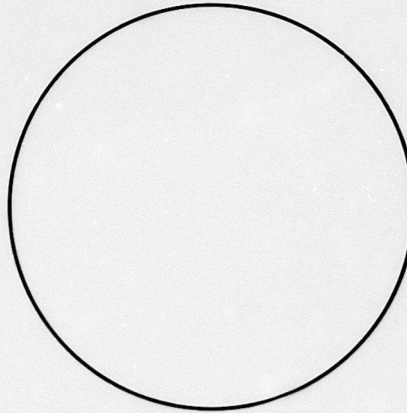


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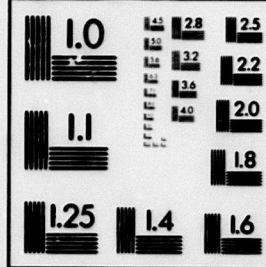
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" 10 Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date June 13th 1940.

SECRET

File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
Blairmore. Alberta.

RE CARDED - 20

Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S. 52-6-5C

Detachment
Blairmore
Secret(1)

P. C. R.
20-5-40

A. R. V. No.

s.19(1)

Diary Date set for
23.7.40

s.15(1)(d)ii

1. Further to reports submitted re. the above subject the communist party of the Pass have taken a new line, this being that different members of the party will hold a party, a keg of beer being provided for the occasion, I am informed that a collection is taken up from those present. As the what- guests are invited naturally it is difficult for an outsider to get in. Whilst I have had information on such gathering for some days, just observations were made, however on Saturday night June 8th. 1940, such a party was held at the home of Nick Ukravitz, at East Coleman Alta. at approximately 11. 30 P.M. accompanied by members of this detachment I visited this home and there found a party in progress approximately 40 persons, men and women. The party was orderly and no signs of intoxication, only one keg of beer in evidence and this covered on Ukravitz's permit. I took the opportunity of checking all persons present and took all names for future reference. I might say that since this visit, many rumours have come back to me as to why names were taken? and what was going to happen? During the visit there was no signs of any literature nor anything else other than a regular house party.

2. At Bellevue it is reported that a meeting was held at the Mafti Wakulak house, on checking this down it was ascertained that the Ukrainian benefit had a meeting of the executive to handle several claims.

3. [REDACTED] of Bellevue who has been covered by personal history forms, is leaving this district shortly and is going to Calgary, Alta. he has secured prices on a single ticket to Calgary by Greyhound bus. This man has recently been very active in communist matters and has been chairman. The Ukrainian Farmers Temple at Bellevue where all communist matters have centred has been boarded up and closed. Pete Stakmovich being the caretaker.

4. The Ukrainian Farmers Temple association Hall at East Coleman Alta. is closed as well, with no activity.

5. The communist party at Blairmore presently is a dead issue, Mrs. John North, formerly very active in every thing radical I am informed has purchased a number of Government war bonds, she is seldom seen on the streets where she formerly was on the streets at all times.

6. Whilst communist matters are quiet at present, I am fully aware that the party is not dead in this area, and from information received I am of the opinion that before long meetings will be held at different points in the nature of house parties.

13-6-40

Please refer to page two.

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re; THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
BLAIRMORE. ALBERTA.

7. Further enquiries are going forward regarding the beer parlours referred to in para. 1 of this report and reports will be submitted.

8. Reference the subject [redacted] mentioned in [redacted] I have included extra copies of report for Calgary Detachment, this subject is friendly with [redacted] communist. Whilst it is presently thought that [redacted] intends travelling by Greyhound Bus to Calgary, there is the possibility that he may go by freight or private car with friends. As mentioned [redacted] has been active in communist matters of late.

Re CARDED - 20 *from*

Expense. General subversive.
Still Under Investigation.

14-6-43

J.A. Cawsey Sergt. Regt. No 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

O.C. R.C.M. Police,
CALGARY
Sir:

For your information. Please note para. 3.

Leth. 15-6-40
H:H

sgt. "G. Harvey" S/Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, AOD.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 15-6-40
H:H

L. Harvey sgd. "G. Harvey" S/Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

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

Sir:- Forwarded for your information. Wm. FERBEY
will be watched at Calgary and action taken if warranted.

Edmonton, Alta.
21 June, 1940
P/EP

Wm. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A Comm'r.
Commanding "K" Division

13-6-40

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F. 287

Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K" 10	Lethbridge.	Blairmore 403.
Province		Date
Alberta.		May 26th 1940.

SECRET
File References

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S. 52-5-A

Detachment

Blairmore
Secret.

P. C. R.

A. R. V. No.

Diary Date set for

28-6-40

1. Reference instructions of the D.C.I. in letter dated 21.5.40 and to O.C.'s instructions endorsed thereon

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4. Regarding the future of the party, I am informed that the party as a whole throughout the Crows Nest Pass are afraid of internment or imprisonment and that it is the intention locally for the party to remain quiet for the time being at least, no discussions nor meetings to be held.

5. [REDACTED] a meeting of the party would be held in a private house on May 28th. 1940, [REDACTED] no meeting was held nor contemplated.

6. Personal observations shows that members of the party are very much afraid of government action, I am satisfied that at present the party have the "windup" and are not functioning.

7. I am concluding this file and further reports will be submitted under [REDACTED] L.S. 52-6-5C.

Expense. General subversive.
Concluded.

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Sergt. Regt. No. 6367

(J. A. Cawsey) i.e. Blairmore Detach.

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Division File No. [REDACTED] ...

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"X" 10 Province Alberta.	Lethbridge.	Blairmore 402. Date May 28th 1940.

SECRET
File References

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S.52-5-A

Detachment

Blairmore
Secret.

P. C. R.

A. R. V. No.

Diary Date set for

28-6-40

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Expense. General subversive.
Concluded.

Sergt. Regt. No. 6367

(J.A. Cawsey) - Blairmore Detach.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA

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

Sir:

FORWARDED:

This has reference to memorandum of the D.C.I. dated the 21st instant at Ottawa. It will be noted that the M.C.O. I/c Blairmore suggests that the party in the Crows Nest Pass intends to remain quiet for the time being.

The same situation on the face of it exists in Lethbridge, but I am quite certain that the activities of this party are continuing underground, and meetings of activities will take place at different places when they have reason to discuss business of the party.



Leth. 30-5-40

H:H

Sgd. "G. Harvey" S/Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

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

Sir:-

1. Forwarded for your information.

SIGNED

Edmonton, Alta. W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Comm'r.
4 June, 1940 Commanding "K" Division
P/EP

F. 227

Division File No.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K"10 Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date 20-5-40

SECRET

File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
BLAIRMORE. ALBERTA.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

~~L.S. 52-5-C~~

L.S. 52-5-C

Detachment

Blairmore
Secret(1)

P. C. R.

12.5.40.

A. R. V. No.

1. Reference my report of the 12.5.40, para. 1 thereof headed as above. The street corner talking mentioned therein has entirely ceased. [redacted] it is difficult if not impossible to get a conversation regarding communistic activities.

2. Since the announcement was made over the Radio that the Communist party had been declared an unlawful organization, it has indeed been noticeable the actions or change of same, among members of the party / either suspected of membership or adherents to the party. On receipt of news of the outlawing of the Party I patrolled this detachment area and visited districts where suspected communist activities have been noted, some activity was noted at most places and lights were on until early morning, with visits being made from one suspected place to another, continued patrols has shown suspected places for the past week as being in complete darkness with no activity.

3. Another point very noticeable to me, persons of long connection with radical organizations have gone out of their way during the past week to discuss European conditions with me, and to endeavour during the conversation to impress upon me how "loyal they are to the cause" pointing out that their activities have solely been in connection with the labor movements, such activities however the point out have been mistaken by some as communistic leanings. "

4. At the moment in this area it is safe to say that the communist party "have the wind up proper" and there is no activity of any kind, how long this situation will last remains to be seen, close touch is being kept and patrols as mentioned in para. 2 will be continued.

5. [redacted]

Expense. General Subversive
Still Under Investigation.

Diary Date set for

20-6-40

J. A. Cawsey
Sergt. Regt. No 6367
J.A. Cawsey 1-c Blairmore Detach.

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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA, Blairmore, Alta.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 21-5-40
P:H

G. Harvey
sgd. "G. Harvey" S/Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O?D.

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

Sir:-

1. Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alta.
28 May, 1940
P/EP

R. E. Mercer
R. E. Mercer, Supt.
for A/A/Comm'r.
Commanding "K" Division
A. O. D.

F. 287

Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K"10 Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date 12.4.40.

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SECRET

File References

Re: **THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.**
BLAIRMORE. ALBERTA.

Headquarters

Sub-Division
L.S.52-6-50

Detachment
Blairmore
Secret (1).

P. C. R.
24-4-40

A. R. V. No.

Q. 2

Diary Date set for
12.6.40

1. Since submission of last report as marginally noted the Communist party have shown little activity, leaders of the party being busy on union matters in and about Coleman Alta. However there appears to be some activity planned, just what it is I have not as yet ascertained. For the past few days it has been noticed that small groups of members of the party are doing more ~~corner~~ talking than formerly and more whispering. I have kept observations and find that little activity is going on, with no meetings being held at Blairmore or Bellevue dist.'s.

and enquiries will be carried out by myself [REDACTED]

2. The Communist party at present in Coleman and Bellevue Alta. are in reality the Ukrainian Benefit Association, this organization are showing marked activity in group plays for the children etc. and close touch is being kept on them. To the present all plays and sketches have been purely of a folk nature and the speaking parts in English, [REDACTED] that the only activity among the communists of the district are within this organization.

