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AND AGITATION IN CANADA

Efforts of the Communist Party in Toronto for the moment center around the civic election campaign.

Tim Buck, National leader of the Party, recently returned from a visit to Europe, has again been placed in the field as candidate for the Board of Control and every attempt is being made with a view to ensure his election. His candidature has been endorsed by the Communist inspired "Toronto Labour Representation Association."

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APPENDIX NO. I: GENERAL

A. Communism.

1. Boycott Fascist made Goods Campaign gaining momentum.

With the approach of the Christmas Season the campaign against Fascist “aggressor” nations has become more pronounced and intensified, particularly in Western Canada. The boycott movement, originally launched by the Communist Party mainly through its various puppet organizations, has become

considerably strengthened due to the fact that various non-Communist organizations are now taking an active part therein.

In British Columbia some attempts were made recently to picket ships with the object in view of preventing same from carrying scrap iron to Japan. Thus, on November 21st, pickets prevented scrap iron lying adjacent to Nanaimo from being removed to the coal wharf at Nanaimo for shipment to Vancouver. The picket line was discontinued when truck drivers hauling this material refused to further do so, after being told of a meeting in Nanaimo of church representatives, trade unionists, and other organizations in support of their action.

On November 26th, the League for Peace and Democracy at Vancouver demonstrated before the German Consulate. Pickets carried placards bearing such slogans as "Down with Hitlerism," etc. As a result of this demonstration, ten individuals, including several prominent members of the Communist Party, were arrested and charged with obstruction.

On December 1st a meeting was held in the First Baptist Church, Vancouver, under the chairmanship of Mrs. James Gray of the W.C.T.U., with the following speakers: Mrs. Jamieson of the C.L.P.D.; Sam Shearer [~~deletion: 1 word~~], President of the Carmen's Union; Eric Martin, local Youth Council; Rev. Harrison Villet of the Ministerial Association; E. Simpson of Nanaimo; and Dr. W.C. Black of the League of Nations Society. Resolutions were passed asking the Federal Government to place an embargo on war shipments and to ask Great Britain and the United States to do likewise. The highlight of the meeting was a suggestion from one of the audience to the effect that, instead of passing resolutions "of which no one took any notice," those assembled "get out and form picket lines, as was done in Nanaimo." The meeting

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closed with plans for all interested organizations to hold a conference in the near future.

The Edmonton Council of the Canadian League for Peace and Democracy at a meeting held on the 24th of November, decided, amongst other things, to intensify the boycott of Fascist made goods, particularly during the Christmas Season. With this end in view, it was suggested to organize a "Citizen's Committee" for the purpose of interviewing the managements of departmental stores, asking them to boycott goods made in Fascist countries. A special appeal along these lines is to be sent to all affiliated organizations. A leaflet distributed by the C.L.P.D., Alberta Section, urged the people "Not to buy blood-stained Xmas Goods." The leaflet says in part:

"At this Christmas Season of peace and good-will, you would not want your Christmas Gifts to mean terrible suffering to the people of Spain and

China. You would not want to be party to the brutal persecution of the Jewish people by Nazi barbarism.

REMEMBER: Stores are now being flooded with goods made in Japan, Germany and Italy. By buying these goods you will make it possible to aid Japan continue this war against unarmed women, children and old men. You would make possible the bombing of innocent civilians in Spain by Hitler and Mussolini. You would contribute towards the sadistic treatment of the Jewish victims of Hitler.

"BOYCOTT THESE GOODS:These goods are brought into our country to establish credits so that these countries can buy war materials to carry on the several wars now in progress, while preparing for those to come.....

"DO YOUR PART, BOYCOTT FASCIST MADE GOODS."

At Winnipeg the Communist inspired Committee for Boycott of Aggressor Nations held a boycott parade on December 10th, with over 300 people participating, including 178 Chinese. Organizations taking an official part in this demonstration were the Trades and Labour Council, National Minority Council, Canadian League for Peace and Democracy, League of Nations Society, Women's Progressive Club and two local Chinese organizations. The marchers carried signs appealing to the people to refrain from buying Japanese, German and Italian made goods; to boycott all goods imported from aggressor countries. A much larger turn-out was expected as many letters had been sent to various church, fraternal and other organizations, asking their co-operation.

