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AND AGITATION IN CANADAReport

The charges laid at Regina under Section 98 of the Criminal Code of Canada against A. H. Evans, J. C. Cosgrove, George Black, Matthew Shaw and Ernest Edwards, leaders of the on-to-Ottawa March of last year, have been dropped, it was announced by the Attorney General of Saskatchewan. Charges against 22 others arrested in connection with the Regina 1st July riot will be proceeded with commencing 14th April.

Made panicky by the recent events in Tokyo The Worker, central organ of the Communist Party of Canada, of 29th February in an editorial captioned "Stay the Bloody Hands of Tokyo Assassins," urges:

"Send resolutions of protest to the Japanese Embassy at Ottawa! Organize meetings everywhere! Hands off the U.S.S.R.! Force back the bloody hands of the assassins! Make it impossible for them to carry through their mad war schemes! Defend world peace!"

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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL1. Tim Buck in Hamilton, Ont.

Tim Buck was the principal speaker at a meeting held under the auspices of the Communist Party of Canada in the Alexandra Academy, Hamilton, Ont., on 23rd February. The meeting was opened by B. Smith who appealed to the audience for financial aid and moral support in the movement to unite the various labour parties under a single controlling body, the Communist Party. He also announced that the Communist Party of Canada was considering establishing a united front headquarters in Hamilton in order to co-ordinate the activities of the 35 radical groups which are in existence in that city.

Tim Buck contrasted conditions in the U.S.S.R. to those in the Capitalist countries, alleging that there is no unemployment in the Soviet Union where the people were well satisfied and comfortably established. He urged the formation of a united front against the forces of Capitalism, against war and fascism.

Phil Luck and A. McLennan also addressed the meeting briefly stressing the need for a united front against Capitalism.

The meeting was attended by approximately 1,500 people and the speakers were well received. The collection netted the sum of \$130.

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2. Special W.B.A. Convention Postponed

The special convention of the Workers Benevolent Association scheduled for 4th, 5th and 6th March has been called off by the Central Executive Committee of the association. The Executive Committee, being cognizant of the unrest that exists among certain sections of the membership, undertook to take a referendum vote asking the members as to whether or not such special convention should be held. In the mean time

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the convention has been postponed until the latter part of June, pending the results of the referendum. The affairs of the workers Benevolent Association are reported to be in poor shape with the membership steadily decreasing.

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3. Y.C.L. Issues Special Bulletin on VIth Congress
of Y.C.L.

The National Bureau of the Young Communist League recently addressed the following letter to all district organizers throughout the country:—

"In the carrying through the decisions of the Sixth Congress of the Young Communist International most of our districts are able now to record certain important experiences which are of great value to the entire league. These rich experiences must become the property of every member of the Y.C.L.

"In consideration of this, the National Administration Department has decided to issue a monthly mimeographed bulletin in which all questions pertaining to the 6th Congress decisions may be discussed.

"We are endeavouring to have the bulletin out by the end of February.

"We propose that a number of comrades be assigned in each district and particularly in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver to write for this bulletin, raising some of the most important questions in their districts as well as indicating the experiences of the league in important fields of work. All problems pertaining to the work in the mass organizations, trade unions, students, as well as organizational questions should be discussed in this bulletin.

"Our intention is to issue the bulletin in sufficient number to reach every unit as a start. The price has not been definitely decided upon, but steps will have to be taken to see that every unit buys at least one copy of the bulletin.

"Hoping that you will attend to this matter at once and inform us of your plans".

The first copy of the mimeographed bulletin referred to in the above letter is now in circulation. It contains the report and concluding speech delivered by Raymond Guyot at the Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International.

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4. Arthur H. Williams Returned as Reeve of East York

Arthur H. Williams, whose election as Reeve of the East York Township as declared invalid by the Master of the Supreme Court some time ago, was returned as Reeve of the said township by acclamation. His return has been hailed by the Communists as a great victory for the united front movement in that locality.

