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24-6-49 *Don't Vote For A War Policy!* (177)

MARK YOUR BALLOT FOR PEACE!

There is not one candidate in this constituency who is fighting to keep Canada out of a catastrophic war.

Each one of them supports the government's line of scuttling the United Nations, violating the UN Charter, serving the United States government and military in their atomic bomb diplomacy.

Each one supports the Atlantic Pact - - which is a Pact of War against the Soviet Union or any other country which breaks from imperialism and travels the path of democracy and socialism.

Each one of the candidates has proven to be unworthy of the support of any Canadian voter who wants peace in the world.

The Labor-Progressive Party is concentrating its efforts to elect its national leader, Tim Buck, and others to the House of Commons so that Canadians may have a voice raised in Parliament for peace and the people's needs. That is why the LPP is not running in this riding at this time.

So that you can make your voice count for Peace in the world, for homes, not bombs; for friendship with the socialist world, not war - we of the Labor-Progressive Party urge you to refrain from voting for any of the candidates standing in this constituency.

We ask you: Demonstrate against war and economic depression by going to the polls on June 27th and WRITING ON YOUR BALLOT:

KEEP CANADA OUT OF WAR!

This is not wasting your vote. To cast a ballot for any of the candidates in this riding is not wasting your vote alone, but helps the warmongers.

To write your real opinion on the ballot is to serve notice that you are opposed to war and insist upon peace policies.

Whatever government is elected on June 27 will be compelled to take notice of the peace ballot!

The progressive elements in this constituency are not yet strong enough to put forward a strong peace candidate. One day, not too far distant, labor here will be united, and will do just that.

On June 27, don't stay away from the polling booth. Exercise your franchise.

WRITE ON YOUR BALLOT!

KEEP CANADA OUT OF WAR!!

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DIVISION FILE No. [REDACTED]
 DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE DETACHMENT Blairmore
 PROVINCE Alberta DATE June 6th, 1949.

FILE REFS. RE: LABOUR PROGRESSIVE PARTY
 Blairmore, Alta. BEST COPY AVAILABLE

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1. [REDACTED] the following Party activity at present in Blairmore.

2. Albert John WILSON is president, chief contact and leader in Blairmore. Martin KRKOSKY is Secretary Treasurer and chief organizer among language groups being in that regard with the Czechoslovakian Star. Charles SHAW collects the dues, is feeler man and sort of general observer, usually pays any bills and does general errands. Steve LISKOSKY is auditor.

3. [REDACTED] there are twenty seven actual members at present in Blairmore. The following are listed as being definitely known [REDACTED]
 Jack PERESSINI; Doro PERESSINI; Romano PERESSINI; John KRKOSKY; Hector RAE; Isaac RAE; Joe KRKOSKY Sr.; Mike YURIK; Steve PANIK; Albert BIEGUN; another BIEGUN a cousin of Albert; Mike DURAY; Joe URRIN; Pete BATTEL; Mrs. Pete BATTEL; Gus COPIRE (not sure of spelling) and old GUS COPIREY. A few others [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] meetings are usually held at KRKOSKY's on a Wednesday or Saturday night or at SHAW's on a Sunday afternoon. That Ben SWANKEY is in town at the present time trying to raise money for the Party and that Pat LENIHAN was in town last week and contacted Albert GUSON.

5. [REDACTED] Enoch Williams and [REDACTED] Jallen do not actively identify themselves with the Party in any way but are still considered as Party men. That John Dance who is president of the National Slovak Society is not Communist himself but is obliged to follow the discipline of the Party pretty well through the efforts of Martin [REDACTED]. That Mike PETRIK secretary of the National Slovak Society is not now an Active member of the L.P.P. but was an active agitator about 1937 and may still be a quiet member. That Albino PERESSINI who is now Assistant Manager at the Cap Hotel saw too much in Europe and would like to renounce Communism himself but is still tied in with his family. At the present time his family are treating him almost as an outcast. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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 S. M. Murray, Sgt., 11556,
 i/c Blairmore Detachment.

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Re: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY
Blairmore, Alberta.

N.C.C. SPECIAL BRANCH.

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(F.A. Regan) Inspr.
Commanding Leth. S/Divn.

O.C. "K" Division,
R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

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top secret, please find particulars regarding informant.
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DIVISION FILE No. [REDACTED]
 SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge
 DETACHMENT Special Branch
 PROVINCE Alberta
 DATE 8-1-48

RE: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY
 Blairmore - Alberta.

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P.C.R.

Lethbridge
Various

1. Further to the above at a meeting of the Central Club of the Lethbridge Labor Progressives held on January 5th, William TARASOFF gave a report on party affairs in the Blairmore district as supplied to him by William TUOMI, Southern Alberta LPP organizer.

2. TARASOFF stated that the Provincial Office of the party was jittery over the fact that an anti-communist movement had been started at Blairmore by Mr. Lloyd, CCF candidate, and the Catholic priest, particularly in view of the fact that the Blairmore branch had not sent in any organizational funds for a lengthy period. Bill TUOMI was directed to investigate and contacted the leading party members at Blairmore. He reported that Lloyd, who is an official of the Blairmore local of the United Mine Workers of America, had started a move to have the local cancel their subscriptions to the "Canadian Tribune" The Blairmore local of the Union were paying for 25 copies of this paper from Union funds.

3. TUOMI reported to the provincial office that the LPP members at Blairmore were aware of this move by Lloyd and had mustered their strength and blocked his efforts. He also reported that the anti-communist group under Lloyd and the priest had a fair following, but the party strength overbalanced them in the Union. Further the Blairmore branch of the party had now sent in \$70.00 in organizational funds to the provincial LPP office and there was no danger of any collapse at that point.

4. TARASOFF stated that TUOMI had asked that he be allowed to spend most of his time at Blairmore in view of this threat. (Ends)

5. The writer has been aware for several months that John LLOYD, the CCF candidate in the Crows Nest Constituency during the last Alberta election, had recently joined the Catholic Faith and in co-operation with Father Harrington, was organizing an anti-communist drive in the Blairmore local of the U.M.W.A. Their first objective, which apparently has failed, was to stop the Blairmore local of the U.M.W.U. from paying for 25 copies of the communist publication "Canadian Tribune. Extra copy of report attached for the information of the NCO In Charge Blairmore Detachment.

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(Sgd) Corp1.
 (J.S. Connors) #12625.

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Blairmore, Alberta

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The Commissioner, R. C. M. Police, OTTAWA

1. Forwarded for your information. An extra copy of this report is attached for Headquarters file on the United Mine Workers of America - Blairmore, Alberta.

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G. M. Curleigh
G. M. Curleigh, Supt.,
i/c C. I. B.

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DIVISION **"K"**
PROVINCE **Alberta.**
SUB-DIVISION **Lethbridge**
DETACHMENT **Blairmore.**
DATE **Oct. 25th. 1948.**

RE: **Subversive Activity Within the Labor Progressive Party.
Blairmore, Alberta.**

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1. Further to the above and marginally noted P.C.R. mentioned in the marginally noted P.C.R. may have reference to, [redacted] the former [redacted] is now living at [redacted] Calgary. [redacted] is not known to be prominent or active in the activities of the L.P.P.