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On December 11th, approximately 1,600 people attended a meeting held in the Civic Auditorium under the auspices of the Committee for Boycott of Aggressor Nations. E.J. McMurray, K.C., Chairman of the meeting, stated that the objective of the meeting was to promote the boycott of Japanese, German and Italian products. L.St. George Stubbs, M.L.A., Dr. Hans Leonhart, formerly of Danzig, Germany, Grant McLeod of the Trades and Labour Council, Miss Marion Johnston, a student of the Manitoba University and Treasurer of the Winnipeg Council of the Friends of China, J. Chemiak of the Jewish League, and Dr. Grant Lathe, also a member of Manitoba University, were the speakers. It was announced that the collection taken at this meeting amounted to \$350.

2. "Daily Clarion" Sustaining Fund over-subscribed.

The financial drive for an \$18,000 sustaining fund on behalf of the Daily Clarion came officially to a close on November 26th. It was a great success. Over \$20,000 was subscribed with six districts exceeding their quotas. Figures published in the 26th November edition of the Daily Clarion give the following returns:

	Amount collected	P.C. of quota.
S. Ontario	\$ 7,499.89	125.0
Saskatchewan	1,200.41	120.0
N. Ontario	1,681.03	120.0
Manitoba	2,013.58	111.8
Br. Columbia	1,633.95	108.9
Quebec	1,300.11	100.0
Maritimes	451.40	90.3
C. Ontario	528.73	88.1
Alberta	2,074.93	82.5
W. Ontario	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>66.6</u>
TOTAL —————	<u>\$19,384.03</u>	<u>107.7</u>

The Southern Ontario District, having obtained one hundred and twenty-five percent of its objective, won the National Clarion Trophy, with Saskatchewan and Northern Ontario tying for second place.

The Daily Clarion in its 29th November issue, under the caption "A Great Victory," comments:

"The progressive movement of Canada has scored a tremendous victory in bringing the October Clarion Drive to a most successful finish.

"Appreciation and understanding of the great role the Clarion Daily and Clarion Weekly play, progressives from Cape Breton to Vancouver Island responded generously

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and over \$20,000 was subscribed in a campaign for an \$18,000 sustaining fund.....

"Organizations and groups of farmers, socialist groups and C.C.F.'ers, professional and students have all done their share.....

"The Clarion supporters in the Province of Saskatchewan achieved what seems to be the miraculous. Notwithstanding the deep poverty of the common people in the Province, the Saskatchewan drive committee not only raised the quota, but surpassed it.....

"The Timmins and Northern Ontario region have again demonstrated the love of the north, of the miners, and the lumbermen for our paper. The

Timmins area drive committee was nosed out at the end of the struggle for first place.....

"The management and editorial board extend congratulations to the drive committees of Manitoba, British Columbia and Quebec. The efforts of British Columbia progressives are especially significant since they also maintain the splendid weekly, The People's Advocate.

"The achievement of the Quebec committee in accomplishing their objective amidst unprecedented Duplessis terror, will be admired by all people of our Dominion."

3. "Glos Pracy" campaign also a success.

In conformity with the decision of its last annual convention, Polski Towarzystwo Ludowe, (Polish People's Association), [~~3/4 line~~], is now engaged in a campaign for a \$2,500 sustaining fund and 400 new subscribers on behalf of its organ — Glos Pracy —. The campaign, which started on the 1st of November, is to terminate on December 24th.

Commenting on the progress of the campaign, Glos Pracy, in its current issue, states that although the campaign has still two weeks to go, it is showing marvellous results; it anticipates that over \$3,000 will be subscribed before the campaign closes. Over \$2,466 was already subscribed at the time of writing. The results obtained and the enthusiasm shown in the campaign will ensure appearance of Glos Pracy as a twice-weekly, commencing next year, the paper remarks. This appears to be the most successful campaign ever held by the P.T.L. in Canada.

4. Communist make good showing in Ontario Municipal Elections.

Communists achieved several victories in municipal elections held throughout Ontario on December 5th.

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In Windsor the Communist Party succeeded in electing Thomas Raycraft, [~~2-3 words~~] and two labour men sympathetic to the Party, to the City Council. The Party also actively supported David Croll, member of the Ontario Legislature, who was elected as Mayor over Colonel E.S. Wigle by a majority of 5,521 receiving a total of 19,798 votes. Labour, with the support of the C.P., also elected Frank Begley to the Board of Control, which gives labour three representatives on that Board.

Tom Raycraft, Aldermanic candidate in Ward one, received 2,255 votes, beating his opponent by over 700. Ernest Aitkinson, [deletion:1/2 line] was elected in Ward three, receiving 4,430 votes, while Robert Turner, [deletion:4-5 words] running in Ward five, was elected with 1,533 votes. Hurley Bennett, a Socialist, in Ward two received 2,531 votes, but was defeated. In Ward four the labour nominee, Edwin Waterman, who is looked upon as a radical, polled 1,530, but was beaten by Eansor, an Independent, who received, 4,090 votes. The principal candidates supported by the Communist Party, Raycraft, Aitkinson and Turner, received over 8,000 votes.

