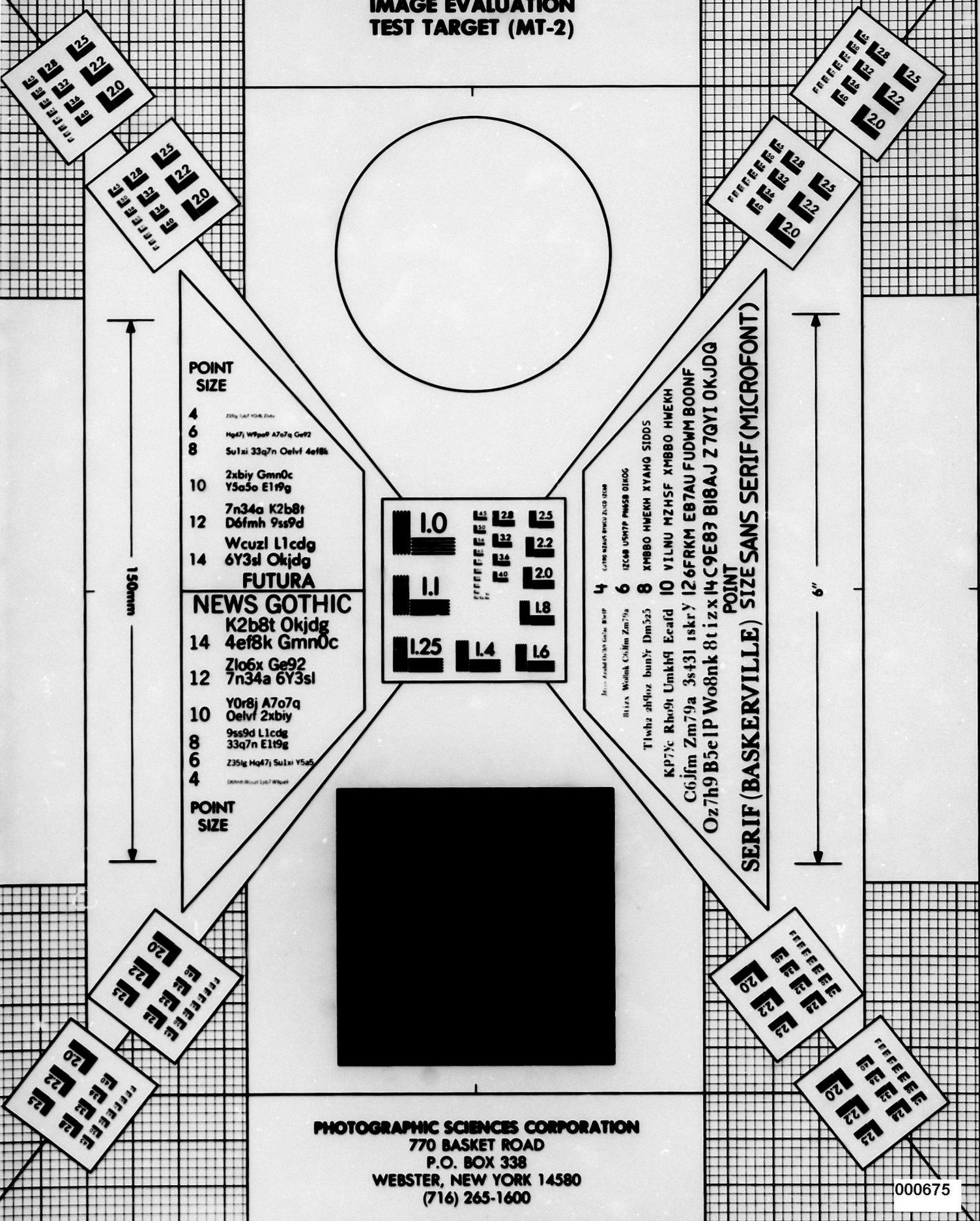


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Re;- THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
CROWS NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

Steve Max at Bellevue, Sereda and Young have been quite active visiting about the Bellevue district and Sereda has attended several meetings at the North home at Blairmore. I have been informed [redacted] that Sereda intended staying in the Pass over the Xmas season, I saw him at Bellevue on the 24th inst, and had a report on him on the 25th but have been unable to get any trace of him since that date. It is possible however that he is still in this area.

4. Whilst numerous meetings are being held by the Communists in this area, with frequent trips being made to Michel and Natal B.C. points by both Williams and Young, the situation in so far as communism is concerned may be termed quiet. The Spanish situation and the British foreign policy together with the Chinese question seemingly occupying their full time with resulting resolutions being forwarded to the two governments. Young, Williams and others of the party have been rather active on behalf of organization of the C.I.O. in short there is nothing at the moment disturbing over the actions of the communists of this area. Reports will be submitted in due course.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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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

Please note that Alex Young has left Blairmore, presumably for Toronto.

Leth. 31-12-37

Marlin
"Darling" Inspector
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division I.O.L.

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

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1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. I would draw your attention to the contents of the commencement of paragraph 2 of this report to the effect that [redacted] is attending the Communist school at Toronto.

Edmonton, Alberta.
4 January 1937.
K/P

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

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[REDACTED]

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Conditions in the Crow's Nest Pass are quiet at
this time.



Edmonton, Alberta.
4 January 1937.
K/P

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

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"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		25-9-37.

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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN CANADA.
Crows Nest Pass and Dist.

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Blairmore
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P. C. R.

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R.C.M.P.

1. The above mentioned organization during the past two weeks has shown more activity. This activity however taking the form of more meetings. The meetings being held at the Union Hall and at the homes of members of the party. I find that the subject generally is the National Convention of the Communist party which will be held at Toronto in early October 1937. The local branches bringing up resolutions to be presented etc. Again the present political situation in Alberta has been discussed at length and the position of the Communist party in so far as the Social Credit party of Alberta are concerned. The Communist party in the Crows Nest Pass are presently in favour of giving the Social Credit Government all support as long as the legislation passed or proposed does not interfere with their organization. The heads of the party very definitely point out to the rank and file that the Communist party are not bound to the social credit party and can withdraw their support at any time.

2. The Blairmore group of the Communist party have picked their members to represent the Blairmore group at Toronto, these picked being Enoch WILLIAMS Mayor of Blairmore. Alex YOUNG local organizer and secretary of the Communist party in the Crows Nest, Mrs. Alex (Sonia) Young, wife of the local organizer, and she herself very active in Communist matters within the Crows Nest. Collections have been taken and I am informed that sufficient monies have been raised to pay all delegates expense to Toronto.

3. The groups at Bellefue and Coleman have not picked their delegates as yet to the National convention, and I am informed that its quite possible that the three mentioned will be the only delegates from this part of the Pass.

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

Sergt. Regt. No 6367

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 27-9-37

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

O. C.,
"O" Div., 25-9-37
R. C. M. P.,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Vol 1

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. Your attention is particularly drawn to the contents of paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

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Edmonton, Alberta.
29 September 1937.

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

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[REDACTED]

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

W. F. W. Hancock

Edmonton, Alberta.
29 September 1937.
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W. F. W. Hancock, A/Asst. Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		21-8-37.

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

Headquarters

1. During the past month I have made a complete survey of the Communist situation in the Crows Nest Pass [REDACTED] in order to ascertain just how the party stood, as a result of this survey I have found as follows:-

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Blairmore
Secret.

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2. The Communist party is still a live organization in the Pass district, branch organizations such as the C.L.D.L. Y.C.L. etc. have failed in their efforts to re-organize the branches and presently the youth organizations are practically defunct, the Communist party proper have endeavoured to hold open air meetings at different times, but all meetings have been failures, although those in charge brought outside speakers in to address the meetings; I now am informed that open air meetings are being dispensed with. The membership of the party is not by any means as large as it was a year ago, I refer to those carrying membership cards, but the present members of the party in good standing are far more sincere as Communists than a year ago. And whilst the numbers of members are not as large, still in my opinion the party is more solid than a year ago.

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R.C.M.P.

3. The Communist party have resorted to the old method of neighbourhood councils, in vogue in this party during 1932 and 33, with meeting being held at private houses almost nightly in different parts of the Pass. [REDACTED] I find that the sole topic at these meetings is the present Social Credit Crisis within the Province, and the Communist party are, whilst on the surface supporting the Social Credit party, are really boring from within the organization. Communists of this district have been instructed to support the Social Credit Government in the event of an election as long as the platform of the present Government is radical. Albert OLSON, one of the local Communist leaders has been for several days been in the company of the one of the social credit leaders of the Pass, making a house to house canvas regarding the new "True Blue Forms etc" he representing the Communist party.

4. Whilst this does not come under the head of direct Communism, still as it arises from Communist activities same is covered under this heading. The agreements between the coal operators at Blairmore and Bellevue expire in March next with the U.M.W. of A. the Communists still have control of the union. [REDACTED] plans are in progress at this time for certain demands such as raise in pay and other interior complaints, the Communist party as mentioned in order to enforce the demands intend to stage a "slow down strike" that is everyone goes to work, but slow down on productions. Definite plans for this have not as yet been completed.

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5. No trouble has been experienced with this party for some time, and I do not anticipate any, the feeling between the Communists and other party members are friendly and at present the Communist party has become nothing more or less than another political
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party. This organization, are also taking an active part in the formation of the U.M.W of A in the Coleman and Hillcrest fields where presently Home locals are in existence. This fact has had a great effect on keeping the Communist party busy.

6. The Communist party in Coleman have been very quiet, this is due to the fact that the coal mines at that point have practically placed every active bodied man to work in their plants Bellevue still has meetings of the party in themembers houses and occassiohally in the Ukrainian Hall at that point. Hillcrest is quiet in so far as Communist activities are concerned.

7. In brief conditions concerning Communism are quiet the organizer Young is still in the district, but due to his very quiet manner, not much is heard of him. Close touch is still being kept on this situation and reports will be submitted in due course.

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

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

Sir:

FORWARDED

It would appear that there is not a great deal of Communist activities in the Crows Nest Pass.

Leth. 23-8-37

E. S. Salt
Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir:

1. Forwarded for your information. This report gives a clear indication of Communist activities in the Crows Nest Pass at this time. It might be pointed out in regard to the latter part of paragraph 3, hereof that the movement of the Communist Party in connection with its working within the Social Credit Groups, applies to all localities in Alberta where Social Credit Groups and Communist Party groups are organised.

2. Further information concerning the intention of the Communist element within the U. M. W. of A., to organise a "slow down" movement in the mines of Blairmore and Bellevue, will be forwarded Headquarters in due course.

3. The situation in the mining areas of the Pass does not, at this time, indicate any cause for apprehension that trouble is imminent.

Edmonton, Alta.
24th August 1937.
K.

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

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Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		June 17th.1937.

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File References

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

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12-6- 37.

Headquarters

1. On this date the Communist party of Canada held a district convention or confrence at Blairmore in the Union hall. the convention lasting practically all of the day. The attendance comprised members of the party from local points and as far west as Fernie B.C. Albert OLSON of Blairmore being the chairman at the meeting.

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P. C. R.