2. However [redacted] and they are both very active in L.P.P. work. [redacted] previously married name was [redacted]

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R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.** **W. A. Shields Cst. 14080.**

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 PROVINCE **Alberta.** DATE **8-10-48**

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Lethbridge
24-9-48

A. R. V. No.

- Further to the above and report of Lethbridge Special Section dated 24-9-48 in this connection.
- A discreet and extensive check has been made to locate [redacted] believed to be working as a [redacted] in the [redacted] at Blairmore with negative results. So far as can be ascertained there has not been a family with surname residing in the Pass.
- The only person with the christian name of [redacted] that has worked in the [redacted] is [redacted] referred to in para. 5 of the marginally noted P.C.R. His [redacted] answers the description given for [redacted]
- There are several [redacted] families in the Pass Area and none of their wives maiden names were [redacted]
- It is noted that in para. 8 of the marginally noted P.C.R. that one Dante VANONI is described as having driven Annie Buller of Toronto on several occasions during the elections. Dante VANONI is well known to the writer and during the elections was in British Columbia. The one armed man in question is John LADDISON Sr., who also drove Tim BUCK when he visited the Pass this spring. John LADDISON is employed by the Crows Nest Motors as a mechanic at Blairmore.

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C.C. "K" Division,
 R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

W. A. Shields
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1. Further to Blairmore Detachment report of the 8-10-48 in respect to the identity of the person previously referred to as [redacted] please be advised that a further check has been made [redacted] the

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correct identity is [redacted]

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[redacted] the phonetic spelling seemed to be [redacted]

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2. The [redacted] would be [redacted] who, like [redacted] is a prominent and active member of the Blairmore L.P.P., however, [redacted] was introduced as [redacted] Possibly Blairmore detachment may be able to advise if [redacted] was formerly married or has been known as [redacted] or [redacted] Extra copy attached.

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Blairmore 8-10-48
Lethbridge 28-9-48

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N.C.C. BLAIRMORE.

J.S. Connors Corpl.
(J.S. Connors) #12625.

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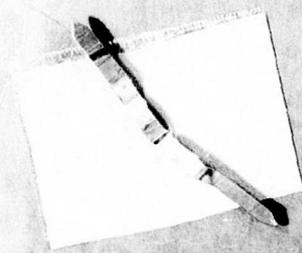
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File No.: [redacted] (Vol. 1)

Date: 21.5.63

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 DETACHMENT Special Branch
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P.C.R.

Lethbridge
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A. R. V. No.



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1. Further to the above enquiries were continued at Blairmore on the 21st instant on this and other matters.

2. [redacted] of Calgary has been in Blairmore during the past three weeks associating with known communists. He was a leader of the unemployed at Blairmore in 1934-35 and a member of the communist party. He has been residing in Calgary for some time and was reported to be employed as a janitor at Currie Barracks. It is believed by sources at Blairmore that he was let out of the Canadian Legion at Calgary during a recent purge of communists within the Legion. (There is no confirmation of same at this point.)

[redacted] is a former resident of Blairmore and has been residing at Blairmore for the past two months. She is trying to sell her father's house and during the Alberta general elections was very active on behalf of Ben SWANKEY, LPP candidate in the Pincher Creek-Crow's Nest constituency. She was also on very friendly terms with Annie BULLER of the Canadian Tribune, Toronto who also assisted SWANKEY in the election campaign. Annie BULLER invited to be her guest in Toronto as soon as possible. [redacted] and his wife are believed to have returned to Calgary on the 21st instant.

3. [redacted]

4. [redacted] Grade [redacted] teacher in the Blairmore High School is also reported to have been active assisting the Ben SWANKEY election campaign during August last. [redacted] during 1948 this woman made the statement to her school children that she was a communist and proud of it. She is on friendly terms with [redacted] who have been members of the Blairmore School Board.

5. [redacted] miner at Blairmore, married to [redacted] (formerly [redacted]) is intending to move from Blairmore. This man is known to be strongly communist. His wife is a [redacted]. His destination will be reported upon as ascertained.

6. Further advised that during the election campaign a drive was made in the Pass towns to collect membership dues for the L.P.P. from members of the United Mine Workers of America. They were advised that by being paid up members of the LPP any troubles they may have with the [redacted]

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6. (Cont'd) mine management would be promptly attended to by the Union. (UMWA) [redacted]

7. ✓ Further learned that the Blairmore local of the U.M.W.A. have been purchasing and distributing 25 copies of the "Westerner" regularly and same has been paid for entirely from Union funds. Anti-communists in the Union are planning on making an issue of the use of Union funds for this purpose.

8. During the election campaign Annie BULLER of Toronto was noticed on several occasions being driven by a young man of about 30 years of age with one arm missing. No doubt this individual is Dante VANONI @ VENONI of Blairmore.

9. With reference to memorandum dated Edmonton September 11th last, [redacted] was not definitely identified, however, additional information has been received that she is about 25 years of age, is very thin in appearance. Her maiden name is [redacted] and she is a sister of [redacted] at the [redacted], Blairmore.

10. Could a check please be made by Blairmore Detachment in regard to para (9) above. Reference to para. (2) extra copies are attached for the information of Calgary Special Branch.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

(J. S. Connors) Corp'l.
#12625.

N.C.O. BLAIRMORE.

FORWARDED for your attention as indicated in para. 10.
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Leth. 25-9-48.

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(F.A. Regan) Insp'r.
Commanding leth. S/Divn.

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FILE REFS. RE: **Subversive Activity Within the Labor Progressive Party,
Blairmore - Alberta.**

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P.C.R.
 Lethbridge
 19-8-48

1. Further to the above I have been advised that William TARASOFF and Mrs Wm TARASOFF of Lethbridge proceeded to Blairmore on the 16th August to assist the L.P.P. Election Committee on behalf of Ben SWANKEY.

2. The committee rooms at Blairmore was in charge of Syd THOMPSON, provincial LPP organizer, and also very active were Annie BULLER of Toronto and Alex BODOR, Charles BLAW, Martin HROCHAK and his sister Mrs OLIVA or OLIVER of Blairmore. Martin HROCHAK is a bartender in the Cosmopolitan Hotel at Blairmore and seems to be quite prominent in the Blairmore party.

3. The scrutineers for the L.P.P. at Bellevue were Charlie NOVACH, Stew REPAS and Joseph SOMOYA. The latter mentioned formerly resided in the Lethbridge area.

4. At Coleman the key members in charge on election day were Peter MERONIUK, Harry and Mrs Effie MCCARTNEY.

5. Mrs William TARASOFF worked at Blairmore on election day and her husband William TARASOFF was sent to Pincher Creek and Beaver Mines. Scrutineers were taken from Blairmore to both points by TARASOFF. At Pincher Creek TARASOFF contacted Peter SNEDDON and TARASOFF later spoke very highly of SNEDDON although the LPP only obtained seven votes at Pincher.

[REDACTED] report dated the 28-3-42. He has been residing at Pincher Creek for the past two years.)

6. On election night August 16, a number of LPP members gathered in the committee rooms at Blairmore to await election returns. Among those present were Enock WILLIAMS, Mayor of Blairmore, and Ben SWANKEY, Charles SHAW, Martin HROCHAK, Mrs Annie BULLER, WIL TARASOFF, Mrs William TARASOFF and others.