3. During the week ending 4.5.40, residents of Bellevue, Frank and Coleman reported that communist literature had been distributed, on investigation it was found that at Bellevue two stickers reading as follows "TAX THE RICH FOR THE RICH MANS WAR" and FOR LIFE WITH A FUTURE JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY" these stickers are printed in purple ink and are 1 1/2 inches wide and 4 inches long. At Frank a sticker reading "WITHDRAW CANADA FROM THE WAR" was found. At Coleman a sticker similar to that found at Frank was found, all stickers had been stuck on telephone posts at main corner roads and on Provincial Highway No. 3. From my investigations I have been unable to find where any more stickers made an appearance and I am inclined to think that from the position of the stickers on the posts that the party who placed them was using a car as the stickers were approximately 7 feet from the ground, and would leave the impression that a running board of a car could be used to give the added height, the sticker at Coleman was destroyed in removal. Stickers mentioned are attached hereto.

4. If and when the Coleman labor trouble is concluded I am looking for a decided jump in communist party activity, but until that situation either comes to an open break or is settled subversive activities will remain quiet. Touch is being kept and reports submitted.
Expense- General subversive [REDACTED]
Still Under Investigation [REDACTED]

Sgt. Regt. No 6367

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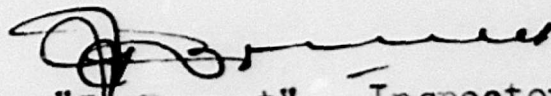
Re: The Communist Party of Canada
Blairmore, Alberta.

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

Sir:
FORWARDED together with stickers referred to.

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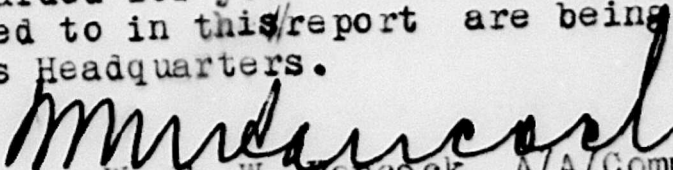

sgd. "J. Brunet" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir:-

1. Forwarded for your information. The
stickers referred to in this report are being
retained at this Headquarters.

Edmonton, Alta.
17 May, 1940
P/EP


W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/CommIr.
Commanding "K" Division

Division File No. [REDACTED]

F. 237

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta Date 24.3.40.

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File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
Blairmore.Alta.

Headquarters

1. Reference the above matter, as this matter is covered generally in this report, the usual form as instructed is not submitted in this case. Communism generally remains quiet, but there appears to be a movement on foot to put more life in the party.

Sub-Division
L.S.52-5-C

Coleman.Alta. The situation at Coleman is quiet, Mrs Jos Polaski and Nick Ukravitz being the leaders at present. the last meeting was held approximately one month ago at the Ukravitz home in East Coleman, Alta. and consisted of a neighbourhood meeting. The only business discussed being routine. Coleman at present is badly tangled with labor matters and very little time is left for other discussions. Jos Krkosky Jr. organizer for the U.M.W. of A. has been at the Ukravitz house on several occasions. Ukravitz is not a member of the U.M. W. of A.

Detachment
Blairmore
Secret. (1)

P. C. R.
30.1.40

Blairmore.Alta.

The party at Blairmore have appeared to have gone underground with no open meetings being held (general) activity in the party during the recent election campaign (Provincial) was noticable. Meetings were held at the homes of E. Shaw, Gaston Bazille, Albert Olson, Mrs Ma (John) North, Louis Castellan all of Blairmore, Alta. the meetings referred to discussed election issues. Mayor Williams of Blairmore Alta labor candidate for Provincial house attended several meetings, although he openly expressed that he was through with the party "however during his campaign he catered to the communist party. Since the election on 21.3.40, and being defeated badly, he has openly, and in my presence accused the communist party as being doublecrossers etc.

Diary Date

24.3.40.

I have also confirmed same that there is again a split in the party at Blairmore.Alta. The meetings referred to were attended by not more than five in any case.

Bellevue.Alta.

The Bellevue communists have been quiet, apart from election work on behalf of Williams there has been little activity since my last report. the usual dances and concerts are held weekly and attended by fair crowds.

Frank.Alta.

There has been little or no activity at this point since last report.

2. On Sunday March 17th.1940 a large delegation of communists adherents to the U.M.W. of A. were supposed to attend a mass meeting of the U.M.W. of A. at Coleman. Alta. although members of this detachment were in the vicinity the turnout did not transpire, there only being 27 person

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re; THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.BLAIRMORE ALTA.

present at the meeting.

AND checking them as they entered the hall showed that no outsiders from Blairmore, or Bellevue districts were present. The communist party still have control of the U.M.W of A in this area, but little activity is carried out by them in the U.M.W of A meetings.

3. Touch will be kept with the situation and reports will be submitted. I am informed that after the provincial and the Federal elections are over, an outside organizer may be expected in this area, this matter is being watched closely .

Expense. General subversive.
Still Under Investigation.

J. A. Cawsey
(J.A.Cawsey)i-c Blairmore Detachment.

Sergt.Regt.No.6367

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 26-3-40
C:H

H. Darling
sgd. "H. Darling" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir:-

1. Forwarded for your information. Conditions among the Communist organizations in the Crow's Nest Pass are very unsettled at this time. The Provincial and Federal Elections have been occupying the attention of radicals in the Crow's Nest Pass and it seems that the respective policies of C. C. F., Social Credit, and Communism have tended to split the solidarity of left-wing political opinion in that area.

Edmonton, Alta.
28 March 1940
P/EP

R. E. Mercer
R. E. Mercer, Supt.
for A/A/Comm'r. A. O. L.
Commanding "K" Division

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Division **"K"** Sub-Division **Lethbridge.** Detachment **Blairmore.**
Province **Alberta.** Date **January 30th.1940.**

SECRET

File References

Re: **THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.**
BLAIRMORE. ALTA.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S.52-5-C

Detachment

Blairmore
Secret.

P. C. R.

12.1.40.

CARDED
M.P.

A. R. V. No.

Diary Date.
30.2.40.

Diary Date set for

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1. With further reference to the above subject, conditions general are quiet. Due to other activities in the Coleman area, communism and other subversive matters are dead. Coleman presently is the centre of a fight between the Coleman Miners association and the U.M.W. of A for control of the camp.

2. The Blairmore element are quiet in so far as Blairmore is concerned, but during recent investigations on other matters I have found that Blairmore communists are active at Frank Alta. The following is submitted in this respect. At Frank Alta we have the National Alliance of Slovaks Czechs and Carpathorussians in Canada with Vince Kotas, President-Tony Pohamac financial Secretary and Joe Horesji, recording secretary, with a membership of around 70. This is the only organization of similar name functioning in this area. The objects of this organization are to be loyal citizens, and maintaining and defending Canadian democracy and uniting all peoples of Slovak, Czech and Carpathorussians origin into a movement under the leadership of Dr. Benes, membership fee is \$1.00. The head office being at Toronto Ont. Meetings are held monthly with occasional banquets with programmes. I have attended one meeting as an invited guest and whilst the meeting was opened with the National anthem of Canada as well as their own national airs, still on looking around the assembled gathering it was noted that a large number of those present were formerly members of the Blairmore communist party. As a result of this observation I have made a check of the membership and present activities of the Alliance, and find that practically all of the former members of subversive organizations at Blairmore and Bellevue points were listed among the membership and were endeavouring to become active. Some of the better class members have retired from active work in the alliance and are watching developments from the sidelines.

3. I find that the matter has been reported to the headquarters of the Alliance, and it has been suggested that the membership qualifications be made more rigid. Persons within the membership are watching developments closely and they report that the subversive elements whilst they have not suggested any changes as yet, are gradually boring in and gaining control of the Alliance. They have promised to keep me informed of developments. touch will be kept and reports submitted.

4. Communism at Bellevue is indeed quiet, no new officers appointed as yet, and the membership consists solely I am informed of Ukrainians. (refer to page two)

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Re; THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
BLAIRMORE. ALTA.

para. 4 continued. regular meetings are held in the Ukrainian hall at Bellevue. Alta. with purely routine matters discussed. The meetings I am informed are more on the line of social meetings, singing, dancing and folk songs.

5. At Hillcrest the communist party haven't been large in numbers, checking at this point shows that to the present no increase in numbers have been noted, this is surprising as due to lack of work in the camp and lots of time on their hands, I was of the opinion that it would prove fertile ground for organizers, but to the present no outside organizers have visited the area nor in fact the whole of the Pass district.

6. Touch will be kept with this subject and reports will be submitted from time to time.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

J. A. Cawsey
Sergt. Regt. No. 6367
(N.A. Cawsey) 1-c Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED:

1. It will be noted that the Communists are not particularly active at present in the Crows Nest Pass, this no doubt being due to their change of policy. However, it will be noted that a number of Communists have become interested in the National Alliance of Slovaks and Czechs. at Frank, Alta.

Leth. 31-1-40
H:A

G. Harvey
sgt. "G. Harvey" S/Sgt. for
O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division O.D.S.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. The Officer Commanding ~~Sub-Division~~ Sub-Division is being instructed to make Communist Party activity within the National Alliance of Slovaks, Czechs, and Carpatho-Russians in Canada the subject of separate reports in future.

2. This activity on the part of the Communist Party is being watched and reports thereon will be submitted from time to time.

Edmonton, Alberta.
2 February 1940.
P.

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com P.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
 Province Alberta. Date January 12.th.1940

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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
BLAIRMORE. ALTA.

SECRET.

Headquarters

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Detachment

Blairmore
Secret.

P. C. R.

29.12.39.

1. Reference paragraph 3 of my report of the marginally noted dat. Harvey Murphy, mentioned therein left Blairmore Alta. by C.P.R. on Saturday January 6th 1940 enroute to Toronto, Ont. His wife and child are remaining at Blairmore Alta for the time being. There is some talk of Murphy again coming to the West, this however is only rumour and not authentic. Whilst this subject was at Blairmore, Alta. he spent much of his time with his son, and did not make many appearances about the town. As far as I can gather he did not attend any communist meetings whilst on this trip, and I am informed that considerable drinking was carried out at nights at the home of Issac or Ike ~~has~~ at South Blairmore, this man is the father in law of Murphy.

