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DIVISION "K" Lethbridge CIB (Intell)
PROVINCE Alberta DATE 20-4-42

Re: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

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FILE REFERENCES

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SUB-DIVISION

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DETACHMENT

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Lethbridge
26-4-38
to
13-4-42

A. R. V. No.

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1. With reference to the above organization at Blairmore and the Crows Nest Pass District the following report has been received:

(a) John BODOR a Hungarian Communist from East Coulee Alberta is now employed at Bellevue and is residing at Hillcrest. He appears to have considerable influence amongst the Hungarians there. There is an active branch of the Hungarian Fraction of the Communist Party at Hillcrest. The leading men of this fraction are Alex SZEGEDI, Alex REVAI and Steve BERZE."

(b) "It is stated that the Polish Society in the Pass District is now quite strong and that the leading man is a Communist. His name was not ascertained however the Society is mainly active at Coleman, Alta."

(c) "Joseph SOMOYA former Secretary of the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation at Lethbridge is now employed at the Mohawk Mine at Bellevue however he is blacklisted amongst the Hungarian party members."

(d) "Joe SOLTES of Drumheller is now employed at Natal, B.C. He is a Spanish War Veteran and joined the Communist Party at Lethbridge after the Spanish War. Arpad KOLESAR is also employed at Natal. B.C."

(e) "Steve GAL, party member from Lethbridge is employed at Blairmore, Alberta in the mine. He is residing at Hillcrest."

(f) "The National Council for Democratic Rights have an organization throughout the Pass and draws their support mainly from the foreign element, including the Ukrainians and Hungarians. They have however a grievance against Enoch WILLIAMS for failing to attend the convention of the N.C.D.R. at Ottawa. WILLIAMS was the Crows Nest Pass delegate but he failed to attend and instead allowed the Pass to be represented by the Calgary delegate Frank HADESBECK."

(g) "Alex PERSELY of Lethbridge was in Hillcrest during the week-end of April 11th apparently visiting friends amongst the I.M.B.F. there. A German, first name [REDACTED] is hanging around the Cos. Hotel at Blairmore. He is unemployed at present and from conversation with him it was not learned that he is active with the Party at the present time although in 1930-1931 he was known to print pamphlets for the Party with Harvey MURPHY and Hugh ANDERSON."

(continued)

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RE: Communist Party of Canada.

Blairmore - Alberta.

(h) John BODOR has been distributing pamphlets amongst the Hungarians at Hillcrest. The pamphlets are issued by the Canadian Federation of Democratic Hungarians which is the parent body of the Hungarian Democratic Front. The pamphlets call for a "Yes" vote in the coming manpower plebiscite."

(Ends)

2. [redacted] the Communist Party is strong in the Pass District and receives support especially from the foreign population however due to being unable to attend radical meetings at that point he is not in a position to render the names and activities of the persons who may now be active, bearing in mind the danger of asking questions. A copy of the pamphlet mentioned above is attached hereto.

3. A further report on this file will be forthcoming in next mail.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

H.C.O. 1/e Blairmore

For your information.

21-4-42

H/I

"J. Brunet" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge S/Division.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information, together with copy of pamphlet referred to.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

21-4-42

H/I

J. Brunet Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information, with attached copy of leaflet.

Edmonton
23-4-42
FP/S

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

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Pamphlet, Entitled "In These Days of Crisis."

(Hungarian)

"Felhivas " " A Kanadai Magyarorsaghoz."

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE,
OTTAWA

20-4-42.

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FELHIVÁS

A KANADAI MAGYARSÁGHOZ

MAGYAR TESTVÉREK!

A válságnak ezen napjaiban, amikor a szövetségben egyesült 26 nemzet hadseregei, hajóhadai és légiflottái a világ minden részén elkeseredett harcot vívnak a fasizmus sötét erőivel szemben, amikor annak kell eldőlni, hogy szabadok leszünk-e, vagy a rabszolgaság korát megszegyenítő barbarizmusba csúszik a világ — senki sem maradhat semleges.

Minden szabadságszerető magyarnak a fasizmus ellen küzdők táborában a helye! Nekünk, kanadai magyaroknak, kétszeresen érdekünk harcolni a náciizmus és fasizmus ellen: érdekünk megvédeni fogadott hazánkat, Kanadát a náci és japán leigázás ellen, hogy szabadok maradhassunk; érdekünk felszabadítani szülőhazánkat, otthonhagyott szeretteinket a náci rabszolgaság alól, mert ha Hitler győz, Magyarország német gyarmat marad.

Az egész magyar történelem lázad az ellen a szégyenteljes szerep ellen, melyet Horthyék szántak Magyarországnak. Hol van a magyar történelemnek, a magyar nép által szeretett egyetlen nagy alakja, aki jóváhagyná

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a magyar kormányzatnak ezt az alá-
való munkáját? Képzeljük el, mit
mondana Rákóczy, Kossuth, Petőfi,
Ady, hogy a sötétség, elmaradottság,
visszafejlődés és náci német érdekek
mellett dobták háborúba a magyar
népet? Mit szólnának ahhoz a meg-
alázó, szolgai szerephez, amelyet a
magyar urak a magyar népnek szán-
tak? Olvassuk el Rákóczy és Bercsé-
nyi harcainak, az 1848-as magyar sza-
badság harcának a történetét, olvassuk
Petőfi és Ady verseit — és megkap-
juk rá a választ, hogy mit szólnának.

A magyar nép rajongott vezérei
nem a sötétség, elnyomatás s rabszol-
gaság mellett szálltak síkra, nem
ezért áldozták életüket, hanem a ma-
gyar nép szabadságáért, az emberi jo-
gokért, a magyar nép jólétéért.

A népjogokat tipró, a magyar né-
pet kínai kuli nívója alá süllyesztő,
német náci-csizmát nyaló negyedszá-
zados Horthy-uralom szégyenfoltja
lesz a magyar történelemnek.

