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NO. 805WEEKLY SUMMARYREPORT ON REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS
AND AGITATION IN CANADAReport

With the exception of a disturbance at Toronto, Ont., during a mass meeting in Queens Park, involving a number of students, May Day passed quietly in Canada.

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Nine of the twenty two on-to-Ottawa trekkers on trial at Regina, Sask., have now been tried, six of whom have been convicted and sentenced to terms ranging from six to eighteen months. Jack Kyle, who was tried jointly with Mynnie and Coury, was found guilty on 29th April and sentenced to a term of seven months in jail, the latter two having been acquitted.

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2. Tom Mann in Canada

Tom Mann is said to have landed in Montreal, Que., on the morning of 26th April and left for Toronto, Ont., on the midnight train. While in Montreal he was being entertained by [✂deletion:name] member of the local Communist Party, and other leading Communists. On arriving in Toronto he was given a rousing reception at the railway station. He has been named as the feature speaker for the May Day mass meeting in the Arena Gardens at Toronto on 1st May.

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3. Communists Protest Visit of German Cruiser "Emden"
 to Montreal

Action to prevent the docking of the German cruiser "Emden" at Montreal on 12th May is urged by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Canada in a manifesto entitled "The People of Canada Will Not Honour the

Opressors of Germany". The manifesto is addressed to the workers and farmers of Canada, common people of our Dominion, Canadian Jews, Catholics and Protestants.

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The League Against War and Fascism at Montreal has resolved:—

- (a) To send a delegation to the City Council on 6th May and insist that no public funds be voted for any sort of reception for the officers and men of the "Emden".
- (b) To send a delegation to Ottawa to lodge a protest with the Dominion Government.
- (c) To hold a protest mass meeting in the Mount Royal Arena on the evening of 15th May.
- (d) To issue 20,000 leaflets on the issue and also, if possible, to secure one or two radio broadcasts.

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4. William Gallagher to Tour Canada in August

William Gallagher, Communist Member of the British Parliament, will make a coast-to-coast tour of Canada during the month of August. His itinerary has not yet been announced by the Communist Party of Canada which is sponsoring the tour.

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6. T. G. McManus & Peter Mikkleson Not Seeking Re-election

T. G. McManus and Peter Mikkleson, unseated Aldermen at Regina, Sask., are not to stand for re-election, it is said. Reverend S. B. East, who received considerable notoriety in connection with the on-to-Ottawa march of last year, is said to have been chosen by acclamation as candidate for Alderman at the Ward 3 nomination meeting recently. In accepting the nomination Reverend S.B. East regretted the necessity of running and alluded to McManus as "the better man".

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7. Communist Organ "Daily Clarion" Makes Appearance

The first number of the Daily Clarion, successor to The Worker, Communist central organ, is off the press and in circulation. It contains 12 pages and in make-up differs little from its predecessor, The Worker. Being devoted principally to May Day, a great portion of the material appearing therein deals with the May Day demonstration. It contains several pages of greetings from organizations, individuals, Communist newspapers and business firms sympathetic towards Communism. Conspicuous among the greetings is one submitted by Tom Mooney, of San Francisco, who gives it his "proletarian" blessings.

The month of May has been set aside for a campaign for 20,000 new readers and a sustaining fund for this paper.

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8. Merger of the Two Rival Miners' Unions at Nova Scotia Assured

It appears now that the merging of the two miners' unions in Nova Scotia, viz, United Mine Workers of America, District 26, and Amalgamated Mine Workers of Nova Scotia, will be an accomplished fact shortly. Beyond working out a few details the fundamental issues at stake have been endorsed not only by the local organizations but also by the executive officers of the international union at Washington, D.C. The four-point policy agreed upon between the committees representing the U.M.W. and A.M.W. has been fully endorsed by John L. Lewis and his executive board. It has been agreed that all members of the A.M.W. shall return to the U.M.W. without paying initiation fees; also that all black-listed miners be reinstated on their jobs and that Bob Stewart, recognized leader of the A.M.W., be given a job in the mine before the A.M.W. return to the U.M.W. union. Whether the radicals will be able to exercise any controlling influence in the new union, only time will tell.

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Arthur Evans has been placed in charge of the Communist press drive in the Province of British Columbia starting on 1st May. The campaign will last a month during which two Communist organs, Daily Clarion and the B.C. Workers News, will be equally publicized.

The Communist Party at Vancouver held a mass meeting at the Royal Theatre on the evening of 26th April. Fergie McKeen acted as chairman and the speakers were Bob Lealess and Malcolm Bruce, both of whom stressed the need for a united front movement. There were approximately 600 people in attendance and the collection netted approximately \$20.

II. ALBERTA

10. Edmonton Communists Intend Opening Co-operative Store

The Communist Party in Edmonton, Alta., is intending to open a Co-operative Store in that city shortly, it was announced at a meeting of the People's Forum on 19th April. The matter was mentioned by Clifford Lee, who was one of the speakers at a mass

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meeting of the Forum which is held under the auspices of the C.P. at the Emery Hall every Sunday night. Lee severely criticized the Social Credit Movement for its failure to increase the purchasing power of the people and to pay the promised \$25 per month dividend to adult persons in the province. J. Lakeman briefly spoke on the Corbin and Noranda strikes citing same as examples of co-operation. He claimed that it was due to the co-operative spirit manifest by these people that they were able to sustain themselves during the strike.

J. MacPherson traced the history of the Social Credit Movement and accused its leaders of being reactionary and in collaboration with the Capitalist cause.

The United Unemployed Married Men's Association at Edmonton held a meeting on 18th April attended by approximately 80 people. It was decided to arrange an interview with the City Council for the purpose of pressing for a decision on the grievances and demands submitted by the association and to protest against the proposed use of members of the Edmonton City Police Department as relief investigators. J. Lakeman spoke on the aims and objects

of the Communist International, stating that the Communist International had changed its tactics in order to meet present day conditions throughout the world. He admitted, however, that the principal aim of the C.I. and all of its sections, viz, the overthrow of the Capitalist system and establishment of a dictatorship of the proletariat, remains unchanged.

The Italian Workers League at Edmonton sponsored a mass meeting in the Gem Theatre on the evening of 19th April to protest against war and Fascism. The meeting was addressed by S. Centazzo, an [~~deletion:1/4 line~~] who strongly attacked Mussolini, Fascism and war. He made a strong appeal to the local Italians to join the Italian Workers League and thus help to combat Fascism and war. The meeting was attended by approximately 200 but very few Italians were present. The total number of Italians resident in

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Edmonton is said to be in the neighbourhood of 200, but only a small number of them are members of the Italian Workers League, [~~deletion:3/4 line~~]

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expected to dock at Montreal on 12th May. It was reported that the Trades and Labour Council had adopted a resolution protesting giving an official welcome to the officers and crew of the said cruiser. [~~deletion:name~~] said that a strong United Front Committee has been formed and is to visit the majority of local Aldermen and also Members of Parliament in an attempt to stop any sort of official welcome to the German cruiser.

A strike involving approximately 400 dresscutters of Montreal called on 21st April was marked by a clash with the police on 23rd April in front of a building at Phillips Square. The police are said to have been forced to fire a few shots but no one was hurt. The strike terminated on 26th April.
