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AND AGITATION IN CANADAReport

The trials of the twenty-two Dominion Day rioters at Regina continue. John Gallinger, third of the men to be tried on charges of rioting and assault, was convicted on 22nd April and sentenced to eight and two months; sentences to run concurrently. Jack Wedin was also found guilty and sentenced to 15 months on a charge of rioting and three months for assaulting a police officer.

Indications are that this year's May Day celebrations will be the largest in the history of Canada. No disturbances are expected, however.

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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL1. General Strike of B.C. Lumber Workers To Start May 4th

It has been reliably reported that a general strike will be called at 7.00 p.m. on 4th May involving loggers, lumber workers, shingle mill workers, etc., in British Columbia. Sentiment among the loggers is said to be strongly in favour of strike action.

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2. Liquidation of Strongest W.U.L. Union in Toronto Completed

Registration in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union of the 1,100 members of the now liquidated Dressmakers' Union of the Worker's Unity League at Toronto, Ont., is said to have been completely recently; elections in the new Dressmakers Local of the International Union will be held shortly. The former Dressmaker' Union composed the largest single organization in the local W.U.L. at Toronto to undergo liquidation in the movement towards abolition of dual unionism which was decided upon at the VIIth Congress of the Communist International at Moscow last summer.

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3. Jugo-Slav Communist School in Toronto, Ont.

Borba, Jugo-Slav Communist organ published at Toronto of 16th April, reports that the "workers school" conducted by the Jugo-Slav Workers Clubs at Toronto, is attended by 18 students from all parts of Canada. This school, it is said, aims to prepare leaders for the revolutionary movement and that the expenses in connection with maintaining same are mainly defrayed by Borba.

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4. Toronto Council of C.C.F. Refuses to Withdraw from May Day Conference

The Toronto Regional Council of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, at a meeting on 20th April, refused to accept the instructions of the Provincial Council to withdraw from the May Day Conference. The council asks the Provincial body to reconsider its decision. Following the meeting of the Regional Council, Ben Spence—chairman of the council and May Day Conference—issued a statement which reads in part:—

"At a largely attended meeting by a decisive vote the regional council passed a resolution expressing regret at the action of the provincial council and asking that body to reconsider its action. This came as a culmination of a prolonged debate and after the provincial president, John Mitchell and provincial secretary, Herbert Orloff, presented views of the provincial council opposing participation of the C.C.F. on May Day.

"The resolution which was finally adopted states, that we regret the decision of the provincial council as conveyed to us by letter and deputation, matters having gone as far as they have in connection with May Day arrangements we feel that while we desire to be loyal to the provincial council decisions in all matters we see serious difficulties in the way of compliance in this regard.

"A letter was read from the provincial council secretary in which he said, 'The provincial council does not feel inclined to prohibit individual members from taking part if the individual members feel strongly inclined to do so'.

"Last night's debate cleared the air of the many misleading rumors which have been in circulation as to division in the ranks of the C.C.F.

"In the meantime May Day preparations are going forward and this year's celebrations promise to set a new high record of unity, strength and co-operation. For the first time in many years the moderates and the radicals in the labor movement have agreed to come together to celebrate May Day which is internationally recognized by workers of every shade of opinion".

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### 5. William Moriarty Dies

William Moriarty, one of the foundation members and first General Secretary of the Communist Party of Canada, who was expelled from the party in 1930, because of his association with the anti-Stalinite block, died suddenly at Toronto, on 14th April. Following his expulsion he became an active member of the Communist Opposition Group headed by J. Lovestone of New York, N.Y.

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### 6. Tim Buck Speaks at Peterborough & Cobourg, Ont.

Tim Buck addressed an audience of approximately 400 in the Regent Theatre, Peterborough, Ont., on 19th April, on "Canada and World Peace", under the auspices of the Peterborough Open Forum. He pointed out that the task of the common people was to find ways and means to prevent war. The men and women in Canada do not desire to have their boys grow up to cross

the Atlantic to kill boys of another country, he said. Capitalism is a system of private profits and breeds war, he asserted. He concluded by sketching the progress and

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accomplishments under the Communist regime in the U.S.S.R. The industrialization of the Soviet Union ranks second only to the United States of America, he stated.

Tim Buck delivered a similar address in the Opera House at Cobourg, Ont., on the night of 17th April.

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7. Leaders of R.C.W.U. in B.C. Predict Trouble if Camp  
Not Closed

Although no plans are being discussed either in the camps or by leaders of the British Columbia Section of the Relief Camp Workers Union, it is sensed that failure to close the camps might cause trouble. In the words of Cumber and Liversedge, two of the leaders in B.C.: "The boys now in camp will raise hell from here to Halifax if nothing is done by the 1st of June".