Sam Lawrence, [deletion:4-5 words] and president of the Hamilton District Trades and Labour Council, was re-elected to the Board of Control, Hamilton, topping the polls with a vote of 17,648. Harry Hunter, [deletion:1 word], vice-president of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (C.I.O.), was elected Alderman for Ward seven. He received, 1,773 votes.

In the mining areas of the North "progressive" candidates made a good showing, electing a progressive majority in Timmins and candidates in Kirkland Lake and Tisdale Township. Tommy Church [deletion:2 words] organizer of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, was elected Councillor at Kirkland Lake, topping the poll with a majority of 500 votes over the nearest of nine other candidates; R.J. Carter, progressive, was elected Reeve.

At Timmins A.B. McCabe, Tom McNeil and W. Armstrong, sponsored by the "Labour Representation Association," were elected to the Council.

Emil Heino was elected Councillor in Tisdale Township with a good majority.

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At Stratford the local Labour Representation Association elected six out of eight candidates nominated by that body for positions on the City Council, Board of Education and Public Utilities Commission.

At Brockville labour, and labour endorsed candidates, received a substantial vote. Ex-Chief of Police John Brown, who was endorsed by labour unions for Councillor in the North ward, was elected; also Jimmy Cunningham, secretary of the United Radio and Electrical Workers' Union, in West ward; while Frank Logan was elected to the Public Utilities Commission.

Commenting on the Ontario Municipal Election, the Daily Clarion, in its December 6th issue, remarks:

"Ontario moves ahead in the struggle for democracy and economic security. The sensational victories of the labor and progressive candidates at the municipal polls yesterday are of prime importance.

"In Windsor, the people overcame the combined opposition of the reactionary circles around ex-Mayor Wigle, the agents of the auto trusts,

Mitchell Hepburn and the kept press — to elect Mayor David Croll, Tom Raycraft, Bob Turner, Frank Begley, Ernest Aitkinson, and Cecil Daynes. A grand victory!

“Kirkland Lake, Timmins and the Porcupine came through with colors flying. The reactionary candidates were swamped. The men like Tommy Church, Tom McNeil, Bert McCabe, Emil Heino, Wally Armstrong and Mayor Bartleman — who stand for progressive municipal policies — were elected. The gold-mining magnates received a hard knock. The North voted for reform of the taxation system. The North insists that the big mining corporations pay municipal taxes?

“The Niagara peninsula also chalked up substantial gains for the people. Alderman Grinster headed the polls. In Stanford, the progressives Donald Glintz, Simeon Corfield and Morden were elected.

“Harry Hunter, Sam Lawrence and Agnes Sharpe came through in grand style in Hamilton, the steel town of Ontario.

“The textile town of Cornwall re-elected Ellis Blair and Percy Laurin.

“The news to hand from London, Kitchener, the Lakehead, Brockville and the rest of the Province indicates that, when the full results are tabulated, it will be seen that a record-breaking vote was cast for labor-progressive candidates.”

5. Communist receives good support in Saskatoon, Sask., Civic Election.

A surprising feature of the municipal election at Saskatoon

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was the strength shown by the Communist Party. A.C. Campbell, a candidate for the City Council, although not elected, received a total of 2,065 votes. A few years ago the Party could muster little more than 800 votes for its aldermanic candidates. [deletion: 1 line]

6. Communists suffer set-back in Brandon (Man.) Election.

Brandon (Man.) municipal election, held on November 29th, resulted in some changes, and in comparison with the previous civic election the communist controlled vote was considerably less this year. The Communist Party, working through the Civic Unity Committee, supported the following aldermanic candidates: P. Hughes, W.B. Kearns, W.R. Webb and Dr. L.S. Spiers. Only Dr. Spiers and W.R. Webb were elected, receiving 1,725 and 1,477 votes

respectively. The candidates for the School Board were: Gavin Broadhurst, [deletion:3-4 words] J.F. Crane; P.W. Twa, Dr. A.C. Rumball and R.T. Smith. Only two were elected: Dr. Rumball with 2,398 votes and R.T. Smith with 1,754 votes. Gavin Broadhurst was defeated, receiving only 1,484 votes. The only other [deletion:3-4 words] running, Twa, was also defeated; he received 1,034 votes.

7. [deletion:2-3 words] Co-operatives at Winnipeg show
progress.