2. The business transacted was more on the line of a political convention than otherwise, covering the split in the ranks of the Social Credit Party in the Province, it being openly stated that this split was caused by financial interests. Resolutions were passed requesting the following:- removal of the sales tax, Farm-
-rs re -establishment commission to be set up with power to act. Increased unemployment relief to correspond with increase in cities. Remove administration of relief from R.C.M.P. and place same in the hands of elected government bodies. re. 44 hour week for workers, eliminate the necessity of deposits for provincial candidates for Provincial house. Other matters were discussed but mostly of an unimportant matter.

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3. On this date the above conference wound up with a public meeting, the speakers being: Albert OLSON Chairman, E.O.A. BOTTER of Blairmore; V. UPHILL of Fernie, this was as mentioned a general meeting and the business transacted was one of trying to solve the unemployment situation. UPHILL discussed the unemployed situation at Fernie B.C. BOTTER of Blairmore is organizer for the committee at large in connection with marketing of coal, this subject is anti communistic, and the organization he represents consists of the operators, employed men and business men of the Pass who have banded together in an effort to get some of the Ontario business for coal which is at present going to the U.S.A. TOM EWING, BOMKER of Lethbridge and one ANDERSON of Edmonton were supposed to speak but did not attend at Blairmore. Alex YOUNG local organizer for the Communist party spoke instead, his subject was what the "Communist party is doing for the people" and whilst of a mild nature was purely along set communist speeches. The meeting was attended by less than 100 persons.

4. The conference and meeting is mentioned in report of Cranbrook Detachment headed United Mine Workers of America-Dist .18 Michel Local .No. 7292. Michel .B.C. and referred to in last part of Para. 1 of report of the 14th. June 1937.

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CONCLUDED.

Sergt. Regt. No 6367

(J.A. Gawsey) i-c Blairmore detachment.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY IN CANADA
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O.C., "K" Division,
R.C.M.P., EDMONTON.

Sir:

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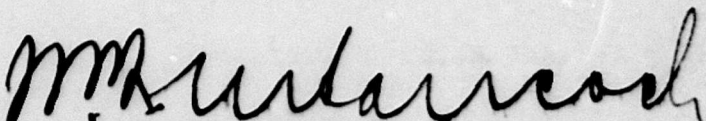
Yeth. 19-6-37


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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
The situation at the Crow's Nest Pass appears
to be quite normal with no undue radical activities.

Edmonton, Alberta.
21 June 1937.
K/P


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

Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE 64426 JUN 15 37 (21)

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		June 5th. 1937.

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Re: **THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.**
Crows Nest Pass and District.

File References

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Headquarters

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Detachment

Blairmore
Secret.

P. C. R.

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1. The activities of the above organization have been quiet indeed, they holding their usual meetings at Bellevue, Blairmore Coleman and districts, with the odd meeting being held at outlying points such as Todd Creek etc.

2. The organizer ^e Alex YOUNG and his wife have not been outwardly active, he has attended all meetings however and has been working very quietly among his people, more of a house to house type of campaign than formerly. Although he has been in the Pass for some time he is not generally known as yet.

3. Young has made several trips back to Calgary, for meetings etc, on several he was accompanied by Enoch WILLIAMS present mayor of Blairmore these however were of short duration.

4. [REDACTED] observations, the Communist party are concentrating their forces, in preparation for a Provincial election. They being of the opinion that the present Government cannot survive the coming session (beginning on 7-6-37) and they want to be prepared to have a candidate in every riding. However no publicity has been given to this angle as yet, and they are still working with the Social Credit groups of the district.

5. The Communist situation at present is odd, we have not as yet had any open air meetings, and to the person on the street the Communists are a thing of the past, however they are still working and I am told making some headway. At Coleman a school is still in effect teaching Ukrainian language and music, this will I understand terminate shortly, this school is operated solely by Communists.

6. Tim BUCK, Communist is expected to visit the Pass district before his return to the east, however no date of his arrival is at present available. 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
Sgt. Regt. No 6367
(J.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detach.

Sir: **FORWARDED**

At the present time there does not appear to be any unusual activity in radical organizations in this district.

meth. 7-6-37

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

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[REDACTED]

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
I would draw attention to paragraph 5 of this
report, first part thereof.

2. The Communist Party on the surface is
practically dormant. However all of its active
members are diligently engaged in organizing the
people of the cities and rural areas into a united
front movement in preparation for the possibility
of a Provincial general election during this year.

Edmonton, Alberta.
11 June 1937.
K/P

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

Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date 17-4-37.

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File References

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

Headquarters

1. Since my last report re. the above matter, the Communist party have been holding regular meetings at Blairmore Bellevue and Coleman districts. This detachment having received and kept in touch [REDACTED] The party has apart from meetings, not shown very much activity.

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I find that all meetings have been carried on along instructional lines, such as history of the party, public speaking and reading portions of books dealing solely with the Communist subject. At all meetings resolutions have been discussed and passed regarding the stoppage by the different Governments of recruits from this country who wish to take part in the Spanish conflict, resolutions dealing with the local labor situation such as lack of work etc, have been passed, as well as resolutions on practically all subjects before the people of Canada at present and pertaining to the laboring class. [REDACTED] that all resolutions passed have not been forwarded as ordered by the meetings, most of same being destroyed with copies being kept on file and included in the minutes of each meeting.

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Secret.

P. C. R.

Blairmore.
26-3-37.

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2. At all meetings the present situation regarding the Provincial Government Crisis has been discussed from every angle, it being decided that the time is not as yet ripe for the Communist party as a political party to take action, all speakers however have urged their listeners to be in readiness when the call comes from Head Office of the Communist party. It is stressed by all speakers that the Communist party, in the event of the total failure of Social Credit that Communism is the only thing left for the people of Alberta, and if when the crisis comes the machinery of the Communist party is in operation, they (the Communist) will have the "jump" on old line parties, in the event of an election.

3. Jack SEREDA, local organizer is still in the district, he is endeavouring to get as much work in as possible before the warmer weather comes, as he realizes that his gatherings will decrease in attendance, already the effect of the weather is being felt. [REDACTED] the Communist party have more members to the party than a year ago, however not all those attending meetings are members, but go solely as they have a leaning towards Communism, and again as it has been some place to go during the colder weather. Any members who have taken cards during the winter are mostly old members of the party who had drifted away and now rejoined, with very few members being enrolled who might be termed new converts.

4. The Communists of Blairmore are taking rather an active part in the organization of the U.M.W. of A at Coleman, not officially however but at the request of John Stokulak, organizer for the U.M.W. of A. and a member of the Communist party, at present the local Communist party are preparing speeches etc, for the annual May day celebration at Blairmore of all camps as far west as Fernie B.C.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

[Signature] Sergt. Regt. No 6367
(I.A. Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detach

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

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

Sir:

FORWARDED

It will be noted that [redacted], mentioned in the last paragraph of this report, and a well known agitator, is organizer for the U.M.W. of A. at Coleman. However, the U.M.W. of A., on a whole, is not influenced by the Communist Party.

Leth. 19-4-37
CH:MA



(E.C.P. SALT) Insp. for
Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division AOD

The Commissioner,

Sir:-

Forwarded for your information. I would draw your attention to Paragraph 2 of this report as containing information of interest.

Edmonton, Alberta,
April 21st, 1937.
K/A.


H. M. Newson, Asst. Commr.
Commanding "K" Division.

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Division Fyle No. [REDACTED]

F. 237

CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

(125)

Division "K" Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
 Province Alberta. Date 26-3-37.

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Fyle References
 SECRET.

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

Headquarters

1. The Communist party throughout the Crows Nest Pass have been since my last report rather active in so far as meetings are concerned, with very few of same being held in regular meeting places, most of them being held in private houses. Pat Lenihan, who has been local organizer for the past year or more has been the guest at most of these parties, whilst he would always give a "pop" talk

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to those gathered, still the gatherings took more the form of farewell parties than otherwise, Lenihan and his family have left the Crows Nest for Calgary Alta, where he has stated he will remain for a time, leaving his family at Calgary and he, himself will continue to Toronto where he will work for some months.

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Secret.

P. C. R.

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2. The Communist headquarters at Blairmore have been taken over for the time being by Enoch WILLIAMS, Mayor of Blairmore Alta, and by Jack SEREDA, organizer for the Party and who has been active among the Communists since last fall, his work has been one of organizational purely with no public meetings, and has been solely along the lines of history of the party and public speaking, more or less of an agitators school, the meetings at first were sparsely attended, but as time went on same were getting all of the old time Communists with a fair sprinkling of the younger people of communist families, however from my reports, no outsiders were enrolled to the party, and his work has been principally that of bringing old members and former adherents back to the membership. This man as mentioned has taken over Communist headquarters, at this place, a small shop on Main street, is kept a lending library this being open at certain hours of the day, the books in this library all come through the customs office or are purchased at Calgary points, and all deal entirely with Communism and Communistic affairs. The man SEREDA I am informed will be leaving the Pass within the next two months at the latest, and possibly before that time.

3. At all meetings as mentioned in para.1 of this report my informants inform me that the present crisis in the Alberta Government situation is much discussed, and at each meeting held by communists, all present are pressed with the necessity of keeping the communist party solid in the event of an election being called.

4. Continued touch will be kept with this subject and reports will be submitted.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

26-7-37

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

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Re: Communist Party in Canada
Crows Nest Pass and District.

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

Sir:

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It will be noted that Pat Lenihan has left the Crows Nest Pass for Calgary with the intention of later proceeding to Toronto.

Leth. 30-3-37


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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. Pat Lenihan referred to in paragraph 1 of this report is en route to Toronto for the purpose of attending a Communist Party School at that point. The Officer Commanding "O" Division has been advised of this matter.



Edmonton, Alberta.
1 April 1937.

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

Division Fyle No. [REDACTED]

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
 Province Alberta. Date 26-2-37.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA-
Crows Nest Pass and District.

Headquarters

1. Referring to letter of the 23rd. February 1937 from
 W.F.W. HANCOCK, Supt. in charge "K" Div. C.I.B.

Sub-Division

2. Reference my report of the 19th. January 1937, paragraph
 6, re one "Frank WOOTEN" this should read Ralph WOOTEN I cannot
 explain why I used the name Frank instead of Ralph as this man is
 well known to me.

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3. WOOTEN has left the Crow's Nest Pass and is at present
 in Calgary, where he is a recipient of relief.

Detachment

No expense.
Still under investigation.

B/more
secret.

P. C. R.

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

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

Sir:

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Leth. 27-2-37
 GH:MA

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. This
 report is submitted in order to clarify the identities
 of Ralph and Frank Wooten. It will be noted that both
 names pertain to the same individual.

Edmonton, Alberta.
 1 March 1937.
 K/P

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

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Division Fyle No.

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R. AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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

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Fyle References

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

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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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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 noticeable 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 Independant slate. The Progressives (Rads) 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.

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

Progressive or Communist.

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

School board.

Sam Mc Dowal. Telephone Mgr.	Independant. No radical.	422.	"
A. Bossetti. Miner.	Communist.	411	"
M. Krykosky.	" "	410	"

The defeated candidates were.

Progressive or Communist.

A. Rae. Miner, Communist.	School Board.	346	defeated.
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Independant. Council.

