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MONTHLY COMMENT

With the Federal Elections in the offing the Labour Progressive Party, as with the other various political parties in Canada, is busy with extensive preparation. It is interesting to note that following their policy in other elections, they are seeking to infiltrate all the particular groups and factions possible.

It seems, from a perusal of their activities over the past few weeks, they have created rather an enigmatic atmosphere. In Saskatchewan we find the Provincial organizer stating openly that the L.P.P. is the successor to the Communist Party and no more or less reputable. In Ontario we find a candidate vehemently defending the Communist Party, whereas in Manitoba as in a few other places an attempt is made to veil the connection of the L.P.P. to the Communist Party and instructions being issued to the members not to tell the public that the L.P.P. is Communist. This seems to be a difference in tactics.

During this campaign, much stress is being placed on the youth of Canada and their position in the coming period. [Xdeletion: 6 lines]. It would seem then, that the many statements of the different L.P.P. members outlining the necessity and proposals for the L.P.P. to organize and unite Canadian youth are becoming a reality.

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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL OR TROTSKYITES

Soon after the Kerensky Government was overthrown and control was taken over by the Bolsheviks in October, 1917, sharp differences of policy rose between the leaders of the Communist Party of Russia. In 1923 attempts were made to discredit Leon Trotsky who was then the leader and idol of the Red Army of Russia. These attempts became quite pronounced following Lenin's death in 1924 and eventually resulted in the expulsion of Leon Trotsky, first from the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R. and eventually from the Soviet Union itself.

The attack on Trotsky resolved itself largely into a struggle between Stalin and Trotsky over the question of the "permanency of the World Revolution". Originating in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the controversy over this question was eventually projected on to the international scene and by 1927-28 it had become the topic of discussion in the various Communist Parties affiliated to the Communist International.

Trotsky contended that Communism could not survive in one country as long as it was surrounded by hostile, capitalist states. He held that every effort should be made to extend the World Revolution to the countries immediately adjacent, or next to the one country in which the dictatorship of the proletariat had been established, viz. the Soviet Union.

Stalin, on the other hand, maintained that "Socialism" (Communism) was possible in one country alone and that it was the task of the Communists to build up and perfect the resources of that country (the Soviet Union) and use them as the spearhead of the World Revolution. Stalin's point of view prevailed and viewed today in retrospect, it must be admitted that Stalin was right and Trotsky was wrong.

Those who shared Trotsky's belief soon rallied and thirty delegates met somewhere in Switzerland and established a new world centre known today as the Fourth International. At this conference it was declared that "the strategical task of the Fourth International lies not in reforming capitalism but in its overthrow. The political aim is the conquest of power by the proletariat for that purpose."

The Trotskyites as the adherents to the Fourth International are generally referred to, claim they are wholeheartedly behind the principles of Marx and Lenin and that Stalin and his followers (Stalinites) have not properly followed them; that Stalin and the leadership of the Communist (Third) International have betrayed the World Revolution.

The "Statutes of the Fourth International" provide:

All the proletarian and revolutionary militants in the world who accept and apply the principles and the program of the 4th International are joined in a single world-wide organization, under a centralized international leadership, and a single discipline. This organization has as its name The Fourth International (World Party of the Socialist Revolution), and is governed by these present statutes.

In all countries the members of the 4th International are organized into parties or leagues, which constitute the national sections of the 4th International (World Party of the Socialist Revolution).

The national sections are formed on the platform and in accordance with the organizational structure defined and established by the founding congress of the 4th International (Sept, 1938). In its platform the 4th International concentrated the international experience of the revolutionary Marxist movement, especially that arising out [unnumbered: almost completely blank] of the socialist conquests of the October, 1917, revolution in Russia. It assimilates and bases itself upon all of humanity's progressive social experiences which lead to the expropriation of the capitalist class and to the ultimate abolition of classes.

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L.P.P. CANDIDATE DEFENDS CANADIAN COMMUNISTS

One would have to go a long way to find a better defence of our Canadian Communists than was presented by F/O TEEPLE, L.P.P. candidate in the Federal Constituency of Timiskaming, when he spoke recently over Station CJKL in connection with his election campaign. His address is couched in words presenting such a perversion of the true facts and exaggerated false colouring that it is quite evident how adept and prone he is at paying lip-homage to our domestic Communists.