The People's Co-operative, Ltd., formerly known as the Workers' and Farmers' Co-operative, a subsidiary of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, Winnipeg, recently released the "Directors' Annual Report," covering the operation of the Creamery and Fuel Branches for the year ending June 30th, 1938, together with the balance sheets of assets and liabilities as certified by the auditors. The total sales for the year amounted to \$579,013.51, as compared with \$492,421.34 for the year 1937. Operating expenses covering the two branches are given as \$559,473.94; depreciation reserve as \$16,237.81, leaving a net surplus of \$3,301.76.

Andrew Bilecki, Alderman elect, is "political" manager, and [deletion:1 1/2 line] The creamery branch maintains twenty-six delivery wagons and seven delivery trucks and

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employs in all some sixty men; while the fuel branch is managed by Marion Zimowsky, and employs outside teams and men as required. [deletion:3/4 line]

8. Todowymazu to change its name.

It is reported that Todowymazu (Society for Assisting the Liberation Movement in Western Ukraine), a subsidiary of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, will hold a convention in Winnipeg, Man., early in the year. At this convention the name of the organization is to be changed. Ukrainian communists claim that the name indicates a radical organization and for that reason the majority of the Ukrainians in Canada are reluctant to join it. Recent instructions issued from the head-office of the U.L.F.T.A. to the various branches, say that the members must do all in their power to organize more Ukrainians into Todowymazu prior to the next convention. These instructions point out that of the 600 Ukrainians living in Ottawa, Ont.,

only approximately ten percent are members of the U.L.F.T.A., or its branches, twenty percent are members of national or church organizations, and the remaining seventy percent are not organized. It is further pointed out that it is intended to send competent organizers to all principal cities and town in Canada, particularly in Ontario, to tackle this problem of organizing the Ukrainians. At the coming convention the constitution of the Todowymazu will also be changed so as to enable national organizations to have a representation at members' meetings, but not at the meetings of the leading organs.

9. Strikes and Unrest throughout Canada.

(i) The Unemployed situation at Vancouver, B.C.

The single unemployed situation at Vancouver remains unchanged. Individuals sent to Relief Camps number approximately 1,900; awaiting transportation to camps over 1,100, while a further 700 men are being investigated and classified. Over 200 have been found ineligible for camps and are to be returned to the Prairies to be placed on farms.

On December 12th a minor disturbance occurred when about 300 individuals marched from 60 West Cordova Street to the Relief

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Office and demanded a clothing issue, similar to that issued to those in Relief Camps. At first it was refused but later the officials capitulated, an issue of clothing was made, and the demonstrators dispersed. The demonstration was staged by the Relief Camp Workers' Union.

(ii) Edmonton Unemployed plan "Protest March."

Decision to organize a "protest march" to the Legislative Building in an effort to protest against relief policies of the Alberta Government was made Sunday afternoon, December 11th, at a meeting held in the Market Square, under the auspices of the Progressive Citizen's Alliance, previously known as the Provincial Unemployed Married Men's Association. Several speakers charged the Provincial Government with "discrimination" against jobless.

(iii) The Unemployed situation at Toronto.

During November some half hearted attempts were made to picket the relief worker's projects promoted by the City Council for the Toronto single unemployed, but these have had no effect on the progress which has proceeded without interruption since its inception.

Communist Party activity among the single unemployed continued throughout the month, but the tactics of agitating the men to the point of where they were ready to take militant action and then restraining them from doing so, has caused the men to lose faith in the communist leadership. The C.P., realizing this, has placed one of its members who was active in the Vancouver disturbances this spring — [deletion:2 words] — in charge of the work among the single unemployed, and his task is to keep the men in an organized body until the spring of next year.

(iv) Bakery Workers Strike at Lakehead settled.

The strike of bakery employees at Fort William and Port Arthur was settled on December 1st when final adjustments were made to an agreement reached by Union executives and the Master Bakers' Association, covering minimum rates of pay for all types of employees. The employers have also agreed to recognize the Union.

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B. Fascism.10. The National Unity Party.

Several changes have recently been made in the administration of the National Unity Party. [deletion:2 words] has been appointed Director of the Press Committee with the following members serving on the Committee:

- [deletion:name] representing Hochelaga County.
- [deletion:name] " St. Jake's County.
- [deletion:name] " St. Mary's County.
- [deletion:name] " Laurier County.

[deletion:name] was appointed to the post of Provincial Director of the Committee for Orators, while [deletion:name] was appointed to head the sub/committee publishing Le Combat National. He will also be in charge of the Party journalists. [deletion:name] was appointed to the position of Provincial Secretary.

