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SECRETNO. 882WEEKLY SUMMARYREPORT ON REVOLUTIONARY ORGANISATIONAND AGITATION IN CANADAREPORT

On January 26th Quebec Provincial Police in their warfare against Communism raided and padlocked the Ukrainian Labour Temple on St. Lawrence Boulevard, the property of the [deletion:2-3 words] Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association. Raids were also made on the homes of [deletion:3/4 line] where police seized a quantity of literature.

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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL

1. Notes on the Campaign in Aid of the Spanish  
Loyalists.

According to correspondence tabled at a recent meeting of the Communist Party at Lethbridge, Alta., the recruiting of men for active service in the International Brigade in Spain is to be intensified in Canada and the U.S.A. The correspondence in question emanated from the National Office of the Communist Party of Canada at Toronto.

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Jack Steele, member of the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion, recently returned from Spain is scheduled to address a number of meetings during the month of February. He is to speak in Winnipeg, on February 13th, after which he will address meetings in Brandon, Regina, Port Arthur and Sudbury. The meetings are being sponsored by the Friends of the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion.

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The Friends of the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion at Toronto held a mass meeting at the Foresters' Hall, 22 College Street, on the evening of January 19th. George Watson, recently re-elected President of the Toronto District Trades and Labour Council, acted as Chairman and the speakers were Captain Ralph Bates, A.E. Smith and Beckey Buhay Ewen. Seated on the platform were Rev. Salem Bland, G. Warren Gilroy, Rev. Mr. Thomas, Jack Steele, recently

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returned from Spain and 4 veterans of the Spanish Civil War. The Chairman, after outlining the history of the Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy and the League for Peace and Democracy, called upon Ralph Bates, who spoke from 8.45 P.M. until 11 P.M. eulogizing the Loyalist Army, and the International Brigade in Spain. He admitted that arms were being received by the Loyalists from Mexico and the U.S.S.R., mainly the latter, and strongly defended the acceptance of Russian aid. He, however, denied that there were any Russian Troops in Spain. He gave numerous illustrations showing how the United Front had been built up and how it is functioning. He made a vicious attack upon the Spanish Trotskyists devoting almost 20 minutes to the subject. He claimed that the Spanish Army was a democratic army and graphically described, or rather dramatised, the sufferings of the Spanish people. He also attacked the Roman Catholic Church for siding with Franco, saying that they were betraying the principles of Christianity. He concluded by making a high pressure appeal for donations; the amount collected, however, was not disclosed.

A. E. Smith and Becky Ewen spoke briefly. The latter, speaking as National Organiser of the Friends of the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion, declared that the response to their appeals had been above all expectations, that the Christmas appeal which had for its objective, \$5,000, had actually resulted in a collection of \$15,000. Now, she said, they had set themselves the task of sending 200,000 cigarettes a month to the "boys in Spain." The meeting concluded by A. E. Smith suggesting all rise and give the United Front salute. Bates, dressed in a military uniform and wearing a Sam Brown belt, returned the salute.

At a meeting of the [~~deletion: 1 1/2 lines~~] it was reported that the Youth Committee to Aid Spain, sponsored and controlled by the Y.C.L. had collected \$1,000 for a children's home in Spain and had given the money to the

Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, headed by [Xdeletion:2 words] for transfer to Spain. It was charged that over

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\$750 of this money has been spent in wages and administration expenses by [Xdeletion:1 word] with the result that only \$250 reached Spain. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Communist Party leadership be asked to look into the matter. It was agreed to release [Xdeletion:1 word], who headed the Youth Committee and to give him the post of National Secretary of the Finnish Youth Clubs. The work of the Youth Committee is to be continued with a part-time functionary. No agreement, however, was reached as to who the person should be and the matter was left over to be decided at a future meeting.

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## 2. The Campaign in Aid of China.

Dr. Heng Chih Tao is at present touring Canada addressing meetings under the auspices of the Communist controlled Canadian League for Peace and Democracy as part of the anti-Japanese campaign conducted by the said league.

On January 16th he was the feature speaker at a well attended mass meeting in Massey Hall, Toronto, which A. A. McLeod, Chairman of the meeting, described as part of the campaign "to demand of the Canadian Government that an embargo be placed on war material sent to Japan." The meeting was also addressed by other prominent speakers, some of whom denounced Japan as an Imperialist Power "carrying on a war of mass murder." The meeting staged with the active support of the Chinese Patriotic League is said to have been highly successful.

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[Xdeletion:1 1/2 lines] decided to procure three new films at a cost of approximately \$300., entitled:

"Thunder Over the Far East."

"China Strikes Back."

"Bombing of Shanghai."

These films are to be shown in Edmonton and other places throughout the Province.