For some time the R.C.W.U. membership has shown little interest in the propaganda sent out by the Executive Committee. This apathy has been attributed by the leadership to the fact that certain definite promises were made in connection with the abolition of the camps. The leadership, therefore, has deferred action and is now waiting to see what action the Government will take. If no action is taken serious trouble may be experienced this summer.

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8. Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld and "Prince" Hubertus Lowenstein  
Address Anti-Nazi Meeting in Montreal, Quebec

Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, former Minister of Justice of Prussia, and a gentleman calling himself "Prince" Hubertus Lowenstein—two German exiles—were the feature speakers at a meeting held under the auspices of the [deletion:3-4 words] "German Workers Farmers Association" in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, Que., on the evening of 17th April. The hall was packed, there being approximately 1,000 people, principally Jews of the better class, present. The meeting was originally scheduled to take place in the Monument National Theatre but during the day the manager of the theatre, at the request of the City Police, had cancelled the engagement.

Kurt Rosenfeld spoke in German and received much applause.

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He predicted that the Hitler regime would not last long under present conditions, adding that unemployment is growing with the financial situation becoming desperate and the food supply inadequate. He went on to tell of the persecution of Catholics, Protestants and Jews in Germany and warned his hearers that Nazi methods and propaganda may spread in this and other countries if not checked. He urged the formation here, as elsewhere, of a common anti-Nazi front.

"Prince" Lowenstein spoke in German and also fluently in English and French. He also spoke of religious persecution in Germany and the atrocities which, he alleged, had been committed by the Nazis. He described the last German election as a farce and claimed that the majority of the German people were not behind Hitler.

Admission to this meeting was by tickets which sold at 25¢, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00, respectively.

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## APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCES

### I. BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### 9. Communist "Peace Rally" Attracts Large Crowd

Approximately 5,000 people attended a "peace rally" on Cambie Street Grounds, Vancouver, B.C., on 19th April, held under the auspices of the Communist Party of Canada. James McKendrick acted as chairman and the speakers were Jack Taylor and Malcolm Bruce of the Communist Party of Canada.

The first speaker—Jack Taylor—spoke briefly appealing to all for a united front against war and fascism. He stated that there had been a split in the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation but the Communist Party will continue in its effort to create a united front regardless of the "Right" wing leadership of the C.C.F.

Malcolm Bruce spoke on the war situation in Europe stating that a war is imminent. He urged the workers to unite against war. Outlining the May Day program for this year he urged the workers to turn out and celebrate the "victories" that had been won through strike struggles during 1935; he referred particularly to the relief camp strike which, he said, was a real victory for the workers. He concluded by saying that he was pleased to see such a large turnout and expressed the hope that the workers of Vancouver would participate in this year's May Day demonstration en masse.

A resolution urging the Minister of Justice at Ottawa to have all charges withdrawn against the on-to-Ottawa trekkers facing trial at Regina was passed unanimously. It is understood that orders were issued before this meeting commenced to the speakers by the Central Bureau of the Communist Party to be very careful in their utterances and not openly antagonize anyone.

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Permission has been granted by the Board of Park Commissioners of Vancouver, B.C., to the United May Day Committee to hold a meeting in Stanley Park on 1st May. A permit for a parade has also been issued by the police authorities.

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The Communist Party of Canada at Vancouver, B.C. opened a bookshop, on 11th April, situated at 350 Pender Street, West, known as the "New Age Book Store".

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## II. ALBERTA

### 10. C.P. to Abandon Social Credit Party as Basis for Mass Work

[~~deletion:6 1/2 lines~~] He stated that the committee found that the Social Credit Movement is losing ground and that as a result the Communist Party cannot use it as a mass basis for Communist activities. He stated the committee agreed that the C.P. concentrate on trade unions and the C.C.F. instead with a view to turning same into a mass movement under the name of "People's Party". [~~deletion:name~~] instructed that the C.P. members must continue to work among the members of the C.C.F., within trade unions and other organizations with a view to utilizing them in the interest of the C.P. programme; further, that the C.P. recruiting campaign be intensified. Unity, he said, must be achieved by all means using the May Day celebration as a starting point. He also urged that the C.P. must speak more openly from now on, leading the masses in the fight against anti-labour legislation and for better conditions. [~~deletion:name~~] asserted that the C.P. in Alberta has now a membership of 2,000.

