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The announcement that the Federal relief camps will be closed by 1st July has had a profound effect on the inmates of the camps in British Columbia; some of the men have expressed themselves willing to try out the change before undertaking another trek on-to-Ottawa.

Communists are now exerting every effort to organize the unemployed, particularly in the province of Ontario. Unemployed disturbances occurred at several points in Ontario including Pembroke, Stratford and Stamford, recently.

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#### APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL

##### I. Tim Buck in Debate at Montreal. Que.

Approximately 1,600 people heard Tim Buck, secretary of the Communist Party, and William Trufant Foster, a member of the Consumers Advisory Board of the N.R.A. and director of the Pollak Foundation for Economic Research, debate the question “Is Communism the Answer?” under the auspices of the People’s Forum in the American Presbyterian Church, Dorchester St., Montreal, on the evening of 1st March. Tim Buck, upholding the affirmative, emphasized that reformed Capitalism has proved a failure, and cited the Soviet Union as a solution to the problem.

Mr. Foster, taking the negative, agreed to a certain extent with Tim Buck but contended that Capitalism can be reformed. In support of his contention he said that the highest standard of living has thus far been attained under Capitalism.

It is significant to note that almost an hour before the debate started all seats were filled and many people were unable to gain admittance. Both speakers

received considerable applause and the debate ended without a verdict being given.

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## 2. "Kanadai Magyar Munkas" Campaign Successful

Kanadai Magyar Munkas of 6th February reviews the results of its recent campaign for 1,000 subscribers and a \$1,500 sustaining fund. It discloses that 530 new subscribers were acquired and \$2,375.31 collected for the sustaining fund. Among the provinces Saskatchewan is said to have attained first place in the campaign with Mistatim (Sask.) Branch winning first prize consisting of a flag. This unit is said to have attained 210% of its quota.

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## 4. Todowyrnazu Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

Todowyrnazu celebrated its fifth anniversary in the Ukrainian Labour Temple, Winnipeg, Man., on 1st March. M. Liszczyński, general secretary of the organization, presided and the speakers were P. Lysets and M. Shatulski. Speeches of greetings were also conveyed by John Boychuk, Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, Jim Litterick, Communist Party, Mrs. P. Lysets, Women's Section, U.L.F.T.A., S. Sawiak, Workers Benevolent Association, D. Smith, Canadian Labour Defence League, and F. Kowsky, Russian Workers Club. Relating the history of the organization, Lysets made the statement that the organization had collected thus far \$22,000 to help the Ukrainian victims of the "ruthless Polish regime in Western Ukraine".

Boychuk generally eulogized the organization and its accomplishments.

Shatulski attacked the Ukrainian nationalists in Canada, particularly General M. Kapustianski, who is touring the U.S.A. and Canada at the present time in the interest of the Ukrainian nationalist cause.

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## 5. Students League Issues Weekly Bulletin

The Student League of Canada is now publishing a news bulletin in mimeographed form once a week at 139 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, Ont. The first number bears the date of 24th February and an editorial explains its purpose:—

"The News Bulletin has long been a need of the Student League — an inner organ discussing the situation in the local chapters and the developments nationally... In other words, this is to be a live and co-ordinating force among our chapters. It is our intention to issue this Bulletin weekly, to be mailed from Toronto every Monday night. Under the present very loose situation in our organization, we feel this frequency of publication a necessity between now and the end of the term".

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### 6. Youth Congress Likely in May Next

The League of Nations Society is said to have agreed to work with the [deletion:3 words] Canadian Youth Council in calling a National Youth Congress in Ottawa during the latter part of May next. The League of Nations Society though wishes to have the Canadian Youth Council take full responsibility in calling the congress and only agrees to support such a congress by sending delegates. The Communists are not at all pleased with the position taken by the League of Nations Society as they desire the latter to officially sponsor the congress jointly with the Canadian Youth Council.

[deletion:1/2 line] recently interviewed [deletion: 2 words] and won his consent to the League of Nations Society officially sponsoring the congress with the Canadian Youth Council providing the "Left" Wing would promise not to attack the Government or any of those people who are assisting the League of Nations Society financially and otherwise. [deletion:name] proposed to [deletion:name] that he [deletion:name] go to Ottawa and interview the "Left" Wing members of the League of Nations Society executive so that when the matter is raised in the executive the "Left" Wing would win its point. The Communists seem very much alarmed because the Twentieth Century Liberal Club and the Young People's Section of the Baptist Church would meet at the same time as the congress which they wish the League of Nations Society to sponsor in Ottawa during May next. The Communists feel that if these groups were to send them delegates to the Youth Congress, such large representation from non-radical youth organizations would result in the isolation of the Communists at the congress.

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The members of the Lumber Workers Industrial Union of Canada are now voting on the question of affiliation with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and it is anticipated that the majority of them will declare themselves in favour of affiliation.

[~~deletion:2 words~~] has been succeeded in the secretaryship of the Seafarers Industrial Union at Vancouver by a man named [~~deletion:name~~] an extremist and a trouble maker. He is the sailor whom the longshore strike committee selected a few months ago to fill in on board a Canadian-Australasian liner when one of the regular members of the crew was left in a hospital in Vancouver. [~~deletion:name~~] signed on as a sailor but really was placed on the ship to try to convert the crew to active partisan action in the longshore strike at Vancouver and also to present the situation to the Australian and New Zealand union headquarters in hopes they would recognize and take direct action to assist the striking longshoremen and sailors on the British Columbia waterfront.

