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The strike of fur workers at Winnipeg, Man., now in its seventh week, continues with conditions reported unchanged.

A strike of one week's duration and involving approximately 1,900 men at Collieries 12 and 16, New Waterford, Nova Scotia, came to a close on 25th September when the majority of the strikers voted to accept an increase in the "duffing" rates offered by the company in preference to a general walk-out. As all the miners now belong to one union, i.e., the United Mine Workers of America, the tie-up was complete and no pickets were posted.

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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL

1. Meeting of the “Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy”

The recently formed “Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy” at Toronto, Ont., held a meeting on 23rd September with approximately 35 present representing various organizations in the City of Toronto. Among those

present were Norman Freed, Communist Party of Canada, Mrs. Elizabeth Morton [3<deletion:word] representing the League Against War and Fascism, Fred Collins [3<deletion:word], and G. Watson representing the Trades and Labour Council, Max Chaikovsky, Young Communist League, Oscar Morgan, Independent Mutual Benefit Federation, and Ben Spence of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. Delegates were also present from the various [3<deletion:3-4 words] mass organizations such as the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, Finnish Organization of Canada, Russian Workers Clubs, etc. It was announced that on 27th September a mass meeting would take place in the Massey Hall at which Walter Shevenels, general secretary of the International Federation of Trade Unions, would be the chief speaker, and that the meeting was to be devoted to winning public sympathy for the cause of the Spanish Government. After some discussion it was agreed to print 10,000 leaflets advertising the meeting and to run advertisements in the local papers. The meeting also discussed the form of aid that should be given to Spain. It was reported by Spence that Graham Spry, of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, was organizing a field hospital unit which was to be given to the Canadian Red Cross to forward to the Spanish Red Cross. The information regarding the project, however, was so indefinite that action by the meeting was laid over until some future date. It was decided to forward immediately \$1,000 which has been collected recently for the Spanish cause.

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2. A. A. McLeod in Madrid, Spain

A recent Associated Labour Press despatch states that A. A. McLeod, prominent member of the Communist Party of Canada and national chairman of the Canadian League Against War and Fascism, has conferred with Premier Largo Cabalero at Madrid, Spain, recently. McLeod is reported to have announced that two prominent Spanish Government leaders will come to the U.S.A. and Canada in an endeavour to counteract pro-Fascist propaganda. McLeod is said to have urged the Spanish Prime Minister to send two Government envoys to the United States and Canada to give "the true facts" of the Spanish situation.

More than \$80,000 has been sent to date by various organizations in Canada and the U.S.A. to Spain to aid the fight of the Spanish Government against the

Rebels, it was announced recently. Canada's share is said to amount to nearly \$5,000.

3. Congress of Catholic Workers of Canada Takes Anti-Communist Stand

In direct contrast to the "progressive" resolutions discussed and adopted by the 52nd Annual Convention of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, the Congress of Catholic Workers of Canada concluded at St. Hyacinthe, Que., on 16th September went on record urging strict neutrality for labour in the Spanish conflict. A resolution dealing with the Soviet Union calls upon the Canadian Government to press for the justification of the U.S.S.R. as a member of the League of Nations while another resolution protesting against resumption of trade relations between Canada and the Soviet Union because of working conditions there was tabled.

4. Joe Gershman Attends International Congress Against Anti-Semitism in Paris

Delegates from many parts of the world are said to be attending an International Congress Against Anti-Semitism which opened in Paris, France, on 19th September. Among the delegates

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present is Joe Gershman, [3<deletion:1/2 line] of the Communist Party of Canada.

The congress appears to be another stage-managed from Moscow affair initiated for the purpose of extending the Communist sphere of influence among the Jewish people. The most important question on the agenda appears to be the problem of sanctuary for Jewish refugees from Fascist countries; it is expected that the congress will demand that all Jewish refugees be considered as political emigres and be given every protection as such. It is further expected that the congress will elect a permanent inter-national body to carry on with the work. This gathering has no connection with nor the endorsement of the Jewish World Congress.

5. T. C. Sims Returning from Moscow for C.P.C.
Congress

T. C. Sims, Canadian representative in the Comintern at Moscow, is to return to Canada in time for the Communist Party Congress which opens at Toronto, Ont., on 9th October. He is to report on "Socialism Victorious" which forms part of the agenda of the congress. It is unlikely that he will return to Moscow after the congress.

