

## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Ottawa, 10th June, 1936.

SECRET

NO. 810

WEEKLY SUMMARYREPORT ON REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONSAND AGITATION IN CANADAReport

Communists in Saskatchewan are said to be making an effort to organize transients congregating in the main centers of the province into a "National Transients Union"; local branches of the union are reported to exist in Regina and Saskatoon. The transients, a considerable number of them former inmates of relief camps, are being advised by the agitators to remain in the cities and to demand work from the Government. Wires urging the formation of the organization on a national scale have been sent by the Regina office of the union to Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and other places.

---

 [1]
APPENDICESTable of ContentsAPPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL

- Paragraph No. 1. [~~deletion:6 lines~~]
- " " 2. Logging Strike in British Columbia Ended
- " " 3. National Defence Movement to Send Deputation to Ottawa  
Tag Day Planned in Regina
- " " 4. John Magnus Clarke Co-Editor of Weekly Clarion  
The Furrow Ceased Publication
- " " 5. [1+ line missing]
- " " 6. Der Kampf Attacks Zionists for Their Pro-British Stand  
in Palestine

APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCES

- " " 7. BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Situation Among Miners at Cumberland; 400 People Hear  
Jack Phillips and M. L. Bruce Talk on Fascism

## and Current Events

- “ ” 8. ALBERTA  
Departure of Reverend Carl Storm Loss to Communist  
Movement at Edmonton
- “ ” 9. MANITOBA  
Single Unemployed at Winnipeg are Being Organized on  
“Group System”; S.U.A. Is 500 Strong; “Side  
Walk Parades” New Feature; Attendance at mass  
Meeting in Market Square Grows; Abolition of  
“Soup Kitchens” Urged by Means of Boycott;  
Large Delegation of Civic Employees and Relief  
Recipients Attend City Council Meeting in  
Brandon
- “ ” 10. ONTARIO  
Relief Strike Movement Spreading; East York, North  
York and Guelph Involved
- “ ” 11. QUEBEC  
“Popular Front” Meeting in Montreal Routed by Police;  
Street Parade and Meeting in Association  
Humanitaire Hall Held in Place of Open Air  
Meeting; General Poudereux Failed to Collect  
Funds for “Peace Movement”

[~~deletion:4 pages~~]

[6]

### 2. Logging Strike in B.C. Ended

The strike in the logging camps in British Columbia is reported to have officially ended on 27th May. A spokesman for the District Council of the Lumber and Shingle Workers Union said that in most camps a 50¢ per day wage increase had gone into effect as a result of the strike. Representatives of the logging operators, however, declare the wage increase was in effect before the strike began.

### 3. National Defence Movement to Send Deputation to Ottawa

Led by [~~deletion:1/2 line~~] the National Citizens Defence Movement — with headquarters at Regina — is at present concentrating on the movement

in protest against the sentences imposed in the cases of the on-to-Ottawa trekkers for their participation in the Dominion Day riot at Regina. [deletion:name] is said to have left Regina on 28th May for Western points, with the object in view of organizing a national delegation from the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan to go to Ottawa to protest to the Federal Government against the sentences passed on the rioters convicted in Regina and to demand the repeal of Section 98 of the Criminal Code. It is the intention to have the British Columbia and Alberta delegations join the one from Saskatchewan at Regina about 15th June. It is further aimed to arrange for an official civic reception for the joint delegation in Regina and to endeavour to obtain permission for a tag day to take place on the day the delegations are in Regina. It is planned to hold a reception in the City Hall provided the City Council will endorse the proposition.

---

#### 4. John Magnus Clarke, Co-Editor of "Weekly Clarion"

John Magnus Clarke, formerly editor of The Furrow, has been transferred from Winnipeg to Toronto to act as co-editor of the Weekly Clarion. He will also act as the official photographer of the Daily Clarion.

The Furrow, official organ of the Farmers Unity League, has ceased publication.

