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EDITORIAL

THE CANADIAN SITUATION

The contents of this issue disclose considerable dissension and disorganization throughout the Communist Party of Canada. Rather frantic efforts are being made to rehabilitate a structure that has been badly shaken by "capitalist press propaganda" and by the turn of events overseas. Against such revolutionaries the continuous barrage of written and oral facts constitute the most effective defence both here and abroad. For this is largely a battle of ideas rather than of physical forces. [><deletion: 3 lines]

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After the Armistice, what? There may follow a period of military peace, but this civil war will surely continue until we have set our house in such scrupulous order that agitators can find no serious social or economic grievance to use as a convenient weapon against the State. In the meantime the true meaning of democracy and the vital necessity of unified defence of it must be impressed upon all Canadians until there is a lasting victory behind the lines, founded upon peace, order and good

government.[1][Pages 2 and 3 are missing.]

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C.I.O. SEEKING OFFICIAL RECOGNITION (WINDSOR)

It is reported that the C.I.O. is making every effort to reorganize the employees at Windsor and also to increase its membership. Bob Stacey, new organizer at Windsor, stated that the situation at that point is better than in some other parts of Canada prior to the beginning of reorganizational campaigns.

Speaking to a recent meeting of Local 195 at Windsor, Stacey discussed briefly the question of the C.I.O. affiliating with the All-Canadian Congress of Labour in Canada. He told those present that it was his opinion that it would be a very good thing for the C.I.O. to affiliate, because at the present time the C.I.O. is not an officially recognized labour organization. He meant that the C.I.O. is not officially recognized by the Government, being expelled from the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada at that body's recent convention. According to Stacey, affiliation with the A.C.C.L. would give the C.I.O. closer contact with the Government.

It was reported that the Canadian Automobile Workers Association will publish an official bulletin for its membership. A motion was carried at the meeting requesting that money received from the International (C.I.O.) in the United States be spent for publicity in the furthering of the C.I.O. interests in Canada. It is understood that this will amount to approximately \$300.00 each month.[4]

"FINLAND THE FACTS" (AS THEY SEE IT) (TORONTO)

Under the caption "Labor Truth" and subtitle "Finland The Facts," a leaflet was distributed on January 20 by the Communist Party of Canada throughout the Toronto District, which denounces the Capitalist Press in reporting the Russian-Finnish hostilities. According to this leaflet "a deluge of bare-faced lies and manufactured atrocity propoganda about Finland is being flooded upon the Canadian people as part of the imperialist plan of intervention and war against the Soviet Union."

In conclusion it says:

"The interest of the Canadian people are united with the interest of the Finnish working class, led by the COMMUNIST PARTY of Finland, to stop their country from being used by the imperialist fire-bugs in their mad plans of war against the Soviet Union. Our country too must be saved from the fate of a pawn of the capitalists war-incendiaries against the Land of SOCIALISM.

FIGHT THE IMPERIALIST WAR PLANS WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT. BACK THE FINNISH WORKING-CLASS AND THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST WAR-MAKERS AND THEIR LACKEYS. THE FRENZIED ANTICS OF THE IMPERIALISTS WILL PROVE TO BE THEIR DEATH DANCE."

POLES RALLY TO SUPPORT OF "GLOS PRACY"
(TORONTO)

A concert was held recently by the Polish People's Association in connection with the press campaign for "Glos Pracy" at Toronto. The direction of this concert was personally supervised by the editorial staff of this Polish newspaper published by the P.P.A., [~~2 lines~~] Taking part in the program were the U.L.F.T.A. Brass Band and a choir from the C.U.Y.F.

The main speaker on the program was W. Dutkewich, Assistant Editor of "Glos Pracy" and Toronto organizer for the P.P.A. He stated that about nine years ago a publication known as "Budzik" (The Awakener) [5] brought about the beginning of the P.P.A.; the name of this paper being later changed to "Glos Pracy." According to Dutkewich, this publication has greatly aided the progressive and liberation movement of the working class in Canada and Poland. Speaking about the "Imperialist War," he stated that there was every likelihood that it would be extended next spring and that "repressive measures against the workers could be expected." Referring to Great Britain, he said that "the greatest power in the world which claimed to be all powerful was trembling in fear for its integrity and supremacy. This great power is at present confident that there is no power on the continent who could challenge its strength. Nevertheless, this great power was trembling and the workers' movement steadily growing."