7. Upon receipt of the results showing SWANKEY in third place the members present became very depressed and Annie BULLER flew into a rage. She maintained that there were many irregularities in connection with the voting and insisted that court action be taken by the party to have the Pincher Creek-Crows Nest election declared invalid. A lengthy argument followed in which Annie BULLER insisted on such action and the others led by William TARASOFF insisted that it was useless and that

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7. (Cont'd) AND THAT the party could not stand any further expense when it was apparent that they could get nowhere. TARASOFF pointed out that such a move may only result in the entire breakup of the party both in the Crows Nest Pass and in the Lethbridge area. The arguement finally terminated when it was agreed to take the matter up with the Provincial Committee. Everyone present left the committee room in a huff. The TARASOFFS left for Lethbridge during the early A.M. of the 18th August. Annie BULLER, Syd THOMPSON and Ben SWANKEY are understood to have left on the 18th instant for Edmonton.

8. The results of the voting in the Crow's Nest constituency have been reported upon previously. This report has been delayed due to the writer being A.O.L. Possibly the N.C.O. In Charge Blairmore Detachment may be able to identify the person referred to as [REDACTED] of this report.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

(Sgd) [REDACTED] Corpl.
(J.S. Connors) #12625.

O.C. "K" Division,
R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

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Leth. 26-8-48.
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RE CARDED - [REDACTED]
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(H.A. Marted) Insp. r.
Commanding Leth. S/Divn.

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The Commissioner, R. C. M. Police, OTTAWA

1. Forwarded together with copy of memorandum to Lethbridge Sub-Division drawing attention to the need for inquiries concerning [REDACTED] of Blairmore.

2. Your attention is drawn to paragraph 7 hereof.

Edm. 11-9-48

(G. M. Curleigh) Supt.,
i/c C. I. B.

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Officer Commanding,
R. C. M. Police,
LETHBRIDGE Sub-Division.

Re: Subversive activity within the Labor
Progressive Party - Blairmore, Alta.

With reference to report of Cpl. J. S. Connors dated 25th August your attention is drawn to paragraph 8 thereof. Would you please have Blairmore Detachment discreetly check upon the identity of  of Blairmore.

(G. M. Curleigh) Supt.,
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PROVINCE Alberta. DATE 19-8-48

RE: Subversive Activity within the Labor Progressive Party.
Blairmore - Alberta.

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1. Further to the above, following are results of voting in Provincial election in Pincher Creek-Crow's Nest constituency. This indicates the vote received by Den SWANKEY, LPP candidate, in comparison to other candidates and total vote:

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Poll	Kovach. S.C.	Lloyd. CCF	Rutherford Lib.	Swankey LPP
Maycroft	15	5	19	1
Heath Creek	11	0	4	0
Olin Creek	14	0	8	0
Todd Creek	22	3	14	0
Tanner	11	8	5	0
Ashvale (no return)				
Walrond	12	0	3	0
Hillsboro	8	0	4	0
Summerview	17	0	7	0
Tennessee	9	7	2	0
Cowley	39	9	42	3
Furman (no return)				
Lundbreck	42	3	26	0
Firgrove	8	5	0	6
Pincher Station	22	8	22	0
Pincher Creek (1)	133	2	67	5
Pincher Creek (2)	137	3	94	1
Pincher Creek (3)	116	4	73	1
Beauvais	24	3	15	0
Beaver Mines	51	2	11	19
Crook	22	3	15	0
Chipman	23	4	8	0
Robert Kerr	5	4	15	0
Dry Fork	18	0	10	0
West Coleman (1)	60	39	18	20
West Coleman (2)	45	35	24	38
Centre Coleman (1)	44	32	18	12
Centre Coleman (2)	39	22	20	40
East Coleman (1)	79	51	24	32
East Coleman (2)	77	59	43	56
East Coleman (3)	65	36	21	35
West Blairmore	96	39	49	14
Blairmore	195	166	133	272
Frank	31	11	13	60
Bellevue-Passburgh	131	37	27	57
Bellevue-Passburgh	92	38	30	56
Bellevue-Passburgh	48	97	19	56
Hillcrest	277	48	22	77
Burmis	31	10	12	9
Todd Creek	22	2	10	2
North Fork	12	2	11	1
Johnsons Mill	25	1	0	0
Thurbur	9	2	1	0
Mannix Camp	5	10	3	2

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2. It will be noted returns from ~~two polls SEP 4 1948~~
in the foregoing. A later return giving complete count is as
follows:

<u>Kovach</u> <u>S.C.</u>	<u>Lloyd</u> <u>CCF</u>	<u>Rutherford</u> <u>Lib.</u>	<u>Swankey</u> <u>LPP</u>
2155	811	965	851

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DETACHMENT Blairmore.
DATE Aug. 18th. 1948.

FILE REFS. RE: Subversive Activities within the Labour Progressive Party
BLAIRMORE, Alberta.

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1. The following number of votes were cast in support of Ben SWANKEY, Alberta Provincial Leader of the Labour Progressive Party in the Provincial Election held in this area:

Maycroft	-	1	vote.	
Tanner	-	2	votes.	
Ashvale	-	2	"	
Cowley	-	3	"	
Fergrove	-	6	"	
Pincher Creek	-	7	"	
Beaver Mines	-	19	"	
West Coleman	-	20	"	(30 ballots spoilt.)
" "	-	38	"	
Centre "	-	12	"	
" "	-	14	"	(12 ballots spoilt.)
East "	-	32	"	
" "	-	56	"	
" "	-	35	"	
West Blairmore	-	14	"	
Main Blairmore	-	272	"	
Frank	-	60	"	
Bellevue & Passburgh	-	57	"	
Bellevue	-	56	"	
Bellevue	-	56	"	
Hillcrest	-	77	"	
Burmis	-	9	"	
Todd Creek (upper)	-	2	"	(4 ballots spoilt.)
North Fork	-	1	"	
Mannix Adanac Camp	-	2	"	
Advance Poll	-	10	"	(2 ballots spoilt.)

2. Ben SWANKEY received 868 votes. Social Credit Candidate beat SWANKEY in Blairmore by 5 votes. In Frank SWANKEY beat the Social Credit Candidate by 30 votes.

3. Jack RALSTON, William GRAY, John MADISON and John KOSKY were active in Blairmore on election day. Pete MERONIUK managed the election in Coleman, Alta. A Sample Ballot and letter was distributed in this area early Tuesday morning just before the polls opened on behalf of Ben SWANKEY. Assisting also in the election activities of the above was vehicle bearing Lic. No. 22-117, the owner of which has not been identified.

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1. Forwarded for your information. The license number 22-117 noted in paragraph 3 is for [redacted], South, Lethbridge. The Officer Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division is being advised accordingly

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1. Further to the above, and reference to report of Calgary Special Branch dated 27-7-48, Annie BULLER is active in the Crow's Nest Pass pushing the election campaign of Ben SWANKEY, and is staying at the home of John KRKOSKY, brother of Martin KRKOSKY, secretary of the LPP club at that point.