During the course of his remarks he referred to the hysterical persons crying "Communists" and "raising the Red Scare". In this regard he declared that these people revealed "they are opposed to the Anglo-Soviet-American-alliance". (F/O TEEPLE apparently does not recognize the fact that: anti-Communist is not necessary anti-U.S.S.R.).

"There is no place better to begin to learn this lesson than right here at home with our own domestic species of Communists. It is important to learn that the picture of 'wild-eyed', sentimental, extremist, unbalanced, destructive, blood-thirsty, intolerant, dogmatic agitation for revolution, at all costs, without regard for national interest or patriotism the picture which has been pounded into your brains by a generation of high-pressure all-persuasive propaganda is false and the opposite of the truth.

"You will find that Communists are very calm and sane rather than sentimental, they are reasonable; rather than extremist, they are realistic. Rather than unbalanced, they have learned how to keep their balance amid earthquakes and storms. Rather than destructive, they have learned to *build in the very midst of chaos.* Rather than blood-thirsty, their whole philosophy and practice is an expression of the brotherhood of man. Rather than intolerant and dogmatic, they have raised patience to a high art and flexibility to the level of principle. They never play with the concept of revolution as some sort of interesting adventure or gain. They base all considerations and policy squarely on the foundation of national interest."

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LAUNCHING OF F.D.Y. COMMENCED IN WINNIPEG

The next step toward selling the F.D.Y. to Winnipeg youth clubs was the holding of a joint meeting in the Y.M.C.A. guest room on Saturday, February 17th. Representatives of the Labour Youth Federation, Canadian Commonwealth Youth Movement, Canadian Youth Commission and the Johnny Canuk Club were present. It will be remembered that the C.C.Y.M. is the junior C.C.F., while the C.Y.C. is the reputable organization representing youth clubs from various churches, etc.

Jessie STORRIE was guest speaker at this meeting and in her address she pointed out that there were strong indications of the young people today beginning to take action jointly; that a definite need for a Democratic Youth Federation has been foreseen to "co-ordinate all youth activity on a national scale a Federation that must come forward as a progressive and democratic body that will have a social-action program as its aim; a youth Federation that would be concerned with the democratic questions of the issues that, for example, will be involved in the anticipated federal elections; issues ensuring a better future for Canada and pointing the need of bringing all young people together in the Democratic Youth Federation scheme".

[§deletion: blank] told of the opening organizational steps taken in Toronto following which [§deletion: blank], [§deletion: blank], United Church; [§deletion: blank], C.Y.C.; [§deletion: blank], and [§deletion: blank] University Students' representative were chosen as the Winnipeg members of the National Initiative Committee. They will also form the Winnipeg Initiative Committee. [§deletion: 3 lines]

During the discussion period much time was devoted to the rather ambitious undertaking of amalgamating the membership of the C.Y.C. with the F.D.Y. There was some indication that [§deletion: blank] supported this idea as he intimated that the C.Y.C. was finished and would be disbanded in June. Jessie STORRIE later suggested that the Winnipeg Initiative Committee should co-operate with the Winnipeg Sub-Committee of the C.Y.C. and while dealing with this subject maintained that she has organized an Initiative Committee at Fort William.

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One of the representatives of the Canadian Youth Commission cautioned of the danger of the F.D.Y. affiliating with any Political Party. [§deletion: 1 line] made a particularly apt reply when she remarked that the F.D.Y. would have no political affiliation, but would "support any Democratic and Progressive issues and social reforms". The question still appeared doubtful, but she avoided the issue by explaining that nothing would be done to draw the whole C.Y.C. into the F.D.Y. program; that it would be proper to enter into discussions on the question of co-operation. Following this it was decided that further organizational meetings would be called between the Winnipeg Sub-Committee of the C.Y.C. and Jessie STORRIE, F.D.Y. representative.

STORRIE speaks at C.Y.C. Meeting.

Jessie STORRIE was guest speaker at a C.Y.C. meeting held in Winnipeg on February 22nd. She claimed that in Montreal, 1,000 clubs were represented in the F.D.Y.; in Toronto representatives of all clubs meet under the F.D.Y. banner; Sudbury had seen Finnish groups and the L.Y.F. elect representatives; Fort William, L.Y.F. Bulletin "Voice of Faith" had joined and in Winnipeg to date, the Russian youth, 2 Jewish clubs, a Ukrainian club and a Johnny Canuk Club had all joined.