C. J. Tompkins.	Mayor. Insurance agent.	382	"
R. Oakes.	Paye boss. W.C. Collieries.	367	"
Milt. Condgon.	Engineer	331	"
L. Possi.	Contractor.	315	"

School Board. Independant

A. H. Chappel.	Chief accountant W.C. Collieries.	385	"
E. Mc Donald.	Salesman.	368	"

4. As will be noticed Mayor Knight of Blairmore did not stand

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for re election, and at the last moment ^{THREW} ~~through~~ his support to the Independents 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 Independent 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 different 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 definite 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 Blairmore Detachment.

Sergt. Regt. No 6367

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

This has reference to the recent Civic Election at Blairmore.

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(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.

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Edmonton, Alberta.
12 February 1937.
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H. M. Newson, Asst. Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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Date January 19th.1937.

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1. Referring to Calgary C.I.B. report of the 4th. Dec. 1936 re above heading, the man Jack SEREDA (former spelling Serada) is still in the Pass district organizing for the Party, he makes his headquarters at Bellevue Alta. but is working the whole of the Pass holding meetings among the younger people, principally Ukrainians, with the odd meeting among the older people of the party, the meetings are not largely attended and from observations and reports received he is not gaining any new members, he is however getting some of the adherents to the party and who had drifted away, back to the party again.

2. Mike HYSULK is also still in the Pass, he is holding meeting at the different camps, among the older people and mostly Ukrainians and Slavs. The subject of his meetings are solely history of the party, and public speaking. These meetings are similar to the others, attended by the one bunch at all times and not largely attended. The object of the meetings is to have the older members informed and able to work among others when the opportune time arrives.

3. Referring to Calgary C.I.B. report of the 21-12-36 heading of which is the COMMUNIST party of Canada-Calgary Alta. para. 8 and to the footnote of Inapt. J.O. Scott re Mrs. Pat LENIHAN. Mrs. Lenihan has been in and out of the Pass quite frequently, to and from Calgary, I am confidentially informed that a "rift" occurred some months ago between her husband, Pat LENIHAN and the Jewish faction of the party at Calgary and the Jewish faction withdrew their support to the party considerably, Mrs. Lenihan being of Jewish extraction is endeavouring to heal the breach and regain their support, this rift occurred during a drunken brawl of Lenihan's (the husband) at which time he cursed the Jews and all things pertaining to that race resulting in money support from this class being withheld.

4. Pat LENIHAN, is still the Communist organizer in the Crows Nest District, he has been away from the Pass at intervals on several occasions. Of late Lenihan has been running a series of discussions and lectures and has covered all points in the Crows Nest his subject being "Why the Communist party calls on all progressive citizens to support the Alberta Government" he is getting good crowds and attendance at these meetings. Lenihan's actions in this respect are hard to understand as they are contrary to other meetings held and addressed by him when he spoke entirely from a different angle and always has spoke against the use of "Script" money. His actions can only be explained in one manner viz. not putting any hindrance in the way of the Government, and is just a follow up of the program of the Communist party regarding social credit (they claiming that if social credit fails, there is only one thing left for the people and that is Communism) and by working in with the Social Credit party, the communists if a break occurs will have the machinery all ready to go ahead with. I (19-1-37)

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5. With town elections approaching at Blairmore the Communist party have been active with picking of candidates for the election in February 1937. the party have picked their slate, and names of same have been endorsed by the workers connected with the U.M.W of A. the following have been selected, for Mayor- Enoch WILLIAMS- Communist and representative of the workers to Russia in 1935, for council- Albert J. OLSON Communist (present sitting member) Evan MORGAN, not a Communist but runs with the party and might be termed on the fence, Romane PERESSINE (Peressine) Communist former member of the council but left due to disagreements with the Mayor KNIGHT. School Board- A. Rae brother in law of Harvey Murphy, Communist, & Martin KRYKOSKY member of a strong Communist family and Communist himself. Mayor KNIGHT, present mayor of Blairmore is also in the field and I am informed that the moderates will have a full slate, the present standing of the town council as at this date is two moderates and four Communists.

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6. The unemployed at Blairmore are organizing all branches single unemployed, married un employed etc. this organizing is being supervised by one Frank WOOTEN formerly asst. secty. of the old M.W.U of Canada, and a Communist, although not in the party at present during a conversation with this man this A.M he informed me that although hesnot in the party at present he is a devout Communist, he informed me of the organization of the unemployed and that the object of the organization was to get increased relief and to see that the single unemployed were looked after better, he further stated "we are backing the present Government as we realize that at present they control the vote, and through this vote we will obtain our demands" don't be surprised if you find delegations daily at your office, as your office is the only connection we can get through the Government "The social Credit Government was put in by the people and they in turn must look after the people". The unemployed in Blairmore are not active however and whilst they are holding meetings frequently, very little business is transacted by them, this organization will form part of a general organization throughout the Pass.

7. The Bellevue district, have fully organized, for a time the single unemployed refused to have anything to do with any percent organization (the communists endeavoured to gain control) and were going to keep separate and apart, but of late the organization has fallen into the hands of weaklings as heads, and they are being dictated to and advised by the radical element which crept in as members. John DUGDALE, present secty of the U.M.W of A, and former sect'y of the M.W U of C. is the adviser of this organization and resolutions passed by this body are referred to the Social Credit Group at Bellevue and by this group in most cases endorsed and forwarded to the Government. Communists of the Bellevue district, who two weeks ago, would not discuss Social Credit are today strong adherents to the party, this only for one reason the furtherance of the Communist program and relief matters is being used as the tool.

8. Coleman has not varied regarding Communism for some time, the party has considerable numbers of members at that point, but due to working conditions keep their mouths closed and attend secret meetings only besides paying into the party. Hillcrest the party has not made much progress.

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9. In summing up the Communist situation in the Crows Nest conditions may be termed quiet, however organizing is going steadily forward, and the only visable sign of activity shown is that of the Communist party through the unemployed organizations, and I am convinced that no matter what the Government grants in the way of relief that some trouble will be experienced in the Crows Nest before

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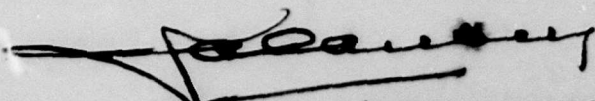
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the unemployed radicals are already working among some of the camp members situated at Bellevue, but from my informant very little progress is being made in the camps, as all appear to be satisfied.

10. Touch is being kept with the activities of the party and reports will be submitted in due course. Copies of this report forwarded direct to Cranbrook R.C.M.P. detachment.
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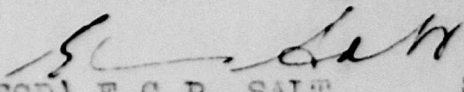

(J.A. Cawsey) Sgt. Regt. No 6367
i/c Blairmore Detachment.

Sir:

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There does not appear to be any unusual activity in the Crows Nest Pass at the present time.


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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded. This report contains much information of interest, giving a clear perception of the radical situation in the Crow's Nest Pass area. I would draw particular attention to paragraphs 4 to 9.

Edmonton, Alberta,
26 January 1937.
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H. M. Newson, Asst. Com'r.,
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Re: **Communist Party in Canada**
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P. C. R.
Blairmore
25-11-36

1. With reference to Sgt Cawsey's report under above heading dated Blairmore Nov. 25th 1936. Re. Mike Hysulk and Jack Sarada, from information obtained
2. Jack Sarada is Jack Sereda, about 25 years of age, Ukrainian descent, but speaks good English, about 5-6' and weighs 140 lbs, dark brown eyes, Black hair, very dark complexion, dresses very well, usually wearing a brown suit.
3. This man was very active in the organizing of the Youth in Calgary, he often spoke at the Russian Club he has relations in Drumheller and also the Crows Nest Pass.
He left Calgary about 7 or 8 weeks ago, and is believed to have been the Sereda who was active in the grain elevator boycott in the Vegreville district, he was elected delegate to the Communist Party National Convention Toronto from here.
4. to get any information concerning,

O.C. "K" Div.
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Thy [signature] D/Sgt
H.N. Trickey Reg. No. 4718

Sir: FORWARDED for
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O. C.,
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1. Forwarded for your information, having reference to report of Sgt. Cawsey of Blairmore under the above heading and date of November 25th, 1936. It will be noted that Sarada is Jack Sereda, well-known Communist of the Vegreville district.

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Edmonton, Alberta.
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E. C. P. Salt, Supt.
for Asst. Com'r., A.O.L.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Would you please refer to report under the above
heading dated November 25th, 1936, submitted by
Sgt. Cawsey of Blairmore and the forwarding
minutes of November 30th appended thereto.

Edmonton, Alberta.
7 December 1936.
K/P


E. C. P. Salt, Supt.,
for Asst. Com'r., A.O.L.,
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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY IN CANADA.
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Headquarters

1. Due to friction within the party and as reported in this detachments reports, the head office of the Communist party at the request of Nick SANDILUK and others, well known Communists of the Bellevue dist. have sent two men into the Crows Nest Pass to endeavour to organize the Youth movements of the Communist party.

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2. For some time past, the Communists at Bellevue have been fighting amongst themselves, so much so that several meetings had to be adjourned without any business being transacted and no headway towards a settlement.

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3. On Sunday 15th Nov. 1936, a meeting was held at the Ukrainian Hall at Bellevue, attended by members of the party from Coleman, Bellevue, Hillcrest and Blairmore these being appointed by the respective branches to attend same and to discuss ways and means for organizing the youth movement in the Pass. Those from the different points being Coleman, George GASSOFF and Steve IWANIK, Blairmore Jos KRYKOSKY, Pat LENIHAN (Communist organizer in the Pass) Ole OLSON, Hillcrest George LILUK, Nick LILUK (pronounced thus but correct spelling LELUK) This meeting was also attended by two organizers namely Mike HYSULK and one Jack (John) SARADA, the latter a Ukrainian.

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4. It was decided at this meeting that the two organizers remain in the Pass for the time being, and one, not decided as yet will remain for a period of 3 months. These organizers to concentrate on the younger children such as the "pioneers", and to work with Pat, LENIHAN local organizer for the party.

5. Schools have already been commenced at the Ukrainian Hall - Coleman, 6 children enrolled, Blairmore - Community hall 11 children enrolled, Bellevue-Ukrainian hall 7 children enrolled, Hillcrest- Ukrainian Hall - 5 children enrolled. The procedure used by these men are similar to other Communist schools of past seasons, teaching them the Ukrainian language, songs etc. and gradually working in communist matters through games, plays songs etc. in the past these schools flourished for a time but always went defunct before spring.

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6. I have endeavoured to secure sufficient personal history files on the two organizers mentioned, but to the present have failed, I have gained the following however. The man Jack SARADA came to Blairmore from Calgary where I am told he was active in Y.C.L. and other branches, he is friendly I am told with one NECKVIDE, who is active about ORDEN, this man is described as between 23 to 26 yrs, Ukrainian, speaks good English, dark complexion- full round face, clean shaven - 5-6 in, quite heavy set, about 165lbs. This man is living with one Steve MAX at Bellevue.

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7. The man Mike HYSULK I have not seen as yet, but I am informed that he formerly resided in Calgary and is older than the man SARADA. Efforts are being made to gain as much information regarding these men as possible.