2. Conditions generally are quiet in this area. There being little activity in communist lines. I would request please, that this file be given an open diary date.

Expense-Nil.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Sergt. Regt. No. 6367

A. R. V. No.

(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.
 O.C. "K" Division,
 R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information and that of the Officer Commanding "O" Division, Toronto.
 Extra copies herewith.

Leth. 13-1-40

H:A

Sgt. Wm. Darling Inspector.
 Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

O. C.,
 R. C. M. P.,
 "O" DIVISION,
 TORONTO, Ontario.

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Diary Date set for

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. This is further to my secret memorandum to you of this date covering this same matter. Copies of this report are being forwarded to the Commissioner.

Edmonton, Alberta.

R. E. Mercer, Supt.,

12 January 1940.

i/c "K" Div. C.I.D.

Figures, heading and marginal reference are to be properly filled in.

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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
18 January 1940.
P.

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Province Alberta. Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore. Date December 29th. 1939

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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY CANADA.
Blairmore Alta.

Headquarters

1. Reference the above subject. conditions generally have been quiet, with little activity.

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2. The situation at Blairmore remains as at last report. I am informed no meetings have been held over the month period, excepting purely routine matters needing attention and same has been done at the homes of different members.

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3. The reorganization of the Bellevue Branch has not as yet been carried out, I am informed that this will take place early in the New Year. Conditions at Bellevue are indeed quiet.

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4. The party have made no efforts to organize further at Hillcrest camp.

P. C. R.

10.12.39.

5. On the 20th. Dec. 1939, Harvey Murphy, well known Communist organizer and former organizer in the Pass in 1932, 33, -34 etc. arrived in Blairmore Alta. to spend Xmas with his wife and son, who have been visiting with Mrs Murphy's parents Mrs. and Mr. Ike Rae of Blairmore Alta.

He will remain until after the New Year and will then return to Toronto Ont. at which point he works out of. Observations and information received leads me to believe that Murphys trip is purely one of pleasure. I have been informed

Diary Date.

29.1.40

Murphy does not plan on any business in connection with the party during this trip.

6. Touch will be kept and further reports submitted

Still Under Investigation.

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

J.A. Cawsey

Sergt. Regt. No. 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detach.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

"eth. 30-12-39
P:A

Sgd. "H. Darling" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
It will be noted that Harvey MURPHY, well known
Communist from Toronto, Ontario, is spending the
Christmas season in Blairmore, Alta.

Edmonton, Alberta,
3 January, 1940.
R/H

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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FEDERAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		10.12.39.

Re: THE COMMUNISTS PARTY OF CANADA.

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BLAIRMORE. ALTA.

SECRET

Headquarters

1. The above movement has been indeed quiet since I submitted last report. Coleman cannot get sufficient to call a meeting and difficulty has been experienced in obtaining a hall for a proposed social evening, and such evening was called off.

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2. Blairmore, a funny position exists after the mixup between Mayor E. Williams and the party over town affairs etc. the organization went into a slump, and then with conditions in Europe, more especially the Russian Finland affair a further knock has been received by the communists. At Blairmore we have quite a few families of Finlanders, all of whom are either active members of the communist party or close adherents to same. Presently the Finns are divided, some are of the opinion that it is their duty to go to their homeland and assist by joining the armed forces of Finland and others think and openly state that the war news regarding the Finns and the Russian is purely propaganda, however the Finns who think they should go home are in the majority and communism at Blairmore at present is suffering.

Detachment

39B.1.

P. C. R.

3.11.39.

3. Bellevue has shown more activity than other points during the last few months, they have held regular meetings and social evening, all of which have been purely routine affairs. I am informed however that a complete reorganization of the Bellevue branch will take place during the next month. When this is complete a full list of officers together with their personal history files will be submitted. This will make the third or fourth reorganization at this point during the last year.

Diary date

10.12.39.

4. Hillcrest the party is not strong, and with the closing of the mine at that point it is possible that membership might increase, the residents of the camp in most cases are without funds and presently are in a low state of depression, due to the shock of the mine closing on such short notice. I am watching this camp closely.

5. No outside organizers have been in the Pass since last report according to information received.

No Expense.

Still Under Investigation.

J.A. Cawsey

Sergt. Regt. No. 6367

J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detach.

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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
BLAIRMORE, ALTA.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED:

There does not appear to be any
unusual activity in communist circles in the Crows
Nest Pass.

Leth. 12-12-39

H:A

Handwritten signature
sgd. "H. Darling" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Communism at Hillcrest is at a low ebb and is
suffering at Blairmore because of recent develop-
ments in Finland and because of the stand Mayor
E. Williams has taken. The Branch of the Communist
Party at Bellevue is still active and will reorganize
soon.

Edmonton, Alberta.
14 December 1939.
R/P

R. E. Mercer
R. E. Mercer, Supt.,
for A/A/Com'r. A.O.D.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Province Alberta.
Sub-Division Lethbridge.
Detachment Blairmore .
Date 3.11.39.

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File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
BLAIRMORE. ALBERTA.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S.52-a-c

Detachment

39B.1.

P. C. R.

11.10.39

1. In the Crows Nest Pass district matters pertaining to communism are very much upset. Reference my report of the 8.10.39 same heading para.5 re Mayor Enoch Williams and his town relief troubles. The unemployed forced the hand of Williams into calling a ratepayers meeting over the appointment of a man as town foreman, not approved by the unemployed organization. After a very hot meeting a resolution was put and carried amounting to a another non confidence vote in the present town council. This is the second non confidence vote carried out against the present communist or workers council. The meeting whilst being advertised by-as a ratepayers meeting only had two representatives of the business men present. As a result of this second vote against the council Mayor Williams, a communist and his council are very much disgusted, Williams claiming that the communists of the town did not give him the backing he should have received, and Williams again has issued dire threats against some members of the party, I am informed that the leaders of the attack against Williams were Gaston Bazille, former electrician of the town and former member of the party, Frank Leary local miner and former member of the party, and Robt. Horne, also a former member of the party. This mixup has not helped the party at all.

2. At Bushtown (East Coleman) the communist party endeavoured to secure the Ukrainian Hall for a meeting and were denied the use of the Hall. Bellevue communists are very quiet and have been so for the past month.

3. Organizer Ben Swankey of Edmonton Alta. left the Pass on Thursdaysdate with his wife enroute for Edmonton where I am informed they will work for a time. Swankey when in the Pass worked solely in connection with the Clarion paper, taking subscriptions etc for same. Bill Kepke mentioned in report dated 26-9-39 para. 5 has not arrived in the Pass as yet, I am informed that it is doubtful if he will come now.

4. Touch is being kept with the situation and reports will be submitted. Extra copies for Edmonton S/Division.

Still Under Investigation.

J.A. Cawsey, Sergt. Regt. No. 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

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L.S. 52-5-C

**Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
BLAIRMORE ALBERTA**

**L/Cpl. Bailey
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.**

Copy for your information.

Leth. 6-11-39.

**H/J. "H. Darling" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.**

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 6-11-39.

**H/J. "H. Darling" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.**

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

**1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
The Communist Party branches at the Crow's Nest Pass
and East Coleman appear to be inactive at this time.
A further report will be submitted in due course from
these areas.**

**Edmonton Alberta,
8 November 1939.
K/DW**

**W. F. W. Hancock A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.**

Division File No. [REDACTED]

R0 L CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "A" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date October 11th.1939

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Re: **THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.-**
Blairmore. Alberta.

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P. C. R.

8.10.39

A. R. V. No.

D. Date.

8.11.39

Diary Date set for

1. Referring to O.C Lethbridge Sub Division's communication of the 10th. October 1939, headed as above. The following is submitted.

2. Joseph Mc Dougall, correspondent at Blairmore Alta. for the Lethbridge Herald or Lethbridge Alta. called at this detachment on Thursday October 4th. 1939, and during conversation requested information as to the identity of one Ben Swankey. I was asked if this subject had to my knowledge been a candidate for alderman at Edmonton Alta. at the last election. Mc-Dougall, I could see was looking for information about this man for some reason or other and any information given was very guarded indeed. I finally asked why he was interested in this man and he informed me that his paper, the Lethbridge Herald had communicated with him and requested a lineup on this man, as he (Swankey) had written several letters to the Herald for publication, and they were holding one as it was "certainly of a seditious nature" and before printing same they wanted some information as to who Swankey was etc. I endeavoured to secure from Mc Dougall further information but he appeared to know nothing further.

3. From my knowledge of Mc Dougall and his connection with the Lethbridge Herald, most of his instructions come through a Mr Steele of the Herald staff, and I assume in this case Steele was the one who required the information.

4. As the conversation with Mc Dougall, took place after the Lethbridge Herald would go to Press on date mentioned, I am of the opinion that there is really a third letter in existence. I have discussed this matter further with Mc Dougall and nothing further was ascertained. Mc Dougall at time of our interview requested that his name be not mentioned in the matter as he derives considerable revenue from his work with paper and does not want to get in bad with them.

No Expense
Still Under Investigation.

[Signature] Sergt. Regt. 6367
(J. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detach.

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Re: The Communist Party of Canada -
Blairmore, Alta.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED:

With reference to Sgt. Cawsey's report of the 8th instant and to the two letters of Ben Swankey printed in the Lethbridge Daily Herald on September 29th and October 5th, forwarded to you, it will be noted that Sgt. Cawsey is of the opinion that there is really a third letter in existence. However, I am quite certain there is no such letter as S/Sgt. Harvey interviewed a reliable member of the Lethbridge Herald staff who is in a position to know exactly what letters are received for the 'People's Forum'.