Ezt a szégyenfoltot kell lemosnunk,
ezt a szégyenteljes és magyar népet
gyilkoló állapotot kell megszüntet-
nünk azzal, hogy felsorakozunk a sző-
vetséges hatalmak oldalán, a világ-
történelem legsötétebb uralmának, a
náci imperiálizmusnak a megdönté-
sére.

Magyar Testvérek!

Ne higgyetek Hitlerék és Horthyék
azon néhány ügynökének, akik el-
akarják veletek hitetni, hogy Magyar-
ország érdeke náci-Németország ol-
dalán van. Ne higgyetek nekik és az

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általuk félrevezetett embereknek, amikor azt mondják, hogy Horthy »nem tehetett egyebet«. Hazugság! Évek óta tartó, gondosan előkészített politikával csúszttatták bele az országot abba a szerencsétlen helyzetbe, amelyben most van. Ne higgyetek azoknak, akik úgy akarnak semmivéssel megkötni benneteket, hogy azt mondják nektek: »Csitt! Mi csak maradjunk nyugodtan. Idegenek vagyunk. Ellenséges állampolgárok vagyunk.«

Ne hallgassatok rájuk! Egy célt szolgál mindez: segíteni Hitler sötét uralmát! Nem igaz, hogy nem tehetünk semmit, mert »ellenséges állampolgárok« vagyunk. Éppen azzal bizonyítjuk be fogadott hazánkhoz való hűségünket, hogy a kanadai nép többi részével együtt mi is felsorakozunk az ország háborús törekvésének támogatására, fogadott hazánkat is fenyegető sötét erők megdöntésére.

Kanadában élünk, jóban s rosszban osztoznunk kell a kanadai nép sorsában, amely a mi sorsunk, a gyermekeink sorsa is. Ott kell segítenünk a fasiszmus elleni harcot, ahol vagyunk.

Mint minden kanadainak, nekünk is ott van a helyünk a demokrácia kanadai termelési frontján;

mint a kanadai nép fiainak, ott van a helyünk a kanadai hadseregben, haditengerészetben és légierőknél;

mint minden kanadainak, nekünk is felelősséget kell vállalnunk az ország demokratikus irányításá-

ban; a kanadai nép többi részével szívvel-lélekkel összeforrv, támogatva mindent, ami a demokratikus háborús törekvést elősegíti, és irgalmatlanul harcolva minden ellen, ami ezt a demokratikus háborús törekvést akadályozza.

És mi a kötelességünk most, amikor a King-kormány arra kér bennünket, hogy népszavazással mentsük fel azon korábbi kötelezettsége alól, hogy nem lesz sorozás tengerentúli katonai szolgálatra?

Világos, hogy **IGEN**-nel kell szavaznunk, ha azt akarjuk, hogy a világ mielőbb megszabaduljon a fasiszta rabszolgaságtól, elnyomástól és nyomorúságtól; ha azt akarjuk, hogy a náci rekvirálók mielőbb kitakarodjanak Magyarországból; ha azt akarjuk, hogy az éhező magyar népnek jusson a magyar föld terméke és ne a német nácik falják azt fel; ha azt akarjuk, hogy fogadott hazánk, Kanada ne váljon náci gyarmattá.

Mert erről van szó. És mindenről, ami ezzel összefügg, ami nekünk drága. Amikor szavazatunkkal egységesen felsorakozunk a King-kormány mellett, egy hatalmas népakaratban forrasszuk egyé Kanadát, arra a nagy feladatra, hogy a többi szövetséges nemzetekkel együtt méltóan ki tudja venni a részét a fasiszmus-ellenes fegyveres harcból is; elősegítjük azt, hogy Európában megnyillasson egy erőteljes második front, amely segítséget fog jelenteni, az egész Európa iparát karmaiban tartó, roppant náci

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hadigépezettel szemben, az orosz népnek és mielőbbi felmentést hoz a náci rabigában nyögő népeknek. Ha azt akarjuk, hogy Kanada becsületesen, haladék nélkül kivegye a részét a fasizmus elleni harcban, akkor **YES**-szel kell szavaznunk a népszavazásnál.

Ezúttal szólítjuk fel az összes kanadai magyar szervezeteket és egyházakat, hogy fogjanak össze, tartsanak közös gyűléseket, összejöveteleket ennek a kérdésnek a magyarázására, a magyarságnak a **YES**-szavazás mellett való felsorakoztatására. Összefogva kell megmondanunk a magyarságnak, hogy a fasizmus elnyom minden demokratikus intézményt, minden válást, csak az elnyomatást segítő szervezeteket, a háborút istenítő pogány vallást támogatja és fejleszti. Most fogjunk össze tehát ellene, míg nem késő.

Magyar Testvérek!

Mint egy-ember sorakozzatok fel **IGEN** szavazatokkal a népszavazásnál. De ennél még többet kell tennünk: győzzünk meg mindenkit, akivel csak érintkezni tudunk, hogy szavazzon **IGEN**-nel.

Ezt kívánja tőlünk nemcsak saját jól felfogott érdekünk, hanem gyermekeink jövőjének érdeke, óhazai magyar testvéreink érdeke és az egész haladó emberiség jövőjének érdeke is.

A KANADAI DEMOKRATIKUS MAGYAROK SZÖVETSÉGE

nevében:

Bódi József elnök

Balogh József titkár

In These Days of Crisis

WHEN the armies, navies and air forces of the 26 Allied Nations are waging a bitter struggle all over the world against the dark forces of fascism, when the issue that hangs in the balance is whether we shall be free or whether the whole world is to be thrown back to such a barbarism, beside which even the age of slavery will look dim — no one can stay neutral.

The place of every freedom-loving Canadian-Hungarian is in the camp of those who are struggling against fascism! We, Canadian-Hungarians, have more than one reason to fight naziism and fascism! It is in our interest to defend our new homeland, Canada, against a nazi or japanese invasion, so that we shall remain free; it is in our interest to liberate our native land, those beloved ones whom we left behind, from nazi-slavery, because, should Hitler win, Hungary will remain a German Colony.