2. BULLER has been successful in organizing a Women's Election Committee, the officers and members are not at present known. She has been conducting meetings together with Ben SWANKEY and on 15-8-48 spoke at meetings at Pincher Creek, Hillcrest, Coleman, Blairmore and Bellevue, together with SWANKEY and A.A. MacLEOD of Toronto. It is expected she will remain in Blairmore until after the elections on 17-8-48.

3. There have been house gatherings and general discussions of the Labor-Progressive party in Maple Leaf, a community adjoining Bellevue. The population here is largely Ukrainian, Hungarian and Polish. The arrival of some displaced persons from Europe has been the cause of much discussion, as the D.P.'s are said to be anti-communist. Victor GREGOR has been continually praising the system of the USSR although he himself fled Roumania. GREGOR was born 18-2-96, in Lukawitz, Roumania, he has two sons and one daughter and is employed at the Hillcrest-Mohawk Collieries.

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Commissioner, R. C. M. Police, OTTAWA 482532 SEP 3-48

1. Forwarded for your information. Victor GREGOR, referred to in paragraph 3, will be kept in mind during coverage of the subversive movement in the Crowsnest Pass.

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FILE REFS. RE: Subversive Activities within the Labour Progressive Party
 BLAIRMORE, Alta.

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1. Meeting was held by the above noted organization in the Theatre at Blairmore on Sunday evening Aug. 15th at 8.00 p.m. Syd THOMPSON, Provincial Organizer of the Labour Progressive Party acted as Chairman. Speakers were, A. A. McLeod from Toronto, Annie BULLER and Ben SWANEY.

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2. A meeting was held also in Bellevue at the same time and is subject of a separate report. McLEOD, BULLER and SWANEY spoke before both meetings and were transported from Blairmore to Bellevue by Jack RALSTON, Blairmore in the car being driven by Ben SWANEY, Lic. No. 100-137.

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3. 60 persons attended the meeting and \$18.00 was taken up by collection.

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4. Enoch Williams, Mayor of Blairmore attended this meeting and from information received appeared to be very friendly with A. A. McLeod. During the course of his address A. A. McLeod would make some remark and address himself to Enoch WILLIAMS for confirmation of what he said.

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5. Vehicle belonging to V. ROSS, John MADISON and John KRKOVY were in attendance. Cst. Madill while on highway patrol on the 14-8-48 had cause to check the motor vehicle of John MADISON and observed the passenger to be Syd THOMPSON.

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6. [REDACTED] subject of "K". Div. Ref. K.M. 51 was observed at the Committee Room of the Labour Progressive Party in Blairmore with Ben SWANEY.

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10-8-48.

1. Further to this Detachment's report of the 10-8-48 in the above connection.

2. The following vehicles were observed in attendance at the meeting held in the Blairmore Theatre on the 8-8-48

Lic. No.	Registered owner	Address.
39-332	V. ROSS	Blairmore.
39-422	John LADDISON	Blairmore.
39-493	Wm. J. GRAY	Blairmore.
47-564	J. A. McDONALD	Coleman.
47-613	Joe DEBE	Crows Nest.
47-518	Anthony WREGEATTO	Coleman.
47-671	John LUKE OSIB	Coleman.
47-730	E. Hector VALONI	Blairmore.
47-834	E. R. Amatto	Blairmore.
61-714	Josapa BACHURA	Hillcrest.
99-215	John KRKOSKY	Blairmore.
99-238		
100-137	(B.R. SWANEY)	
CV 21968	E.L. BUBNIAK	

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3. The following vehicle bearing Saskatchewan License Plates were in attendance 4-084 and 58 59-822.

4. Information received that Annie BULLER is staying with Mr. & Mrs. John KRKOSKY of Blairmore. Annie BULLER will also speak at the meeting to be held here Sunday Aug. 15th. along with A.A. McLeod. The sum of \$68.00 was received by way of collections at the meeting in Blairmore on 8-8-48.

5. A Social evening sponsored by the Womens Election Committee of the Labour Progressive Party is being held in the Union Hall at Blairmore on Friday Aug. 13th. 1948.

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N.C.O. 1/c SPECIAL BRANCH W. A. Shields Cst. 14080.
T-I-C. Blairmore Detachment.

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O.C. "K" Division, (T. E. Mudiman) A/S/Sergt.
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Lethbridge Alberta.

Blairmore.

DATE Aug. 10th, 1948

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1. Meetings were held by the above noted organization at 2.30 p.m. in Bellevus at the Theatre and at 7.30 p.m. in the Blairmore Theatre on Sunday August 8th, 1948. The meeting was advertised as an open meeting for the purpose of showing the film "Open City" and listening to Annie BULLER and Ben SWANKEY, speak on the coming election.

2. Motion Picture Produce Digest describes the film "Open City" as being the first picture brought to the United States since the Liberation of Rome in June 1944. The film depicts the terror of the Nazis and Fascists loosed against the underground movement in Rome between September 1943, when the Germans took over and declared it an open city, and its liberation the following June.

3. From information received it is apparant that this film was held to the audience as being the handiwork of the capitalist in the United States with no specific reference to Canada.

4. Approx. 100 persons attended the afternoon meeting in Bellevus, and 150 attended in the evening at Blairmore. All arrangements were made by Charlie HAW. The projector of the Federation of Russian Canadians was used for showing the films and it was operated by Steve HARMANNEY of Natal B.C.

5. Attached hereto in duplicate are the following which have been printed in the Pass Herald:
 27-7-48 Pensions for Miners - Sdg. Syd THOMPSON
 29-7-48 Six Good Reasons - Sdg. Constituency Election Committee L.P.P. Blairmore.

3-8-47 What WILL Youth Vote For. Ben SWANKEY.

6. Attached hereto in duplicate circular entitled Elect Ben SWANKEY.

7. A.A. McLeod of Toronto, Ontario will be the speaker at meetings to be held in Blairmore and Bellevus next Sunday. It will be noted that a Special Broadcast by Tim Buck is being advertised to be presented over C.J.O.C. Lethbridge on Tue. Aug. 10th.

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ELECT BEN SWANKEY

**A FIGHTER
FOR LABOR
and
THE PEOPLE**



**A Personal
Message
to You**

BEN SWANKEY
L.P.P. Candidate
Pincher Creek - Crows' Nest

For Years the people of the Crow have endeavored to elect an M.L.A. who will fight for them. **THIS TIME THE PEOPLE CAN WIN.**

My program is a fighting program to make Alberta a better place to live in for the only people who really count—the workers and farmers who produce all wealth.

As your M.L.A. I will carry this fight right into the parliament buildings in Edmonton.

BEN SWANKEY.

A Few Things About Ben Swankey

¶ Though still a young man of thirty-four, Ben has been active in the labor and farm movement since the early Thirties. Today he is the provincial leader of the Labor-Progressive Party.

¶ Ben was born in Manitoba; went through High School in Saskatchewan, and has spent all his adult life in Alberta. He is a working man intimately acquainted with the problems of workers and farmers.

¶ Ben is a veteran and saw active service as a sergeant in the Royal Canadian Artillery. He has been an active member of the Canadian Legion since his discharge from the army.

¶ Ben is married, with one child. His wife, Anne, is well known in the province for her work in helping to organize the campaign for the restoration of price controls and subsidies to keep down the cost of living.