Proper Meeting of F.D.Y. Held.

A proper meeting of the F.D.Y. was held at the Y.M.C.A. on February 23rd, at which a first attempt was made to organize officially and increase the membership. Each member of the Initiative Committee is to contact

two or three institutions and interest them in sending a delegate to the Federation meeting, which is to be held in Toronto.

L.P.P. DESIRES YOUNG BLOOD

In an article appearing in a recent issue of "Club Life" Sam Carr stated that there are too few young people in the party and that he had received the impression during one of his recent tours that the party had not been recruiting sufficiently among the younger generation. In discussing the youth problem CARR makes the following ambiguous and confusing statement:

"While there is a great need in the country for a genuine mass youth organization, which would become the spokesman of farmer-labour youth and its problems, the recruiting of many thousands of young men and women into the party would help build an organization of youth which should be non-partisan."

To bring youth into the Party CARR suggests that Provincial Committees should secure the services of the best available young L.P.P. member to work in the capacity of a Party organizer among young people. the object of such an organizer, he states, would be the setting up of new clubs composed of young people and carrying on their Party activities in a way which would be attractive to the young people in the community. He urged that each club in existence should give some consideration to the idea of a special effort to bring in some young blood.

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UKRAINIAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION TO BE LAUNCHED.

A National Council of the Ukrainian Young People's Association has been formed in Toronto [~~deletion: 1 line~~] It is reported that the council has been set up by leaders of the Ukrainian-Canadian Association with a view to form a broad National Ukrainian Youth movement in Canada, the centre of which is to be in Toronto. [~~deletion: 4 lines~~]

LETTER SENT OUT

Mary SKRYPNYK, who is listed as the president of this new council has sent out a letter to all assisting independent Ukrainian Youth clubs. [~~deletion: 2 lines~~] This letter is co-signed by Anne Kay as secretary of the new council.

The letter states in part that "a group of young people in Toronto in conjunction with the U.C.A. have formed a Provisional National Council with a view of establishing contacts with existing youth clubs and to draft

a temporary constitution as well as to generally lay down plans for the formation of a National Youth Organization. This Committee will function until such time as a National Conference is called and a permanent council elected”.

U.Y.P.A. Non-Political

The letter goes on to say, that an organizer will shortly make a tour of Canada to explain the plans of the proposed National organization. A draft of the proposed Constitution accompanies the letter. Article two of this Constitution claims that “The Ukrainian Young People’s Association is a cultural, recreational, educational, non-political organization of young Ukrainian-Canadians.” Five other aims are listed all of which are patriotic.

ANY CLUB MAY JOIN

Regarding the Fraternal Affiliations proposed for this youth movement it is interesting to note that provisions have been made for any Ukrainian or other nationality to participate and that “such clubs maintain their organizational autonomy, but are obliged to accept the general decisions of the Ukrainian Young People’s Association conventions and the National Council. Members of affiliated clubs are not required to secure membership cards from the U.Y.P.A. All direct affiliate clubs must agree to carry out, according to their ability, the aims of the U.Y.P.A. It is obvious that such a proposal, if carried out, would clearly result in the affiliated clubs being independent in name only for their policies would be dictated to them.

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EXISTENCE OF L.P.P. JEWISH SECTION ESTABLISHED

A report in the January 25th issue of the “Canadian Jewish Weekly” entitled “A Gathering of Progressive Jewish Leaders in Canada” covers the enlarged meeting of the National Jewish Committee of the Labour Progressive Party. This report definitely establishes the existence of the National Jewish Committee of the L.P.P.

This meeting referred to was held in the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on January 13th and is reported as being “a conference of Jewish public men and leading members of the L.P.P. There were representatives from Montreal, Winnipeg, Windsor, Hamilton and Toronto. J. GERSHMAN, National Organizer of the Jewish section, gave a lecture analysing the present world situation and the new political relation of international forces which the war has created and how the different tendencies in life react on it.”

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From the text of this lecture and the discussions that followed it would seem that the democratic future of our country is dependent on the unity or coalition of all the democratic States in war time against Fascism and in the post-war period after the victory when the world will have to be reconstructed on a foundation of new democracy.