8. Referring to my report of the 30-10-36 re same heading para. 4 thereof, The communist party through Lenihan have to the present failed to get the single unemployed interested in his proposals, and I am informed by members of this organization that they intend to carry on by themselves and not to affiliate with any of Lenihan's proposals.

9. Due to the organizers being in the district, more activity is being seen among the communists as a whole, and my informants reports that meetings are being held more frequent along the "neighbourhood line" but from my own observations and from conversations with different informants, the Communist matter is at the present time very quiet indeed.

10. I would request that as much information as possible be obtained through Calgary S/Division regarding the two subjects mentioned, this for information purposes. Touch will be kept with the situation and further reports will be submitted.

Still under investigation.



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

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R.C.M.P., Calgary.

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1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. Further particulars concerning the activities of the Communist Party in the Crow's Nest Pass and also regarding Hysulk and Sarade (believed to be Sereda) will be forwarded Headquarters in due course.

2. I would draw attention to paragraph 8 of this report.

H. M. Newson

Edmonton, Alberta.
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H. M. Newson, Asst. Com'r.,
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1. The above organization have been holding meetings throughout the Crows Nest Pass quite frequently, but little of importance has resulted from the meetings. Activity regarding this organization has switched from Blairmore to Bellevue Alta. where the organization seems to be more alive/ Known communists from Blairmore Alta. attending all meetings held at Bellevue. Alta. I have had all meetings covered.

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2. On this date at 11 P.M. a meeting was held in the Ukrainian Hall at Bellevue Alta. some 25 persons being present from different parts of the Pass District. Steve MAGDALL of Bellevue being the chairman. The object of this meeting was to arrange more committee's for organization work, (please refer to my report of the 6-6-36) and to again impress upon the members the necessity of enrolling youths etc. to the Y.C.L. this organization has been for some time past almost defunct. In addition to these committee's already reported on the following were appointed:- District Chairman and also for Bellevue and Hillcrest. Steve MAGDALL. Leaders were appointed for each nationality and for districts those being Nick SWISCHUK -Ukrainian group Bellevue and Hillcrest. John BOVIA -Italian group-Bellevue and Hillcrest. Steve GURIEL -Hungarian group, Bellevue and Hillcrest. George IWASIUK -Slovak. Hillcrest and Bellevue. George LILAK -Ukrainian (solely at Hillcrest) and Ferby English organization group.

Steve MAGDALL, Nick SWISCHUK, and John BOVIA representatives at large and ex- office members of all groups

3. Discussions at this meeting had to do solely with re organization of the Y.C.L. principally, but also had to do with actions of the party toward the Social Credit movement in general, toward this end the parties mentioned above in para. 2 were instructed to immediately make a check up on the present membership, what they are doing, their actions etc. All members to at once, if already not members of the Social credit party to join up in same, when attending meetings of this party they are instructed to vote on all matters brought before the meetings, in short to agree with the party and their principals, then when the opportune time comes, this to be decided by Communist heads, the Communists within the party will rebuke this however not to take place until the Communist's have bored with the organization and its officers and office's. Every effort to be made to get a strong Y.C.L. group, and have them as well join up the Social Credit group's. The chairman impressed the importance of checkup of members, as much depends on their sincerity.

4. The only other matter of importance discussed, heads of the Communist party in the Crows Nest to be changed every 60 days, this explained for the reason that members who are not as active as they should be could be replaced, however if a head is active and doing good work for the party, they can be elected for a further 60 day term. It was also mentioned that this 60 day period would also keep the direct head's names away from the police.

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5. Steve MAGDALL notified the meeting, that he was expecting new membership cards and instructions from Toronto and Calgary. The literature used by the Crows Nest groups is sent forward by Ben SWAKY, whose address is care of the Nat.Labor Temple of Calgary Alta. Magdall stated that any of the members desiring literature of special communist kinds, could get them through this address.

6. Touch will be kept with the situation and reports will be submitted in due course.

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It would appear that an effort is being made to revive interest in the Y.C.L. in the Crows Nest Pass.

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The Officer Commanding,
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Forwarded for your information in regard to the contents of paragraph 5 above. Ben SWAKY mentioned therein is BEN SWANKEY.

Minotau, Alta.
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Ottawa, Ontario.

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Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

21-9-56

H. M. Newson

Edmonton, Alta.
25th Sept. 1936.
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H. M. Newson. Asst. Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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

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Headquarters

1. As mentioned in previous reports, the Communist party switched their activities to Bellevue and district, although the headquarters with Pat LENIHAN in charge remained at Blairmore Alta. the meetings at Bellevue

a lot of friction in the party, more especially the Ukrainian branch of same, to ascertain if possible the cause of this friction, that same is due to the committee's appointed and mentioned in my report of the 31-9-36 para's 2 and 3 thereof, re Communist party in Canada-Crows Nest and District, failing in their appointed work, viz checking the party membership at Bellevue and submitting a report covering their actions, sincerity etc.

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2. A meeting of the Ukrainian Group of the Communist party was held in the Ukrainian Hall at Bellevue on this date, this meeting ended in a row, members of the group charging the committee in charge of membership of being inactive and not showing sufficient interest, the meeting as mentioned broke up, Nick SANDILUK, a Communist of long standing left the meeting stating he would start a group of his own, he was followed out of the meeting by one Matti WAKULAK, also a strong Communist. As this part of the agenda came early in the meeting, no other business was transacted.

25-10-36.

3. The Ukrainian womens group attempted to have a meeting this 11 A.M in the Ukrainian Hall at Bellevue, due to friction caused and mentioned in para.1 and 2 of this report only four members of the group turned out for this meeting, and same was cancelled.

25-10-36.

4. This date a public meeting was held at the Miners Hall at Bellevue, Pat LENIHAN local Communist head and Enoch WILLIAMS of Blairmore being the speakers, John BOVIO of Bellevue being chairman the topic of the addresses of both Williams and Lenihan were purely along communist lines, and they both dwelt at length on the matter of the single unemployed throughout the Pass area, and the lack of assistance from the Provincial Government. Lenihan announced that he was endeavouring to organize the young men of the Pass dist, into an organization so that their cases would be recognized by the Government, several heated discussions took place between the speakers and members of the audience, they objecting to some of Lenihans remarks in particular, in relation to the labor situation at the local mines.

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5. Referring to para. 4 above, the Communist party have been for some time past endeavouring to re organize the youth movement throughout the pass, under the Y.C.L in this they have utterly failed and at present the Y.C.L. is about defunct at all points, At present we have at Bellevue an unemployed organization consisting of some 65 members, this organization has been rather active and the membership consists of the majority of the single unemployed of the please refer to page two.

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Re:- COMMUNIST party in Canada.
Crows Nest Pass and district.

Para. 5 continued.

Bellevue, Riverbottom, Maple Leaf districts, Lenihan due to the failure of the Y.C.L. to appeal to the youths of the district, is doing his utmost to organize the unemployed taking the present unemployed organization as a parent body for the organization his sole speaking point being the utter disregard for the single unemployed by the Department in charge of relief in this Province, the object of this organization supposedly is to further the interests of the unemployed single,

Lenihans sole idea is to get this organization going and then switch it to nothing but a branch of the Y.C.L. under the control of the Communist party.

6. [redacted] Lenihans efforts have not to the present met with great success, in this however he is receiving the support of Steve MAGDALL, Bellevue Communist and President of local branch of the Miners Union at Bellevue, and of Jock DUGDALE Secretary of the local union at Bellevue, both of whom are constantly talking to the unemployed of Bellevue.

7. [redacted] reports that the Communist party throughout the Pass district are experiencing friction and bad feeling within all groups. Touch will be kept and reports submitted.

Still under Investigation

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

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

Sir:

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It does not appear as though the Communist organizations in the Crows Nest Pass are meeting with much success in their activities.

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[Signature]
(E.C.P. SAIT) A/Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
It will be noted that there is a certain amount of dissention within the ranks of the Communist Party in the Crow's Nest Pass area and that the Young Communist League at that point is practically inactive.

Edmonton, Alberta.
2 November 1936.
K/P

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

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date September 16th 1936.

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File References

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA;-
Crows Nest Pass and District.

Headquarters

1. Referring to letter of the Officer i/c "K" Division C.I.B. under date of September 14th 1936 re the above matter and further to Blairmore Detachment's report of the 6-6-36, para.1.

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2. The Mackie referred to in my report of 6-6-36 is the wife of Tarvo MACKIE, Finlander, former employee of the West Canadian Collieries at Blairmore, from enquiries it is found that Mrs. Mackie has not been away from Blairmore during the past year. I have been at the Mackie home this A.M. and find that due to illness of her husband, Mrs. Mackie is unable to leave the house, without securing the services of a nurse to attend to her husband whilst she is away, then the trips are no further than Bellevue or Coleman districts. Tarvo Mackie has been bed ridden for years.

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3. Conversation with the Mackie's this A.M. leads me to believe that the Mackie family at Sylvan Lake are members of the same branch of the Mackie family as those at Blairmore Alta.

P. C. R.

4. From my enquiries, the Mrs. Mackie referred to in my report of 6-6-36 and the Mrs. G. Mackie referred to in letter of the 14th Sept. 1936 are two different parties.

6-6-36.
Letter O.C.
"K" C.I.B.
14-9-36.

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

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

Sir:

FORWARDED. Reference memorandum of the Officer in charge "K" Division C.I.B. dated the 14th instant.

It will be noted that the party mentioned therein is not the same individual as Mrs. Mackie who is at present a resident of Blairmore, Alberta.

Leth. 18-9-36
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(E.B. HURCHINGS) Inspector
commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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Re: Communist Party of Canada, Crows Nest Pass, Alta.

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information. This report was called for, for the purpose of clarifying the identity [REDACTED] noted in report under above heading, dated July 6th 1936, submitted by Sergt. Cawsey of Blairmore.



Edmonton, Alta.
21st September 1936.
K.

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

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

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Headquarters

1. Again the above mentioned party are attempting to reorganize the local branches of same, this is the 3rd or 4th. time within the past year, on each former occasion very little results were obtained. But now with the U.M.W. of A having control of the local unions (Bellevue and Blairmore) it would not be surprising if this attempt was successful.

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2. Meetings have been held at Bellevue and Blairmore, with meetings slated for this present week at Hillcrest and Coleman, these meetings to the present have dealt solely with routine matters, principally that of the new union, formerly any matters Communistic, to do with the rank and file of the M.W.U of C. were discussed quite openly at executive meetings, it has been decided that with the new union, that this practice wastecase, and all matters Communistic to be discussed only with members of the party, the party however are still to continue their activity in labor and other matters, but any matter endorsed by the party will have to be pushed by the members through the union by under ground methods, the former executive of the M.W.U of C. were all members of the Communist party or strong adherents to same and an executive meeting of the M.W.U of C. was nothing else but a Communist meetings

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3. On the 5-8-36, John STOKULAK, Communist and a man who I am informed is Pat. Conroy of Drumheller Alta. arrived by the 2.30 P.M train, they immediately went into conference with local mine union officials over union matters, and then met and were in the company of Pat LENIHAN - local Communist organizer of Blairmore, Enoch WILLIAMS - Communist of Blairmore-Ole Olson, Communist of Blairmore, when Communist matters generally were discussed. In the late P.M. Stokulak, Williams and Lenihan met the heads of the different branches of Communism in the Pass towns, to make final arrangements for the visit of William GALLAGHER, Communist member of Parliament for West Fife Division in the House of Commons in England, who is supposed to visit this district on August 26th 1936. Efforts are being put forward to give this man a rather large reception, with a parade etc. I am told by members of the Party that Gallagher's visit is in connection with the complete re organization of the party through out Canada, from what I can gather Gallagher will continue his trip through the interior of B.C. his plans I am told are rather indefinite at present.