We are living in Canada, we have to share, in good or bad, the fate of the Canadian people, which is our fate, the fate of our children as well. We have to help the fight against fascism where we are.

And what is our duty now that the King government is calling upon us to release it from its former pledges on the issue of conscription for service overseas? It is clear that **WE MUST VOTE YES** if we are determined to soon have the world freed from fascist slavery, oppression and misery, if we are determined to have the nazi plunderers chased out of Hungary as soon as possible, if we are determined to have the starving people of Hungary enjoy the fruits of Hungarian soil which is being devoured by the nazis, if we are determined not to have our new land, Canada, become a nazi colony.

**CANADIAN FEDERATION OF
DEMOCRATIC HUNGARIANS**

A YES

**VOTE IN THE PLEBISCITE,
MEANS A
OTE AGAINST HITLER; A
OTE FOR VICTORY
OF DEMOCRACY**

DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]

F. 237

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Blairmore
PROVINCE Alberta DATE October 26th, 1941.

NOV-347

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alta.

FILE REFERENCES

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

L.S.52/5-C.

DETACHMENT

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P. C. R.
4-9-36

to

2-10-41.

A. R. V. No.

1.

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vations made with the result that it would appear that at present there is no activity in this connection. The various subject mentioned in previous reports are still residing in the Pass and because of steady operations of the mines, are working almost every day. There has been no noticeable movement made by any of these subject during the past two months.

2. Considerable interest has been displayed by the miners in Coleman in the recent boycott of beer parlors, this however is now over. Reference see, Labour Conditions, Crow's Nest Pass District, [REDACTED] L.S. 52-16-A.

3. Further observations are being continued.

Expenses - nil.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

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

P.R. Simbalist Const.
(P.R. Simbalist) Reg.No.12512

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 27-10-41
H/I

G. Harvey S/Sergt.
sgd. (G. Harvey) for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, AOD.

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

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

Edmonton
29-10-41
P/F

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Blairmore

560: 22 OCT 11 1941

PROVINCE Alberta DATE October 2nd, 1941.

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alta.

FILE REFERENCES
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HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

L.S.52/5-C.

DETACHMENT

B 2-1.

P. C. R.

4-9-36
to
17-7-41
8-9-41

CARDED

A. R. V. No.

1. Further to the marginally noted, nothing unusual has been noticed during the past month. Subjects previously reported under the above heading are quiet. This it is believed is due to steady employment, leaving very little time to get together etc.

2. Referring to the memo. of D/Insp. for Supt. M.F.E. Anthony i/c C.I.B. dated Winnipeg/Sept. 3rd, 1941, containing the telegram signed [REDACTED] of Hillcrest, Alta., the matter is dealt with in file re: Committee of Ukrainian and Russian Anti-Fascists and Aid to the Soviet Union, Crow's Nest Pass,

3. Observations are being continued of subjects in this connection. May the diary date be extended to 2-11-41.

Expenses - nil.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

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

P.R. Simbalist Const.
(P.R. Simbalist) Reg. No. 12512.

Sir: **FORWARDED** for your information.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 3-10-41
H/I

J. Brunet
sgd. (J. Brunet) Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge S/Division.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alta.,
7-10-41.
P/H

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

DIARY DATE

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REAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DETACHMENT

Blairmore

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Alberta

DATE

Sept. 8th, 1941.

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RE: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alta.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 52/5-C.

DETACHMENT

B2-1.

P. C. R.

4-8-36
to
17-7-41

A. R. V. No.

1. Further in this connection, a public meeting was held at Coleman, Aug. 31st last, sponsored by a newly formed organization the Committee of Ukrainian and Russian Anti-Fascists and Aid to the Soviet Union in which the following known Communist members took an active part. Enoch Williams of Blairmore, advertized speaker of this meeting, ex-secretary of the Communist Party of Canada, in Blairmore, Mrs. M.F. Wakaliuk of Bellevue, gave a short talk on present war conditions in Russia, ex-member of the Communist Party in Bellevue, [REDACTED] who is at present [REDACTED] under the War Measures Act, [REDACTED] L.S. 52/2-852, also ex-member of executive of Communist Party in Bellevue, William Ferby, mentioned, was present on stage with other speakers but did not speak, John Kwasiuk, acted as chairman, ex-member of U.L.F.T.A. in Hillcrest. The meeting was attended mainly by ex-members of the U.L.F.T.A. of Bellevue Hillcrest and Coleman, approx. 200 in attendance and mainly Ukrainians and Russians. A report was submitted 4-9-41 covering this meeting in file re: Committee of Ukrainian and Russian Anti-Fascist and Aid to the Soviet Union, Crow's Nest Pass.

2. Nothing other than the above has been learned of, though observations are continually made and contacts in the various towns of this detachment area are being constantly in touch with. May the diary date be extended to 8-10-41.

Expenses - nil.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Est. Connors.

For your information.

Leth. 10-9-41
H/I

sgd. (J. Brunet) Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge S/Division.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

DIARY DATE

8-10-41 Leth. 10-9-41
SET FOR..... H/I

sgd. (J. Brunet) Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge S/Division.

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton
12-9-41
P/S

J. Kelly, Supt.
For Officer Commanding "K" Division.
A. O. D.

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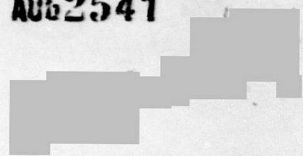
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE 57777 AUG 25 41

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Blairmore
PROVINCE Alberta DATE August 14th, 1941.



Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alta.

FILE REFERENCES
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HEADQUARTERS

1. Further in this connection, observations were continued during the past month throughout the Pass area. To all appearances it would seem that there is no activity at the present time even among those who are considered tried members of this party, in the past. The mines are still operating steadily affording little time for any activity.

