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AND AGITATION IN CANADAReport

Recent reports would indicate that the unemployed movement throughout the country is growing stronger and more militant. Strikes of relief recipients have been called in several cities including Moose Jaw and Prince Albert, Sask.

April 4th, the anniversary of the walk-out from the British Columbia relief camps, has been set aside this year as "National Youth Day". Plans call for meetings throughout the country to arouse public interest against the trials of the twenty-two rioters which will open at Regina on April 14th.

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2. Communist Prepare for C.C.F. Convention

The Communist Party of Canada is making preparations to have a resolution passed at the Convention of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation which opens on 10th April in Toronto, with a view to having the constitution of the C.C.F. amended in order to admit all “Left” Wing (Communist) bodies into the C.C.F. and to leave the door open for united action with the C.C.F. The C.P. is to have an official spokesman at the convention in addition to sending a letter in which criticism will be voiced of the C.C.F. organization. The Communists are also planning to organize a “Left” Wing block in the convention under the leadership of [deletion:1/2 line] and are also going to

press for the admittance of a delegation from the unemployed conference which will seek the support of the C.C.F. for the demands of the unemployed as outlined in the program adopted by the recent Toronto Unemployed Conference.

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### 3. Young Communists Not Attending School in New York This Year

A number of young Communists, who arrived in Toronto en route to New York to attend a training school which was to have been held there by the C.P. of the U.S.A., have been detained in Toronto; the course in New York having been postponed indefinitely. They are to attend a school in Toronto during April which the Canadian Party is endeavouring to organize [~~3~~deletion:3 lines]

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### 4. "Borba" Appears Three Times a Week

Borba, Communist organ published in the Jugo-Slav language at Toronto of 24th March, summarizes the result of the recent campaign conducted on behalf of this paper, proclaiming the campaign a great achievement. As a result Borba will appear three times a week commencing 2nd April. It is further stated that the number of subscribers to this paper has increased to 2,200, and 400 copies are being dispatched from the office in bundle form to the various literature agents throughout the country.

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### 5. Leslie Morris Visits New York to Discuss "Daily Clarion" Finances

Leslie Morris is said to have left Toronto for New York on 24th March to discuss the question of financing the "Daily Clarion", which is to commence publication at Toronto on 1st May.

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### 6. Charles Stewart Appointed Y.C.L. Representative to Moscow

Charles Stewart of Vancouver is said to be leaving Toronto for New York shortly and thence for Moscow where he will act as the representative of the

Young Communist Party in the executive committee of the Young Communist International for a period of one year.

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9. Relief Camp Workers Discharged for "Causes" Hold Tag Day in Vancouver

A tag day in Vancouver on 27th March, held in the interest of the "black listed" relief camp workers now in the city, is said to have netted approximately \$200. The tag day was held without a permit, in defiance of police regulations, and resulted in the arrest of five men who were charged with obstructing the police officers in the performance of their duties. These men were later released and the charges withdrawn.

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I. BRITISH COLUMBIA

10. Tom Ewen Speaks on Trade Union Unity

Tom Ewen, national secretary of the Workers Unity League, addressed a mass meeting under the auspices of the W.U.L. in the Moose Hall, Vancouver, on 29th March. There were approximately 700 present with Arthur H. Evans acting as chairman.

Ewen related the various struggles of labour that he had come in contact with on his trip from Toronto to Vancouver, and stressed the need for unity in trade unionism. He claimed that there were too many unions in one industry and advocated the amalgamation of the craft unions, according to industry, within the present frame work of the A.F.L. He stated that an effort is being made by the W.U.L. to amalgamate various unions and expressed the hope that by the time he returns to Toronto a number of the unions will be absorbed by the A.F. of L.

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Approximately 250 people attended a meeting held under the joint auspices of the Canadian Labour Defence League and Workers Ex-Service Men's

League at Vancouver on 29th March. Jack Phillips, of the Young Communist League, and A. M. Stephen, of the League Against War and Fascism, addressed the meeting on the "danger" of war and Fascism.

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## II. ALBERTA

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Alderman James East of the Canadian Labour Party was the principal speaker at a meeting held under the auspices of the Communist Party at the Emery Hall, Edmonton, on 22nd March. C. C. Griffiths acted a chairman and approximately 250 people were in attendance. East maintained that the major part of the money listed in the city's budget is being paid to bondholders and that under the present system the people of the city could not expect anything else due to insufficient organization. East urged the audience to put aside party differences and unite for one common purpose, to overthrow capitalism.