The report also refers to discussions having taken place regarding the C.C.F. policies and the "Tory reactionaries". The most important sentence in the whole article seems to be the last one which reads as follows:

"But the specific problems and the approach to them by the Communists will be given in the second article".

Thus it is clear that the L.P.P. is now referring to itself as Communists.

"PRAISE BE TO OUR PREDECESSOR---THE U.L.F.T.A.!"

On the occasion of the current three-month membership campaign of the UCA John NAVISIVSKY has written a rather extensive article for the "Ukrainian Life". One paragraph of this article is significant in that it pays high tribute to the U.L.F.T.A. and reveals the number of members belonging to the UCA. This paragraph is entitled "Praise Be To Our Predecessor-The U.L.F.T.A.!" This paragraph is quoted herewith:-

"Over a quarter of a century has passed since the time when the first educational and cultural organization, the U.L.F.T.A., was organized on a national scale. This organization has carried out a great educational and cultural effort among the Ukrainian people and paved the way for the development of our new educational and cultural organization, the Ukrainian Canadian Association. The seeds that were once sown did not perish but have given forth, and continue to give, a magnificent harvest.

"By its numerical strength, influence and lively activity the Ukrainian Canadian Association, which was formed just a few years ago, has surpassed all anticipations of the most optimistic workers of our organization. During that brief period the Ukrainian Canadian Association has grown to 12,000 members, covering Canada with its branches from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"And at this moment, rejoicing at these successes of the growth of our organization, we must attend to the organizational work with a still greater determination so as to strengthen our ranks with thousands of new members. The opportunity for this is unlimited. In all the large industrial centres, in smaller cities and towns, in the coal, iron, nickel and gold mining regions, in the seaports, and in the farming districts of prairie provinces, even in small farm settlements in Ontario, there are tens of thousands of willing, sincere people who desire to be in the ranks

of the Ukrainian Canadian Association. All that is necessary is to see these people, speak to them, and acquaint them with the aims and purposes of the Association. But it is necessary to do this in a planned and organized manner. Only then the success will be assured."

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These open statements provide us with the clearest documentary proof we have yet received, that the UCA is the successor of the U.L.F.T.A.

L.P.P. LITERATURE ADVOCATED FOR ARMED SERVICES.

The Tories in Canada and the C.C.F. are misinforming soldiers at the front by sending them their political literature! This is the text of an article written by J. Gershman which appeared in the "Canadian Jewish Weekly" under the title "Our Soldiers Must Get Acquainted With The Political Developments in Canada."

C.C.F. Literature Has Bad Effect.

Mr. Gershman states that the political literature sent by the Tories and the C.C.F. to these soldiers at the front is having a very harmful effect on the soldiers. He states that it is therefore necessary for progressive parents, wives, sisters and brothers of these soldiers to send information about the developments in this country. He advocates that this information be such as is presented in the literature of the L.P.P. which is, as he says, "fighting for national unity and the establishment of a democratic coalition in which the workers' movement shall play an important part".

Send Our Literature.

He stated that important booklets in connection with the forthcoming Federal Elections were being published and new pamphlets are in preparation. This material must be sent, according to Gershman, to "soldiers overseas and in the camps here in this country".

"If you need information, says Mr. Gershman, about the materials which are useful for this purpose, you are requested to apply to the offices of the L.P.P. in any city you may be living. The officials of the Party will gladly assist you".

The implication is quite clear; the L.P.P. is holding a campaign to infiltrate the ranks of the armed forces on a large scale using their printed propaganda to pave the way.

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L.P.P. AND COMING FEDERAL ELECTIONS

The Labour Progressive Party is casting an anxious eye towards the coming Federal Elections and preparations for the coming campaign are reflected in all their recent activities. According to Sam Carr in a recent issue of "Club Life", \$250,000.00 is the national objective, only 35% of which had been raised up to February. From recent reports the Party in the Province of Quebec have raised \$24,000.00.

The Party is planning a program of national broadcasts and national paper advertisements together with local broadcasts and the distribution of literature on individual candidates is proposed. The Party members are called on to make full use of local issues and to take an active part in all their communities. Carr contended that now was the time to organize small house gatherings to introduce the candidate to the voters. He further claimed that the Party will have at least seventy candidates in the field.