SUB-DIVISION

2. Constant observations will be continued and anything of a suspicious nature will be reported immediately. May the diary date be extended to 14-9-41, please.

L.S. 52-5-C.

Expenses - nil.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

DETACHMENT

B2 - 1.

P.P. Simbalist Const.
(P.P. Simbalist) Reg. No. 12512.

P. C. R.

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

4-8-36
to
17-7-41.

Sir:
FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 16-8-41.
H/J.

J. Brunet Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

A. R. V. No.

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

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Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alta.,
20-8-41.
P/M

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

DIARY DATE

SET FOR 14-9-41

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment S-D CIB
Province Alberta Date 29-7-41

File References
"SECRET" [REDACTED]

Re: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

s.19(1)

Headquarters

1. With reference to the above and to previous reports marginally noted I am advised as follows:

Sub-Division

L.S. 52-S-C

"William SWYSCHUK travelled through the Pass District three weeks ago. He was selling clothes and appeared to be quite prosperous. Whilst there he visited Steve GURE, a party member at Bellevue. He also visited a party member at Hillcrest however name is not known. He also associated with a party member named Kroychuk. Swyschuk has not shown up around Lethbridge and is believed to have returned to Vancouver."

Detachment

2. [REDACTED] is mentioned in file under heading [REDACTED] L.S. 52-2-454.

P. C. R.
Blairmore

3. "No meetings are known to be held by the Communist Party at Blairmore or Coleman as yet."

4. "Dr. Goldberg says he is too busy these days to discuss politics."

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5. "Amongst the Communists at the Pass, they now feel that the Party should do all in their power under the present circumstances abroad to come out in the open and demand the release of all labour internees and put all their efforts behind forcing the Government to give Russia all out aid. They place little faith in the British Russian Alliance and some state they believe the British and German capitalists are working hand in hand to wreck the Soviet system and working class movements in Russia and the British Empire, but they feel that the Communist International is well aware of the possible consequences in the future and will push Party leadership to the front and arouse the masses to that fact."

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION
N.C.O. I/c Blairmore

For your information.

Leth. 30-7-41

H:A

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

Sir: FORWARDED: STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 30-7-41

H:A

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

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[REDACTED]

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

Sir :

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alta.,
2-8-41.
P/M

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

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COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES IN SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY

DIVISION FILE No. [REDACTED]

23747 MAY 1941

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Blairmore

PROVINCE Alberta BEST COPY AVAILABLE DATE May 8th, 1941.

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY IN SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY - Blairmore, Alta.

RECORDED - 6 from 17-6-43

FILE REFERENCES
SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS

1. Further to the marginally noted reports submitted in this connection, the following list of Social Credit groups in this detachment area, has been carefully prepared and the executives of each checked for Communistic tendencies with several reliable contacts.

	Group Name:	Secretary:	President:
SUB-DIVISION	Bellevue	E.W.R. Brown ✓ Bellevue, Alta.	(none at present)
L.S. 52-150	Blairmore	E Bert Sensier ✓ Blairmore.	M.L. McKinnon ✓ Blairmore, Alta.
DETACHMENT	Burnis	Mrs. J.B. Cameron ✓ Burnis, Alta.	F. Jones ✓ Burnis, Alta.
B 2 - 10B.	Coleman Central	A. Webster ✓ Coleman, Alta.	Fred Antrobus ✓ Coleman, Alta.
P.C.R.	East Coleman #1.	Mrs. M. MacQuarrie ✓ Coleman, Alta.	C. Macquarrie ✓ Coleman, Alta.
Leth.C.I.B.	East Coleman #2.	Mrs. W.A. Cripps ✓ Coleman, Alta.	E Bert Garre ✓ Coleman, Alta.
12-3-41	East Coleman #3.	Mrs. F. Emery ✓ Coleman, Alta.	Mrs. D.G.G. ✓ Coleman, Alta.
Blairmore	Fir Grove	Joe Tapay ✓ Burnis, Alta.	M.F.C. Lis ✓ Burnis, Alta.
18-3-41	Frank	Mrs. C. Vejprava ✓ Frank, Alta.	Miss A. Po ✓ Frank, Alta.
14-4-41	Greenhill	Mrs. E.M. Lyons ✓ Blairmore;	E.F.Q. Lyons ✓ Blairmore;
A.R.V.N.	Hillcrest #1	E Fred W. Balkwill ✓ Hillcrest.	E John Dud ✓ Hillcrest.
	Hillcrest #2	John McDade ✓ Hillcrest.	E Walter R ✓ Hillcrest.
	Hillcrest #3	David J. Davies ✓ Hillcrest.	E Philip M ✓ Hillcrest.
	Hillcrest #4	Albert Mark ✓ Hillcrest.	Harry St ✓ Hillcrest.
	Hillcrest #5	E Mrs. L. Rose ✓ Hillcrest.	E Richard ✓ Hillcrest.
	Hillcrest #6	D John Sharretta ✓ Hillcrest.	E Glyn Re ✓ Hillcrest.
	Hillcrest #7	E R. Turner ✓ Hillcrest.	E John Ul ✓ Hillcrest.
	Hillcrest #8	E Mrs. B. Caswell ✓ Hillcrest.	E Mrs. G. ✓ Hillcrest.
	Lundbreck #1	E Mrs. A.E. Vercammen ✓ Lundbreck.	E Rhoda ✓ Lundbreck.
	Lundbreck #2	Rhoda Almond ✓ Lundbreck.	Lewis K ✓ Lundbreck.
DIARY DATE	Maycroft	E James Ross ✓ Maycroft.	E R.E. Willfa ✓ Maycroft, Alta.
SET FOR	Mountain View #1	E Emil Ukrinetz ✓ Coleman.	T. Go ✓ C.
	Mountain View #2	E Frank Krish ✓ Coleman.	R.G. ✓

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Re: COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY IN SOCIAL CREDIT
PARTY - Blairmore, Alta.