Dutkewich stated that it was up to the forces of the workers to consolidate themselves and be ready for the coming storm which was imminent. To this end they should give all their support to "Glos Pracy." The workers should organize and unite to withstand the reactionary forces which were going to attack the workers' democracy.

Approximately 500 persons attended this concert, and it is of interest to note that the U.L.F.T.A. gave considerable assistance in order to ensure its success. A silver collection taken at the conclusion of the concert was not particularly successful.

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FIRST ISSUE OF "THE CANADIAN TRIBUNE"
(TORONTO)

The "legal" Communist Party newspaper which is taking the place of the banned "Daily Clarion" made its appearance in Toronto on Saturday, January 20. Terming itself to be a "journal of democratic opinion," this first issue can hardly be considered a contravention of the Defence of Canada Regulations. Several articles in its contents are quoted from other newspapers and are critical of the powers enacted under the D.O.C.R. One page (of the eight pages) contains a one-sided discussion of the situation in India. The last page contains the editorials from which a judgment of the standard set by the paper may be ascertained.[8]

The newspaper is published weekly by the Canadian Tribune Publishing Company and is printed by the Ever Ready Printers at Toronto. Its editor is A. Albert MacLeod, a member of the Communist Party. Contributing editors are C. H. Huestis, R. A. C. Ballantyne, H. K. Gordon and Margaret Fairley. Its business manager is J. G. King, also a member of the Communist Party.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY AMONGST THE UNEMPLOYED
(REGINA)

Notwithstanding the fact that the election of officers does not ordinarily take place until May of the current year, a provincial conference of the Saskatchewan Union of Unemployed is being held this month in Regina at which representatives from every branch of this organization will be present. In order to speed such election, the entire executive resigned on Friday, January 12, with the hope of the Communist Party leadership that members of the new executive would be more aggressive than those who have taken a leading part in the S.U.U. during the past.

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BROWN ADDRESSES LABOUR DEFENCE LEAGUE
(SASKATOON)

Speaking to a meeting of the Canadian Labour Defence League at Saskatoon on January 12, Reverend W. G. Brown, recently elected Federal Member of Parliament for Saskatoon, representing the United Reform Movement, adopted as his theme the right of every citizen to "free speech and free actions." He dwelt "for some time on the consequences of suppression of civil liberties" and said that "recognized authority who denied the citizens the right of freedom of speech and actions must be afraid to hear the truth." He urged everyone to fight for his civil liberties, and quoted the Bill of Rights.[9]

Other speakers were Robert Bell (alias "Buster") Nuttal, [>deletion: 2 lines], who dwelt at length on the Defence of Canada Regulations and urged the audience to fight for the release of those individuals who have been arrested under the War Measures Act. W. S. Borland, representing

the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, also spoke.

From all appearances the majority of the audience attended with the purpose of hearing Mr. Brown speak, as many left immediately thereafter.

DISSENSION SPLITS WESTERN PARTY (SASKATOON)

Dissension is rife within Communist Party circles at Saskatoon. As a result of the election of the United Reform Movement candidate, Rev. W. G. Brown, [~~1 line~~] T. G. McManus, Provincial Secretary of the Party has had to appear before a C.P. meeting at Saskatoon. [~~4 lines~~]

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A motion was moved at the meeting by Robert Dochterman, prominent member of the C.P. at Saskatoon, that the action of McManus be thoroughly investigated. This motion was defeated, but a decision was reached to investigate [~~1 line~~] for demanding the investigation. The bureaucratic manner in which this meeting was held has incensed many members of the Party and a few have severed their connections, with others signifying their intentions of doing likewise. Those members that have tendered their resignations are Harold Miller, Robert Dochterman, Fred Birch, Victor Beech, Art Abrahams and Merle Fredrichs.

Robert Dochterman and Fred Birch have written letters to the Dominion Committee at Toronto asking that they investigate the whole matter. Further, Birch wrote Stewart Smith protesting the actions of McManus and asking for his removal as Provincial Secretary.[10]