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7. True Bills Returned by Toronto Grand Jury Against
Leaders of York and Etobicoke Unemployed
Demonstrations

On 21st September true bills were returned by the Grand Jury in general session at Toronto, Ont., against 25 men who led the unemployed disturbances in York and Etobicoke Townships during the early part of July last. Nine of them will be tried on kidnapping charges and the remainder are being charged under Section 89 of the

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Criminal Code for being members of an unlawful assembly. Among those facing kidnapping charges are Harvey Murphy, [~~deletion:2-3 words~~] and leader of the conference on unemployment in Ontario, Gordon Sackett, John Wallbridge, Edward Young, George Welsh, Louis Bernier, Chris Ellis, Alex McDougall and David Grisby.

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8. John Boychuk Reports on Ukrainian United Front
Congress Held in New York

A mass meeting held by the Educational Committee of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association at Winnipeg, Man., on 19th September was attended by approximately 500 people. M. Dushnicki and John Boychuk were the speakers. The latter, recently returned from New York, N.Y., where he attended a Ukrainian United Front Congress, reported that although it took nearly two years to build the United Front among the Ukrainian people there, the objective has now been realized; the Ukrainians in the United States are uniting on a common issue regardless of religion or political views with the clergy and professionals taking an active part, he said. Speaking of the unity

movement among the Ukrainians in Canada, he predicted that a similar condition will be brought about no matter how long it would take.

The Ukrainian Communists in Canada, in their endeavour to build a United Front among the Ukrainian people, are using the alleged persecution of Ukrainians in Poland by the Polish authorities as a lever to obtain recruits for their movement.

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APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCES

I. BRITISH COLUMBIA

9. District Conference of C.L.D.L. in Vancouver

The Canadian Labour Defence League in British Columbia held a District Conference in the Ukrainian Labour Temple at Vancouver on 8th and 9th September with [deletion:2-3 words] acting as chairman. The following organizations were represented:—

Organization	Dele- gates	<u>Representing</u>
Seamen's Union	— 2	— 850 members
C.L.D.L., Prince Rupert	— 1	— 30 "
“ Powell River	— 1	— 62 "
“ Windermere	— 1	— 60 "
“ Kamloops	— 1	— 80 "
“ Sunbury	— 1	— 14 "
“ Vancouver,		
Ukrainian Branch	— 2	— 300 "
Central Branch	— 2	— 350 "
Victoria Road Branch	— 1	— 22 "
N Victoria Rd. Branch	— 1	— 60 "
Little Mountain	— 1	— 12 "
Finnish Branch	— 1	— 100 "
Capital Hill Branch	— 1	— 14 "

[deletion:1/2 line] reported the existence of 34 branches in British Columbia with a combined membership of 2,178. The financial report disclosed that the District Office is in debt to the tune of \$300.

A number of resolutions were passed including one containing greetings to the Spanish Left Wing. It was proposed to organize new branches at New Westminster, North Vancouver, Maillardville, Fraser Mills, Vancouver

Heights and Trail. A new Provincial Committee was elected with [~~deletion:1 line~~]

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One [~~deletion:word~~] who had been sent to Atlin, B.C., by the Communist Party of Canada some time ago in an endeavour to organize the miners of that area into the union, recently returned to Vancouver and is said to have reported to the Communist Party leaders that at present he does not see much hope for bringing the miners of the Atlin area (who seem to be organized into a local independent union) into the United Mine Workers of America in the very near future. He stated that it was difficult to get the miners there to talk on the subject of trade unionism.

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II. ALBERTA

10. Conference of Northern Alberta Unemployed Association

The Northern Alberta Unemployed Association met in conference at the Russian Hall, 97th St., Edmonton, on 20th September with 30 delegates representing 18 organizations in attendance including E. Happer, president of the Southern Unemployed Central Council of Calgary.

The following demands were discussed and formulated:—

- (a) That work at union rates of wages be supplied, failing this an upward readjustment of at least ten per cent in relief allowance.
- (b) One Dollar extra allowance to anyone receiving a relief work card. This for the purpose of obtaining extra food while working.
- (c) The Clothing Department be abolished and a clothing grant of \$2 per month for each adult and \$1 for each child under 13 years of age and adult allowance from that age upwards.
- (d) Unemployed grievances to go direct to the Special Relief Committee without being held up by the Superintendent of the Relief Department or City Commissioners.
- (e) That the following rent allowance be brought in: Man and wife \$10 per month; Man and wife and 1 or 2 children under school age, \$12; Man and wife and 2 or more children under school age or of school age, \$15.
- (f) That all unemployed single men not absorbed in the work for wages plan be placed on relief at \$5 per week.
- (g) That single Ex-Service Men who are unemployed receive \$30 per month pension.