1 continued:

Mountain View #3	E. Budmunson ✓	Emm. Harrison ✓
	Coleman, Alta.	Coleman, Alta.
North Coleman #1	Geo. Duffield ✓	Lewis Jones ✓
	Coleman, Alta.	Coleman, Alta.
Sunburst	Maileen G. Picard ✓	A.J. Olson, Jr. ✓
	Blairmore,	Blairmore, Alta.
Turtle Mountain	Mrs. M. Picard ✓	L.O. Picard ✓
	Blairmore,	Blairmore, Alta.
West Coleman	Jas. Glendenning ✓	T.L. Lawlor ✓
	Coleman, Alta.	Coleman, Alta.
Willow Valley	L.T. Hucik ✓	Joe Kubasek ✓
	Chappel Rock,	Tod Creek, Alta.

2. These groups are at the present time quite in-active even in the form, for which they were organized. Sgt. Cawsey in his report dated March 18th, dealt with the Blairmore groups namely, Bert Sincier (Sensier), Don. McPherson, Mrs. M. Picard, Frank Lyons, A.G. Picard, and A.J. Olson commonly known as "Bert" Olson. Further to these remarks, P.C.R. March 18th? it appears that none of the above named officer were ever connected with any Communist Party or any of such movements. It might be added that John Dudley, president of Hillcrest #1 group is now overseas with the Army; Glyn Rees, president of Hillcrest #6 has moved his residence to Blairmore, where he is working in the West Canadian Collieries. The only officer in the above list, who has been under investigation is [redacted] and that was in connection with "JEHOVAH WITNESS'S".

3. May the diary date please be extended to 8-6-41, in order to make further investigations should further information be received from Lethbridge C.I.B. in this connection. Meanwhile observations will be made and contacts interviewed for further information.

Expenses - nil.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

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

RECORDED - 6-63
P.D. [redacted] Const.
(P.R. Simbalist) Reg. No. 12512.

Sir:

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FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 9-5-41
H:A

Sd. [redacted] S/Sgt. for
O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information. Communism does not seem to have made much headway in the Social Credit movement in the Crow's Nest Pass.

Edmonton, Alta.,
14-5-41.
P/M

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

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F. 237

Division File No. [REDACTED]

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RG CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment Blairmore
Province Alberta Date July 17th, 1941.

File References
SECRET.

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alta.

Headquarters

1. During the past months investigations in this connection were mainly centred in Bellevue and Hillcrest districts and reported on in file re: [REDACTED] - Bellevue, Alta. War Measures Act. [REDACTED] Observations

Sub-Division

from time to time in both Blairmore and Coleman [REDACTED] would appear that there is no activity here in so far as any organized work is concerned. It has often been felt that a prevailing feeling was in existence as sympathizing in this attitude however even with the entry of Russia into war against the Nazism, which sympathizers condemned, no out-spoken feeling or action has been observed.

L.S. 52-5-C

Detachment

2. At the present time all coal-mines in the Pass area are working 6 days a week. Such continuous working does not afford much time for participation in any movements. And although, as reported, there does not appear anything to view with seriousness, every effort is being made to establish such contacts as to be able to foretell any activity. All subjects that have been reported on previously are closely watched even on expressions of sentiment as far as possible.

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P.C.R.

6-8-36
to
27-5-41.

Expenses nil.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

P. P. Simbalist Const.
(P.R. Simbalist) Reg. No. 12512.

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

Diary Date:
17-8-41.

Sir: **FORWARDED:**

1. It appears that there is very little activity in Communist circles in the Crows Nest Pass at the present time.

Leth. 21-7-41
H:A

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

[Signature]
Sd. "J. Brunet" Inspector
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alta.,
23-7-41.
P/H

R. E. Mercer
R. E. Mercer, Supt.,
For Off. Comdg. "K" Division
A.O.L.



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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment Blairmore
Province Alberta Date 5-5-41

470622 MAY 1941

File References

Re: "May Day Manifesto" Communist Party of Canada - Blairmore, Alta.

SECRET

Headquarters

1. This has reference to the above, Memo. of the Officer Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division, dated April 29th, and Secret C.M. of the Officer Commanding "K" Div., dated April 19th.

Sub-Division

2. Prior to the 29th April, I had the Central Canadian Greyhound Bus, C.P.R. and Post Office checked through out the Pass, without finding any parcels that might have contained these Manifestos.

L.S. 52-163

Detachment

3. On the 29th April I made a check of the Pass, assisted by other members of this detachment, in case it was decided to distribute the May Day Manifestos early than anticipated. None were found.

P. C. R.
First.

4. On the 30th April I placed Cst. Hough at Bellevue, Cst. Simbalist at Coleman, Cst. Logan at Blairmore, and had Cst. Pangman on patrol through the Pass, via police car 3343. Patrols were sent out at 8.45 P.M., and remained on duty until 6.30 A.M. the following morning. Through the night Cst. Pangman contacted other members and kept in touch with my by phone. He also checked Hillcrest in company with Cst. Hough who patrolled over there from Bellevue.

5. At 4 A.M. Cst. Simbalist phoned to the effect he had found 10 copies of the May Day Manifestos in yards of residences in Bus Town, Coleman, along the main street. They had been placed over a small section, and no one had been observed because there were no lights and the night was very dark. There are so many people in that section of the town that are Communist sympathizers it would be impossible even to suggest the guilty party or parties. Although a thorough search was made in the town of Coleman, no other Manifestos were found.

6. At 4.30 A.M. Cst. Pangman phoned and advised me that he and Cst. Hough had found six copies of the May Day Manifesto, which had been distributed in Peaceful Valley, about half a mile east of Hillcrest. These were found at approx. 4.35 A.M. May 1st. Two men were observed in a yard and on being questioned gave their names as [REDACTED]. They were dressed in pants, suit coats, shoes, but no shirts, having the appearance of having dressed in a hurry. The told Csts. Pangman and Hough that they had heard a dog barking and got up to see what was causing him to bark. They appeared very nervous, but denied knowing anything about the May Day Manifestos. However some Manifestos were found within a few houses of the [REDACTED] shack.

