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AND AGITATION IN CANADAReport

Tim Buck in his New Year message to members of the Communist Party and supporters of the "struggle for progress" published in the 1st January edition of Daily Clarion predicts that "we shall march forward rapidly during the coming year." He warns that only the most energetic and devoted work on the part of all progressive forces will prevent the spread of war in Europe and the "unleashing of all the bestial forces of international fascism in Hitler's mad effort to make good his pledge to carry war to the East." He expresses the hope that the year 1937 will see renewed efforts to unite all the forces of progress for "a better life and wider struggle towards a Socialist Canada."

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2. Waterfront Strike at Vancouver  
remains unsettled.

The strike situation at Vancouver's Waterfront remains unsettled. On the 15th December, the Vancouver and New Westminster Trades and Labour Council officially went on record as endorsing the strike. The strike was also endorsed by the B.C. District Council and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, The Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, and other Unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labour. Notwithstanding this support and despite the fact that the strike committee has bombarded the men employed on the

waterfront with daily bulletins, putting up the strikers arguments and inducing them to join the International Longshoremen's Association, very few of the working longshoremen, members of the Canadian Unions, have joined the strike, and continue to load ships.

On the 16th December, Joseph P. Ryan, President of the International Longshoremen's Association, made an announcement to the effect that Harry Bridges, [deletion:3 words] and Leader of the West Coast, had been dropped as an International Representative of the International Longshoremen's Association. In making the announcement, J.P. Ryan is reported to have said — "We are not paying men to disrupt our Organization."

Bridges dismissal took effect on the 19th December. Ryan's move to oust Harry Bridges as an Organizer for the I.L.P. came as a surprise to the local leaders [deletion:2 words] at Vancouver.

### 3. Annie Buller in Montreal

Annie Buller, leading woman functionary of the Communist Party of Canada of Toronto is reported to have arrived in Montreal recently to organize the Local Women's Section of the Communist Party.

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### 4. "Vapaus" subscription Campaign successful.

The Finnish Communists in Canada recently concluded a subscription campaign on behalf of their Organ — Vapaus, a daily paper published at Sudbury, Ontario. The final results as announced in the 17th December issue of Vapaus are as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of Subscriptions</u>
Southern Ontario.	453
Central Ontario. (Sudbury Area)	428
Western Ontario.	462
Northern Ontario. (Timmins, Kirkland Lake etc.)	405
British Columbia.	134
Middle West.	33
West	<u>31</u>
	Total.... 1946

The campaign has been highly successful, it is said.

5. "United Front" efforts of C.C.F.  
 Leader in Saskatchewan lauded by  
Communist Party [~~deletion:2 words~~]

Emil Miller, [~~deletion:1/2 line~~] of the Communist Party of Canada, writing in the December 26th issue of the Daily Clarion, under the caption "A Step to Unity," eulogizes the united front efforts of Mr. George Williams, the President of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in Saskatchewan. Miller emphasizes the recent radio speeches made by Mr. Williams and the Unity Program enunciated by him; he credits Mr. Williams with the following statement made in his radio speech on November 18th:—

"Our convention charged the C.C.F. Directors with the task of trying to find some grounds on which the forces of reconstruction could unite. We who have been chosen to guide the destinies of the C.C.F. are firmly convinced that the major reform groups must co-operate to defeat the reactionary government. This does not mean that the C.C.F. forswears its policy or platform, nor does it mean that we expect others to forsake their principles. It does mean, however, that we recognize there is enough in common in all these reform policies which we can combine to make a workable program for a new government. We for our part are not going to be guilty of holding back the day of progress by refusing to co-operate with other reconstruction groups."

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6. Press Campaign of Ukrainian Communists  
highly successful.

The Press Campaign conducted by the Ukrainian Section of the Communist Movement in Canada during December has met with remarkable success, it is said. While complete returns are not yet to hand, it would appear that many locals of the Ukrainian Labour Farmers' Temple Association have doubled their quotas. At the Ukrainian Labour Temple, corner of Pritchard and MacGregor Streets, Winnipeg, a bazaar held continuously for two weeks, is said to have netted the treasury of the Organization more than \$5,000. The bazaar has netted at least 60% more money than the annual bazaars held during the past few years.

7. Communist Party to hold National Training  
School in Toronto.

The Communist Party of Canada is organizing a National Training School at Toronto, with a six months' course of study. This school will be in place of sending students to Moscow and should commence on February 1st next.

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8. No volunteers for Spain accepted so far

It is reliably reported that no applicants for military service in Spain in the interest of the Loyalist's cause have been accepted so far. The Communist Party is said to be very particular about recruiting, and will not take anyone who is married or has any family ties. Several applicants, aviators, who have expressed the desire to fight for the Madrid Government have been refused on those grounds.

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9. Toronto Communists celebrate  
Election Victory.

Approximately 400 persons attended a "Victory Banquet" given in honour of Stewart Smith, Alderman-elect in Ward 5, and John Weir, Communist-elect to the Board of Education at Toronto in the Labour Lyceum, on the 26th December.