4. The Communist party in the Crows Nest Pass at present consists of the older married couples, with very few members among the younger set, the Y.C.L. is about defunct in both Bellevue and Blairmore, and the C.L.D.L. are not flourishing any to well, the program of the Communist party calls for efforts at re establishing all branches during the fall and winter months. It would not be surprising if the Communist party in the Crows Nest Pass would before spring show a decided increase in their members.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY IN CANADA.
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Para. 4 cont'd.

This due to the fact that with a small wheat crop on the prairies the C.P. Railway, who provide approximately 85% of the coal orders from the Crows Nest, will not require so much coal and the result will be lack of work, and fruitful ground for organizers to work.

5. I will continue to keep in touch with Communistic matters and reports will be submitted.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

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

Sir: **FORWARDED**

The U.M.W.U. of A. are ~~sitting~~ ^{quite able} to look after their own Union and its a well known fact that they are not in sympathy with Communism.

Leth. 8-8-36
 GH:MA

[Signature]
 (W.V. BRUCE) Supt.
 Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information. The re-establishment of the Communist Party movement in the Crows Nest Pass is in accordance with instructions received by all Communist Party sections and units, sent out by the District Buro in Calgary. The reorganisation movement has reference to C. P. policies in regard to its agitation against the Social Credit Government in Alberta and instruction dealing with same are contained in a leaflet issued on July 20th 1936 by the District Buro. Copy of this leaflet is attached report under heading, "Communist Party of Canada, Nordegg, Alberta", dated July 30th, 1936 which is forwarded Headquarters under this cover.

Edmonton, Alberta.
 August 10th, 1936.
 K.

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

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"E" DIVISION.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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Vancouver, B.C. July 2nd,
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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Sir:

Re: The Communist Party of Canada -
Crows Nest Pass and District.

1. Enclosed herewith original mimeographed letter, forwarded to this Office under date June 16th, from our Fernie Detachment, together with translation of same - vide my forwarding minute of June 22nd, to report of A/L/Cpl. J.T.B. Christensen.


(R.L. Cadiz)
Asst. Commissioner,
Commanding "E" Division.

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(TRANSLATION)

Central Committee,
Russian Labour Farmers' Club of Canada,
Winnipeg, June 10, 1936.

REPORT LETTER NO. 10.

Dear Comrades:

The C.C.R.L.F.C. intends to make plans and send letters to all branches of the Club to prepare for the Seventh Congress. The Central Committee states that this conference will not be like last year, as a concerted drive is to be made this year to obtain a delegate from each club. Last year only 5% representation was there.

It is expected the conference will be held in the Fall this year. The Central Committee will ascertain when railway fares will be cheaper, and the date will be decided upon later.

Much of the discussion will be to raise money for delegates, and each club is expected to send two delegates. It is requested that when a club sends a delegate, he be supplied with sufficient money for expenses, because the Central Committee have not sufficient funds for financing your delegate. When money is collected by the Central Committee this money is needed for organisational purposes.

We appreciate the fact that places like Montreal, Niagara Falls, Vancouver will be put to heavier expenses insofar as delegates are concerned than other places, therefore some plans have to be made to raise money to send your delegates to Winnipeg. We would like your club to discuss the number of delegates you can send at your first meeting. Also we want you to make a drive for subscribers to the "Canadian Whistle", our official newspaper.

All letters sent from your club will be opened at the convention and read in front of all those attending. However, the contents of these letters will not be published in the paper. All resolutions, Comrades, passed at the convention will be forwarded to your club by mail.

Now that the summer months are coming we know that all organisational work slows up, but do not let it do that. We have to attend to the meetings regularly and take the organisational work as best we can and try to arrange picnics, concerts and socials, because all people are interested in that sort of things during the summer months, and at all times be striving for new members.

Now that schools are finished and children are on vacation, we should all try to see that the children are interested in all kinds of sports, and they should be furnished with books dealing with Soviet Russia. Further, be sure and interest the children in the movement. Give them speeches which they can make about Russia, and we will be pleased to send all the instructions from our headquarters on how to teach children.

Don't forget to send a delegate for the conference.

Yours truly,
(Signed) T. KAROBAK
Secretary Treasurer.

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ЦЕНТРАЛЬНЫЙ ИСПОЛНИТЕЛЬНЫЙ КОМИТЕТ
РУССКИХ РАБОЧЕ-ФЕРМЕРСКИХ КЛУБОВ КАНАДЫ.
Виннипег, Ман. 10 июня, 1936 г.

ЦИРКУЛЯРНОЕ ПИСЬМО № 10.

ДОРОГИЕ ТОВАРИЩИ!

Центральный Исполнительный Комитет Русских Рабоче-фермерских Клубов Канады уже получил введения из всех клубов и групп по поводу времени созыва 7-го всеканадского с"езда РРФК. Вопрос о времени созыва с"езда РРФК обсуждался всеми членами нашей организации и теперь, когда нами получены ответы из клубов и групп мы можем определить когда выгоднее созвать всеканадский с"езд РРФК. Итоги голосования клубов и групп показывают, что 95% клубов и групп высказались за то, чтобы с"езд был созван в осенние месяцы, а 5% в летние. Значит 7-й с"езд РРФК будет состояться осенью. Точное время созыва с"езда будет определено ЦИК-ом позднее. ЦИК желает, чтобы 7-й с"езд был проведен как можно успешнее и чтобы присутствовало на нем как можно больше делегатов. Как только будет известно время снижения цен на билеты, тогда ЦИК определит время с"езда и известит клубы и группы об этом.

Времени до с"езда имеется еще много, но нужно теперь уже подумать о приобретении средств на высылку делегатов. В прошлом некоторые клубы принимались проводить кампанию на высылку делегатов за две - три недели до с"езда, тогда когда делегат был уже избран. За такое короткое время некоторым клубам нельзя было приобрести нужные средства и получалось так, что делегат был избран на с"езд, а на с"езд не мог приехать. Чтобы этого не повторилось и в этом году, нужно, товарищи, приняться за эту работу заблаговременно. Нужно избрать комитет, который бы выработал план по приобретению фонда на эту цель. Нужно наметить устроить какие либо предприятия, а также можно собирать пожертвования по подписным листам. Подписные листы мы отпечатываем и будем высылать только по требованию с мест.

Также товарищи нужно иметь ввиду, что по проведении с"езда кроме проезда делегатов будут еще не малые расходы. Это расходы по проведению с"езда. Специального фонда на проведение с"езда ЦИК РРФК не имеет. Если у есть в кассе ЦИК-а незначительная сумма денег, то она даже недостаточна на организационные цели.

В прошлом ЦИК РРФК определял на клубы задания на проведение с"езда. В этом году мы думаем, что будет более целесообразным если каждый клуб и группа определит для себя сами задания. Задания нужно определять собразуясь с расстоянием от Виннипига и по своим силам и возможностям. Например, было бы совсем неправильно, чтобы были одинаковые задания Ванкувер и Виннипег, Валдор и Джералдтон, или Ниагара фоллс и Ст.Бонифойс, или Торонто и Брандэн и т.д. В то время как из Ванкувера, Монреаля, Ниагара фоллс и др. будет стоить проезд делегатов десятки долларов, так Виннипегу ничего не нужно тратить на эту цель, а близлежащим клубам очень незначительную сумму. Вот на это товарищи и нужно обратить внимание и согласно прошлых летних заданий и нужно определить для себя задания. Тут же на общем собрании где будет читаться это циркулярное письмо определите задание и известите об этом ЦИК.

Вопрос созыва и проведения всеканадского с"езда РРФК очень важным для жизни и развития организации, ибо от с"езда зависит дальнейший рост и укрепление РРФК, поэтому нужно, чтобы товарищи отнеслись к нему со всей серьезностью.

Обсудите уже сейчас вопросы о приобретении средств на высылку делегата и на проведение с"езда.

Относительно предс"ездных дискуссий. Хотя предс"ездные тезисы еще и не выпущены ЦИК-ом и предс"ездные дискуссии не открыты на страницах "Канадского Гудка", но клубы, группы и отдельные товарищи могут давать свое предложение и советы к с"езду. Указывайте плохие и хорошие стороны работы нашей организации вообще, клубов, групп и руководящих органов в отдельности. Пишите дискуссионные статьи и присылайте их в ЦИК. По мере приближения с"езда все эти статьи будут помещены на страницах "Канадского Гудка". Все жалобы и заявления к с"езду присылайте по адресу ЦИК-а. На конверте пишите "Канадский Гудок" и дайте пометку, что это в жалобную комиссию. Если будет такая пометка на конверте тогда это письмо будет полностью сохраняться до с"езда. Иначе высылайте по адресу "К.Г." и чтобы заявление или жалоба были вложены в отдельный конверт в заадресованном конверте. Это нужно делать для того чтобы жалобы и заявления были вручены жалобной комиссии с"езда запечатанными в конвертах так как они получены.

И так товарищи, со всей серьезностью отнесемся к одному из главных вопросов нашей организации.

Известите обязательно ЦИК, каковы будут ваши вынесенные решения по вопросам касающимся подготовки к проведению всеканадского с"езда РРФК.

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О НАШЕЙ ОРГАНИЗАЦИОННОЙ РАБОТЕ.

Настали летние месяцы. Внутриклубная работа приостанавливается. Кружки и комитеты перестают функционировать. Многие товарищи выезжают из своих местностей в поисках работы; другие заняты своей работой на местах. При таких условиях уже нет возможности проводить активную внутриорганизационную работу в такой степени как зимой. Но это, товарищи, не значит, что организационная работа должна совсем замереть. Товарищи, находящиеся на местах должны проводить регулярные общие собрания членов клубов или групп. На собраниях всегда найдутся вопросы касавшиеся нашей организационной работы.

Если сейчас нельзя ставить спектаклей и концертов, то есть возможности устраивать пикники и другие предприятия. Пикники нужно устраивать в такой форме, чтобы они имели организационный характер. Где нельзя устраивать пикников самостоятельно, там нужно искать путей, чтобы сообразно братским организациям. Пикники нужно устраивать в такой форме, чтобы они имели организационный характер. Всегда нужно популяризовать кем эти предприятия ставятся и тут же нужно стараться вербовать новых членов в свои ряды. Это и будет являться одной из наших организационных работ в летнее время.

Если в настоящее время нет возможности регулярно проводить занятия по общеобразовательным, нравственным и политически-воспитательным предметам, за то есть больше возможностей проводить массовые лекции и чтения. Помощники теперь более свободны, да и товарищи не так заняты кружковой работой. На эту часть нашей работы нужно, товарищи, тоже обратить серьезное внимание.