Leth. 12-10-39
H:A

H. Darling
sgd. "H. Darling" Inspector
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Further enquiries are being made and a report will be submitted in due course.

Edmonton Alberta,
19 October 1939.
H/DW

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

Division File No.

R. AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date October 8th.1939

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File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA-
Blairmore. Alberta.

Headquarters

1. Referring to my report of the marginally noted date, close touch has been kept with the communist activity among the Italians, there is nothing further however at the moment to report. Organizer Ben Swankey is mixing among the Italians of the area as well as members of different foreign nationalities.

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2. Swankey's activities to the present has been solely in connection with the Clarion (workers paper) raising funds for same, he stating that this is the only workers paper in Canada, and to the present it is not self-supporting. He is also collecting for the general fund of the communist party. I am informed that due to his ability as a collector that the persons with only leaning towards the party are getting fed up with the continual hounding for monies.

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P. C. R.

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3. On Sunday 1-10-39 Swankey held a meeting at Bell -evue Alta. in the ukrainian hall, the meeting commenced at approximately 9 P.M and continued until 3 A.M. 2-10-39. his sole discourse was along finances for the Clarion, and Russia's part in the European situation, Swankey claiming that any part taken by Russia is solely to protect the Polish people and to stop Germany getting a foothold near her borders. Part of this meeting consisted of dancing and singing etc.

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8.11.39.

4. Swankey of late has submitted several letters to the Lethbridge Herald for publication, at least two have been published and I am informed that a third letter has been forwarded but is held up by the editor of the Lethbridge Herald as it is of a seditious nature. This man is being watched as closely as possible.

5.

the report on the union meeting of the 1-10-39 This refers to unemployed troubles that had been taken to the Union, and on being put to a confidence vote as to the backing of the Town Council, was lost (The town council of Blairmore for information purposes is controlled by the Miners Union and the communist party)

(Please refer to page two.)

September 29th, 1939.

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People's Forum

GERMAN-RUSSIAN PACT

Editor of the Herald:

Sir,—On August 23rd the Soviet Union signed a non-aggression pact with Germany. It seems to me that there is much misunderstanding and in some cases much harmful speculation as to both the meaning and significance of this pact.

Mr. Molotoff, the Soviet premier, in speaking to the Supreme Soviet (parliament) explained that after attempts to establish a mutual assistance pact between France, England, Poland and the Soviet Union had failed, then the Soviet Union had to seek other ways of maintaining peace and keeping its peoples out of war. It has always been plainly evident to the U.S.S.R. that one of the main dangers to world peace and to the Soviet Union was the imminence of an attack by German fascism on the Soviet Union. Therefore when Hitler expressed his willingness to sign a non-aggression pact, the Soviet Union agreed.

The pact is not a pact of mutual assistance. It has no secret clauses. It simply pledges that Germany will not commit aggression against the Soviet Union and vice versa.

This pact marked no change in Soviet foreign policy. The Soviet Union already had non-aggression pacts with ten other nations—Turkey, Italy, etc. As a matter of fact the Soviet Union has always been willing to sign a non-aggression pact with Germany, but until recently Hitler would not consider it.

But the pact did mark a change in German policy. For six years German fascism has been planning to attack the Soviet Union. For six years Hitler fascism has been the spear-head of all anti-Soviet agitation. For six years Hitler has paraded himself as the self-appointed savior of the world from Communism. In this policy Hitler fascism was aided and abetted by powerful and influential circles in other countries.

And now Hitler all of a sudden signs a pact, and temporarily at least, drops his plans to attack the Soviet Union. This is clearly a change in German policy. In signing such a pact, Hitler double-crossed his friends and supporters in other countries who all these years have been helping him on the promise that he would make war on the Soviet Union.

Why did Hitler sign such a pact? Mainly I believe because he realized that to attack the U.S.S.R. would mean the end of Herr Hitler and of

German fascism. But also because he hoped by this act to bring enough pressure on the British and French governments to have them agree to another "Munich," and this time Poland was to be the victim. However Hitler failed to reckon with the British and French people who would not stand for any more appeasement and who supported their government's pledges to Poland.

The pact performed some very good services, not only in that for the time being at least, it prevented a war between the Soviet Union and Germany. It also performed other services, detrimental to fascism and helpful to democracy. It split wide-open the anti-Communist alliance between Germany, Italy, Japan and a few smaller countries. In doing so it broke up the united front of the aggressor nations which was in practice directed not only against the Soviet Union but against the democratic nations as well. The absence of Italy and Japan from the side of Germany in the present war is a case in point.

The pact also exposed Hitler before his own people. In signing the pact he virtually had to take back his many statements to the German people to the effect that no treaties could ever be signed with the terrible Communist state. The pact also shows the German people that the Soviet people do not wish to make war on them.

In my opinion the pact is of historic importance. It marks the beginning of the end of fascism. It should be hailed by all anti-fascists as a victory over fascism.

BEN SWANKEY.

Blairmore, Alberta.

October 5th, 1939,

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People's Forum

POLAND

Editor of The Herald:

Sir,—As Winston Churchill stated in an Empire broadcast on Oct. 1, one of the main developments of the first month of war was the defeat and collapse of Poland.

Why was Poland defeated in such a short space of time?

The first reason, and one which is obvious to everyone, is that Poland was faced with superior German military forces of every kind—on the land, sea and air. Added to this is the fact that Poland's western frontier was inadequately fortified.

But German military superiority does not wholly explain the defeat of Poland.

The second reason in my opinion is that England and France failed to give Poland sufficient aid to prevent her defeat. As Bernard Shaw said in an letter to the London Times on Sept. 20, "the truth as we now have to admit is that our support has so entirely failed that the Polish resistance has been wiped out and with it the Polish army and Polish government." This conclusion is further prompted by the many appeals which the Lord Mayor of Warsaw made by radio to England and France, all of which remained unanswered as far as practical mili-

tary help is concerned.

The third reason for the defeat of Poland is the fact that Poland was itself a semi-fascist state with a "wretched class government" (to use the words of Lloyd George on Sept. 28); a government based on suppression of its own minorities (German, Russian, Ukrainian, etc.) as well as its own people. To quote Lloyd George on this point: "The Polish peasantry is living in great poverty owing to the operation of the world feudal system in Europe." A government which is itself inclined to fascism, which oppresses its own people can hardly expect to win the whole-hearted trust or support of its own people. Events proved that the Polish government could not stand the strain of German aggression and that it did flee and desert its people in their hour of need. Lloyd George correctly characterized it as a government "which bolted while their capital was still offering indomitable resistance and while hundreds of thousands of their soldiers were still valiantly defending Polish soil." No one can question the bravery of the Polish people, particularly the Warsaw workers, and their willingness to lay down their lives in defense of their country. But the same can certainly not be said for the Polish government. As the Edmonton Bulletin said in a short editorial on Sept. 21. "The defenders of Warsaw, deserted by their government and their general, but fighting to the death against unnumbered odds, afford a spectacle of heroism."

Spain, which had a democratic Popular Front government, withstood the assaults of internal fascism and foreign intervention for over two years, and then was only defeated by betrayal from within.

One lesson at least that we can learn from Poland is that to be strong, a nation must be democratic, and the more liberties the people have, the more secure will the country be in resisting fascism, both from within and without.

BEN SWANKEY.

Blairmore, Alta.
Oct. 2, 1939.

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA-
Blairmore. Alta.

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24-9-39.

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As a result I am of the opinion that the communist party have started a campaign to upset the Italians of the area, with the view no doubt of causing dissention and thereby possibly increasing their membership.

Ben Swankey, at present organizing for the party in the Pass. Swankey is resident with a family of Italians in Blairmore. Alta.

5. Bill REPKE, (I am not sure of the spelling) of Edmonton, will arrive in the Crows nest Pass on or about October 15th. 1939 to attempt to organize the Y.C.L.

26-9-39

6. Touch will be kept with the situation as well as the party generally and reports will be submitted. I have submitted the information re the Italians for information purposes only at present, enquiries are going forward and will be covered under separate heading.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Sergt. Regt. No. 6367

(J.A. Cawsey) - Blairmore 000443

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Re: The Communist Party of Canada - Blairmore.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED:

Further report will be submitted
in this regard.

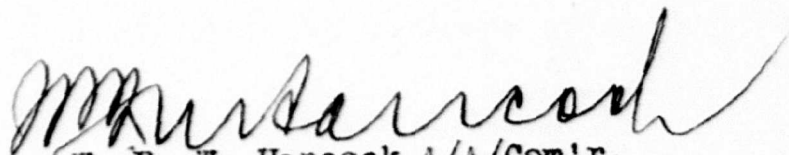
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H:A

sgd. "G. Harvey" S/Sergt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division ACD

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. Further
enquiries are being made and a report will be submitted.

Edmonton Alberta,
30 September 1939.
H/DW


W. F. W. Hancock A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"7	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province	Date	
Alberta.	Sept. 24, 1939.	

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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
Blairmore, Alberta.

SECRET.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

I.S. 52-5-C.

Detachment

39B - 1.

P. C. R.

18-9-39.

A. R. V. No.

24-9-39.

1. On instructions N.C.C. i/c Blairmore detachment, I attended a public meeting under the auspices of the above named C.P.C. The meeting proceeded as it had been advertised on notice boards in the town of Blairmore and other Pass towns - "Public Meeting, Union Hall Blairmore, Sunday Sept. 24, 1939, at 2:00 p.m. Speaker - Ben Swankey. 'War in Europe': What is the position of the Communist Party of Canada? of the Soviet Union? What must we do to win the war? Come and hear these questions discussed."