---

[7]

[deletion: 1/2 page]

#### 6. "Der Kampf" Attacks Zionists for Their Pro-British Stand in Palestine

The Communist organ — Der Kampf — published at Toronto, for 29th May contains a front page editorial captioned "The Imperialist Helpers" in which the Zionists and the Poale-Zionists are being bitterly attacked for standing on the side of Great Britain and for not joining with the Arabs in the riots in Palestine.

---

[8]

APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCESI. BRITISH COLUMBIA7. Situation Among Miners at Cumberland Quiet

[Xdeletion:n l m3] of the Mine Workers Union of Canada, visited Cumberland recently and on his return to Vancouver from the Island stated that the organization "has grown a little bit in the last few months but there is nothing to boast about in the way of progress". He further remarked that the miners are not going to be stampeded into a strike at the present time like the loggers were.

[Xdeletion:name] also stated that there has been sent an organizer into the Atlin country to make a survey of the situation among the miners there.

---

Approximately 400 people attended a meeting held under the joint auspices of the Canadian Labour Defence League and the Workers Ex-Service Men's League at 150 Hastings St. W., Vancouver, on 31st May. The speakers were Jack Phillips of the Young Communist League and Malcolm Bruce of the C.P. of Canada, the former speaking on fascism in Europe and the latter on current events.

II. ALBERTA8. Departure of Reverend Carl Storm Is Loss to Communist Movement at Edmonton

The Edmonton Council of the Canadian League Against War and Fascism gave a farewell "social" for the Reverend Carl Storm at the Scandinavian Hall, on 29th May, prior to his departure for Europe. The chairman in outlining the programme paid high tribute to the Reverend gentleman and his activities in the C.L.A.W. & F.

Jan Lakeman also eulogized "Comrade" Storm but regretted to lose him. Replying to the good wishes extended him, he appealed to the gathering for co-operation in the struggle against war and fascism and for the establishment of a world-wide co-operative socialist state.

Reverend Carl Storm is said to have left Edmonton on 31st May for Montreal where he will connect with Rabbi Eisen; together they will proceed to Europe with Soviet Russia as their objective. Carl Storm was

[~~2/3 line~~] devoting most of his time to the organization of the L.A.W. & F. On return to the U.S.A. he will take a post graduate course at Harvard University, it is said.

---

### III. MANITOBA

#### 9. Single Unemployed at Winnipeg Are Being Organized on "Group System"

Considerable progress has recently been made by the Communist leaders in Winnipeg in organizing and consolidating the Single Unemployed Men's Association. A "group system" has been put into operation modelled somewhat after the military system underlying the organization of the striking relief camp workers on the march to Ottawa last year. The groups are numbered from one to ten, with twelve men in a group and a captain at this head. Ten groups form a division led by a division commander. The present strength of the association is around 500.

The recognized leaders of this movement are [~~1 line~~] is said to have considerable organizing experience along those lines, having had some connection with the on-to-Ottawa trek of last year.

A new feature of their activity is a style of parade referred to as "side walk parade", consisting of a single file parade on the side walks with banners, designed principally to attract the attention of the public to their grievances. Such parades have been quite numerous and it has been observed that the attendance at those parades is steadily increasing. Another method of attracting the attention of the public, which has been employed, is the releasing of leaflets by the Strategy Committee from tops of buildings in the vicinity of Portage and Main Streets. These leaflets are being released when there is a heavy traffic or parade on the side walks. The attitude displayed by the leaders at present would tend to the belief that they are content to pursue peaceful means but it is feared that disruptionist tactics will be employed should they fail to gain their ends.

---

[10]

On 2nd June approximately 300 members of the Single Unemployed Men's Association at Winnipeg marched in columns of four along Main Street south to Market Square where a brief meeting was held. A banner bearing the inscription "Single Unemployed Men and Relief Camp Workers, Unite" was carried at the head of the parade while the body of the demonstrators sang "Hold The Fort", "Solidarity", "International" and other revolutionary songs.

Shortly after they arrived on the Square it began to rain heavily and the demonstrators were forced to march back to their hall at 217½ Logan Avenue. After the rain ceased G. Marsh announced that the meeting would be resumed on the Market Square and the parade moved off in half sections on the side walk. On their arrival the number was augmented by several hundred people bringing the total attendance to about 800. Jack Stewart conducted the meeting and the speakers were G. Marsh and M. Sago, [~~deletion:1/2 line~~] The meeting concluded by singing "Hold The Fort".