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Re: "May Day Manifesto" -
Communist Party of Canada.

7. On making further investigations I find that [redacted] is a communist sympathizer. He is mentioned in Cst. Wonnor's report of the 28th Jan. 1941, under the heading of the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation, Crows Nest Pass.

8. [redacted] does not appear to be known in this district. He claims to have been in Hillcrest only a short time, but I was unable to learn anything about his past. But the fact he is living with [redacted] would lead one to believe that he is also a sympathizer. He also stated that he is a miner and employed at the Bellevue Mine.

9. I have had a very thorough check made of the Pass towns, but I am unable to find where any more of the May Day Manifestos have been distributed.

10. It would appear that [redacted] are responsible for the distributing of the pamphlets in the district known as Peaceful Valley close to Hillcrest. However, they were not seen distributing them, and they have denied their guilt

T.E. Mudiman
A/Sgt.
(T.E. MUDIMAN) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED:

1. As it appears very unlikely that any useful information will be obtained at this date as to the person or persons responsible for the distribution of the May Day Manifesto in the Blairmore district, I concur with the conclusion of the file.

CONCLUDED.

Leth. 8-5-41
H:A

[Signature]
Sgt. "E. Brunet" Inspector
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Edmonton, Alta.,
12-5-41.
EP/M

R. E. Mercer
R. E. Mercer, Supt.,
i/c "K" Div., C.I.B.

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DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION
"K"

SUB-DIVISION
Lethbridge

DETACHMENT
Blairmore

PROVINCE
Alberta

DATE
April 24th, 1941.

FILE REFERENCES
SECRET.

RE: The Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alta.

AMENDED TO : [REDACTED] Blairmore, Alta.
War Measures Act.

HEADQUARTERS

1. With reference to the above, and further to the report of SGT. J.A. Cawsey dated the 29th ultimo, the correspondence etc. seized in a search of the premises of [REDACTED] have not been translated and a report containing the translations started. In view of the amount of contents, it is respectfully requested that the Diary Date be extended to 3-5-41, next.

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L.S. 52-6-50

Expenses - nil.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

DETACHMENT

P.R. Simbalist Const.
(P.R. Simbalist) Reg. No. 12512.

B2-1.

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

P. C. R.

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

6-8-26
to
29-3-41.

Leth. 26-4-41
H:A

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

A. R. V. No.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Edmonton, Alta.,
1-5-41.
EP/H

A. G. Marson, Insp.,
For Off. i/c "K" Div. C.I.B.

DIARY DATE

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division
"K"

Sub-Division
Lethbridge.

Detachment
Blairmore.

19020 APR 1941

Province
Alberta.

Date
March 29th.1941.

"SECRET"

File References

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

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L.S.52-6-5C

Detachment
40B2.1

P.C.R.

to

February 24/41

Diary Date.
29.4.41.

1. Referring to the above matter, the communist party as a whole have on the surface been quiet. As a result of information received several searches have been made during the past week, at the following places.

[REDACTED] this man is mentioned throughout Communists files and under date of April 26th 1940 Personal History file was compiled and submitted reference " [REDACTED] L.S.52-60B. During this search numerous letters were located, all written in the Ukrainian language, Const.Simbalist of this detachment who both reads and writes Ukrainian, has briefly gone over such letters and he informs me that such letters contained matters regarding the collecting of monies from persons of the Crows Nest Pass, for the party interests. Several copies of books written by Doris Neilson.M.V.B were found as well. Const.Simbalist is presently working on the translation of such letters and when completed all such letters will be forwarded together with translations for instructions, the brief outline of letters which I now have, I am of the opinion will be of great interest to this Force and more particularly to this detachment as they mostly concern this area. Translations are being expedited.

[REDACTED] resident of Hillcrest.Alta. mentioned in file No [REDACTED] L.S.52-2-690 this house was also searched, all that was found were two books showing membership of both [REDACTED] and his wife to the U.L.F.T.A. in the case of the wife the membership was paid up to the end of 1940. Investigations are going forward in this matter and reports will be submitted. No Communist literature was found during this search other than the books mentioned.

2. I have spent much time endeavouring to ascertain whether or not the communist angle was entering the present labour disputes at Coleman.Alta. refer to file [REDACTED] nothing to the present has shown such to be the case.

3. Touch is being kept with the situation and reports will be submitted.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

Sergt.Regt.No6367

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

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re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
BLAIRMORE, Alberta.

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Cst. Connors, Lethbridge.

For your information.

Leth. 2-4-41
A.

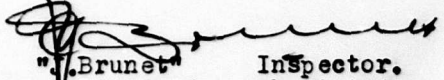
"J. Brunet" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

Sir:
FORWARDED:

1. It will be noted that Cst. Simbalist is working on the translation of the letters found by searching the premises of [redacted] and a further report will be submitted in due course.

Leth. 2-4-41
H:A

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

Deputy Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings,
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta,
April 8th, 1941.
K/DP

R. E. Mercer, Supt.,
i/c "K" Division C. I. B.

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Edmonton, Alberta,
April 8th, 1941.
K/DP

R. E. Mercer.
R. E. Mercer, Supt.,
i/c "K" Division C. I. B.

Division File No. [REDACTED]

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE 3851 MAR 2 1941

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment S-D CIB
Province Alberta Date 12-3-41

File References

Re: The Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

"SECRET" [REDACTED]

Headquarters [REDACTED]

Sub-Division

L.S. 52-6-5-C

Detachment

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P. C. R.

Blairmore

6-8-36

to

24-2-41

Lethbridge

1. With reference to the above and to previous reports I am advised as follows:

"No organized activity is known to be taking place amongst Communists in the Crows Nest Pass."