2. The meeting assembled under the chairmanship of Albert Olson, member of the executive of the local C.P.C. By actual count there were fifty-seven people in the audience, of which five were women. The hat was passed and the chairman announced the collection amounted to two dollars and fifty cents. Chairman Olson, who is also a councillor of the town of Blairmore, introduced the speaker as 'Ben Swankey, organizer of the Communist Party at Edmonton.'

3. Swankey spoke for an hour and his remarks were saturated with quotations from newspapers such as London Times, New York Times, Manchester Guardian, Philadelphia Standard, Edmonton Bulletin, Calgary Albertan, Lethbridge Herald. He read new items, editorials and excerpts from comments of Lloyd George, Lord Beaverbrook, George Bernard Shaw. Summarized, Swankey spoke as follows:

4. "The Communist Party fully supports this war. As evidence of this, a number of our leading Communists have joined the Canadian Active Service Force. The war was started by Hitler and Nazi-ism. I believe the 'Appeasement' policy of certain statesmen of certain countries encouraged Hitler and was a factor in starting the war. I dislike seeing certain men who took part in the Munich pact still at the head of certain governments. In the English government I welcome the inclusion of such men as Anthony Eden, Duff-Cooper, Winston Churchill, who are strong foes of Hitlerism."

5. The attempted mutual-assistance pact between England and Russia fell through because underlings, incompetent clerks, with no authority to sign for their Government were sent from England to deal with the Russian government at Moscow. I was not surprised at the signing of the Soviet-Russia - German non-aggression pact because it is the policy of the U.S.S.R. to sign non-aggression pacts with all countries possible, they have already signed eleven pacts with such countries as Italy and Poland. On the other hand I was surprised to see Germany sign an agreement with the Communist Soviet Union because the German government has executed and gaoled hundreds of thousands of German communists since the Hitler government came into power in 1933, and the Hitler Government know the Communists are working underground to overthrow the Nazi government.

6. At the collapse of the Polish government, the Soviet Union moved its Red Army into the territory formerly Poland, because the country of Poland had ceased to exist.

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
BLAIRMORE, ALBERTA.

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..... ".....As Poland had ceased to exist, the movement westward of the Red Army, was not an invasion of Poland. Therefore Soviet Russia was not breaking its non-aggression pact with Poland, since there was no Poland. The Red army was received with welcome in the former Polish provinces, with a slight amount of resistance from the rich land-lords who had been oppressing the peasants, and who knew that their land would be divided up among the working people, as has been done. The movement westward of the Red Army was a good thing for the country occupied: the three million white Russians and the Five Million Ukrainians were taken under the protection of the Soviet Russia, away from the fear of Nazi domination. Also the Red Army by occupying the land north of the Rumanian border are a buffer between Germany and the rich oil fields of Rumania. So the movement west, of the Red Army is justified.

7. "We must support this war until Hitlerism and Nazi-ism are defeated in a military way and in a political way. For the good of the government of this country I criticize some of the policies of the government. I criticize the tax on tea and coffee: there should be more tax on the rich people, instead of on the working people. I am not in favor of a Union Government in Canada, because it might contain such re-actionaries as Manion who said 'Hitler is all right up to a point', and I do not believe that Hitler is any good up to any point."

8. Swankey's speech finished, the meeting was thrown open for questions and the first question asked of Swankey, by W. Turner, a grey-haired Englishman, was "If you are so anxious to fight Hitler, why the hell dont you enlist?" Then Tom Horn, a Scotsman, vitrolically denounced Swankey's explanation of the movement s of the Red Army as in par.6. Soviet Russia was further denounced by unidentified Poles, Englishmen, and A Belgian, and Swankey was denounced for trying to justify Russia's present tactics. There were a number of Italians present at the meeting but they did not enter into the discussion. The meeting broke up at four-thirty oclock.

No Expense.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

C.S. Hunt Cst.
C.S. Hunt Reg. # 12774

The Officer Commanding,
Lethbridge Sub Division,
R.C.M. Police.

Sir:- Forwarded; The meeting referred to is the first public meeting held by Swankey. I am informed that it is his intention of holding others throughout the Pass district, in view of this I am leaving the diary date open. Swankeys activities will be covered and reports submitted from time to time.

Blairmore.
24-9-39

J.A. Lawsey Sergt.
(J.A. Lawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 26-9-39.

H/J.

G. Harvey Staff Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, AOD.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Apparently Swankey intends to hold further
meetings in the Pass District. Further reports
will be submitted covering his activities.

Edmonton Alberta,
27 September 1939.
H/DW

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.- Blairmore.Alt.

1. Referring to letter of O.C."K" Division C.I.B. dated June 19th. 1939 Divisional file No. [REDACTED] the subject Ben Swankey, mentioned therein arrived in the Crow's Nest Pass on 14.9.39. He immediately contacted Enoch Williams, Mayor of Blairmore, Alta. and a member of the communist party.

2. This man's activities to the present have been more or less of a survey nature, visiting and conversing with communists of the area, mostly at Blairmore, Alta. I am informed he has held no meetings as yet.

3. On Saturday Sept. 16th.1939, Swankey together with a Mrs J.North of Blairmore,Alta. stood at the Bank door at Blairmore Alta. from 10 A.M to 3 P.M. taking a collection for the general funds of the communist party.

4. I had conversation with Swankey this date, he informed me that he was a communist organizer, that he was in the Pass for that purpose, it was his intention to stay for some time; at least until after next pay day (two weeks).

5. I am informed through communists that Swankey has told them that he has joined a Calgary regiment, this date however he did not mention this during conversation.

6. Due to recent action of Russia in Poland, this has caused considerable discussion and debates among the known communists as to just where they will stand in the event of Britain declaring war on Russia.

7. Touch will be kept on the activities of this subject and the party as a whole.

Still Under Investigation.

J. A. Cawsey Sgt. Regt. No. 6367
(J. A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detach.

For your information.

Leth. 19-9-39.

H/J. "H. Darling" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 19-9-39. "The Darling" Inspector.

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District Officer Commanding,
Military District #13,
Post Office Building,
CALGARY, Alberta.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta,
21 September 1939.

R. E. Mercer, Supt.,
In Charge "K" Div. C.I.B.

H/DW

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Enquiries are being made in Edmonton with regards
to SWANKEY having joined the army.

Edmonton, Alberta,
22 September 1939.

W. F. W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Div. C.I.B.

H/DW

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date 20-8-39.

237651 AUG 28 39

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA-Blairmore.Alta.

File References
SECRET

Headquarters

Sub-Division
L.S.52-5-C

Detachment
39.B.1.

P. C. R.
3-8-39.

A. R. V. No. [REDACTED]

1. Referring to previous reports re the above subject, the party as a whole remains quiet, at least on the outside, I am informed however that efforts are being made to increase the membership of same, and in this respect Jack Serada, communist organizer has again returned to the Pass area. He has not established head quarters at any one point, but is visiting all parts of the Crows Nest Pass, I am informed that he is making house to house visits to members of the party or former adherents to same. Observations of this mans actions bears this information out. He has not as yet had any general meetings, he is being kept under observation.

2. Reference previous report 3-8-39, para. 3 that portion dealing with Enock Williams, (Williams) local communist and mayor of Blairmore. Alta. Williams has secured the nomination as Labor candidate for the next Provincial election.

3. Referring to Lethbridge C.I.B report dated July 21st. 1939. para. 4 thereof. The subject John Hluska mentioned therein has not to the present been reported to me as having arrived in the Pass area.

4. Further reports will be submitted in due course.

Still Under Investigation.

J. A. Cawsey
(J. A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment. Sergt. Regt. No. 6367

L/Cpl. Bailey,
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.

For your information.
Leth. 22-8-39.
H/J.

(Sgd) Inspector
"H. Darling"
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

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Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 22-8-39.
H/J. (Sgd) Inspector.
"H. Darling"
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

Diary Date set for
20-8-39.

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[REDACTED]

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
24 August 1939.
P.

R. E. Mercer
R. E. Mercer, Supt.,
for A/A/Com'r. A.O.D.
Commanding "K" Division.

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date August 3rd.1939

221560 AUG 12 39

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA- Blairmore.Alta.
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File References
SECRET

Headquarters

Sub-Division

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P. C. R.

24-6-39

A. R. V. No.

1. Referring to previous reports re the above subject and particular to detachment report dated June 24th 1939. para 2 thereof. The subject [REDACTED] left this area in the middle of July.1939, at which time he stated that he would be returning to the Pass district within the "next few days", he has not to the present returned. I am informed that he went direct to Calgary,Alta. this however is not authentic.

2. Referring to letter of the O.C."K"Division C.I.B dated Edmonton June 19th.1939.heading of which was re.Ben SWANKEY-Communist Organizer "K"Div.file [REDACTED] I find that this man has not as yet arrived in the Crows Nest,and from communists contacts it is found that it is indeed doubtful if he will be here in the near future.

3. The subject [REDACTED], mentioned in Lethbridge C.I.B report dated July 21st.1939 heading of which is Communist Party of Canada.- Lethbridge Alta. Activities of, arrived in the Pass on the 22nd ~~inst~~ July 1939, he contacted Enoch Williams, local communist and mayor of the town at once, and whilst in this area associated solely with known communists, he held one meeting at the home of Louis Castellan at South Blairmore Alta. the discussion being purely the part the communist party is to take in the proposed provincial election, that is, that the party will not run a straight communist candidate, but if one is nominated he will run as labor, or will support the present provincial Government. I am informed that his chief business in the Pass was to see what Enoch Williams intends doing, Williams no doubt will be in the running for the labor candidate in which case he would draw considerable support from local communists. Campbell also mixed freely with the unemployed organization of the Pass area, but did not attend any of their meetings. Campbell left the Pass on or about the 27th. July 1939, he stating he was returning the Lethbridge and thence to Calgary. Alta.

4. The communist situation is quiet, touch is being kept and anything of police interest will be duly reported.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Diary Date set for

3-9-39.