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SOCIAL CREDIT HAS SOLD THE PEOPLE DOWN THE RIVER

The record of the Social Credit government is one of outright betrayal of all the best interests of Alberta and its people. After thirteen years of office it has become the creature of the same evil forces it promised to fight—the big banks, corporations and monopolies. Today it prides itself on being a staunch defender of the "sacred" profit system. Today, as contrasted to 1935, the big business interests and their press support this government. Today it is nothing but a thinly disguised Tory government, a Social "Discredited" government.

THE RECORD OF THE SOCIAL CREDIT GOVERNMENT

¶ It refused to grant Labor's request for legislation that would protect workers and give them a fair deal. Instead it passed the employer-sponsored Bill 91 which is aimed at destroying labor's right to organize or strike for higher wages and better conditions.

¶ It squandered millions of dollars on roads with very little to show for it.

¶ It supported the removal of price controls which has led to an orgy of profiteering by the big corporations and to declining living standards for the people.

¶ It refused to bring rural electrification to Alberta farms in the only way it could be done—through a publicly-owned electric power system. It openly tried to break the farmers' non-delivery strike in the fall of 1946. It refused to call a special session of the legislature this spring to pass enabling legislation so that a national grain board could be established that would handle all grains and thus eliminate the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

¶ It refused to grant sufficient funds for education, with the result that educational standards in Alberta are rapidly declining.

¶ It refused to ease the financial burdens on the municipalities with the result that taxes have gone up.

¶ It handed over our oil resources (our most valuable natural resource) to American oil corporations. It is allowing our timber resources to be squandered.

¶ The Social Credit government imposed a dictatorial political censorship on all movies shown in Alberta; Social Credit leaders emulate Hitler in propagating race hatred and anti-Semitism; as part of its war mongering foreign policy it opposes the United Nations and international agreements aimed at preserving peace in the world; its pro-fascist policies threaten democracy.

It must also be said that Mr. Duke, the Social Credit M.L.A. for Pincher-Crow, during all the years that he has held the seat in this constituency has done literally nothing for the people. He was simply a "yes-man" for the Social Credit machine. On no occasion has he raised his voice in defense of the people's interest.

The People Can Win

The majority of the people of the Pincher-Crow constituency want a change. IN THE 1944 ELECTIONS, MR. DUKE WAS ELECTED ON A MINORITY VOTE. For years the people of this constituency have endeavored to elect militant fighters to the legislature only to be defeated by the lack of unity in their own ranks.

Past elections show that by far the strongest opposition to Social Credit in this constituency came from labor and the L.P.P. In the 1944 provincial election the vote for the Labor-Unity candidate, Enoch Williams, was almost twice that of the C.C.F. and only a few hundred short of victory. Here are the figures:

Social Credit	2248
Labor - Unity	1833
C. C. F.	962

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The last-minute entry of the C.C.F. split the labor and progressive vote, and defeated labor and was directly responsible for the re-election of Social Credit. We are contesting this constituency because we can win the seat for Labor and the people. In all other constituencies we are supporting C.C.F. or labor candidates so that through unity Social Credit will be defeated.

The fighting record of the L.P.P. in the interests of the Alberta people is known to many of you. Members of our Party did much of the spadework leading to the establishment and growth of farm and labor organizations.

Ben Swankey, provincial leader of the L.P.P., was the first to come out in support of the farm non-delivery strike and is giving vigorous support to the farmers' struggle for a square deal. He was the first to expose the anti-labor character of Bill 91 and has unceasingly fought for Labor's demands.

The growing support for Ben Swankey clearly indicates that the people can win. Unity around the candidate of the L.P.P. is the only way to defeat Social Credit. The election of Ben Swankey will be a victory for all the people of Alberta. Raising his voice fearlessly on your behalf, he will immeasurably strengthen the struggle for social security, for a better life for our people.

The Program of The L.P.P.

LABOR: Repeal of Bill 91 and revision of the Alberta Labour Act in line with the demands of organized labor.

¶ The 40-hour week, a minimum wage of 75c an hour, 100% compensation without a waiting period, two weeks holidays with full pay.

¶ A pension for miners of at least \$75 a month at 60, after 20 years of work.

AGRICULTURE: Rural electrification through a publicly-owned electric power system.

¶ Vigorous support for the demands of the organized farm movement, such as an adequate floor under all farm produce, the full world price for wheat to the farmers, lifting of embargo on shipment of livestock to the U.S., the establishment of a national grain board to handle all grain and the abolition of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, complete opposition to any increase in freight rates.

YOUTH: A technical school to be built in the Pass by the provincial government to provide technical training for boys and girls.

¶ Generous scholarships as an incentive to youth to attain higher education.

¶ Adequate protection for youth in the matter of wages and hours and working conditions.

ROADS: A decent all-weather highway through the Crows' Nest Pass.

¶ To enable the municipalities to build better secondary highways, market roads and streets in towns and villages, the province should return to the municipalities 25% of all revenue from gasoline taxes and motor vehicle licenses.

¶ Provincial government to build and maintain highways through towns and villages, not just to their limits....

¶ Provision of flood control program through dredging and dyking.

PRICES, PROFITS, TAXES: Restoration of price controls and subsidies on the essentials of life, such as milk, butter and bread.

¶ Restore Excise Profits Tax; punish profiteering.

¶ Lower Income Taxes on working people.

EDUCATION. Government grants to be increased from present 33 1/3% to at least 50%.

¶ Provincial government grants for the building of new schools.

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NATURAL RESOURCES, INDUSTRIES: The development of our natural resources must proceed on the principle that the benefit accrue to all the people of Alberta and not to a few corporations as is the case today.

¶ **OIL:** Increase royalties to 50%; adequate compensation to farmers who hold only surface rights.

¶ Preservation of our timber reserves.

¶ The encouragement of industries in the Crows' Nest Pass to process coal and its by-products; provide employment, and provide greater opportunity for youth.

HEALTH, WELFARE: An all-inclusive hospitalization scheme sponsored by the provincial government to provide medical and hospital services to all regardless of ability to pay.

¶ Increase Mothers' Allowance by 50%.

Bring Old Age Pensions up to \$50 a month payable at 65 without any Means test.

HOUSING: The province to undertake to build low-rental houses on a large scale, especially in the mining camps (wherever possible in co-operation with municipalities).

PROVINCIAL MUNICIPAL TAXATION: As a means of lowering taxes on the small home owner, the province should take over from the municipality the entire cost of social services—indigent relief, pensions, etc.

"Pulling No Punches"
HEAR
BEN SWANKEY
L. P. P. Candidate
Pincher Creek-Crows Nest
EVERY TUESDAY
10:50 a.m. 9:30 p.m.
EVERY FRIDAY
9:30 P.M.
CJOC
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SPECIAL BROADCAST
by
TIM BUCK
National Leader, L.P.P.
over
CJOC
Lethbridge
Tue. Aug. 10
AT 9:30 P.M.

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the Party of Socialism

Check here I want to join the L.P.P.
..... I would like to get more information about the L.P.P.