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Taking issue with an editorial published in "The Sun" of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Alex THEODORE, Provincial Organizer of the Labour Progressive Party in Saskatchewan, wrote a rather interesting letter to the Editor of the "Regina Leader Post". The editorial in "The Sun", apparently referred to the changing of "The Canadian Communist Party into the 'refined' Labour Progressive Party" and evidently commented on the 'turn coat' tactics of the Communists in Canada since the entry of Russia into the war on the side of the Allies. This editorial, it seems, commented on the sudden discovery by the Communists in Canada, at such a turn of events, that the present war was one against Fascism and wondered what had happened to the tirade against the Capitalists.

L.P.P. Succeeded Communist Party.

In his letter to the editor of the "Regina Leader Post" THEODORE attempts to answer this editorial by offering some rather remarkable statements. He stated:

"Our Party is the successor of the Communist Party and is no more nor less respectable than the Communist Party. The reason for change is that to the shame of Canada the Communist is still illegal. As an important

section of the working class movement we need a political party through which we could present our policies”.

Capitalists Pursued Munich Policy

This is a particularly remarkable statement in view of its source. THEODORE has offered a definite statement that the L.P.P. is the successor to the illegal Communist Party. The letter goes on in an attempt to justify the anti-war activities of the Communist Party of Canada by claiming that

“.....the capitalists, including their spokesmen...pursued what will be known in history as the Munich policy. A policy of less democracy at home and abroad leading to Fascism.....we could not agree with the Munich policy and fought it vigorously”.

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Teheran and Yalta Policy Lauded

It is quite evident from these statements that THEODORE in common with other leading party members such as Sam Carr, still feels that their treacherous anti-war activities were justified and correct. In support of the revised attitude of the Communists in Canada toward the war, THEODORE states “the policy of Munich has been changed by the policy of Teheran, recently reaffirmed by the policy of Yalta. We support such a policy because it means more democracy at home and abroad, industrialization of colonial and formerly dependent countries, and friendship with socialism - a higher order of society”.

Communists Co-operate

Explaining the above statement THEODORE stated that since a decisive section of the capitalists stand for such a progressive policy, the communists instead of attacking with capitalists, propose co-operation in view of the Teheran-Yalta policy now extant, because this policy is in accord with the interests of the workers and farmers. He explains further that the L.P.P. stands for such a progressive policy to which there is no other alternative excepting back to the Munich policy.

This is another clear explanation of the “story book” explanations offered by the Communists in Canada as a means of explaining away their vacillatory policies and attempting to justify the resulting actions.

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KASHTAN TRANSFERRED TO NATIONAL STAFF

Bill KASHTAN has been transferred to work in the National office. Announcing this transfer Sam Carr stated in a recent issue of "Club Life" for many years active as a youth leader, Bill has in the recent period spent his time building the organization in Toronto and suburbs. Elected by the Party Convention to the National Committee Bill will undoubtedly be a tower of strength in the National Office".

It is intended that KASHTAN will be assigned the following tasks: He will be secretary to the Executive; will devote a great deal of time to correspondence with the National Committee members, keeping these members, from coast to coast, informed as to what is happening in the National Office; will stand ready to supply them with information and advice concerning any problems they may face. Finally, KASHTAN is to take over full responsibility for "Club Life".

NOVA SCOTIA NOTES

It is interesting to note that the Political Action Committee of the United Steel Workers' of America at Sydney, Nova Scotia has been elected. This committee consists of five men [deletion: 1 line]

[deletion: blank] proposed and supported [deletion: blank] of Sydney to run for office as National Director of the United Steel Workers' of America in opposition to [deletion: blank] the present incumbent. The final outcome of this election is not known at present.

[deletion: blank]. in Cape Breton to nominate [deletion: blank] of Sackville, N.B., to contest the constituency of Cape Breton South in the next federal election. [deletion: blank] was offered this nomination. He declined, but promised the full support of his newspaper during the election. A nomination convention is scheduled for March 11 at Sydney, C.B.

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A convention of District 26 of the United Mine Workers' of America was held recently at New Glasgow, N.S. It lasted approximately two weeks. From recent press-clippings covering this convention, it appears that a vote was taken, result of which favoured a general strike among the mine workers. This is reported to take place on April 1st with a view to enforcing wage demands which have been rejected by the National War Labour Board.