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5. Trip of Camp Workers Delegation to Ottawa Postponed

The National Office of the Workers Unity League at Toronto made an announcement on 24th February to the effect that the relief camp workers

delegation which was to have interviewed the Dominion Government at Ottawa on or about 7th March would be unable to reach Ottawa on that date, and that the trip of that delegation to Ottawa has been postponed indefinitely.

A joint conference of delegates from relief camps of Alberta and Saskatchewan, scheduled to take place at Regina on 20th and 21st February, did not materialise for some unknown reason.

The announcement of the new Government policy with regard to the operation of relief camps is being favourably received by certain sections of the unemployed throughout the country. The Communist Party leaders, however, immediately following the pronouncement initiated a campaign for trade union rates of wages in an endeavour to counteract the feeling among the men.

The Single Men's Unemployed Association of Manitoba held a meeting on 27th February at Winnipeg at which the new policy of the Government regarding relief camps was discussed.

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Some of those present were pleased to hear that the Government was willing to pay \$15 per month in camps and there seemed to be a general feeling prevalent in favour of going to camp and settling down. Some of [deletion:3 words] however, including Orton Wade, Joe Forkin and Stewart, endeavoured to explain to the men that they should now press for more money. Joe Forkin is said to have remarked, "Now that Mr. King has changed his policy in regard to the camps we must change our policy to combat his". The new Government policy has come as a great surprise to the Communist leaders.

6. M.W.U. of C. to Hold Conference

A call has been issued by the Executive Committee of the Mine Workers Union of Canada for a Wage-Scale Conference in Calgary, Alta., on 2nd and 3rd March. Wage agreements are about to expire in a number of mining camps of Alberta and British Columbia including Cadomin, Mountain Park, Luscar, Nordegg, Saunders Creek, Canmore, Lethbridge, Corbin, Coalhurst, Shaughnessy, Blairmore, Belleview and Mohawk. The convention is to discuss, in addition to uniform wage demands, ways and means whereby the miners of Alberta and British Columbia can be organized into one large union. The latter proposition is in line with the new policy on trade unionism enunciated by the Communist Party of Canada [deletion:3 words]

7. Secretary of Children's Council Touring Canada

Miss Turn of Toronto, national secretary of the Children's Council, is touring Canada for the purpose of organizing Children's Councils in the various centres.

On 24th February she addressed a meeting of the Manitoba Unemployed Association at Winnipeg, analysing the

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various educational systems in existence in the different provinces. She also dealt with the state of health of the children of the working class, claiming that the children were unable, physically, to attend to their studies on account of poor health.

8. "Der Kampf" Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

A mass meeting in the Strand Theatre at Toronto on 23rd February marked the tenth anniversary of the founding of Der Kampf, Jewish organ of the Communist Party of Canada. S. Lifshitz acted as chairman and the principal speaker was M. Olgin, chief editor of Morgen Freiheit, a Jewish daily published by the Communist Party of the U.S.A. in New York. Sam Carr brought greetings from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Canada, Harry Guralnik, editor of Kampf, gave an outline of the history and achievements of his paper.

Olgin informed the meeting that the workers of the United States of America watch with great interest the development of the struggle of the Canadian proletariat led by the Communist Party of Canada. He also stressed the role and importance played by Der Kampf. The following taken from his speech expresses the message which he gave the Canadian Jewish revolutionaries: "The task before you today is to take the power in your own hands and create a socialist order after the model of the Soviets".

The collection at this meeting is said to have netted a considerable sum of money.

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APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCESI. BRITISH COLUMBIA2. Notes

The Workers Ex-Service Men's League in Vancouver is said to be in a highly disorganized condition due to incompetent leadership. [~~deletion:1/2 line~~] for the league, is meeting considerable opposition and it is expected that he will be superseded by a more competent organizer.