Send this form to the Provincial Committee, L.P.P.,
16 Rothesay Bldg., 10118 - 97th Street, Edmonton, Alta.
or to Ben Swankey, Blairmore, Alberta

VOTE SWANKEY 1

Any ballot marked with an X is spoiled; use the number 1

L.P.P. Election Committee, Blairmore, Alberta.
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29-7-48.

Re: Subversive Activity Within the Labor
Progressive Party, BLAIRMORE, Alta.

REPORT OF ABOVE DATE AND HEADING
CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF THE LABOUR PROGRESSIVE
PARTY IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS, ALBERTA, HAS
BEEN PLACED ON FILE [REDACTED] "A".

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1. Further to the above please be advised that it has been learned from [REDACTED] the actual membership of the Labor Progressive Party in the Crow's Nest Pass towns including Coleman, Blairmore, Frank, Bellevue, Hillcrest, Maple Leaf, Beaver Mines and Pincher Creek has been revealed as numbering 84 persons.

2. This amounts to approximately 10% of the vote received by Ben SWANKEY / LPP candidate in the Pincher Creek-Crow's Nest constituency election on August 17th last. The Lethbridge Herald of the 27-8-48 gives the complete second count in the Pincher Creek - Crows Nest constituency Alberta general election as Ben SWANKEY - 893 votes. Party members at Lethbridge claim that the vote for SWANKEY would have been much larger had all their supporters been eligible to vote. (i.e.) Numerous party supporters in the Pass are not naturalized.

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O.C. "K" Division,
R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

J.S. Connors (Sgd) Corp1.
(J.S. Connors) #12625.

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Commanding Leth. S/Divn.AO.

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The Commissioner, R. C. M. Police, OTTAWA

1. Forwarded for your information. The information noted in paragraph 1 of this report is of considerable interest. The voting strength of the L. P. P. is practically 90% greater than its membership in the Crows Nest Pass.

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(G. M. Curleigh) Supt.,
i/c C. I. B.

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1. Further to the above the Labor Progressive Party held an election campaign picnic in the baseball grounds at Blairmore on Sunday July 25th 1948.
2. This picnic was very widely advertised through radio broadcasts over station CJOC Lethbridge as well as through advertising in the Pass area.
3. There were approximately 70 adult persons in attendance and in the neighborhood of 100 children. In view of the wide publicity it was anticipated by the party that this affair would be a mass demonstration of "progressive" strength in the Crow's Nest Pass. With ideal weather conditions this anticipated monster picnic could not be regarded as other than a near flop.
4. Booster ribbons were distributed to all persons donating over 10¢ to the campaign fund. It did not appear that the affair was a success financially. Soft drinks - ice-cream and hot dogs were distributed and games were held for the children. It had been planned to have a concert with dances and sketches being supplied by members of the youth sections of the language groups, however, they failed to appear. (The Lethbridge Hungarian Youth group did not appear on the grounds that their parents would not let them travel as far as Blairmore.) Some music was supplied the most apparent being renditions on an accordian played by Terry LEVIS of Calgary.
5. The majority of the attendance was made up of Ukrainians and Hungarians from the Pass towns. Among those were noted Peter MERONIUK, Harry McCARTNEY and Mrs Harry (Effie) McCARTNEY of Coleman, Anton ADASADY of Hillcrest, Charlie KWACH, Frank REPAS and Steve REPAS of Bellevue, Mr. MARTIN of Blairmore, Terry LEVIS of Calgary, Syd THOMPSON and Ben SWANKEY of Edmonton, Mike PASKO and Mrs Mike PASKO of Turin, Tony PATERA of Frank, Harvey MURPHY from B.C. and William TARASOFF and Mrs Wm. TARASOFF of Lethbridge.
6. Ben SWANKEY, the LPP candidate for Pincher - Crow's Nest, spoke for 15 minutes. He attacked Bill 91 and in particular the road conditions in the Pass district. He promised to fight for real highways in the Pass when elected. His address followed the lines of his previous radio broadcasts. (As reported upon elsewhere.) He then introduced the feature speaker, Harvey MURPHY, whom he described as a popular labour leader of British Columbia.

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7. MURPHY spoke for almost an hour during which he traced the history of the labour movement in the Crow's Nest Pass. He stated that he enjoyed speaking to the people of the Crow as it brought back memories of the struggles which they went through in their battle against the industrialists and big business. He maintained that the mining industry was the backbone of Canada and through the struggles of the miners for wage increases they set the pattern for increases for other workers throughout the country. He stated that just now the miners were beginning to enjoy a limited prosperity but reminded the audience that a depression was just around the corner and that they would have to renew their fight for bread and butter. He claimed that the communists were the only fighters for a better standard of living and that it was the communists who gained better conditions for the miners. He continued that just now there was plenty of bad feelings against the L.P.P. promoted by the capitalistic press, but the people of the Pass did not need to worry, they were always "red" and always would be.

8. MURPHY referred to the deportation of union leaders from Canada on the pretext that they were communists. He stated that it was never established that they ever attempted to overthrow the government but they were deported because they tried to get better living conditions for the Noranda miners. The bosses put pressure on Ottawa to get rid of them. He ended with an appeal for unity and support of the LPP candidate. This, he stated, was a decisive year both in Canada and the United States and it was up to the "progressive" people to unite and take their part in the advance of the new democratic era.

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9. [REDACTED] it is quite noticeable in the Pass area that the LPP lacks the support of the general public and the only support they receive is from the actual party members themselves. The election campaign is very weak and party members (between themselves) acknowledge that SWANKEY has very little chance of even making a fair showing and feel that the campaign is simply a waste of money.

10. Further noted that except for some strength among the Ukrainians at Coleman and among Hungarians in the Bellevue-Hillcrest district the party at Blairmore is almost in a state of collapse. Previously the strength of the party was in the town of Blairmore now it is stated to be almost non-existent at least as far as open and active support is concerned. Some party members blame this condition on the excesses of [REDACTED] who left the party in the Pass heavily in debt. The party is still trying to pay off some of these debts.

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(Sgd) [Signature] Corpl.
(J.S. Connors) #12625.

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R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

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The Commissioner, R. C. M. Police, OTTAWA

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Lethbridge
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1. Further to the above please be advised that Amie BULLER, prominent communist from Toronto, passed through Lethbridge on the 26th instant enroute to Blairmore to take part in the LPP Election campaign.
2. [redacted] she would remain in the Blairmore district until after the election day August 17th and would concentrate on organizing the women of the Pass and getting out the votes. (Likely through the medium of the Housewives Leagues in the various pass towns.
3. [redacted] Tim BUCK would not come to the Pass to take part in the campaign, however, A.A. MacLEOD, LPP MLA for Toronto, would arrive in this area during August to support Ben SWANKEY.
4. Advice has been also received to the effect that regular party members of the Pass towns are quite depressed on the lack of support being shown by former staunch communists at Blairmore. They point out that leading trade unionists in the Pass obtained their positions through the support of the communists and now that they get to the top they take it easy and enjoy their positions. They point to Enoch WILLIAMS, Mayor of Blairmore, as an outstanding example. Now that he is in a secure position he does no work for the party and has not been seen at a party function for a considerable period of time.

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R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

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Commissioner, R. C. M. Police, OTTAWA

1. Forwarded for your information. The activities of BULLER and MacLEOD will be reported upon in due course.

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G. M. Curleigh
G. M. Curleigh Supt.,
i/c C. I. B.