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

FORWARDED for your information.

Sergt. Regt. No 6367

A. A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detach.

AUG 5 1939

Commanding Lethbridge S/D

Insp.

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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
8 August 1939
P.

R. E. Mercer
R. E. Mercer, A/Supt.,
for A/A/Com'r. A.O.D.,
Commanding "K" Division.

F. 237

Division File No.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date June 24th.1939

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA. BLAIRMORE ALTA.

File References
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Headquarters
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Sub-Division
L.S.52-5-C.

Detachment
39B 1.

P. C. R.

A. R. V. No.

1. Regarding the activities of the above organization within this detachment area. conditions have been very quiet indeed, with little activity. Outside organizers have been few, and those who have been in the area only remained in most cases over night, whilst in the area contacting Enoch Williams and Martin Krykosky, both of Blairmore.Alta.

2. [redacted] mentioned in previous reports and also a well known communist, has been in the Pass area for the past week, he has not as yet as far as I can ascertain established himself for any set purpose, although when he was in the Pass some months ago he operated a communist school at Bellevue.Alta.at present I am informed he is visiting the home of party members and doing what he terms, pre organizational work.This mans presence in the Pass may have something to do with the visit of the man Ben SWANKEY- organizer mentioned in "K"Division letter of June 19th.1939 [redacted].The activities of this man are being closely watched.

3. The party as mentioned have been quiet, with no meetings being held, during the past week activity has been noticed about the homes of known communists in Blairmore,Alta. and at the Ukrainian Hall at Bellevue,Alta as well as the Ukrainian Hall at Coleman,Alta. the meetingsreferred to were attended by very few people and all those were of the old line communist class, matters discussed were purely of routine matters, and from my reports on such meetings it would appear that the different branches are getting their local business in shape for an effort to get more life in the party. Touch will be kept on the situation and reports will be submitted covering matters of police interest.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.
two copies to Cranbrook Detach.

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

Sir: FORWARDED:

1. It does not appear that the Communist Party is particularly active in the Crows Nest Pass at the present time.
2. Copy to D.L. Spt. Bailey, Lethbridge.

Sergt.Reg't.No.6367
(J.A.Cawsey)i-c Blairmore Detach.

Diary Date set for

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24-7-39

Regt. 33-6-39
M.A.

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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
30 June 1939.
K/P

W. F. W. Hancock

W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

Division Fyle No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date October 25th.1938.

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Fyle References

SECRET

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA-Blairmore. Alta.

Headquarters

1. With reference to instructions of the Officer Commanding "K" Division under date of October 14th.1938 the following is submitted in connection with the above matter.

Sub-Division

2. The present political situation in so far as it pertains to communism is quiet. The communist party from information received and from investigations have approximately 30 paid up members at Blairmore. They have the usual number of adherents, (but not members of the party). The party as a whole at Blairmore has developed into "just another organization" they have meetings at irregular times, mostly at the home of Mrs. John North of South Blairmore. The activities of the Blairmore branch has been anything but aggressive, meetings sparsely attended, with I am informed very little business being done at such meetings. From information received there is a decided split in the Blairmore communists. Enoch Williams, Mayor of Blairmore is the local secretary and also the general secretary of the party in the Crows Nest Pass district, friction has been noticable between he and other known members of the party, this friction and disfavour possibly being due to lack of activity on the part of Williams. Williams is not a believer in the "blood and thunder type", and is not in favour of an outside organizer, there still being some members of the party who think that the party should be holding outside demonstrations, and making the presence of the party known. Again Williams being mayor of the town is against organization interference with town affairs. Strong members of the party under the direction of Williams have been expelled or suspended from the party for non payment of dues, and they are knocking Williams among other party members.

Detachment

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30-10-38.

3. Williams is also secretary of the local union of the U.M.W. of A. and is being criticized by the union, mostly among the communist element for not being more active in connection with the local mine agreements, the agreement expired in March last, and to the present has not been signed, a board was appointed by the Government, but to the present they have not rendered their decision. Williams is blamed for not being on the job enough and keeping the union members informed of developments. As a whole the political situation in so far as communism is concerned is very much upset, in the event of an outside organizer coming to Blairmore, he would have little trouble in bringing the party back to normal and could I think increase the membership by taking back old members, who have left the party due to not approving of the actions of Williams. At the present time there is no trouble being experienced over the activities of the party, touch however is constantly kept with the activities of same.

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Please refer to page two. 000456

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Re:- COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA- Blairmore, Alta.

para 4. The Town council of Blairmore is composed of the following a short history of each appears after each name.

Mayor Enoch WILLIAMS-born in Nova Scotia is general secretary of the communist party in the Crows Nest Pass has been a delegate to Russia for the party, is also secretary of the U.M.W.A. Blairmore local has been active in connection with party affairs, has idea's for a political career and at present is beyond doubt looking for the labor nomination for the next Provincial election, this may account for his actions within the party as well as keeping the party members quiet. During his term as Mayor he has filled the position in an able manner.

Councillor Romona FERRISSINE or sometimes spelled PERRISSENE is an Italian, has been a strong labor man for years in 1933 and 34 he was understood to be a member of the communist party, I am not sure of his connection with the party at present. Elected on miners ticket.

Councillor Albert Olson, Swedish, strong member of communist party, chairman of light committee. Elected on Miners ticket.

Councillor Evan Morgan, Welsh, longest serving member on council, not communistic, but a strong labor man,

Councillor Ed Wormsley, English not a member of the communist party, but friendly with members of same is a "yes" man on the council, was formerly a strong member of the church, but since becoming a member of the council on miner's ticket and associates with Gaston Bazille, town electrician and an avowed communist. Wormsley was at one time active in social credit affairs, but recently seems to have changed his views.

Delbert Enns, Canadian born, elected on Union ticket active in town and union matters, is not a member of the communist party, but a strong labor party advocate Chairman of relief committee

s.19(1) Angelo Pagnucco, Italian, elected on union ticket, is a strong communist party man, has made a fairly good councillor, chairman of police committee. Appears to be the contact man between the council and the party.

Cecil Larbelestier, secretary Treasurer of the town as well as secretary treasurer of the school District, took over positions in either 1933 or 1934. Is from the Isle of Wight, appears to know his job and is a hard worker, he is not a member of the communist party, he has developed into a decided "yes" man the last few years.

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Gaston Bazille, town electrician, an avowed communist and former member of the Blairmore group, is still active in C.I.O. matters and is definitely a communist at heart and very radical very friendly with Wormsley but on the outs with Olson and Williams both party members.

Fred Goddard, chief of police, is a member of the miners union, he is not a member of the Communist party, Any leaning

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA-Blairmore, Alta.

Para. 4 cont'd. Re Fred Goddard, town chief.
Any leanings this man may have towards communism are purely for position purposes. Is presently not on good terms with Mayor Williams and councillor Wormsley, he is very friendly with Pagnucco, suspected contact man between party and council. Goddard is Canadian born.

Andrew Tortorelli, Italian, town foreman and tracer man
[redacted] has recently joined the party.

5. From the above it will be seen that the council and employees of the town of Blairmore are either members of the party or strong labor, and inclined to be radical, in spite of the fact the council functions good and have handled town affairs in a fairly successful manner.

Still Under Investigation

J.A. Cawsey Sgt. Regt. No. 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) 1-6 Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir : Forwarded for your information. This has reference to Memo of the Officer I/C C.I.B. dated the 14th instant.

CONCLUDED

Mark

H/P
Leth. 28-10-38.

Sgt. H. Darling, Insp.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

S/Cat. R. S. Smith,
In Charge Relief Office,
C. I. B.,
"K" Div.,
EDMONTON, Alta.

1. Forwarded for your information. This has reference to my memorandum under the heading "Clothing Relief - Town of Blairmore" dated October 13th, 1938, under file 38 [redacted]

Edmonton, Alberta.
31 October 1938.
S/P
The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

W. Mortimer, Insp.,
In Charge C. I. B.

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1. Sir: Forwarded for your information together with correspondence giving rise to the submission of the information enclosed herein which is self-explanatory. This report is submitted to H. Q. due to the interesting information regarding the Communist Party and its members on the Blairmore Town Council.

Edmonton, Alberta.
1 November 1938.
K/P

W.F.W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.
Commanding "K" Division. 000458

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Edmonton, Alberta, 14 October 1938.

SECRET

O. C.,
R. C. M. P.,
LETHBRIDGE Sub-Division.

Re: Communist Party of Canada - Blairmore, Alta.

1. Would you kindly have Sgt. Cawsey submit a report covering the following points at his earliest convenience:

2. The present political situation in Blairmore and the Party leanings of the Mayor, Councillors and other elected officials and also the secretary-treasurer, Mr. C. M. Larbelestier.

3. Full information on the above points is required and it is desirable that this investigation be made as discreetly as possible.

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W. Mortimer, Insp.,
In Charge C. I. B.

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C. I. B.

In reply please quote

Div. File No. [REDACTED]

Edmonton, Oct. 13th, 1938.

D/L/Cpl. H. P. Keeler,
R. C. M. Police,
Edmonton, Alta.

Re: Clothing Relief -
Town of Blairmore.

1. In 1933 the Town of Blairmore had a Labour Council with very radical views, and the Bureau of Relief & Public Welfare formed the opinion that this Council was allowing abuses in connection with Clothing Relief, so put the matter of recommending Clothing Issues in the hands of the R.C.M.P.

2. We have been doing the work ever since, but Sgt. Cawsey now reports that there has been a marked change in the political situation in Blairmore, the Town now being controlled by a representative Council, not one faction as formerly. He therefore suggests that the Bureau of Relief & Public Welfare be asked to relieve us of duties in connection with Clothing Relief and place the full responsibility on the Town.