James Wolfe, who attained some notoriety during the waterfront strike for his pugnacity, has been withdrawn from the Seafarers Industrial Union. He is to hold himself in readiness for relief camp organization and in the mean time [~~deletion:1 1/4 line~~]

[~~deletion:name~~] has been dispatched to Vancouver Island for the purpose of speeding up the organizational work of the Mine Workers Union in a counter move to the formation of the company union.

The Canadian Labour Defence League at Vancouver has entered into a period of intensive training with classes five nights a week for six weeks. The class is attended by 11 individuals and the instructors are [~~deletion:1/4 line~~] The subjects are principally dealing with conduct of individuals under arrest for picketing or other activities such as street demonstrations, delegations, etc.

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Appointed parliamentary Reporter by the B.C. Workers News George Drayton proceeded to Victoria recently to cover the session of the British Columbia Provincial Legislature. While in Victoria he will assist the local Communists and advise them on any question of policy which may arise.

[~~deletion:name~~] is said to be engaged on the production of a pamphlet dealing with the waterfront strike. He is now seldom seen among the long-shoremen.

II. ALBERTA10. Calgary Unemployed Demand Fifty Per Cent Increase
in Relief

The various unemployed organizations of Calgary including the Calgary and District Unemployed, Unemployed Ex-Service Men and Married Men's Protective Association have voted in favour of a fifty per cent increase in relief. A petition demanding this increase has been submitted to the Calgary City Council and it is anticipated in the event of the demands not being met a strike vote will be taken.

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The Edmonton Communists, through the unemployed organizations, have directed a petition to the Provincial Government demanding the dismissal of A. A. McKenzie, Relief Commissioner for the province. The petition charges that the Commissioner has caused undue sufferings by refusing people and his unwarranted discrimination.

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Approximately 550 persons attended a mass meeting of the Unemployed Single Men's Protective Association at Edmonton on the evening of 20th February. H. Thornton, of the Canadian Federation of Youth, acted as chairman and the speakers were

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Matt Shaw, Elmer Roper and H. Gerry. Matt Shaw, the principal speaker, gave an outline of the British Columbia camp workers' strike and the subsequent march on to Ottawa. Dealing with the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the Regina Dominion Day riot he urged the people of Edmonton to come to the support of those trekkers arrested for participating in the said riot. His speech was largely based upon a pamphlet entitled "Help Canada's Youth in Their Fight for Justice!" which is being circulated by the Citizens Defence Movement.

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III. SASKATCHEWAN[~~deletion: 1/2 page~~]

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W.A. Atwater of Winnipeg was the principal speaker at a meeting in the Temperance Hall at Kenora, Ont., on 21st February. Approximately 100 people attended and the subject of Atwater's address centered around fascism in Canada and the British Columbia relief camp strike. Short speeches were also given by the Reverend H. Anderson and Reverend Mr. A. R. Maunders of Kenora. Atwater related the history of the relief camp strike of last year and its attendant trek on to Ottawa. The meeting was held for the purpose of forming a branch of the League Against War and Fascism, and resulted in the formation of a branch in Kenora with the following officers:

President, Reverend A. R. Maunders, Vice-President, D. Ritchards, Secretary, D. Ryback.

David Ryback, [~~3/4 line~~] is said to be responsible for the formation of this branch of the league in Kenora.

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[~~2 1/2 lines~~] The first item on the agenda was a report from a delegate from the Jewish Anti-Nazi Conference. He reported that the German training ship "The Emden" is scheduled to visit Montreal some time in May and urged that some sort of protest be arranged prior to the ship's visit. He also reported that the Anti-Nazi Conference plans (1) to visit Alderman Schubert and Mr. L. W. Jacobs, M.P., and ask them to initiate a campaign against the use of public funds to entertain the officers of the ship; (2) to issue special leaflets on the matter, to hold a protest mass meeting and on the arrival of the ship to hold a demonstration at the pier. The delegate stated that the Anti-Nazi Conference request the assistance of the league in the task mentioned.

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