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LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY,

13-7-49

RE: SECRET LETTER

[Redacted]

Dear Sir:

We have information [Redacted] that one W. Ireland, presently acting as a CANADIAN SEAMEN'S UNION, organizer and spokesman in London, England, is actually William Ireland, who has been an active Communist and Labour organizer for a number of years in this country.

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3. In 1941 he was an organizer for the PAPERHOUSE WORKERS' ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, now known as the UNITED PAPERHOUSE WORKERS' OF AMERICA (C.I.O.). He first came to our attention in 1942 when he was made Secretary for the Blairmore, Alberta, Branch of the NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS, a Communist front organization.

In 1943 he was elected President of the Blairmore, Alberta, Local of the United PAPER WORKERS' OF AMERICA. He also represented Alberta at the Communist Constituent Convention held in September, 1943, at Toronto, at which the LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY was formed. Subject was made Executive Officer of the Blairmore, Alberta, district for the newly formed Party in November, 1943.

In May, 1944, he was a National Committee member of the LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY, and was still active in the U.M.W. of A. as President of Local 7295 at Blairmore, Alberta. In December of 1944 he was nominated as the L.P.P. candidate for the Macleod federal constituency for the Dominion elections.

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In August, 1947, he left Alberta and moved to Toronto where he joined the Canadian Lake Seamen's Union, then headed by PAT SULLIVAN. It is believed he joined this Union on instruction from the Party for the purpose of obtaining information for the Party and the C.S.U. The only record we have of him in this respect is that he was an oiler on the S.S. "Texican Warrior".

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Yours very truly,

(L.H. Nicholson),
Assistant Commissioner, for Commissioner

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DATE July 9th, 1948.

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RE:

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BLAIRMORE, Alta.

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1. Carl HANSEN who sold out his Bakery business at the end of May last was observed back in Blairmore on 8-7-48. It is said that he was attending a school at Sylvan Lake but the accuracy of this remark is not certain. There is no doubt of the fact that he has been to Sylvan Lake but from information here there is no certainty of his activity there.

2. An L.P.P. Picnic Rally is scheduled for the Blairmore Sports Field at 1.00 P.M. Sunday July 25th next. Program includes Sports, Games, Outdoor Concert, and speakers listed are Harvey MURPHY and Ben SWANICEY. Lunch and Refreshments will be served. In the event of rain the Rally will be held in the Blairmore Arena. Concert Meeting will be held in the Blairmore Theatre at 8.00 P.M. the same evening when there will be more of the same. Arrangements for the Theatre were made by Charlie SHAW. Possibility of obtaining the theatre was previously felt out by another individual not yet positively identified.
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N.C.O. i/c SPECIAL BRANCH

Sgt. Murray
S. K. Murray, A/Sgt. 11556,
i/c Blairmore Detachment.

Forwarded for your information.

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The Commissioner, R. C. M. Police, OTTAWA

1. Forwarded for your information. The school at Sylvan Lake has been cancelled so it is unlikely that Carl HANSEN was at Sylvan Lake for that purpose. It was previously reported by the Lethbridge Special Branch that HANSEN had moved to Sylvan Lake but it was not understood he would be attending the L. P. P. school.

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Lethbridge
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A. R. V. No.

1. Further to the above and to para (7) of P.C.R. dated the 14-5-48 it has been ascertained that [redacted] of Blairmore sold out his business at that point and moved to Sylvan Lake, Alberta, with [redacted] and will likely take up residence at or near the [redacted]

2. Posters appeared in various store windows in Blairmore on the 9th instant advertising that Harvey MURPHY would make a special radio broadcast to the people of the Crows Nest Pass over radio station C.J.O.C. Lethbridge at 10.30 P.M. on Friday June 11th. This is the time purchased from the station by the Alberta Labor Progressive Party on a weekly basis and is paid from the LPP Election Campaign Fund. His address will be reported upon under appropriate heading.

3. Advice has been received [redacted] that among the Slav residents of Blairmore the following are the most active communists.

E [redacted]
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4. Prior to the visit of Tim BUCK to Blairmore on the 20-3-48 a young son of Charles CHIZEN of Frank was peddling tickets for the T. BUCK banquet around Frank.

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CARDED (J.S. Connors) #12625
 Corpl.

O.C. "K" Division,
 R.C.M.P., EDMONTON

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1. Whilst in the Blairmore district on the 12th and 13th instant discreet enquiries were conducted on this and other matters.
2. Ralph WOTTON, Liquor Vendor from the East End Store in Calgary is spending his vacation in Blairmore and is staying at the home of Jack PACKER. WOTTON was a leader of the Single Unemployed in the Crows Nest Pass some years ago and at that time was known to be a strong communist. He is stated to be still very interested in the "progressive" movement.
3. Jack PACKER openly claims that he has severed all connection with the Communist Party, however, it is learned that he is a recipient of the E.P.P. "National Affairs Monthly" printed in Toronto. PACKER attended the Tim BUCK meeting on the 20-3-48 and he is of the opinion that instead of throwing abuse at Tim BUCK the people of this country should pray for him for strength and guidance in his leadership of the affairs of the workers.
4. [redacted] an employee of the Sartoris Sawmill at Blairmore, is reported to be a rabid communist. He is known to constantly pass remarks to the effect he is waiting for the day when the Red Army takes over Canada and shows the people how to run a country. He is a step-son of [redacted] of Frank, Alberta.
5. John LUKACHUK of Coleman is a subscriber of the "Westerner", printed in Winnipeg.
6. [redacted] of Coleman is stated to have considerable correspondence from the Federation of Russian Canadians in his shack in bushtown.
7. [redacted] who proceeded to Ottawa during April 1947 as head of the Blairmore Housewives League, is selling out her furniture and will move shortly to Sylvan Lake, Alberta. This woman is the [redacted] who is known to be the most prominent communist in Blairmore at the present time. [redacted] operates a business at Blairmore and has intimated that he intends selling out to move elsewhere. Possibly he will follow [redacted] to Sylvan Lake at a later date. She intends to reside with her married daughter and assist in operating the [redacted] at Sylvan Lake. Ben SWANKEY, LPP Alberta Leader, usually stays with [redacted] whilst at Blairmore and as the LPP Provincial School is held at Sylvan Lake it might be expected that -----

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7. (cont'd) --the [redacted] will become a stopping point for party members.

8. The Blairmore Town administration is made up of the following at present.

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COUNCIL.

- Enock WILLIAMS (Mayor)
- William JOLLEP
- Bruno TEDESCHINI
- Hector VANONI
- James GRAY
- Glen REECE



SCHOOL BOARD

- Martin KRKOSKY
- Vera KRKOSKY
- Alfred BOZZETI
- Sam BANNAN



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9. The members listed as doubtful have been known to exhibit radical tendencies, however, [redacted] not satisfied that they are party members. [redacted] not a party member, close mouthed in respect to political matters and looks after his own interests. William JOLLEP is regarded by reliable citizens as a power in the party although he avoids open association with the party activities and does not attend any public functions sponsored by the LPP. He is vic-principal of the School at Blairmore and is also on the executive of the Canadian Legion. JOLLEP married a Miss PERESSINI of Blairmore and this family has been associated with the communist movement in the Pass for a considerable number of years.