3. Before making any request to the Bureau it appears desirable to secure full information as to the present political situation in Blairmore and the party leanings of the Mayor, Councillors and other elected officials, also the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. C. M. Larbalestier. The Mayor and the Secretary-Treasurer are the two persons directly concerned with the issue of Relief.

4. Please have inquiries made through whatever sources of reliable information you may have at Blairmore. It is not necessary to refer to the Relief angle when doing so.

(Sgd.) W. Mortimer, Insp.,
In Charge C. I. B.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date September 30th.1938.

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA-Lethbridge. Alta.

Fyle References

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Headquarters

1. With reference to the above matter, and to instructions endorsed on letter of Officer in charge C.I.B."K" Division, under date of 11.8.38.

Sub-Division

L.S.52-1.

2. On my return from leave of absence, it was found that Lawrence Anderson of Edmonton, and Pat. Lenihan of Calgary, Alta. had both been in the Crows Nest Pass district. I was also informed that it was their intention of coming back to the Crows Nest Pass within a short period. To the present neither of those mentioned have returned.

Detachment

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3. It has been ascertained that both Anderson and Lenihan were working in the interests of the Communist party, some work was done about Coleman Alta. but from reliable sources I have found that not much success was attained.

Blairmore.
9-5-39

4. Both men mentioned spent the majority of their time in Michel and Fernie B.C. points, where I understand they had fairly large meetings.

5. Whilst in this area, the car of Steve Repas of Hillcrest Alta. was used for going to and from B.C. points this car being Alberta license No. 74-146

6. If either of the two mentioned returns to this area, their movements will be covered. Copies of report direct to Cranbrook. B.C.
No Expense.
Still Under Investigation.

J.A. Cawsey

Sgt. Regt. No. 6367

(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

H/P Sgd. H. Darling, Insp.
Leth. 3-10-38 Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.
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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

W. F. W. Hancock

Edmonton, Alberta.
6 October 1938.
K/P

W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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REAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		22-9-37.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.- Blairmore. Alta.

File References

SECRET

Headquarters

1. Referring to letter of the C.C. C.I.B. "K." Div. under date of 8-9-37 re the above matter.

Sub-Division

52/1-116

2. The subject Leslie MORRIS, was announced as a speaker on behalf of the Communist party on Labor day September 6th. 1937, he arrived in Blairmore on that date, and remained for the day and left the district, supposedly for the Calgary district. Due to weather conditions the meetings advertised for the the day by the Communist party, were called off and a general meeting open to the Public at which E.O. Duke M.L.A. Rev. A.E. Larke and others spoke at. This meeting being of a mild type.

Detachment

Blairmore.
Secret.

3. The subject Morris left the district as mentioned and has not to the present been back in this detachment area.

P. C. R.

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

J.A. Cawsey
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

Sergt. Regt. No 6357

Sir:

FORWARDED.

This has reference to memorandum of the Officer I/c C.I.B. of the 8th instant.

Leth. 24-9-37

[Signature]
(SGD) E.C.P. SALT Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

[Signature]
The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Leslie Morris is now back in Edmonton.

Edmonton, Alberta.
28 September 1937.
P.

W.F.W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, A/Asst. Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

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F. AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

210785 JUL 1937

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		12-7-37.

File References
Secret.

Re: **Leslie MORRIS- COMMUNIST ORGANIZER.**

Amended Heading: Communist Party of Canada -
BLAIRMORE, Alta.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

D.S. 52/1-116

Detachment
E/more
Secret.

P. C. R.

1. The above mentioned formerly connected with the "CLARION" newspaper of Toronto, and a member of the Dominion Communist committee has during the past week held Mass meetings at Blairmore Hillcrest, Bellevue and Coleman, all meeting have been in the open air, and small crowds attended same, with the exception of Bellevue meeting which had possibly 100 in attendance, none of the other meeting drew more than 50 persons. This man has been assisted in his meetings by Mayor WILLIAMS of Blairmore, Old OLSON of Blairmore, and other local communists.

2. This man is a fair speaker, with a quite pleasing platform attitude, his subject was the present situation in Alberta, and run along the usual communist lines, he stating that the trouble in Alberta at present is not the government but the capitalist system trying to undermine the government.

3. Whilst this man is supposedly speaking on behalf of the Communist party, by listening to his talks, I have formed the opinion that he is touring Alberta in the interests of the C.I.O. at all of his meetings he dwelt on the matter of organized labour and carefully explained to those listening the advantages of organization more especially that under the Lewis administration in fact he dwelt more on this subject than the subject he was announced to speak on.

4. The communist party at Bellevue and the U.M.W of A also at that point have been making efforts to obtain signatures on application forms of all unorganized labor, including painters etc.

5. MORRIS's presence in this district for the week, has had the effect of somewhat reviving the factional feeling among the communists, and already several fights have taken place within the town of Blairmore over factional feelings, otherwise I do not think the Morris trip was a success. Morris has left the district. Two copies of this report direct to Cranbrook Detachment.

C. J. A. Cawsey
Sgt. Regt. No 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 14-7-37

(SGD) E.C.P. Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Leslie Morris is at this time in Calgary.

Edmonton, Alberta.
15 July 1937.
K/P

W. F. W. Hancock

W. F. W. Hancock, S/Asst. Com'r.,
... Commanding "K" Division.

Division File No. [REDACTED]

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REAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		30-6-37.

File References

Re: Arthur H. EVANS- Vancouver B.C. C.P. of Canada.

Amended Heading: Communist Party of Canada -
Blairmore, Alta.

SECRET

Headquarters
175-2-1042.

1. Further to reports of Cranbrook Detachment re the above subject, and particularly to report under date of 22nd June 1937 para. 3. Touch has been kept with local communists and from them I have found that they know nothing of EVANS business in the district.

Sub-Division

[REDACTED] leads me to believe that it is not intended for Evans to come as far East as Blairmore, on this present speaking tour.

L.S. 52/2-15

2. If and when EVANS arrives in this district and holds meetings same will be covered and reports submitted.

Detachment
Blairmore
Secret.

3. Two copies of this report forwarded direct to Cranbrook detachment.

P. C. R.

No expense.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

J.A. Cawsey
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

Sir:
FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 3-7-37

(SGD) E.C.P. SALT Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.


Edmonton, Alberta.
7 July 1937.
K/P

W.F.W. Hancock
W. F. W. Hancock, Supt.,
for Asst. Com'r., O.D.S.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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C. P. Blairmore Alta.

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 Blairmore, famous coal mining town in the Crow's Nest Pass, again ~~retains~~^{secured} a Communist municipal Government in the civic election held on 8th February. Enoch Williams, member of the delegation visiting the Soviet Union in 1935 and one of the more prominent local leaders of the Communist Party of Canada, was elected Mayor defeating Mayor William Knight who resented the dictatorial attitude of the Communist Party and who ran as an Independent against the standard bearer of the Communist Party of Canada. The candidates of the Communist Party for the council were all elected; they are Albert J. Olson, (present sitting member), Evan Morgan and Romano Perissine. Martin Krykosky was the successful Communist Party candidate for the School Board.

This year's election again illustrates the tremendous influence the Communist Party of Canada exercises in this town. Notwithstanding the determined and well organized effort on the part of the moderates, the Communists were able to ~~retain~~^{retain} control of the municipal administration. The vote is said to have been overwhelmingly in favour of the Communists.

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"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		21-5-37.

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File References

Secret.

Re: Arthur MORRIS- late of Blairmore. Alta.
COMMUNIST.

Headquarters

21-5-37.

Sub-Division

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Detachment

B/More
Secret.

P. C. R.

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Cranbrook Direct.

1. With reference to the above subject, Mayor Ench WILLIAMS, Communist leader of Blairmore Alta, received a telegram this date from the headquarters of the Communist party at Toronto Ont. informing him that Arthur MORRIS had been killed in action in Spain.

2. Memorial meetings in honor of Morris are presently being arranged by local Communists.

3. With Morris being now dead, I would request that this file be concluded.

U.C., "A" Division,
R.C.M., EDMONTON.

J.A. Cawsey
Sgt. Regt. No 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

Sir:
FORWARDED for your information
CONCLUDED

Leth. 25-5-37

[Signature]
(SGD) E.C.L. SALT Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

[Signature]
The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
27 May 1937.
K/P

[Signature]
H. M. Newson, Asst. Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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REAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division Sub-Division Detachment
 "K" Lethbridge. Blairmore.
 Province Date
 Alberta. 9-2-37.

C.P. Blairmore Alta.
 15/6805

Fyle References

SECRET.

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY IN CANADA.
CROWS NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

BLAIRMORE, ALTA.

Headquarters

1. Referring to reports re the above matter submitted by this detachment. February 8th. 1937 was election day throughout the Crows Nest Pass. ✓

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Detachment

Blairmore
secret.

P. C. R.

Blairmore.
19-1-37.

2 copies to
 Cranbrook Detach.

2. At Blairmore Alta. a full slate of Candidates were run by what is termed the workers party and also Independants which in reality was the citizens league. Resulting in the workers returning their slate with one exception. While the workers took the name of the Progressive party, they were backed by the COMMUNIST party and the majority of the candidates were members of this party. The Independants were practically all officials of the West Canadian Collieries of Blairmore, and it is noticable the manner in which the workers turned the company down, they the workers making it a straight fight due to advertising and other means between the company and the worker. In reality the company did not take an active part in the election nor do I for a moment think that they used any pressure on the Independent slate. The Progressives (Reds) however used every effort to obtain votes and did not stop at throwing dirt etc. and used the fact that the opposition were all officials of the company. Pat LENIHAN, local head of the Communist party was head of the election committee and he was ably assisted in his work by other members of the party from Pass points including John STOKULAK of the U.M.W. of A. Calgary Alta. and also a strong Communist.

3. The following candidates stood for election, I quote the vote polled for each and their leanings, which is authentic.

Progressive or Communist.