National Unity Party activities in Saskatchewan seem to be at a standstill at present. Unconfirmed reports have come to hand, however, which would indicate that one [deletion:1 word] has been active on behalf of the Party in Northern Saskatchewan recently, and that he succeeded in recruiting a number of people in the Goodsoil District. It is further reported that F. Kratzer intends to go to Middle Lake District where one [deletion:1 word] is said to have given assurance that he (Kratzer) would obtain at least twenty-five recruits for the Party. It is further reported that one [deletion:3-4 words] has been appointed organizer for the National Unity Party there by [deletion:1 word], upon the latter's visit to that district.

It has also been reported that one [deletion:3-4 words] has been observed agitating and collecting money on behalf of the N.U.P. in that district.

Recent rumours that Adrien Arcand would tour Saskatchewan remain unconfirmed. According to an item appearing in the Saskatoon "Star Phoenix", Arcand, accompanied by Joseph Farr of Toronto, was due to arrive in Saskatoon on December 14th.

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APPENDIX NO. II: REPORTS BY PROVINCES.

I. Manitoba.

11. [deletion:2 words] Ukrainian Youth Federation stage "Youth Pageant" in Winnipeg, Man.

[deletion:2-3 words] Canadian Ukrainian Youth Federation and Universal Athletic Club held a "Youth Pageant" in the Civic Auditorium at Winnipeg on Thursday, December 8th, with 3,000 people in attendance. Alderman Andrew Bilecki acted as Master of Ceremonies. Nicholas Hocolak directed the Mandolin Orchestra; Walter Kaczor, Physical Director, supervised the Gymnastic display by the members of the Universal Athletic Club; and Michael Korol, secretary of the Canadian Ukrainian Youth Federation, gave a short speech on the aims of the Federation which he claimed has as its principal aim the development of better citizenship, "to train and develop Ukrainian youth so that they can take their rightful place in making Canada a country all." In the middle of the programme, L.St.G. Stubbs was introduced by Bilecki to speak briefly on the proposed boycott parade and meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 11th. Stubbs congratulated the sponsors of this concert and thanked the gathering for such a splendid turn-out. Stubbs emphasized the importance of the boycott parade and urged everyone present

to attend. The concert generally gave every indication of intensive preparation and the various performances were of a high standard. It has been remarked that there is no other organization in the City of Winnipeg capable of putting on such a performance. The performers, sometimes numbering 118 on the stage, were dressed in their native Ukrainian costumes. Considerable credit is due to Michael Korol, who appears to be very popular with the young communists, for the success of this Pageant.

The new temple of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association, Point Douglas Branch, Winnipeg, at Uclid Avenue and Main Street, was officially opened on Sunday afternoon, December 11th. The new temple was filled to capacity, and many who crowded the basement hall listened to the programme and speeches through an amplifier. Aldermen elect, Andrew Bilecki, was Master of Ceremonies. Speakers included John Dubno, representing the Point Douglas Branch, U.L.F.T.A.;

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Jim Litterick, communist M.L.A., and Secretary of the Manitoba Section of the C.P.; W.N. Kolisnyk of the Workers' Benevolent Society; Anthony Bilecki, Ward three C.P.; M. Sawiak, Provincial representative of the U.L.F.T.A.; Mrs. K. Stefanicki, Central Executive of the Women's Section of the U.L.F.T.A., and others.

The affair was largely a money making scheme to extract additional contributions from the Ukrainian people. It is said that over \$1,000 was collected at this meeting, thus bringing the total money subscribed for this building to over \$9,000; the cost of the new building being in the neighborhood of \$21,000.

II. Ontario.

12. Russian Communists appoint Organizers.

At a conference of the Russian Workers' and Farmers' Club, held in London, Ont., during November it was decided to speed-up organizational work among Russian workers. For that purpose the following organizers were appointed: [deletion: 1 3/4 lines] Organizational work is to be under the direction of [deletion: 1 1/2 lines] Russian Workers' and Farmers' Club. The latter is at present on a tour of Northern Ontario and Quebec.

The Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association at Toronto recently opened a political school for its women's section, for the purpose of training the members in the art of writing articles for the communist press and public speaking.

III. Quebec.

13. The Communist Party in Montreal.

The Communist Party at Montreal, in its attempt to circumscribe the Quebec "Padlock Law," organized another "front" organization known as the Montreal Public Forum, and under the auspices of this organization the Party intends to hold meetings at the Central Y.M.C.A. The C.P. members known to the Police have been advised to refrain from attending all meetings held under the auspices of this organization.