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[<deletion:name] and [<deletion:name] were the speakers at a meeting of the People's Forum held under the auspices of the Communist Party in Edmonton, Alta., on 12th April, the subject being "Women and Socialism". Both speakers urged the audience to become organized and struggle for better conditions under the guidance of the C.P. of Canada. [<deletion:name] dealt at great length with the Noranda and Corbin strikes, pointing out the part the women played therein. She also appealed for financial support on behalf of the Corbin strikers.

### III. MANITOBA

#### 11. [<deletion:name] Speaks at Unemployed Meeting

[<deletion:1 1/4 lines] was the feature speaker at a meeting of Ward 2 Association of Unemployed—Manitoba Conference—at 130 Princess St., Winnipeg, on 21st April, his subject being the "history" of May Day. He predicted that Toronto this year will have the greatest May Day mass demonstration in the history of Canada. Although the university students will not turn out en masse, there will be several hundreds of them in the parade, he said. He further stated that the enthusiasm shown by the students is the result of extensive organizational efforts. He spoke of the efforts made in the various leading centres in Canada to make this year's May Day a success and an impressive manifestation of the United Front Movement.

The District Council of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association at Winnipeg held a meeting on 19th April with delegates from Transcona, East Kildonan, Brooklands, St. Boniface, Arborg, Teulon, Portage la Prairie, Brandon and Winnipeg in attendance. The main order of business centered around the forthcoming convention of the Workers Benevolent Association. It was reported that a number of the trusted members of the U.L.F.T.A. who are moving from place to place where they may not be known, have been instructed to join patriotic, fraternal and church organizations in an endeavour to

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convert members of these organizations to Communism. The Parkdale property, usually referred to as the Parkdale Orphanage, is causing a considerable strain on the financial resources of the association, and it was suggested that the association dispose of the property. It was also disclosed that the Workers Farmers Co-operative, controlled by the U.L.F.T.A., is conducting a campaign for new members and customers. [~~deletion:name~~] manager of the Co-operative, is engaged in a speaking tour in an endeavour to enlarge the scope of the Co-operative.

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#### IV. ONTARIO

##### 12. Windsor "Committee of Action" Vetoes Proposed Trek to Toronto

The proposed trek of unemployed to Queen's Park, Toronto, has been cancelled so far as Windsor and district is concerned. Instead deputations will go to Toronto with signed petitions on a date to be arranged, it was decided at a conference of the committee of action held at Windsor on the night of 20th April. This departure was precipitated by Reeve Ben Levert, chief sponsor of the march, following receipt of a letter from the North Bay Unemployed Workers Association which stressed the futility of former so-called "hunger marches" and pointed to hardships endured and the possibility of participants being cut off relief. While he thought at first a trek would be the best idea, Reeve Levert put it up to the meeting whether petition should be circulated in cities and around the farms and taken to Queen's park by representative delegations. In conformity with the North Bay letter mass demonstrations would be held in Ontario communities at the same hour the petitions are being presented in Toronto. Levert suggested 10,000 could assemble in some Windsor park, 15,000 in London and so on, and that telegrams from places could flood the Provincial Cabinet that day.

According to Stewart Smith and other leading members of the C.P. at Toronto, the C.P. reluctantly endorsed the proposed hunger march because it was felt that not sufficient support for such action would be forthcoming. While the decision of the committee of action at Windsor is not binding on the whole province, it is anticipated

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that no extensive hunger march will take place but that action will be taken along the lines suggested by the Windsor committee.

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V. QUEBEC13. Preliminary Youth Conference in Montreal

Approximately 300 persons attended a preliminary conference of the local Youth Congress in the Montreal High School Auditorium on the afternoon of 18th April. One hundred and eighty of those present were official delegates representing 135 organizations including five French youth bodies. The Young Communist League was represented by 15 delegates led by Dave Kashton and Cowley. One named Barnes submitted a report on the work of the Initiative Committee, stating that the committee, originally started in January, has been enlarged to 33. A resolution was adopted which calls for a local Youth Congress on about 9th May at which delegates to the National Youth Congress on about 9th May at which delegates to the National Youth Congress at Ottawa will be elected. The conference also elected a permanent committee of 52 with Jack Ralph, a member of the Y.C.L., as chairman. The conference also agreed to raise the sum of \$450 which will be needed to organize the Montreal Youth Congress.

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Jean Peron, C.P. sympathizer and prominently connected with the C.C.F. in Montreal, has been expelled from the latter organization on charges of "disloyalty". Jean Peron is an outstanding figure in the "Popular Front" at Montreal, Que.

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