<u>Enoch Williams.</u>	Communist. Admitted on platform.	406	Elected.	Mayor.
<u>Evan Morgan.</u>	On the fence, leans to Radicals.	468	"	Council
<u>R. Peressine.</u>	Communist. Admitted on platform.	433	"	"
<u>Albert Olson.</u>	Communist admitted on platform.	409	"	"

School board.

<u>Sam Mc Dowal.</u>	Telephone Mgr. Independent. No radical.	422	"
<u>A. Bossetti.</u>	Miner. Communist.	411	"
<u>M. Krykosky.</u>	" " "	410	"

The defeated candidates were.

Progressive or Communist.

<u>A. Rae.</u>	Miner, Communist. School Board.	346	defeated.
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Independent. Council.

<u>C. J. Tompkins.</u>	Mayor. Insurance agent.	382	"
<u>R. Oakes.</u>	Free boss. W.C. Collieries.	367	"
<u>Milt. Condron.</u>	Engineer " "	331	"
<u>L. Pozzi.</u>	Contractor.	315	"

School Board. Independent

<u>W. H. Chappel.</u>	Chief accountant W.C. Collieries.	385	"
<u>E. Mc Donald.</u>	Salesman.	368	"

4. As will be noticed Mayor Knight of Blairmore did not stand
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Re:- Communist Party in Canada- Crows Nest Pass and Dist.

for re election, and at the last moment ^{THREW} through his support to the Independants and against the Communist Party and their candidates.

5. An interesting fact of this election is that of the action of a certain church throwing its support to the Independant slate. By the return of votes it is noticeable that the majority of the foreigners who have votes were also members of this church they however voted straight worker and against the church.

6. The present standing of the differant bodies of the town is as follows; School Board two anti reds, and four Communists. Town Council;- Communist Mayor, Two supposed anti reds, ~~two~~ on the fence, leans to Communists and two definate communists. Which on a vote gives the Communists the majority.

7. Victory dances were the order throughout the Pass dist. until the early A.M of the 9th. inst. with considerable drinking and carousing by the Communist members. All being in private houses etc.

8. Another interesting point regarding Pass elections is that at Coleman. The workers at that point elected three of their members to the school board replacing three members elected last election by the citizens league of Coleman, while the elected men are not Communists, it shows that the workers are breaking away from the citizens league, and shows the efforts of the Communist and Union organizers have made considerable headway at Coleman, and towards that Union at Coleman known presently as the Coleman Miners association, it will be remembered from reports that the U.M.W. of A. definitely have stated that Coleman must be organized to their body. This in my opinion is the first break away from the Coleman Miners association, which was formerly sponsored by the citizens league

9. The Communist party still have control of the Unemployed organizations at Bellevue, this is referred to in my report, same heading of the 19th. Jan. 1937 para. 7 thereof. They have however stopped efforts at improvements of conditions locally, and have switched their letter writing and telegrams to Ottawa.

10. With the support accorded at the elections, the Communist party will no doubt show activity again, touch will be kept with the situation and reports will be submitted.

Still under investigation.

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

J.A. Cawsey
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Sgt. Regt. No 6367
Blairmore Detachment.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

This has reference to the recent Civic Election at Blairmore.

Leth. 10-2-37
GH:MA

[Signature]
(SGD) E.C.P. SALT Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. It will be noted that the Communist Party has a majority influence both on the Blairmore Town Council and Blairmore School Board. Close touch will be maintained with the activities of the radical element in the Crow's Nest Pass and further reports submitted in due course.

H. M. Newson

Edmonton, Alberta.
12 February 1937.
K/P

H. M. Newson, Asst. Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

Division Fyle No. [REDACTED]

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Division Sub-Division Detachment
 "K". 12 Calgary 13 Calgary C.I.B.
 Province Date
 Alberta. Feb. 1st 1936

E. Parry
Blairmore Alta.
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SECRET

Fyle References

Re: Communist Party of Canada---Arthur Williams

Blairmore Alta.

Headquarters

1. On referring this matter again [REDACTED] no doubt the man he referred to as Arthur Williams is the man also known as Enoch Williams of Blairmore, and who followed Pete Munro and G. Russell in January 1935.

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He further states that he saw reports in the local C.P. H.Q. some time in later part of December 1935 in which it was mentioned that Williams had been sent to Timmins and East York to assist in the local strike and also to guide the planned march of unemployed from cities in the East and these reports were the source of his information, in these reports it was also mentioned that Doolin of Edmonton was also being sent to the same place.

Detachment

P. C. R.

Calgary CIB

20-1-36

2. [REDACTED] Williams may have gone there for just a few days and have returned, or something happened that the trip was postponed, but the letters containing this information was in the C.P. local office alright.

O.C. "K" Div., [REDACTED] D/Sgt.
 R.C.M.P. Edmonton, Alta. H.N. Trickey Reg. No. 4718

Sir: FORWARDED in reply
 to your memo. of the 23rd ultimo.

Feb. 3/36

The Commissioner,
 R. C. M. Police,
 Ottawa, Ontario.

E. Parry
 E. W. Ravin Insp.
 Comdg. Calgary S/Div.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. This has reference to report under above heading dated January 20th, 1936. The identities of Arthur Williams and Enoch Williams have been thoroughly investigated and it has been found that they are identical. This inquiry is now concluded.

Edmonton, Alberta.
 4 February 1936.
 E/P

SIGNED
 H. M. Newson, Asst. Com'r.,
 Commanding "K" Division.

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Edmonton, Alberta, 23 January 1936.

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O. C.,
R. C. M. P.,
CALGARY Sub-Div.

Sub-Div. Ref.
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52-2-101

Re: Communist Party of Canada - Arthur Williams,
Blairmore, Alta.

1. With reference to the report of D/Bgt. Trickey under the above heading dated January 20th, a check of our records disclose that Pete Munro and G. Russell returned to Calgary from Russia during the early part of January, 1935, and not January, 1934, as intimated in the report in question, also from our records it is noted that E. Williams who went to Russia at the same time as Munro and Russell, and returned also during the month of January, 1935, is ENOCH WILLIAMS of Blairmore which person is at that point at the present time.

2. No information has been received from Blairmore to the effect that Enoch Williams is to be transferred to Toronto and East York.

W. F. W. Hancock, A/Supt.,
i/c "X" Division C.I.B.

K/P

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information together with report under above heading dated January 20th, 1936. In this connection would you please refer to report under the above heading dated December 27th, 1935, and January 3rd, 1936. There is no doubt that the E. Williams mentioned in the Blairmore report is Enoch Williams of Blairmore. Information received in report dated January 3rd, under above heading, shows that Enoch Williams is still in the Blairmore area with no indications shown that he intends to go to Toronto and East York in the future. Should he, however, do so report will be submitted.

H. M. Newson

Edmonton, Alberta.
23 January 1936.
K/P

H. M. Newson, Asst. Com'r.,
Commanding "X" Division.

Division Fyle No.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K".12 Sub-Division Calgary 13 Detachment Calgary C.I.B.
Province Date Jan. 20th 1936
Alberta.

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Fyle References

Re: Communist Party of Canada-----Arthur Williams
Blairmore. Alta.

Headquarters

1. With reference to Calgary C.I.B. report under above heading dated Dec.27th 1935 Par.4, and to Sergt Cawsey report dated Blairmore Jan.3rd 1936, on taking this question of this Arthur Williams for further identification, am informed that the Arthur Williams as he is known in Calgary, is the same man as E.Williams who spoke on the U.S.S.R. in either January or February 1934, shortly after T.Munro and P.Russell Delegates from Vancouver B.C. to the USSR spoke in Calgary on Jan.8th 1934, Williams arriving and speaking soon afterwards. It is understood that Williams correct initials are A.E.Williams, also he may use another name.

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2. It was mentioned in local C.P. quarters that Arthur Williams was to be transferred to Toronto & East York but it is not known here yet whether this transfer has taken place yet or not.

P. C. R.

O.C. "K" Div.,
R.C.M.P. Edmonton.

-----D/Sgt
H.N. Trickey Reg.No.4718

Sir: FORWARDED with reference to your minute of the 9th instant endorsed on Lethbridge S/Div. report of the 3rd.

Jan. 20/36

E.W. Bavin
E.W. Bavin Insp.
Comdg. Calgary S/Div.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		January 15th 1936.

Re: SUSPECTED COMMUNISTS.

Fyle References

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Headquarters

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P. C. R.

Medicine Hat
18-12-36.

Natal B.C.P.P.

2 copies to
Cranbrook.

Blairmore,
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1. Referring to report of Cpl E.Crump. of Medicine Hat Detachment under date of Dec.18th 1935, re.suspected Communist [REDACTED].

2. Since receipt of this information, [REDACTED] and otherwise touch has been kept as far as possible with transient traffic at Coleman, but nothing has been found regarding the suspect in this case.

3. From my enquiries there was a man stopped at the B.C Cafe at Coleman, Alta, that could answer the description as set out in report of the 18th Dec./35, just previous to Christmas, but left a few days later, supposedly for the west again, and from my information has not returned.

4. The name as given [REDACTED] is not known about Coleman, there are several families of [REDACTED] some of whom have Red leanings. I do not however think the suspect is one of the families mentioned.

5. Due to working conditions at Coleman, transients arrive at Coleman in considerable numbers, when they find work is not obtainable, they leave soon after arrival, and the transient traffic is difficult to keep tab on.

6. If this man is located in this area, touch will be kept on his activities, and reports will be submitted.

Concluded.

J.A. Cawsey

Sergt Regt No 6367

(J.A.Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED.

As no trace of the above named can be found in the Crownsnest District I am concluding the file.
CONCLUDED.

Leth. 16-1-36

W.V. Bruce

(W.V. BRUCE)

Supt.

Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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