Кенотделы теперь больше имеют времени для проведения воспитательной работы. Есть возможность заняться рукоделием и этим путем женщины могут научиться шить, вышивать, вязать и т.д. Изготовленные вещи можно будет использовать в последствии во время устройства банкетов, вечеринок, базаров. В проведении пикников женщины должны проявлять как можно больше инициативы. Члены же мужского во всей работе кенотделов должны им содействовать. Женщины могут провести хорошую работу в удержании детей при организации, ходя детские школы и будут распушены.

Детские школы в некоторых клубах уже распушены, а в некоторых будут распушены на летние месяцы, но это не значит, что дети должны быть изолированы от клубов до следующего школьного сезона. Нужно обратить серьезное внимание на то, чтобы школьные комитеты состояли из родителей, членов клуба, кенотдела и учителя старались время от времени созывать детей и устраивать для них разного рода прогулки, проводить с ними лекции и другие предприятия. Также нельзя обходить вопроса по отношению расширения и укрепления детских отделов при клубах.

При многих наших отделах есть молодежь парни и девушки от 16 до 21 года. Нужно стараться заинтересовать их организацией и создавать отделы молодежи. На ряду с воспитательной работой среди молодежи нужно содействовать молодым товарищам в организации игр и развлечений, которыми они заинтересованы. В больших городах есть организации молодежи при других рабочих организациях нужно нашу молодежь связать с этими организациями откуда они могут позаимствовать для себя много хороших примеров.

Еще в нескольких словах по поводу выезжающих товарищей. Многие наши члены выезжая из своих местностей забывают, что они являются членами организации. Такое отношение к организации является недопустимым. Нужно помнить товарищи, что где бы мы не находились, мы должны помнить обязанности членов организации. Находясь в среде рабочих нужно путем хорошего поведения, хороших товарищеских отношений, разговоров и дискуссий создавать правильное мнение о нашей организации. Часто у нас бывает так, что член организации не-за того, что ему кто-либо не нравится из членов организации или не нравится какое-то постановление общего собрания он старается оклеветать перед лицом посторонних все нашу организацию. Есть товарищи, которые ведут себя вызывающе, нехорошо и т.д., что тоже очень вредно отражается на организации. Такое отношение товарищей является крайне вредным и опасным явлениями где бы мы не находились на месте в клубе или вне своих клубов нам нужно бороться со всей серьезностью. Нужно бороться за то, чтобы мы были хорошими членами организации и примерными членами общества, чтобы между нами были дружеские и товарищеские отношения. Только тогда мы будем строителями своей организации и всего рабоче-фермерского движения Канады. Нужно товарищи на это обратить самое главное наше внимание. Нужно сделать все возможное для того, чтобы члены нашей организации были культурными людьми, людьми представляющие рабоче-фермерскую культуру-просветительскую организацию. Также необходимо больше обратить внимания на вербовку новых членов в наши ряды и на хорошую связь с своими клубами и группами. Где есть маломальские организационные возможности пишите об этом в ЦК и РИК-и и требуйте указаний как создавать независимые группы РРК. 000713

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Нужно, чтобы все затронутые нами вопросы были тщательно обсуждены на заседании правления и во время чтения данного циркуляра на общем собрании правление бы высказало по всем этим вопросам свое мнение. Это облегчит обсуждение этих вопросов на общем собрании и можно будет вынести хорошие и правильные постановления, которые товарищи будут стараться проводить в жизнь.

Хотим еще заметить, что работу по всем затронутым нами вопросам можно провести не во всяком клубе или группе одинаково. Вопросы затронуты особенные работы нашей организации в летнее время. Каждый же клуб или группа на основании своего положения может по тем или иным вопросам выносить такие постановления, которые можно провести в жизнь. Главное нужно обратить внимание на те вопросы, по которым у вас можно проводить работу.

Весь ход собрания на котором будет читаться данное письмо и будут дискутироваться затронутые нами вопросы обязательно секретари должны как можно подробнее описать в письмах в ЦК.

Специально для клубов и групп Востока Канады. Товарищи, вам уже всем известно, что 3 и 4-го июля в Торонто созывается районный съезд клубов и групп районной конференции учителей детских школ.

Как райсъезд, так и конференция учителей имеют громадное значение для улучшения всей организационной работы на Востоке Канады. Кроме того этот съезд и конференция важны еще тем, что они созываются перед всеканадским съездом РРФК. На съезде будет обговариваться важные вопросы касающиеся дальнейшей нашей работы. Нужно всем клубам и группам сделать все возможное для того, чтобы прислать своих делегатов. РИК уже известил клубы и группы более подробно о ходе съезда и конференции, а также дал указания к какому времени все делегаты должны быть в Торонто. Повторять этого не следует, но ЦК РРФК инструктирует клубы и группы Востока Канады, чтобы все постарались своих делегатов прислать на райсъезд и конференцию **ОБЯЗАТЕЛЬНО**.

И так товарищи, прочтя данное письмо, хорошо его продискутируйте и какие будут вынесены постановления подробно известите об этом ЦК.

С товарищеским приветом

Секретарь

М. Н. Хрущев

Division Fyle No. [REDACTED]

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "E" Sub-Division Dranbrook Detachment Fernie
Province B.C. Date June. 16th. 1936.

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DIVISION

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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
CROWS NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

Headquarters

1. Relative to the report of Blairmore Detachment of the 6th instant, and to para one of same, in connection with the above subject matter.

Sub-Division

2. I beg to report while in Michel and Natal on the 13th instant, I made a number of confidential enquiries with a view of finding out the standing of the above mentioned party and their activities.

Detachment

3. [REDACTED] it would appear that the members of the communist party at Michel and Natal ~~was~~ very quiet at present, very little activity being shown. However, ~~it~~ seems to be considerable activity among the members of the Ukrainian-Labour Farmer Temple Association, of whom John TURK, is the head, they have a membership of between twenty and thirty. Dances are held under the auspices of this organization, and the proceeds are transmitted to the headquarters at Winnipeg. Secrets meetings are also reported, but it is not known where these are held, or the nature of the business transacted. NICK PROKAPCHUK, NICK HALABARDA and B. HORBACHUK, are very active in organizing for the aforementioned organization. I am informed these three men attended a meeting in Coleman on May. 30th. 1936, Steve and Mrs WAKULECHUK were also at this meeting representing the Fernie Branch. Steve WAKULECHUK is Secretary of Ukrainian Branch here in Fernie, Mrs. WAKULECHUK is in charge of the childrens section.

P. C. R.

4. [REDACTED] that a number of circular letters ~~to~~ coming through the mail addressed to Nick HALABARDA, these all came from the Headoffice of the Communistic paper "KANADSKY CUDOK." Winnipeg, they are all printed in the Ukrainian Language, copy of this letter attached.

5. [REDACTED] that since Harvey MURPHY, had left the district, the above mentioned party had very little activity, and no public meetings had been held.

6. The leading radicals in and around Fernie have been very quiet during the past months, I understand that an occasional meeting ~~are~~ being held at W. HERCHUK's and HEALE'S House, but I have been unable to learn what takes place at these meetings. The matter is being kept in hand, and should any activity be noted further report will be submitted.

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

7. Two copies of this report direct to the O.C.
R.C.M. Police, Lethbridge, Alberta, one to the N.C.O.I/C.,
Blairmore.

8. Copy to the N.C.O.I/C., Cranbrook Section.

No Expenses Incurred.

J.T.B. Christensen A/L/Cpl.
(J.T.B. Christensen) #6675.
I/C Fernie Detachment.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M.P., Ottawa.

Sir:

Forwarded. Relative to Paragraph 4 of
report, translation is being made of the letter
printed in the Ukrainian language, and same will
be forwarded to you as soon as received.

Vancouver.
22-6-36.
AWP/M.

R.L. Cadiz
(R.L. Cadiz) Asst/Comm'r.
Commanding "E" Division.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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"K"	Lethbridge.	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		6-6-36.

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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
CROWS NEST PASS AND DISTRICT.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

Detachment
Blairmore
Secret.

P. C. R.

2 copies to
Cranbrook B.C.

3-6-36.

1. A meeting of the above organization was held in the Ukrainian Hall at Bellevue Alta. on this date. This meeting called to complete arrangements for the complete reorganization of the party in the Crows Nest and to appoint standing committee's for Blairmore, Bellevue and Coleman district. These committee's at the present to work solely on organization of children's groups. As a result of this meeting the following were appointed as members of committee's, all being under the general chairmanship of Pat LENIHAN, head of the Communist party in the Crows Nest Pass.

Blairmore.

Mrs. John NORTH (Finlander)
Mrs. Pete Battelle (French)
Mrs. Mackie (Finlander)
Mrs. Otto KURRI (Finlander)
Mrs. John YAHNICKY (Polish)

Frank.

Mrs. Joe BACHORA (Bohemian)
Mrs. Ben MORASEK (Bohemian)
Tony PATTERA (Bohemian)

Bellevue.

Steve and Mrs MAGDALL (German)

HILLCREST

Mrs. POROCHNUK

Nick KEBZ ? (not sure of the spelling)

Peral Ferby

Pete PORAYKO and wife.

Leo LEDIEU

George WACHUK

Mrs Nick SANDILUK

Mosie STERBA

Mike OZZAR.

Coleman.

The appointing of committee's at this point was left to George Gassoff as he was the only one present from that camp. Regarding the man GASOFF might I refer to my report of the 27-4-36 heading of which was Nick HANOFF-Coleman Alta. Communist, para. 1 thereof wherein it is mentioned that Hanoff came to Coleman to take Gassoff's place, while I have nothing authentic, still it appears due to Hanoff having left the district and Gassoff again becoming active that he is again in the good graces of the party. HANOFF is reported as having gone to Edmonton Alta.

Committee's have been appointed at Fernie and Michel B.C. as mentioned but I am unable to ascertain the names of same.

4-6-36

2. A meeting of the Communist party was held at the home of Mrs. Pete Battelle at Blairmore this date. The subject discussed was the matter of sending a delegate from the Crows Nest Pass to Russia this year, it was decided to leave this matter over until the affiliation of the U.M.W of A and the M.W U of C has been effected when another meeting will be called.

3. I am informed that the above committee's will be standing ones for the handling and re organization of the Communist party in this area, and while they are instructed to concentrate solely for the present on childrens organizations, still at a later date they will

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also reorganize the C.L.D.L. and other branches of the party.

4. The Communist party and its affiliated organizations are not as a whole showing much activity. Pat LENIHAN organizer for the party is doing a lot of travelling about the district, but I am not looking for any increased activity of the Communists until after the proposed affiliation of the M.W.U. of C and the U.M.W. of A. when I am reliably informed that the party will concentrate on Hillcrest and Coleman camps, where to the present they have had difficulty in getting in to any extent. Touch will be kept and reports submitted.

J.A. Cawsey

Sergt. Regt. No 6367

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

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 8-6-36
GH:MA

W.V. Bruce

(W.V. BRUCE)

Supt.

Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. Hanoff mentioned in paragraph 1, sub-paragraph headed "Coleman" has not contacted the Communist Party Headquarters in Edmonton up to the present time.

H.M. Newson

Edmonton, Alberta.
9 June 1936.
K/P

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

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DEPUTY MINISTER
OF LABOUR



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File No. 175/7048.

Ottawa, January 3, 1936.


Dear Sir,

A
I beg to acknowledge your letter of
the 30th ultimo, enclosing copy of a report
received from your Blairmore Detachment, under
date of December 18th, giving a brief outline
of conditions throughout the Crow's Nest Pass.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Dickson,
Deputy Minister of Labour.

The Assistant Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
O t t a w a.



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SECRET

December 30th, 1935.

Dear Sir:-

With this is sent, as being of possible interest to you, copy of a report received from our Blairmore Detachment, under date of 18th December, which gives a brief outline of conditions throughout the Crow's Nest Pass.

Yours truly,

(G. L. Jennings)
Assistant Commissioner
Director of Criminal Investigation

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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Division Fyle No. [REDACTED]

F. 237

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division 12 "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment No.3 Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date 18-12-35.

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Re: GENERAL CONDITIONS.
CROWS NEST PASS

Fyle References

Secret.

Headquarters

1. Since my return to detachment for duty, I have made a complete survey of the Crows Nest Pass inso far as it concerns labor organization -s and Communist Activities, and find as follows:-

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COLEMAN:- Conditions at this camp have been good for some considerable time, and will remain so for some to come, due to development in the International mine at that point, the work to do with actual mining may become slack for the next three months, but with conditions as they have been, this will not effect the labor situation any at all. Great numbers of person have come in from outsidepoints to seek employment, as this camps working conditions has been advertised among the working class all over the west.

Detachment

B/more
Secret.

The Union at this point is known as the Coleman Miners association, with no affiliations with the M.W.U. of C. at present, although efforts have been made to place men with leaning to wards the M.W.U of C. in office, the contract between the miners and the operators of both mines at Coleman expires March 31st 1936, from conversations with prominent members of the local, there is no talk at present of not renewing the agreements .

P. C. R.

Nov.21st 1935.

The mine Workers Union of Canada, have organizers in this camp, and have secured some members, these however are of foreign birth, and although they are paying into the M.W.U of C. they who have already signed up are not talking about same. It will be difficult indeed for the M.W.U of C. to make very much headway in this camp.

Two copies to
Cranbrook S/D.

2. Blairmore, the Greenhill Mine is located at this point, working conditions are very bad, with only one days work this present week, and from enquiries, working conditions will be bad for the next three months at least, as their share of the C.P.R order have been mostly filled, the agreement at this mine between the operators and the employees will expite on March 31st. 1936, unless either party serves notice on the other for termination 60 days previously, the agreement remains in force for another period, xclose touch with members of the M.W.U of Canada, and the Blairmore Miners Association , there is little likelihood of any labor trouble, in so far as the agreement is concerned at this mine, as the financial position of both the employees and their Union could not stand labor troubles at present.

Communitistic activities at Blairmore are quiet, the diff-
erant branches still holding their meetings, but those I have had covered are purely of routine matters. There is another aplit in sight over town matters, due to the Fitzpatrick extortion case, a decided split took place, now over town matters, more especially that of the sporting houses on hill 60, certain members of the coun-
cil passed a motion to prepare a by law, whereby all sporting houses were to be ordered out of the town, the Mayor objected strongly against this resolution, and finally left the council chamber, this matter is being brought before the election committee of the M.W.U. of Canada, this P.M. the Mayor demanding that the Union make use,

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of the "recall" under which all members of the present council were elected by the Workers party, which is in fact the M.W.U. of Canada and is calling upon the Union to decide between himself and one of the councillors. Judging by the comment heard on the street today, during conversations the election committee are somewhat divided on just which one they will support, this may be settled peacefully, but if it comes to a vote, the split already mentioned in previous reports will widen.

3. BELLEVUE. This camp in so far as work is concerned is similar to Blairmore., the mine at that point being owned by the same company, The same conditions exist regarding the agreement, The M.W.U of Canada at this point are in better position financially than at Blairmore, due to the secretary being more energetic, no trouble is looked for at agreement time, although this local of the M.W.U of C. will present certain alterations to the operator for consideration.

Also, at this point is the Bellevue local, almost as strong as the M.W.U of C regarding membership, but the feeling formerly very strong between the two Union has more or less died down, and matters are running smoothly at present. M.W.U. of C. organizers are working in this camp as well among Home local members.

Communist matters are more flourishing at this camp, than at Blairmore, these however consists of regular meetings, which amount to nothing more than just "get together affairs". These meetings however are held regular and are well attended, and are mostly held in houses of some of the members. The M.W.U of C. hall at Bellevue, have a meeting of some kind every night, with socials every so often, these too are more or less on the "get together line" and are for the purpose of raising funds for Corbin miners.

4. Maple Leaf. The agreement at this camp is up in June 1936, at present the agreement is between the United Mine Workers of America and the Mohawk collieries, as reported some months ago, the miners of this camp, organized a new local, which in fact whilst under a different name was really the M.W.U of Canada, after organization of the new local, the miners openly went over to the M.W.U of Canada, but it was found that the Mohawk would not recognize the new local, and it was decided to carry on with the U.M.W.A until the termination of the agreement, there is no doubt that at that time a little trouble will be experienced between the operators and the employees, but the pay roll is small, and from a police angle there should not be any trouble, as only one local is concerned and the membership was almost solid for the switchover.

Communist activities about this camp, are closely connected with Bellevue, in fact very few meetings are held at this point.

5. HILLCREST:- No union exists at this point, a separate agreement being entered to between the operator and each employee, working conditions at this camp, have been good all summer, the agreements at this camp do not expire until late summer.

Communist activities, do not amount to much at this camp, there are the odd few who are always shouting off about conditions etc. and the organizers for the M.W.U of Canada, have already employees of this mine carrying M.W.U of C. cards, but those that are have to be very careful, as the operator, would discharge them at once, if it came to his notice. At the present time Pat LENIHAN, official organizer for the M.W.U of Canada is working this camp hard, but to the stand taken by the operator is not finding things any too easy along this line. The residents of this camp are of a better class than the other Pass camps, and the M.W.U of C will use every effort to organize this camp, as it has been a stickler to them for years.

6. The usual organizers for the Red Union are about the Passa, and are working hard to obtain membership, as a whole they are not meeting with much success, they are holding the usual meetings, in which the
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usual exhortations are held out as to general conditions etc, etc, which can only be remedied by concerted efforts, and stating the only working mansorganization is the M.W.U of Canada, the police and "stool pidgeons" come in for their usual amount of abuse, in short these meetings are similiar to those held for the past number of years.

7. The condition of the Pass generally is quiet, and unless something drastic turns up, there will be no troubles from a police standpoint other than relief matters, This angle unless better working periods take place immediately in the East end of the Pass, will become quite a problem, and will be similar to that of March of this present year, speaking to the operators at the differant points, I find that January, February and March of each year have always been quiet ones in the mining industry throughout the Pass.

8. I have had every meeting covered since my return in order to get first hand information of the situation, as well as conversations with members of the differant parties, touch however will be kept with conditions generally and reports will be submitted from time to time.

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

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 20-12-35

W.F. Bruce
(W.F. BRUCE) Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

The Deputy Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
21 December 1935.
K/P

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded. The contents of this report are very interesting, giving a concise outline of conditions at the present time together with possible developments during the spring of 1936.

2. Future activities of the radical element of the Crow's Nest Pass will be closely covered and reports submitted.

Edmonton, Alberta.
21 December 1935.
K/P

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

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Division Fyle No. [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Lethbridge

Detachment

Blairmore.

Province

Alberta

Date

Sept. 10th, 1935.

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Re: The WORKERS CLUB.
Crows Nest Pass.

Headquarters

Sub-Division
Lethbridge
52/2-26Detachment
B/more Secret.

P. C. R.

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1. [REDACTED] a meeting was held by the above organization at Frank, Alta., in the evening of Sept 5th last, which was represented by Committees of this organization from Blairmore, Frank, Bellevue & Coleman.
2. There were some fourteen speakers present, and with the exception of one, [REDACTED] on whom I am seeking information for the subject of separate report and personal history sheet, all are local residents and not considered dangerous.
3. This meeting was called in order to select a delegate to attend the Workers Club Conference to be held in Toronto., on Sept 13th, 1935. One, Tony Patera, Jr., young Communist and ardent worker for the Y.C.I. was elected to represent this organization in the Pass. The reasons for this conference are to stop war and fascism, and the methods to be adopted, if a successful campaign is to be waged for additional membership in the Club.
4. [REDACTED] mentioned in 2nd Para herein, is believed to have come here from Toronto., it has not yet been established if Toronto., is his home address, or if he is paid from Organization Funds. He has been quietly organizing and soliciting membership in the interests of the above organization throughout the Pass for the past week or ten days, he has not addressed a meeting here thus far, and in fact has been working so quietly as to avoid suspicion until very recently. Reports will be submitted in connection with this man as soon as the necessary information is at hand.

E. Crump
Corpl.
(E. Crump) Reg. No. 7838.
In charge of Blairmore Detachment.

The Officer Commanding,
"K" DIVISION,
EDMONTON, Alberta.

SIR:

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V. Bruce
Supt.
W. V. BRUCE.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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The Com'r, R.C.M.P.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

Re: The Workers' Club,
Crow's Nest Pass.

Forwarded. The activity reported upon herein no doubt deals with the "Canadian League against War and Fascism" through which organization the Communist Party hope to extend its influence over the various industrial centres throughout Canada.

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13-9-35.

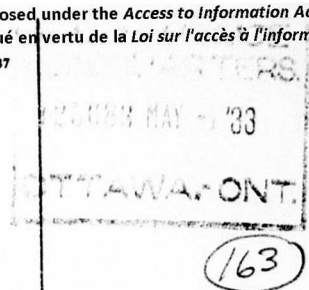
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(W.F.W. Hancock) A/Supt.,
for A/Com'r H.M. Newson, A.O.L.,
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Division Sub-District Detachment
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Alberta **April 20th., 1933**

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Re: **Communist Activities on the Alberta Coal Branch**

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1 I have the honour to report that, Dan Patterson, of Blairmore, in the Crow's Nest Pass, is holding meetings in the camps on the main branch of the A.C.B. Two weeks ago a meeting was held at Luscar. On the 16th., instant a meeting was held at Cadomin, and next Sunday, April 22nd., 1933, a meeting is to be held at Mt. Park.

2 This man is working for the Unity League and is trying to get Mt. Park and Luscar, to join this organization. The reported trend of his lecture is, his visit to Russia, and what favourable conditions he found there.

3 I am unable to get a good or verbatim report on any of his meetings, but will try to get one from Mt. Park, when he goes there. Anything further to report in this connection will be submitted at once.

4 The mining area, is quiet and orderly to date.

W.D.B. Muntun
Constable
W.D.B. Muntun.. Regt. No. 9011
I.C. Detachment

The Officer Commanding
"K" Division, R.C.M. Police,
Edmonton, Alta.

Sir:- Forwarded for your information.