Among those present was Dr. Salem Bland, who conveyed his greetings to the members of the Communist Party and congratulated them on their victory:—

"I'm here as a Minister of the Gospel. I'm here because I am a Christian, and the Christian Church is being taught a lesson by the Communists. I congratulate you Communists on the success of the great Russian experiment, which is no longer an experiment, and rejoice that if there comes a clash in the world that it looks as if Great Britain will not be in opposition but on the same side," said Dr. Bland.

Tim Buck told the audience that the elected representatives of the Communist Party are going into civic bodies, not only to expose capitalism, but "to win here and now, one after another, every measure possible that will immediately ameliorate the living conditions of the people."

The banquet was presided over by J.B. Salsberg and short speeches were also given by Stewart Smith and John Weir, the two Communist Representatives elected in the recent municipal election. Alderman-elect, Stewart Smith, said that the vote of December 7th was the first clear expression of the desire of the People's Front in Canada. Hewitt Humphreys, Deputy Reeve in York Township, quoted figures to show that the vote for him was 98% Anglo-Saxon.

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1. BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Approximately 850 people attended the meeting of the B.C. Section of the League against War and Fascism in the Moose Hall at Vancouver on the 13th December. A.M. Stephen acted as Chairman, and the speakers were Howard Costigan, Organizer of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, and Mrs. Costigan.

Although announced to speak on the Spanish situation, Howard Costigan devoted most of his time to an exposition of the Maritime situation and the strike that is taking place on the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts. He urged the workers of Canada to become organized and to fight Fascism. In closing he remarked that his Party, the Washington Commonwealth Federation, although not affiliated with the Communist Party of America, has a large number of Communists within its ranks. He stated that the Communists and his Organization co-operate in a united front.

Mrs. Costigan spoke briefly on the work that is to be done by the women of the country.

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The Vancouver District Trades and Labour Council at a meeting assembled on December 1st, voted forty-four to thirty-nine against giving any material assistance to the Spanish Government. The debate on the matter became quite heated but, as the vote indicates, the revolutionaries were defeated in their attempt to move the Council to send assistance to the Madrid Government.

11. ALBERTA

13. C.L.D.L. Provincial Conference in Calgary

The Canadian Labour Defence League held a Provincial Convention at Calgary on the 6th December with twenty-seven delegates representing Calgary, the Drumheller Valley, Alberta; Fernie, B.C.; Red Deer, Alta; Blaine Lake, Sask., and several other districts in attendance.

A.E. Smith, National Secretary of the League, was present and guided the proceedings. He gave a general report on the activities of the Canadian Labour

Defence League, as well as a general outline of his recent Canadian Tour. He emphasized the fact that the Canadian Labour Defence League is part of the International Red Aid, that in reality it is the Canadian Section of that International Organization. He reported on a meeting of the executive committee of the I.R.A., which he attended in Moscow and informed the convention that Moscow instructed that under no consideration can the Canadian Labour Defence League be liquidated, but rather that it must be strengthened in order to cope with developments in the Class Struggle. He suggested to the conference that the Canadian Labour Defence League in Alberta be divided into two districts with Calgary as the Headquarters of the Southern Part and Edmonton of the Northern Part. Following a lengthy discussion, the convention agreed to divide the province, formerly one district, into two districts, with a line reaching from the western provincial boundary running eastward along township 37 to the eastern boundary as the dividing line.

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At a conference of representatives of the Canadian League against War and Fascism, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the League of Nations Society, and the Federation of Youth, held on the 15th December in the Bissel Institute at Edmonton, it was decided that these four local organizations co-ordinate their work in the interest of peace; rally all interested organizations behind the peace movement and to call a Peace Conference as soon as possible for the purpose of electing a "Peace Council" representative of the City and District. The Peace Council's work is to be based upon the decisions of the World's Peace Congress held in Brussels, Belgium, recently. This development is in conformity with the proposals made by A. MacLeod, National Chairman of the Canadian League against War and Fascism at a meeting of the Edmonton Council of the League recently.

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### III. MANITOBA

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The Communist Party at Winnipeg has started an educational class with Sol Simkin and [~~deletion: 2 words~~] as instructors. The classes are being held at Room 209, Chambers of Commerce, and the first meeting held on the 17th December was attended by twenty-five prospective leaders of the Party. The

main purpose of this course of instruction is to develop competent local organizers and leaders for the Party

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A.E. Smith, National Secretary of the Canadian Labour Defence League, addressed a public meeting in the City Hall at Brandon, Manitoba, on the 14th December. He gave the usual talk on the Soviet Union, eulogizing the efforts of the Bolsheviks generally. He prophesied that Bolshevism would eventually triumph the world over. The meeting was attended by approximately three hundred people, and the collection taken netted \$24.71.

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The Toronto Theatre of Action is preparing to stage Tretyakov's Play — "Roar China" — in the Hart House Theatre, commencing on the 11th January. The last presentation made by the Theatre of Action was — "Bury the Dead" — and is said to have been a great success.

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