"Amongst themselves the Communists are talking as radical as ever and address each other as 'Comrade' They state that there is really no one in the Pass at this time to take up open leadership and they wish Oscar Morgan or Harvey Murphey were there to take some leadership."

"The general feeling amongst the radicals in Blairmore is that Britain will collapse internally before Germany and that Russia will then take over."

"Practically all the communists in the Pass have joined the Social Credit Club there." Albert Olsen taking the leadership as Secretary of the Social Credit Club.

"Enoch Williams in the position of Mayor and Secretary of the Blairmore Local of the U.M. Worker's Union is talked about amongst the radicals as having gone soft because of his recent activity in defending the Company policies of hiring outside men in the mines before the sons of the local miners have obtained employment."

"No actual activity in connection with the spreading of propaganda is taking place in the pass area."

"[REDACTED] is drinking very heavily around the pass. He is not known to be connected with the Communist Party however associates with Communists during his organizing activities. No activity on the part of the Communist Party is known to be taking place within the miner's Union."

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

[Signature] Const.
J. S. Connors #12625.

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The Communist Party of Canada
Blairmore, Alberta

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N.C.O. I/c Blairmore.

For your information.

You will note that practically all the Communists in the Pass have joined the Social Credit Club. Albert Olson, the man you recently referred to as the key man in the Crows Nest Pass, is taking the leadership of this club as the secretary. You will please submit a report naming the officers of this club and the names of the known members, stating whether or not, from your available information, they were previously known to you as Communists.

You will discreetly keep the activities of this particular organization under observation and report such under the heading of the "Communist Party of Canada - Blairmore, Alta." as this would appear to be the means of Communists meeting at that particular point. You might also advise in your report whether this particular club embraces memberships from other points in the Crows Nest Pass.

D.D. 31-3-41.

Leth. 13-3-41

H:A

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

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

Sir:

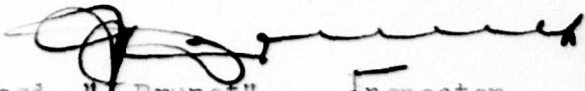
FORWARDED:

1. The foregoing covers a recent survey made of the situation at Blairmore. It will be noted that a number of known Communists have joined a Social Credit Club at that point. Albert Olson has apparently taken the leadership as secretary of the Social Credit Club. This man was recently reported on by the N.C.O. i/c Blairmore Detachment, under date of the 28th February 1941 with which report F. 215 and 215A were forwarded, as a potential leader of the Communists at Blairmore.

2. I would refer you to my forwarding minute to Cst. Connors' report dated at Lethbridge, March 12th, going forward in today's mail re "Communist Party of Canada - Lethbridge, Alta". The same situation as exists in Lethbridge appears to exist in the Crows Nest Pass. There is apparently no organization of the Party in the Crows nest Pass. Their outlet, however, possible for meeting, is through the Social Credit Club.

Leth. 13-3-41

H:A


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

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[REDACTED]

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information, together with copies of memorandum to the Officer Commanding, Lethbridge Sub-Division setting out the proper heading and file number to use for reports on Communist Party activity within the Social Credit Party.

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Edmonton, Alberta,
March 19th, 1941.
P/DP

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

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[REDACTED]
Edmonton, Alberta,
March 19th, 1941.

Your File No. L.S. 52-6-5-C

S E C R E T

Officer Commanding,
R. C. M. Police,
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.

Re: Communist Party of Canada -
Blairmore - Alberta.

With reference to Cst. Connors' report of the 12th March and your instructions to the N. C. O. in Charge of Blairmore Detachment appended thereto, when Blairmore Detachment reports upon the Social Credit Club at Blairmore will you please have the report headed - "Communist Party Activity in Social Credit Party - Blairmore, Alta." using "K" Division File [REDACTED]

A. G. Marsom, Insp.,
i/c Intelligence Section.

Division File No. [REDACTED]

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K"	Lethbridge	Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		February 24th.1941.

"SECRET"

File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA.
Blairmore Alta.

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Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S.52-6-50

Detachment

40B2.1.

P. C. R.

6.8.36

to

1.2.41.

Diary Date

24.3.41.

1. Referring to the above heading conditions regarding the Communist party have been quiet. No. activity of any sort. I am reliably informed that the party have been inactive during the past month.

2. Albert Olson presently considered the key man of the party in the Blairmore district [REDACTED] he has been very active in the curling club and has been at the rink practically every night [REDACTED]

3. The activities of the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation [REDACTED], which undoubtedly is closely affiliated with the Party have been kept under close observation. Nothing of importance however has transpired.

4. Continued observation will be maintained on this party.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Sergt. Regt. No 6367

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

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information, together with copy of my memorandum to the N.C.O. i/c Blairmore Detachment of today's date.

Leth. 26-2-41

H:A

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

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information, together with copies of memo of the Officer Commanding, Lethbridge Sub-Division.

Edmonton, Alberta,
March 3rd, 1941.
P/DP

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

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[REDACTED]

Lethbridge, February 26, 1941.

L.S. 52-6-50

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"S E C R E T"

N.C.O. I/c Detachment,
Blairmore.

re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
Blairmore, Alberta

1. Your report of February 24th is acknowledged and it is noted in para. [REDACTED] thereof you state that Albert [REDACTED] is presently considered the [REDACTED] of the Communist Party in the Blairmore district.
2. I find from perusal of reports emanating from your detachment that this man was mentioned in Blairmore report of September 24, 1939 and in para. [REDACTED] of this report it is stated [REDACTED] convened a meeting under his chairmanship of the executive of the local Communist Party". At this date he was a member of the Town Council. The next report we have on this person from you is dated March 24th, 1940. In this report you cover further enquiries made concerning the distribution of Communist pamphlets. In para. [REDACTED] thereof you state "I am also further informed that [REDACTED] Party member and former town councillor, assisted with the distribution at Blairmore".
3. This is all the information that we have on this subject who has now developed into what you describe as the [REDACTED] of this Party in the Blairmore district".
4. You will please, without delay, submit a complete history of this man on Forms 215 and 215A.