---

Between 1,200 and 1,500 people attended a meeting under the auspices of the Single Men's Unemployed Association in the Market Square, Winnipeg, on 4th June. The chairman, J. Stewart, announced that the meeting had been called to hear the report of a delegation that visited the Relief Commission with regard to the demands of the single unemployed men, and that because no definite reply had been given by the commission, it was the intention to force the Government to grant the demands. The speakers included J. Bayden, A. W. Atwater and M. Sago, all of whom attacked the Government for not granting the demands and urged the audience to support the single unemployed in their endeavour to have these demands met. A resolution introduced by the chairman addressed to the Relief Commission and asking for a definite reply to the demands of the men was unanimously adopted by the meeting by a show of hands.

M. Sago, in his speech, urged the abolition of the soup kitchens by means of boycotting them. As a means of raising money for the single men he urged the holding of tag days. This means, he stated would also serve to give publicity to their demands.

---

[11]

Augmented by approximately 100 relief recipients, a large delegation of civic employees attended a meeting of the Brandon (Man.) City Council on the night of 1st June to support a resolution asking the council to reconsider its decisions to impose a seven per cent wage cut. Among the speakers were representatives from the City Police and Fire Departments and Stanley Forkin, [~~deletion:name~~] and secretary of the Unemployed Council. The latter, in addition to speaking in favour of the resolution, also made a plea for the restoration of cuts in relief allowances. Forkin urged that the relief scale and the wages of civic employees should be raised to pre-depression level. No disturbances occurred and the City Council agreed to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being.

---

#### IV. ONTARIO

##### 10. Relief Strike Movement Spreading

The strike movement of relief recipients in Ontario is reported to be gaining strength. Three strikes of this nature are said to be in progress at present at East York, North York and Guelph.

A delegation, composed of the council and members of the General Strike Committee in York Township, was elected on 4th June to interview the Ontario Provincial Government with regard to the relief troubles in that township.

Several hundred families are said to be affected by the strike in Guelph which was called in protest against a ten per cent cut in the relief grants. The strike at North York has also been declared against the ten per cent cut in relief and partly in sympathy with the strikers in East York.

---

#### V. QUEBEC

##### 11. "Popular Front" Meeting in Montreal Routed by Police

On 1st June approximately 1,000 members of the "Popular Front" at Montreal gathered on Parc Lafontaine to hold an open air mass meeting in protest of "the work-for-relief plan" of the Honourable T.D. Bouchard, Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce. Police interference prevented them from holding the meeting. They, however,

[12]

formed ranks in the street and paraded to the Association Humanitaire Hall singing the "International" and calling on the people to join the "Popular Front". On their arrival at the said hall an overflow meeting was held addressed by Lucien Dufour, Jean Perron, Giguere, Napoleon Nadeau and E. Godin. Communist leaders held that this parade was a great victory and boasted they could now do as they liked. This is the second parade staged by them within the past 10 days, the other one being held on 24th May from Fletcher's Field. Although they have no permission, it is the intention to call a similar meeting at a later date and to stage another parade in connection with it.

---

The principal item under discussion at the last meeting of the Bureau of the League Against War and Fascism at Montreal held on 28th May was the recent visit of General Pouderoux and his activities whilst in Montreal. It was

admitted that the General was very well received in Montreal but he did not succeed in collecting any funds for the World's Peace Movement. Although the expenses of both the banquet and mass meeting addressed by the General were covered by the collections, the league sustained a financial loss of slightly over \$100. The attitude of the French Consul during General Poudroux's visit was severely criticized. It was said that the Consul was invited to the mass meeting in the St. James Market Hall and to the banquet but did not put in an appearance. He sent, however, the Vice-Consul to the banquet. After some discussion it was agreed to write to the French Government and to the leaders of the "Popular Front" in France complaining about the Consul's conduct on this occasion and that he be notified to that effect.

---