth Federation

In opening the meeting Dufour stated that there are now 64 organizations identified with the "Popular Front".

General Fang Chen-Wu, who is touring Canada at the present time with the object of securing unity among the Chinese who are living in Canada, was greatly applauded following his few remarks in broken English.

The speeches attacking the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company and advocating free electricity to the unemployed were well received by the audience. Soviet Russia was greatly eulogized and cited as an example of what unity may accomplish.

The meeting was successful in every respect and, no doubt, will help to enhance the prestige of the Communist Party in this district.

[~~3~~deletion:2½ lines] executive which is composed as follows:—

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Presidents	Lucien Dufour (C.P.)
	Max Armstrong (Labour party and Communist sympathizer)

Vice-Presidents	A. Pressner (C.P.) J. S. Chalifoux (Federation of Workers Clubs) Mrs. J. W. Lecavalier
Secretaries	[name] [name]
Secretary-Treasurer	[name]
Archivist	[name]
Publicity Director	Jean Perron (C.C.F.)

[~~name~~] reported to a recent meeting of the Canadian Labour Defence League Secretariat at Montreal that the French Branch of the league has been completely liquidated and all active members transferred to work in other spheres. He informed the Secretariat that in future all defence work would be done through the medium of Defence Committees which will be set up as the issues arise. The Secretariat approved of a report submitted by [~~name~~] in which he suggested that the entire Canadian Labour Defence League be liquidated and a new type of organization built up on the defence front, and that he be relieved of [~~3 words~~] and placed in some other field where he could do much better work. He informed the Secretariat that his suggestions had already been approved by the local bureau of the Communist Party. The Secretariat agreed to submit [~~2 words~~] suggestions to the National Executive Committee at Toronto.

Reporting to a meeting of Section 5 of the French Branch of the Communist Party at Montreal on 10th February, [~~name~~] stated that although there had been a general drop in the sale of Clarte its circulation among the longshoremen has increased considerably. He said that 400 copies of the last issue were sold to the longshoremen and expected that the number will soon be doubled. Speaking of the contract said to have been signed between the Shipping Federation and

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the National Independent Union of Longshoremen in Montreal he contended that this contract was a mere "bluff" on the part of the Shipping Federation. [~~name~~] remarked that the Syndicated Longshoremen will see to it that their places are not taken by men of another union and that they are organizing themselves in order to prevent any work being done on the wharf

when navigation opens if no contract is signed with the Syndicated Longshoremen.

It was also reported at this meeting that the North End Section, headed by [deletion:3 words] had now succeeded in getting 55 members organized in its units. Two organizers who have been charged with the task of organizing the "Popular Front" were reported to have left for St. Johns, Waterloo, Magog, Drummondville, Victoriaville, and Sherbrooke for the purpose of stimulating interest in the "Popular Front" movement.

V. THE MARITIME PROVINCES

10. Youth Movement Non-Existent in N.S. Says Annie Buller

Annie Buller, who recently returned to Toronto from the Maritime Provinces, stated [deletion:1 1/2 line] that the youth movement in Nova Scotia is practically non-existent, chiefly because [deletion:name] who had been sent there by the National Office in Toronto, had not attended to his work. She reported, however, that the Communist Party is beginning to make headway among the miners' organizations towards uniting the United Mine Workers of America and the Amalgamated Mine Workers Union. This, she said, was the main problem confronting the Communist Party in Nova Scotia. She also informed the meeting that the present [deletion:3/4 line] seems quite popular among the Communists in Nova Scotia. She proposed that [deletion:rest of weekly report]