(h) That unemployed single girls receive \$5 per week.

(i) That deserted mothers who are unemployed receive \$5 per week and an additional \$1 per week for each child.

(j) That single persons be allowed to marry without being penalized by denying them relief.

It was agreed that the Southern and Northern Unemployed Association co-operate and form a provincial executive of 22 members; this executive to rally all unemployed, trade unions, church and political organizations behind the struggle of the unemployed and bring about a province-wide convention as soon as possible.

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The Communist Party in Alberta, through the unemployed organizations, are concentrating their efforts on the unemployed situation in an endeavour to force the Civic and Provincial authorities to grant the above quoted demands.

Jan Lakeman, [~~deletion:1 1/2 lines~~] remarked that the unity movement among the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Labour Party and Progressive Social Credit Groups is advancing at "full force". He pointed out that the organizations mentioned had practically adopted the unity programme proposed by the Communist Party, further that he had also been successful in rallying the membership and executives of these organizations behind the movement to oppose the proposed increase in the price of milk. Lakeman urged the leaders present to have all locals and clubs of the Communist Party popularize the campaign against the movement to increase milk prices and also to organize mass support against present economic and industrial conditions.

III. SASKATCHEWAN

11. "Farmers' Rally" at Weyburn

Approximately 350 people attended a "Farmers' Rally" in the Arena Rink at Weyburn on the evening of 19th September. The meeting, part of the "People's Front" campaign which is being waged by the Communist Party in an endeavour to arouse the farmers to action on the question of relief grants in the drought-stricken part of Southern Saskatchewan, was addressed by J. H. Tooth, Reeve of the rural municipality of Lone Tree, Climax, Sask., J.B. McLeod, provincial organizer of the Social Credit Party, Charles Broughton, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, and T. G. McManus, [~~deletion:2-~~

3 words] of the Communist Party of Canada. J. McManus of Colgate acted as chairman.

T. G. McManus is credited with having put up the most powerful and convincing argument for unity. He claimed that there was no intention of a march on-to-Regina at present but "should the

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farmers be unable to obtain the desired increased in the relief grants, then a mass conference of farmers will be held at Regina". He attributed the present poverty of the farmers to Capitalism. Concluding with final plea for unification he asked for a standing vote on the question of unity and the demand for larger relief quotas. The vote was unanimous and McManus' speech was loudly applauded.

IV. MANITOBA

12. Winnipeg Section of League Against War and Fascism Hold Conference

The League Against War and Fascism at Winnipeg held a conference on 18th September with 32 delegates representing 22 organizations in attendance. Marshall Gauvin, leader of the local rationalist society, acted as chairman and paid tribute to the speakers, complimenting them on their talents and courage. A. W. Atwater outlined the aims and objects of the league, while L. St. G. Stubbs spoke on world conditions. Referring to the Ethiopian and Spanish situations he remarked that "Great Britain's activities in the League of Nations could be cited as the greatest piece of cowardice ever known". Stubbs contended that a great mistake was made in Spain when the leaders of the Left Wing Government neglected to get rid of the military leaders and all Fascist element in the army. He thought that they could have been put away in a secure place or "put up against the wall". He blamed Great Britain for allowing the "rape of Ethiopia".

E. J. McMurray, K. C., spoke on Canada's defence. He expressed the belief that if 500 'planes of modern design would be stationed on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts they could keep off any attacker. He lamented the fact that \$15,000,000 is spent each year in Canada for "service out of Canada".

Short speeches were also given by May Sanregret, C. Foster, S. Brown, R. Towle and J. Clancy.

The proceedings of this conference would tend to show that the League Against War and Fascism is somewhat succeeding in enlarging its scope with the co-operation of non-Communist elements.

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The Winnipeg New Theatre, formerly the Progressive Arts Club, composed largely of Jewish members of the Young Communist League, are now busily rehearsing a play entitled "Bury the Dead" which they intend to stage at the Orpheum Theatre for six nights commencing on 3rd October. The play, briefly speaking, depicts six soldiers who had been dead for 48 hours and a party attempting to bury them. The soldiers simply refused to remain dead and the play ends up with the dead making a United Front with the living ones to end all war.

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