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10. Advice has been received that leading LPP members in the Pass towns hold out very little expectation that Ben SWANKEY, LPP candidate, can poll more than 800 votes in the next provincial election. Further reports will be forthcoming.

STILL? UNDER INVESTIGATION.

(Sgt) Corpl.
(J.S.Connors) #12625

C.C. "K" Division,
R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

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Leth. 17-5-48.

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(E.E. Buchanan) S/
For C.C. Leth. S/Divn.

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Commissioner, R. C. M. Police, OTTAWA

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1. The following advertisement appears in the Pass Herald under date of Friday April 16th, 1948.

"FASCISM STANDS ON CANADA'S DOORSTEP!"

"In a few days the House of Commons will consider a bill to outlaw the Labor-Progressive Party. Those supporting the bill would like the people to believe that it is aimed only at the Communists. Actually, this bill, known as the LaCroix Bill, is aimed at the whole labor movement - at all progressive and democratic organizations.

"It is patterned after Section 98. Do you remember how in the Hungry Thirties Section 98 was used to imprison and deport labor leaders, to attack labor organizations and how it was used in an effort to defeat the struggles of the people for jobs at decent wages? Public pressure finally forced the Liberal government to repeal this section.

"If the LaCroix Bill is passed, it will be used against the people in the same way. It would outlaw "the Communist Party of Canada, the Labor-Progressive Party of Canada, and any association, society, group or organization having similar aims or purposes."

"What are the aims and purposes of the LPP?"

"The LPP has as its aim the raising of the living standards of the Canadian People. We advocate a pension for all miners that compensation be increased to 100% of earnings, that the minimum wage be raised to \$.75 an hour. We want Canada to live in peace and prosperity as a free and independent country, not as a colony of the United States imperialism. We believe in a Socialist Canada where all the industries would be owned by the people and where production would be for the people as a whole and not just to benefit a few rich men.

"If the LaCroix bill is passed then any organization that advocates any of these things could be outlawed. In other words, it would become "illegal" and subversive to advocate peace or a decent standard of living.

"Anyone who follows what is happening in the world today knows that in every country where democracy was destroyed and a fascist dictatorship set up, the Communists were the first ones to be attacked. But the trade unions were always next in line for attack.

"Now the corporations and banks who control our country want to try the same thing here. First they launched a violent anti-Communist campaign over the radio and in the press. This was soon followed by hoodlum attacks on LPP offices and meetings. Then came Bill 91 which would reduce Alberta workers to the position of serfs. And now there is the LaCroix Bill.

"The real purpose of this anti-Communist campaign is to divert attention away from the real issues facing the people - the housing shortage, high prices, unemployment, the danger of war, the sell-out of our National independence to the United States. The rich men want us to fight among ourselves over the false issue of Communism - then their profits will be safe. Its the old tactic of drawing a "red herring" across the trail, of

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"divide and rule".
"This LaCroix Bill must be defeated. If it is allowed to pass then fascism will come in the door and stamp out what democracy we have left in Canada.
"Every organization should register a protest. Wire or write to the government at Ottawa demanding that it reject this bill. Write or wire your M.P. demanding that he speak and vote against this bill.
"Act while there is still time! Your liberty and welfare are at stake!"

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1. It has been learned that at the meeting in Blairmore on 21-3-48 addressed by Tim BUCK and by R. Ben SWANKEY the following resolution was passed:
 *WHEREAS the provincial government has introduced legislation penalizing workers and their unions for strike actions, and
 *WHEREAS this is an attack on the most fundamental right of labour - the right to strike and is an attempt to tie the hands of labour,
 *THEREFORE be it resolved that this public meeting demand that the government immediately drop this dictatorial piece of anti-labour legislation, and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we demand that the government amend the Alberta Labour Act as recommended by the provincial CCL convention last November.

2. It is also understood that a similar resolution was passed at the Bellevue meeting the same evening.

3. The following advertisement appears in the Pass Herald (a nondescript mimeographed semi-weekly composed almost entirely of local advertising) under date of 23-3-48:

"A TAFT-HARTLEY LAW FOR ALBERTA ?"

"Last Friday the Hon. C.E. Gernhart, minister of trade and industry in the Social Credit government introduced certain amendments to the Alberta Labour Act into the Alberta Legislature. According to newspaper reports, they call for the following:

- \$1 a day fine for all workers who go on an "illegal" strike
- \$50 a day fine for union officials
- the confiscation of union check-off dues to pay fines
- the courts to decide whether a strike is "illegal" or not
- only Canadian citizens may act on behalf of unions

"WHAT IS AN 'ILLEGAL' STRIKE?"

"According to the government a strike is illegal whenever the workers do not abide by all the clauses of the Alberta Labour Act. But the trouble is that this favors the employers. It calls for the long drawn out negotiations that may last for months without any results for the unions. This is an ace up the sleeve of the boss which he uses to advantage against union

"HOW WILL THESE NEW LAWS AFFECT MINERS?"

"These amendments are directed mainly against the miners who are always accused of going on so-called "illegal" strikes. Their real object is to prevent strikes for wage increases.

"Penalizing workers and their unions for strike action is an attack on one of the most fundamental rights of workers - the right to strike. This new Alberta law is patterned after the Taft-Hartley law in the United States and Bill 39 in B.C., two of the most vicious pieces of anti-labour legislation on this continent. Its aim is to tie the hands of labor, to protect the profits of the big companies.

"WHAT ABOUT THIS SECTION ON CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP?"

"The section about union officials being Canadian

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"citizens is also directed against the miners. The truth is that some active union leaders cannot get their citizenship paper simply because of their political beliefs and union activities. This new Alberta law would also make it impossible for international representatives of international unions such as the UMWA to bargain on behalf of the Canadian members of their union.

"WHO IS BEHIND THIS MOVE?

THE COAL OPERATORS AND OTHER BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS, OF COURSE, ARE BEHIND IT. AND THE SOCIAL CREDIT GOVERNMENT IS ACTING AS THEIR CHARLIE McCARTHY. THE LIPS OF THE HON. C.E. GERHART MOVES, BUT IT IS THE VOICE OF THE COAL OPERATORS THAT COMES OUT. THE WHOLE RECORD OF THE SOCIAL CREDIT GOVERNMENT IS AN ANTI-LABOR RECORD. IT HAS SOLD OUT BODY AND SOUL TO BIG BUSINESS.

"WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

"See to it that your union local immediately sends a protest wire to the government.

"Write your MLA, Mr. E.O. Duke, and demand that he speak and vote against the bill.

"But we must act fast. The government is deliberately rushing this bill through before labor finds out what it is all about and before it has a chance to act. The present session of the legislature may be adjourned before Easter. We haven't a day to lose. Act now.

"And let us not forget this when election day comes.

"Any worker who today votes Social Credit is voting for the boss, against his own union and against his own best interests. Labor must unite on election day to kick out every Social Credit MLA and replace them by men who will honestly fight for labor."

"Ben SWANKEY"

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"ADV."

4. R. Ben SWANKEY who spoke at the meetings on Sunday has been remaining in the area since.

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