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[Xdeletion:3/4 line] reported that [Xdeletion:2 words] local Chinese leader, succeeded in obtaining a permit for a tag-day on January 29th in aid

of the Chinese people. After some discussion it was suggested and agreed that the tag-day be postponed until the 5th of February and that every endeavour be made to make the tag-day a real success. [Xdeletion:1 word] further reported that Dr. Heng Chih Tao would be in Edmonton on the 3rd of February, and that a mass meeting on that date would be arranged in the McDougall United Church for him. [Xdeletion:1 word] also proposed that the League arrange a broadcast and banquet for Dr. Tao if possible.

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[Xdeletion:3/4 line], recently formed at Edmonton at their regular weekly meeting on January 17th, listened to an address by [Xdeletion:1 line] on the situation in Spain and China. [Xdeletion:1 word] defended the Spanish Loyalists, and emphasized the accomplishments of the Communist army (8th Route Army) of China. He also drew attention to what he termed the growth of fascism in Canada and urged his audience to organise against it. In conclusion he appealed to the Club to join in the boycott of "Japanese Made Goods" campaign.

[Xdeletion:1 word] the membership of which embraces a number of "progressive" young people of Edmonton, following [Xdeletion:1 word] speech, decided to actively participate in the Japanese boycott campaign. Some members present urged that a torch parade be organised as part of the campaign, and other youth organisations be asked to take part in it.

[Xdeletion: 1 word] who attended the meeting, asked the Club to support him in his endeavour to organise a tag-day in the City of Edmonton. The Club not only promised active support but also appointed eight of its members to act as taggers for the occasion.

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### 3. Communist Party attempt to organise Chinese.

Organisation of Chinese branches of the Communist Party in

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Toronto is to mark the beginning of a general drive on a national scale to recruit Chinese into the Communist Party. It is reported that it is the intention of the Communist leadership to organise the Chinese into a special section of the Party, having its own section committees and carrying on its business meetings in Chinese, but under the direct control of the District Bureau and the Central Control Commission. It is also planned to issue a paper, probably a Chinese edition of the "Clarion." Organising them into a special section will not isolate the Chinese from the rest of the Party as Party leaders will have access to their meetings everywhere it is claimed. The Ontario Chinese Patriotic Association,

together with the Chinese Workers Educational Society [~~deletion:1/2 line~~] will assist in the formation of this section of the Communist Party. Classes in English, Labour History, Marxism and Leninism are to be established as a means of developing class-consciousness among the Chinese.

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#### 4. Todowymazu (Society for assisting the liberation movement of Western Ukraine) annual Campaign.

Todowymazu has set aside the month of January for its yearly campaign for new members and the collection of funds. Present indications are that the campaign will be successful. It is expected that 1,000 new members will be recruited and \$4,000 collected.

Leaders of the organisation openly boast that 200 of their members are now in Spain fighting in the ranks of the International Brigade.

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#### 5. The Communists and the Trade Unions.

Communist Party leaders at Toronto boast that the entire

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executive committee of the Hamilton Council, Canadian Seamens' Union, now consists of Party members.

At Toronto the party succeeded in having a number of its members elected to the Executive Board and other committees of the Toronto District Trades and Labour Council, including [~~deletion:3-4 words~~]

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[~~deletion:1 1/2 lines~~] and amongst other things discussed the coming elections in the Montreal Trades and Labour Council. It was reported that the following Party members have been nominated: [~~deletion:1 3/4 lines~~] was elected to the organising committee of the Council by acclamation, it was said. It was further reported that after making a careful check up it was found that the Left Wing forces under the leadership of the Communist Party within the Council controls 79 votes and the opinion was expressed that with little outside support it would be easy to elect two left wing members to the Executive Council. The Commission

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decided to send an urgent call to all Party sections urging them to see that all Communist Party members and sympathizers who are delegates to the Trades and Labour Council attend the next meeting when the election of officers will take place.

Another item discussed was the situation amongst the Longshoremen at Montreal. It was reported that the situation existing within the two unions of the Longshoremen was favourable to the Communist Party.

[~~deletion: 1 word~~] reported a very unhealthy situation in the Newspaper Guild at Montreal, stating that union is about ready to disband. Since the dismissal of Ballantyne from the "Gazette" staff and the attack by the Duplessis Government on the C.I.O. the members of the Guild employed by the French papers have been gradually dropping out of the union and are now talking of forming an association with no particular affiliation, he asserted. The French members feel, [~~deletion: 1 word~~] that should they continue to belong to the C.I.O. union they would eventually lose their jobs. He [~~deletion: 1 word~~] suggested that as a means of holding the unions intact the union should immediately break its affiliation to the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada. If this is done, [~~deletion: 1 word~~] believed, the members will remain in the Guild and the Catholic Syndicates would be unable to win over the French element. A very lengthy discussion took place on this matter, the majority of the commission members disagreeing with [~~deletion: 1 word~~] suggestion on the grounds that it would give the whole C.I.O. movement a "black eye." It was decided that the matter be taken up with the local Communist Party secretariat; in the meantime [~~deletion: 1 word~~] stands instructed to call a meeting of the best elements in the Guild and urge them to maintain unity until some decision can be arrived at.