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## III. MANITOBA

### 12. Winnipeg Unemployed Formulate New Demands

[~~deletion: 4 words~~] Manitoba Conference of Unemployed held a meeting at Knox Church club rooms, Winnipeg, on 20th March, with approximately 200 in attendance. The chairman explained that the conference represented 17 unemployed organizations in Greater Winnipeg

The meeting, after considerable discussion, adopted the following demands:—

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- (1) An immediate 10% increase for all married persons on relief.
- (2) Single men to be placed on an open voucher system, a 25% increase in rental allowance.
- (3) All children of adolescent age receive extra food allowance.
- (4) A 25% rent allowance increase where it is found necessary for segregation of the sexes.

- (5) Abolition of the Parents Maintenance Act.
- (6) That all immediate house necessities be supplied when and where required.
- (7) Medical, dental and optical services to be fully supplied to all those on relief and including the single men.
- (8) An open voucher for clothing.
- (9) A 25% increase in relief where children are living at home with the parents.
- (10) When a person commences work again after a lapse of unemployment that taxes accumulated during the time he was unemployed to be dropped.

A committee of 20 was appointed and empowered to condense the 10 point program if it saw fit to do so. A motion by [~~3~~deletion: 1/2 line] that a delegation go before the Legislative Assembly to present the demands as soon as possible was carried unanimously.

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The Canadian Labour Defence League in Winnipeg is to be known in future as the "Citizens Liberty Club", it was decided at a meeting of the Central Branch of the C.L.D.L. held on 30th March after the new policy of the C.P. on defence work was explained to the meeting by [~~3~~deletion:name] Thus the C.L.D.L. is expected to be able to enlarge its scope and penetrate larger fields, including the small business owners, and finally transform itself into a Citizens Defence League embracing trade unions and various political parties.

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#### IV. ONTARIO

##### 13. [~~3~~deletion:1/2 line] Discusses Rhineland Situation

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European powers with the foreign policies of the Soviet Union, emphasizing that Germany was endeavouring to create an anti-Soviet bloc. The C.P. of Canada, he said, would have to arrange its agitation and propaganda with a view to compelling the Canadian Government to support all actions proposed by the Soviet Government in the League of Nations. He further urged that the C.P. should strongly combat the "isolation of Canada" position as advanced by the C.C.F. leadership, especially by J. S. Woodsworth. The C.P., he

declared, must from now on commence to place its independent position on war forward on all occasions and much more openly than in the past four years. Because [deletion:name] had not prepared a list of concrete proposals, the meeting adjourned without taking any definite action.

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Y. QUEBEC

14. [deletion:3 words] Hold Trade Union Conference

Forty delegates attended a local Trade Union Conference [deletion:1 1/4 lines]

[deletion:name] reported on conditions in the needle trades and smaller unions. Stressing the problem of unity he stated that the Workers' Unity League unions are now entering the American Federation of Labor as a means of building the people's front. There has been a reorientation of C.P. policy and tactics in the trade unions, he said, which resulted in a greater contact with the rank and file. In most sections of the needle trades progress has been recorded in uniting the "Left" Wing and progressive groups within the unions.

[deletion:name] gave a report on the situation in the Railway and Building Trades. Dealing with C.P.R. Angus Shops he stated that many new men have been taken on during the past few weeks including a few members of the C.P. and sympathizers, which necessitated the setting up of two C.P. units in the Angus Shops. He also said that there are a few party members in the running trades and urged that they be all linked up into a strong Railway fraction. He reported that the Headlight, published by the C.P., is well received by the workers in the Angus Shops; 2,000 copies of each issue are being distributed.

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Regarding the workers employed on the C.N.R. the speaker said that the possibilities of organizing these men were good at present. He urged immediate steps be taken to raise funds for a "shop paper" to be circulated among the C.N.R., employees. He also remarked that an attempt is being made by the Friends of the Soviet Union to obtain a "suitable" delegate from the C.N.R. Shops to serve on the delegation that is being sent to the Soviet Union this month.

[deletion:name] reporting on the work in the Steel Industry, said that [deletion: 3 words] is the most important section as it is mostly concentrated in that industry. He reported the existence of C.P. fractions in five steel plants.

The conference elected a trade union commission which is to deal with trade union problems as they arise and to conduct the trade union organiza-

tional work. Seven member were elected: [~~deletion:1 line~~] and a French member to be selected to carry on in the Catholic Unions.

It has been reported that considerable attention is being given by the C.P. in Montreal to the waterfront situation. Fred Rose, prominent member of the Party Bureau in Montreal, has been placed in charge of the longshoremen unit of the C.P. Rumours persist that there may be strife between the two longshoremen unions when navigation opens. The Syndicated Longshoremen were completely disregarded by the Shipping Federation when it made the contract with the National Independent Union of Longshoremen this year.

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