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(P.H. Tucker)
Commanding Edmonton Sub-Division.

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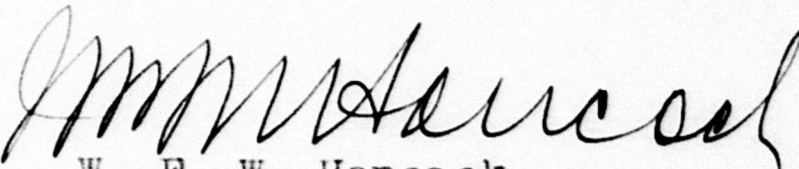
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The Commissioner.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.
the individual referred to in this report, is
[REDACTED] Report in connection with
meeting held at Mountain Park, will be forwarded in
due course.

Edmonton
27-4-33.
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W. F. W. Hancock.
A/Supt I/C C.I.B.

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Headquarters

A.P. With reference to S/Const R.J.Conners report re the above,as to the parties concerned in this district.

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Malcolm Clarke is a well known speaker in this district,he is affiliated with the following organizations, C.P.of C. Y.C.L. C.L.D.L. M.W.U.of Canada. previous reports have been submitted by Corpl Ball,dated 21-9-31.

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Andrew Irvine is also a well known speaker in this district dated July 3rd 1931.he generally speaks at unemployed meetings,he is very active in the N.U.W.A. and the C.P.of C. and W.U.L.

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A.McAllister is the National Secretary of the W.I.R mention is made of him in S.As.report dated 20-6-32. Re. Communist Activities.Previous reports have been submitted re this man by Corpl Ball.

P. C. R.

H.N. Tricky D/Sgt.
H.N.Tricky.Reg No 4718.

The Commissioner:
Sir:

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W. F. W. Hancock
Commissioning Sub-Division

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The Commissioner
Sir:

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A/Supt., I.C. C.I.B.

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"K" Division

Calgary Sub-Division

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DIV. FILE No.

Calgary, June 16th. 1932.

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The Officer Commanding,
"K" Division,
R.C.M. Police,
Edmonton, Alta.

Sir:

Re: Communist Activities - Crows
Nest Pass

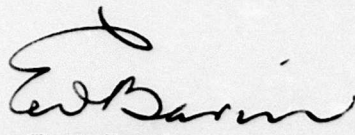
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I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of mimeographed circular, of which approximately 2000 were mailed in a parcel weighing 12 lbs. from Calgary on the night of the 15th. inst. addressed to George Heniuk, Coleman Post Office.

I transmitted this information to the Officer Commanding Lethbridge (West) Sub-Division; also the fact that Phil. Luck left Calgary for the Crows Nest Pass on the night of the 15th.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,


E.W. Bavin, Insp.
Commanding Calgary Sub-Division

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

Copy of "Manifesto of the Communist Party to
Miners of the Crows Nest Pass", attached.



W.F.W. Hancock
A/Supt. I/C. C.I.B.

Edmonton,
17-6-32.
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MANIFESTO OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO MINERS OF THE CROWS NEST PASS

Comrades:-

At this time when throughout Canada the Capitalist class is engaged in a vicious wage-cutting drive, sponsored by the Bennett Government, which affects every industry and every section of the working class, it is only the Workers' Unity League that is organizing and leading the workers resistance. With the help of the reformist Trade Union bureaucrats, the bosses have been able to put through a reduction of 10 % on the railroad workers, civic employees, etc. The U.M.W. of A. has succeeded in cutting down the wages of the Nova Scotia miners 10 to 12 % and is now trying to put through a wage-cut of 20 % on the domestic coal miners in Alberta. Only those workers who followed the lead of the Workers' Unity League and used the strike weapon against the employers have been able to maintain their previous wage levels and in some cases even win increases.

The militant Mine Workers' Union of Canada foresaw the attempt of the operators to put through a reduction on the Western miners as early as January this year and raised the slogan of preparing for strike struggle against any reduction in the already miserable conditions of the miners, the operators saw that they could not at this time put a reduction on the miners in the steam coal fields. Therefore they have centred all their attention towards first of all smashing this militant organization of the miners, so that they could carry out their wage-cut later on. And so we see in the Crow's Nest Pass and other steam coal fields how the bosses were forced to sign the old agreements by the militant fight led by the M.W.U. of C., but have not spared any efforts in their determination to smash the M.W.U. of C., knowing full well that once this powerful weapon of the miners is broken, they will be able to do their will with the men.

For four months the miners in Blairmore, Bellevue and Coleman have been fighting this attack of the employers. By this fight they have stopped for the time being the wage-cut which the bosses intended (and still intend) to force upon them. Their fight is now a struggle to maintain that organization which has consistently fought for the workers' interests and which alone can insure that the wage-cut, now temporarily defeated, will not be put across in the near future - the Mine Workers' Union of Canada.

With the ablest assistance of a handful of the operators agents among the miners themselves, the bosses in Coleman were able to split the ranks of the men and create a situation where, in order to save large numbers of miners from discrimination, the Union called off the strike in Coleman. Although they were defeated in the attempt to carry out the wage-cut, the operators have succeeded in forcing the miners into a "Home Local" under the leadership of open scabs and company tools like Gillespie and Lees and discriminating the most militant fighters among the miners in Blairmore and Bellevue the strikers' ranks are still solid and the fight against discrimination and for the maintenance of the men's Union continues in spite of all hardships, all maneuvers of violence, the forces of the State, and the strike-breaking activities of a handful of reactionaries. Under the leadership of the Mine Workers' Union of Canada, the miners in these two camps are determined to carry their fight on to victory.

Miners of Coleman! The "Home Local", for which you were forced to sign a check-off when you went back to work, is not an organization of the men but a tool of the operators by the aid of which they intend to keep you down. It is by the aid of the "Home Local" and such willing scabs as Gillespie, Lees, White and Sirak that the operators are going to worsen your conditions, to put through a mass lay-off in the near future, and to put across a wage-cut of 20 % as soon as they think the strength of the miners has been sufficiently weakened to permit this. Do not for a moment think that the "Home Local" set up by the operators can be turned into a union that would fight for the interests of the men. The only organization that will fight for your interests is the one which stopped the mass lay-off in the International and McMillivray mines this spring which has consistently fought for the grievances of every man in the mines and which defeated the 20 % wage-cut that the operators had planned to present to you last April, by the bitter strike struggle 000731

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which Gillespie and his gang of Company stool-pigeons so shamefully betrayed and the operators, with the help of the police, were able to defeat two weeks ago. Build up the organization which is really yours, the Mine Workers' Union of Canada. Go into the "Home Local" meetings and expose and oust from your midst the scabs who helped to break your strike and are today stooling for the operators and helping them to carry out their attack on your living conditions! Defeat the attempt of the operators to put across a worsening of conditions and a wage-cut in the near future, by making Coleman a 100 % Union camp once again.

Miners of Blairmore and Bellevue! Do not permit Viisac and his stools in your ranks to break your strike in such a shameful manner as in Coleman. The militant workers throughout Canada are with you in your struggle and they expect you to wipe out the black betrayal of the strike in Coleman by such militant struggle as will win victory for yourselves and the whole working class. Stand solid behind your militant Union!

Miners of the Crow's Nest Pass! The Capitalist system is now in its crisis and in the process of decay. Not prosperity, but wage-cuts, mass lay-offs, starvation and police clubs are facing the workers unless a determined struggle is waged against them. The Capitalists can no longer give you jobs. Always more and more men will be laid-off as time progresses, with no opportunity for these men to find jobs and earn a living elsewhere. Lay-offs are inevitable and already almost half of the working class in Canada is totally unemployed. The way out is not to seek that the operators share up the ever-lessening amount of work between all the men (thus keeping the whole mass of the miners in semi-starvation at the expense of the miners themselves) but full time work for the employed, Non-Contributory Unemployment Insurance at full wages for the unemployed and the making-up of the wages of the partially unemployed workers by the employers and the State. Fight for immediate and full relief to all discriminated and laid-off miners! Fight for State Non-Contributory Unemployment Insurance!

Miners of the Crow's Nest Pass! The present crisis is daily demonstrating the complete bankruptcy of the Capitalist system which holds nothing but ever-increasing poverty and degradation for the working class. In the experience of your struggles you have yourselves seen how the employers, the State with its police forces and the Labor Fakirs with their deceitful phrases and scabbing deed are all united in the attempt to force ever-worse living conditions upon you. It is only the revolutionary organizations, supported by the Communist Party that is organizing and preparing the working class for the only possible road to the real prosperity of the working masses - the overthrow of the Capitalist system, the establishment of a Workers' Government and the building of Socialism in Canada.

Build up your revolutionary organizations!

Join the Communist Party of Canada!

District Executive Committee,

Communist Party of Canada.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-District No 6 Detachment Blairmore

District Alberta

Date 3/5/32

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Re: Mine Workers Union of Canada - Crows Nest Pass.
May Day Demonstration- - Blairmore

- Crows Nest Pass

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P. C. R.
2/5/32
Secret

Further to Const Bailey's report as marginally noted;- the banners carried by this parade as they left Coleman were as follows;--
Workers children refuse to atarve in a land of plenty.

Join the Y.C.L.
Repeal Section 98 and release the eight Our future is in our youths. Join the
Young Communist Party.
Workers of the world unite.
No wage cut, no lay off, right to orgahize
Demand immediate relief.
Abolition of vagrancy laws.
Repeal of Sec 98, free speech.
Down with Bennet's Starvation Budget
Hands off ChineseSoviet
Right to choose our own union.
Demand free speech and assembly.
Fight reaction Join Communist Party
- Send food not mounties.

Women fight against War. Do not let your sons be slaughtered.
Mass collaboration means working class suicide
Remember Estevan (this with crossed revolvers)

There was no Union Jack carried in the parade as in former years, but the Soviet Emblem was also missing.

It was very noticeable that in this parade there were comparatively few British Born people.

I estimate that there were 75 men and 25 women and children from Coleman, 90 men and 12 women and children from Bellevue, and at least 200 from Blairmore and Frank with approximately 40 women and children from these towns.

The Officer Commanding
"K" Division, EDMONTON.

J T Jones Sergt
Reg No 5804
I/C Blairmore Detmt.

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Lethbridge, May 4 1932. J.J. Weaver for Insp. S.O.D.
Commanding Lethbridge West S/Divn.

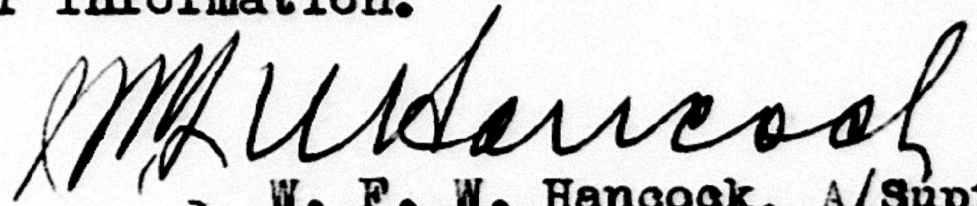
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The Commissioner,
Sir:-

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W. F. W. Hancock, A/Supt.
In Charge of C. I. B.

Edmonton, Alta.
May 5th, 1932.
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