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## APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCES.

### 1. Saskatchewan

#### 6. The new Provincial Committee of the C.P. of C.

Some changes have been reported in the Provincial Committee of the Communist Party in Saskatchewan. The Committee as it is composed today, follows:

<del>deletion: name</del>	President.
<del>deletion: name</del>	District Organiser
<del>deletion: name</del>	Provincial Secretary.
<del>deletion: name</del>	Provincial Organiser.

[&deletion:name]	Northern Organiser.
[&deletion:name]	City Organiser.
[&deletion:name]	Farm Organiser.
[&deletion:name]	Youth Organiser.
[&deletion:name]	District Organiser of the Y.C.L.
[&deletion:name]	Youth Organiser
[&deletion:name]	Literature Department.
[&deletion:name]	C.E.S. representative in Sask.
[&deletion:name]	Dues Secretary.
[&deletion:name]	Womens Section and Spanish Affairs.
[&deletion:name]	Womens Section and Literature.

The Communist Party at Regina has moved its bookshop, known as the "New Era Bookshop" from the offices of the Party in the Western Trust Building to 1941 Scarth Street. The new bookstore is well equipped with Communist books and literature, with [&deletion:1 line] in charge. A Lending Library has been started in connection with the store.

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Alderman J. M. Toothill, [&deletion:3-4 words] has been appointed to head the Canadian League for Peace and Democracy at Regina. He has been instructed [&deletion:1/2 line] to draw prominent citizens of the City of Regina into the movement and whenever a meeting is held under the auspices of the League to have a Clergyman on the platform. He was also told to suppress all tendencies which might give one the impression that the League is a revolutionary or radical organisation.

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## 2. Ontario.

### 7. Communists plan to broaden Unemployed Organisations in Ontario.

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A special conference of the Communist Party, representing the Southern and Eastern Districts, was held in Toronto on January 15th and 16th at which, amongst other things, the question of rebuilding the unemployed organisations on a broader scale was discussed. [&deletion:1-2 words] reporting on the issue suggested that a campaign be commenced, supported by Churches and trade unions, centering around the demand for unemployment insurance, higher relief scales, housing and work with union wages. This proposal was accepted and the Communist Party will now take steps to rebuild the unemployed organisations at all points of Ontario. The conference also discussed the



problem of increasing the circulation of the "Daily Clarion," — the Party's central organ. It was stated that many of the branches of the Party had let the question of circulation of the paper disappear from their agendas. It was agreed that the Communist Party should commence to organise special canvasses and sales of the paper to build a subscription circulation for it as well as hold regular street sales on a larger scale for the same purpose.

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The Canadian Labour Defence League and the Citizens Defence Committee at Toronto have been abolished and their work delegated to the Civil Liberties Union which will open an office in the Victoria Building, 80 Richmond St., West, in the near future.

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According to a circular letter addressed by George Anderson [~~deletion:1/2 line~~] General Organiser of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' (C.I.O.) at

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Sudbury, to all trade unions, labour and farmer organisations in the district, a conference is to be held in the Sudbury Hotel, Sudbury, on February 6th, the stated purpose of which is to endeavour to establish closer co-operation between all progressive people in the Sudbury district." "The rapid developing Fascist danger throughout the world and in Canada," the circular declares, "makes it necessary for all progressive minded citizens to co-operate in preventing reaction from gaining further ground here in our province."

The proposed agenda to be discussed is quoted as follows:

- (1) Program around which the farmers, workers and progressive people can unite.
- (2) Geographical territory to be covered by this movement.
- (3) The basis on which the District Executive should be selected.
- (4) The extension of the organisation form of the labour-farmer movement in the municipalities.
- (5) Issuing of a weekly paper as the official organ of the progressive people.

In conclusion Anderson urges the organisations to elect delegates and instruct them how to act in the Conference.

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3. Quebec

8. "Clarte" now published in Toronto.

"Clarte," French organ of the Communist Party of Canada is at present printed in the Supreme Printing Shop at 460 Richmond St., W., Toronto. The paper is packed in trunks and taken to Montreal as baggage by people specially appointed for this purpose who on their arrival hand the baggage over to the responsible local agent —[~~deletion:2 words~~] recently returned from Spain where he acted as "Daily Clarion" correspondent. According to reliable information about 5,000 copies of "Clarte" are being circulated in Montreal.

According to [~~deletion:1-2 words~~], prominent functionary of the C.P., the present membership of the Party in the Province of Quebec is approximately 1,158.

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