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**COMMUNISM**

**C.I.O. BOASTS SUCCESSFUL STRIKE  
(OTTAWA)**

Joyce [~~deletion: 1 word~~], reporting as a delegate of Local 195 to the Ottawa convention of the Committee for Industrial Organization, said that the parent body was bent on increasing its membership in Canada to 100,000 (or to twice its present standing) within a year. He mentioned some of the gains made by the C.I.O. in Canada and referred to what he called the "little Wagner Act" in Nova Scotia, and also to the recent strike at the General Steel Wares plant at Toronto, which he stated was the first successful strike in Toronto in 10 years. He boasted proudly that the strike was conducted by the C.I.O.

Regional Director Burt of the C.I.O. spoke of the poor legislation in Canada for "protecting the working man," stating that "the C.I.O. is demanding that the Government set up a Labour Board in order to protect

discrimination cases," and that "under existing laws the working men have no chance of protecting themselves or of prosecuting a company in any discrimination case."

Morris Fields of Detroit, Mich., of the United Automobile Workers' Association, an affiliate of the C.I.O., was the main speaker. He went into considerable detail in attempting to justify the union's position in the present automobile strike in Detroit which has resulted in unemployment for a great number of automobile workers.

It is interesting to note that the C.I.O. are making every endeavour to establish the Canadian organization with a view to ousting the Canadian Federation of Labour which recently demanded the exclusion of C.I.O. affiliates from the Trades and Labour Congress.

STEWART SMITH [≧deletion: 1 line]

At a recent meeting held by the Dukowinian-Bessarabian Society of Toronto, Alderman Stewart Smith of the Toronto City Council was one of the principal backers. [≧deletion: 3 lines] who is backing Hitler in the fight against Great Britain and [1] the Chamberlain Government. He is said to have stated that as long as Stalin is behind Hitler the workers under their leadership will see that Great Britain and her possessions, including Canada, will be sovietized by our Party. He received great applause from the audience, which numbered about 700.

[≧deletion: 2 lines] referred to the part women play in the communist movement. She stated that as long as the Ukrainian women are members of the C.P. they will do their best to obtain new members for its organizations, to educate the workers how best to fight for their freedom. Women, she said, are the best means for getting communist propaganda spread among foreigners, and their main objective at this time should be the organization of women workers engaged in the textile industry now being used for war needs.

Reporting on C.P. activities in metal and textile industries, O. Melnychenko, [≧deletion: 1 line], stated that the time is coming when this organization will take a leading position in the ranks of the workers who will be led to a better life in Canada. "The Hepburn Government is trying to stop us from spreading our propaganda among the workers but it is too late now. Our organization is strong enough to stop any government, and all members of the communist organizations in Canada will see that this is done. Our main duty just now is to organize workers in the metal and textile factories. Workers in the lumber industry are well organized."

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"Our organization has worked for the past 22 years to bring workers into our movement, and today we can be proud of our members—they take leading and responsible positions during all strikes and are the sponsors of all strikes, and at almost every strike they assume financial responsibilities. All employed members must or-

ganize workers in the shops where they can come in contact with them, showing these workers that our duty is to stop this war spreading and that we as loyal members of the International must do all in our power to stop the war, and this can easily be done when production of war material is curtailed or stopped altogether through our efforts."

He added that the time is rapidly approaching in Canada when the workers under the leadership of the C.P. will close all churches and Christian organizations and will sovietize them.[2]

Referring to the part played by the Canadian Labour Defence League, which is a section of the International Red Aid, with head office in Russia, [deletion: ? words] stated his views as to what should be done towards stopping the war in Europe. "All members of the C.P. must stick together and not be afraid of being arrested, as the C.L.D.L. was reorganized a few days ago and will defend all members who have been arrested for anti-war activities in Canada." He said that all members must try to circulate the "People's Gazette" because "the paper is the best organizer of the Ukrainian workers in Canada." (The policies of this publication are directed by the Communist Party of Canada.)[3]

#### FUR WORKERS BREAK FROM COMMUNISM (TORONTO)

Communist control of certain unions sometimes suffers humiliating defeats. The "Fur Workers' Union" of Toronto, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labour organization, that has been under the domination of the Communist Party for the past several years, recently awoke to the fact that it was being used solely for political manoeuvres and that the Party have little interest in the improvement of conditions amongst the workers. The November "Bulletin" of the union now calls upon all members of their organization to disassociate themselves from the yoke of Communism:

"Fur Workers: Now is the time to free yourselves from the Hitler-Stalin henchmen. Act now! Do not delay! Manifest your loyalty to Democracy against Communism and Fascism. Join the A.F. of L. Fur Workers' Union of Toronto." [blank][4][blank]

#### "SLOBODNA MISAO" PLANS SPECIAL EDITION (TORONTO)

In order to celebrate its eighth anniversary, "Slobodna Misao" (The Free Thought), communist paper published in the Croatian language at Toronto, is planning a special issue. It is anticipated that about 40 contributors will write special material for appearance in this edition. The date of issue is being kept secret but 1000 extra copies are to be printed.

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### C.I.O. FOSTERING MINE STRIKES (KIRKLAND LAKE)

On November 19 the local Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' International Union (C.I.O. affiliate) called a "strike vote" of the Teck-Hughes Mines employees at Kirkland Lake, with a view to having the miners individually register their desire to have the union represent them in a request for higher wages.

To date union officials claim that 500 miners have signed the petition, out of approximately 750 employees. From reliable information it has been ascertained that this statement is greatly exaggerated and that a large percentage of the Teck-Hughes miners did not wish to strike but "they are being high-pressured by the union organizers and already the slurring work "Scab" is being flung at them." [<deletion: 2 lines][7]

### COAL STRIKE CONTINUES AT ESTEVAN

Conditions have remained unchanged during the past few weeks in the Estevan-Bienfait lignite area. Striking miners continue to picket the coal properties. No disturbances have occurred and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police reinforcements on hand, originally numbering 150 men, have dropped to about 30. Latest reports would indicate that pickets also have decreased and interest is waning.

Operations at the Western Dominion Strip Mine, Poage's Strip Mine and the Estevan Collieries are being continued without interference or molestation. Baniula's Brothers Mine commenced operations in a small way on November 18. To date no further attempt has been made to operate the other mines in the district.

Arrested on a charge of assault during the early part of the strike, Max Pasoka was found guilty in Magistrates Court on November 16, fined \$15 and costs and ordered to keep the peace or serve six weeks hard labour in Regina jail. John Elchyson, charged under the Criminal Code with unlawfully watching and besetting, elected trial before jury and was remanded on \$2,000 bail to appear at the next assizes. Other charges against William Knight and Robert McLean for causing damage to property were withdrawn because these individuals have already been sent up for trial on charges of robbery and violence occasioning bodily harm.

On November 23 pamphlets represented as being issued under the joint auspices of the Winnipeg and District Trades and Labour Council and the Winnipeg National Council of the All-Canadian Congress of Labour were distributed in an attempt to acquaint the general public with the strike situation existing in the Estevan coal fields. This literature contained no seditious material and represented the "necessity of collective bargaining

by unions, which principle has been approved by the Federal and Provincial Government as a means of maintaining peace in industry." Good feeling between striking miners and R.C.M.P. has existed throughout the strike.

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#### NEW PARTY WEEKLY CONTEMPLATED

With no Eastern publication available at the present time the Communist Party are preparing to distribute copies of the "Mid-West Clarion," published in Winnipeg, to Party members this week. Efforts are being made to arrange for the issue of a smaller weekly sheet under another name during forthcoming weeks. In this connection a special distributing corps is being organized in Toronto to circularize Party news and literature.[><blank][9]

#### GENERAL

##### ATLAS COAL STRIKE SETTLED (EAST COULEE, ALTA.)

On November 21, miners employed at the Atlas Coal Company, East Coulee, Alberta, went out on strike over what appeared to be a very minor disagreement. The walk-out affected three shifts, totalling 150 men.

The mine management contacted [><deletion: 2 lines], who advised the members of Local 7331 of this union to return to work, pending subsequent negotiations with the operators. The management claimed that the miners had broken regulations in their "wage agreement" wherein it was provided that in all cases, while disputes are being investigated and settled, the miners, mine laborers, and all other parties involved must continue to work pending investigation and until final decision has been reached, and they refused to discuss this situation with the miners until such time as they returned to work. They agreed to negotiate. No disturbance occurred although picketing of the mine prevented the men from returning to work. The arrival of [><deletion: 1 line] resulted in a conference between the parties concerned and a satisfactory settlement was reached on November 23.[10]