II. ALBERTA8. C.C.F. Spokesman Urges Unity Between C.C.F. and C.P.  
of C. at Edmonton

The Communist Party at Edmonton held a carnival at the New Haddon Hall on 26th February. Approximately 250 persons attended and E. Rogers, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation representative, outlined the history of the C.C.F. Movement in

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Edmonton. He dwelt upon the misunderstanding between his organization and the Edmonton Section of the Communist Party, urging that these misunderstandings be obliterated and that the two organizations unite in an endeavour to more effectively deal with the "problems of the working class". The Reverend Carl Storm gave a brief talk on Fascism and war, stating that the fight against Fascism must be the immediate issue confronting the working class of Canada.

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The Action Committee of the Unemployed Single Men's Protective Association at Edmonton met on 25th February together with four representatives of rooming house keepers to discuss demands for increased rent for the single unemployed. A plan of action was drawn up which includes the organization of the rooming house keepers in Edmonton with the assistance of the Unemployed Single Men's Protective Association. It was said that several of the rooming house keepers have declared themselves in favour of co-operating with the single unemployed men in an endeavour to obtain higher rent allowances.

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From Calgary it is reported that 169 Chinese have joined thus far the Calgary and District Unemployed Association. It is also stated that the Single Unemployed Protective Association is being merged with the aforementioned organizations in order to strengthen the unemployed movement in that city. The Calgary and District Unemployed Association is now said to have a paid-up membership of 697.

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### III. MANITOBA

#### 9. Winnipeg to Hold "Youth Congress" in Near Future

A Congress of Youth "to stimulate remedial action on youth problems" is to be called at Winnipeg in the near future. This decision was reached at a conference of youth organizations held in the University of Manitoba buildings on 27th February. One hundred and twenty-five delegates from 55 youth organizations are said to have attended. The gathering included representatives from 18 church groups, 17 political groups (including Young Communist League) and 20 miscellaneous groups.

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### IV. ONTARIO

#### 10. C.P. Concentrates on Unemployed

The Communist Party is waging an extensive campaign in Ontario with a view to organizing the unemployed and strengthening the unemployed organizations already in existence. [deletion:3 lines] east end of Toronto over 800 unemployed have been organized recently as well as numbers in other sections

of Toronto. He also remarked that the centre of the Communist party was definitely considering unemployed marches on the capitals of the various provinces and if sufficient support was to be found an eastern march on Ottawa would be organized from the camps. With regard to the latter statement it has been ascertained that the matter has not been discussed in the central committee of the Communist Party. It has been ascertained, though, that the central committee in Toronto is considering to discuss with the British Columbia district bureau the advisability of some form of mass action involving the relief camps in that province.

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The Toronto organization of the Communist Party is now concentrating on the execution of a 60 day plan entailing genuine bolshevik competition in the fulfilment of the tasks allotted to each group and unit. Recruiting constitutes the main item of this plan and much emphasis is placed upon the task of building a mass unemployed movement. The Young Communist League, Canadian Labour Defence League, Young Pioneers and other auxiliaries of the Communist Party have all the tasks set out for them. At the expiration of the 60 day plan on 1st May a one year plan will be brought forward based on the achievements of the 60 day trial plan.

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## V. QUEBEC

### 11. The "Popular Front" Movement Expands

The "Popular Front" at Montreal is said to embrace now 79 organizations, the majority of whom are French Canadians. Its "Left" Wing under the leadership of [~~1 1/2~~deletion:1 1/2 lines] executive committee, is said to be in control of the movement. The whole attention of the C.P. leadership is directed towards the development of the "Popular Front" and the lessons gained from it are expected to form the basis of similar movements throughout Canada. The "Popular Front" in Montreal is said to have received the endorsement and financial support of Mayor Houde.

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[~~deletion:2 3/4 lines~~] reported on the National Executive Committee meeting held in Toronto on 22nd February. He stated that the National Executive had expressed itself in favour of liquidating the C.L.D.L. at the earliest possible moment but deemed it advisable to strengthen the organization before turning it into another type of defence organization. He said that all districts will eventually build citizens defence committees modelled on the type of the "Regina citizens defence committee". The national executive committee at Toronto he declared had agreed that the first district to be liquidated should be Montreal; but before this could be done the matter would have to be taken up with the national bureau of the Communist Party of Canada. The Montreal district therefore was urged to do nothing until instructions were received from the latter. After considerable discussion on Wallace's report it was agreed that the local C.L.D.L. organization should be liquidated within the next few weeks; and, in the mean time to keep one employee at work in the office in order to take care of petty arrests should same occur. [~~deletion:name~~] then tendered his resignation to take effect within two weeks. [~~deletion:name~~] was appointed to act as office secretary until the organization has been completely liquidated.

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Approximately 300 people attended a banquet given in Tim Buck's honour at Montreal on 29th February. Lucien Dufour presided and speeches were given by Tim Buck, Fred Rose, Evariste Dube, Jean Perron and Emil Godin.

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