"J. Brunet" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-div'n.

H:A

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BLAIRMORE, ALTA.

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R AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date February 1st. 1941.

"SECRET"
File References

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

Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S 52-6-5 C

Detachment

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P. C. R.

6.8.36

to

5.1.41.

Diary Date

5.3.41.

1. Reference the above subject, [REDACTED] it is found that activity among the party is nil, that is as active communists.

2. During the past period considerable investigation has been carried on in connection with the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation. L.S. 52-9 D. It has been found that the following active members of the Federation are active indeed in the Federation in most cases as officers of the local branches.

3. Earnest Coates (the present secretary of the English branch at Bellevue. Alta. whilst not an out and out communist, had during the years 1932.34 -35 rather radical leanings, he has been quiet since re employment at the mines.

Mike Gregory treasurer of the same branch of the Federation, has not been active for some years, he participated in parades etc, during the years 32.33.34.

The subjects [REDACTED] have been known for years as sympathizers with the communist party. All persons mentioned in Para. [REDACTED] are subjects of Lethbridge C.I.B report headed Independent Mutual Federation [REDACTED] dated 28.1.41.

4. From my investigations I am satisfied that the Federation is controlled by, and under the control of the communist party, and whilst the Federation on the surface is at present quiet and within the law that the Federation is being used to keep the communist party machinery intact and ready for instant action. The activities of this Federation are being closely watched and reports will be submitted.

5. Mrs. John (MARY) NORTH of Blairmore. Alta. very active in communist matters until the last year, and a subject of practically all reports dealing with communism in this area, has died. She may be struck from our records.

6. Investigations will be continued and reports will be submitted in due course.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

Bergt. Regt. No 6367

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

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

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

Sir:

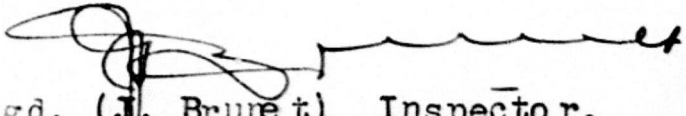
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1. This has further reference to Blairmore Detachment report of January 22nd, 1941, and to Cst. Connors' report of January 28th dealing with the Communist activities of persons mentioned in Sgt. Cawsey's report as officials of this organization in the Crows Nest Pass, and to my forwarding remarks to Cst. Connors' report of January 28th to the N.C.O. I/c Blairmore Detachment. Please refer to your file [REDACTED]

2. It will be noted that Mrs. John (Mary) North of Blairmore, who has been very active in the Crows Nest Pass until recent date is now deceased.

3. The activities of the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation will be closely watched.

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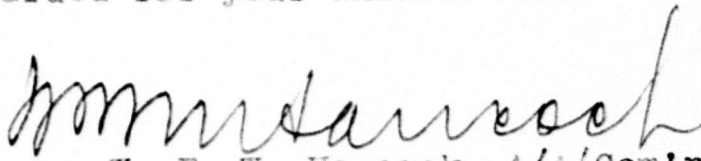

sgd. (J. Brunet) Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

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Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta,
February 5th, 1941.
P/DP


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

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"E"		Victoria, B.C.
Province	Date	
British Columbia	27-1-41	

File References
SECRET

Re: **Communist Party of Canada.**
Blairmore - Alberta

Headquarters

1. With reference to D/Insp. J. Fripps' memo of the 14-1-41 and Const. J. S. Connors' report from Lethbridge, S.D. CIB of the 4-1-41.

2. The last paragraph of Cst. Connors' report has been noted. It is drawn to attention that there is no Canadian Navy detachment stationed at Nanaimo, B.C. However, as the soldier in question might have been speaking of Comox, B.C. the writer made enquiries at that point but without result.

Concluded Victoria.

Expenses F.93 Jan.16/31.1940

J.E. Banks Const.
(J.E. Banks) Reg. No. 7406

The O.C. "E" Division
R.C.M.P., Vancouver, B.C.

Sir;- Forwarded 27-1-41

1. Para 2 is drawn to your attention.

A. Thornthwaite Supt.
for Insp.
(C.R. Peters) a.o.d.

i/c Vancouver Island Section

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

Sir: **FORWARDED:** Please note that there is no Canadian Navy Detachment stationed at Nanaimo, and that enquiries were also made at Comox, but without result.

Vancouver.
29-1-41.
AHL/M.

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(SGD)
(A.S. Cooper) Supt.
Commanding "E" Division.

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Vancouver.
29-1-41.
AHL/M.

File numbers must be quoted (A.S. Cooper) Supt.
Commanding "E" Divn. 000393

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date January 5th.1941

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"Secret"
File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA-
Blairmore Alta.

Headquarters

1. Reference the above matter. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] there were no activity among ~~party~~-persons suspected of being members of the communist party over the festive season. My own observations as well showed conditions among known former members as quiet.

Sub-Division

2. During my service in this area, I have never noticed so much decorating for Xmas and New Years in housews occupied by former known communists. In former years Xmas was "just another day", but this year as mentioned considerable time and money was spent on decorations etc.

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Detachment
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3. Due to the working conditions in the coal mines previous to and during the holiday season little time was left for social or other activities.

P. C. R.

6.8.36
to
11.12.40

No Expense.
Still Under Investigation.

D.Date.
5.2.41.

[Signature]

Sergt.Regt.No6367

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

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

Sir: FORWARDED:

1. In connection with the situation in the Crows Nest Pass, please refer to Cst. Connors' report of the 4th instant, in which you will note that there is no organized activity amongst the Communist Party in the Crows Nest Pass at the present time.

Leth. 7-1-41
H:H

[Signature]
sgd. (P. Brunet) Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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[REDACTED]

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

W.F.W. Hancock

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

Edmonton
10-1-41
P/F

Division File No. [REDACTED]

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment S-D CIB
Province Alberta Date 4-1-41

Re: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

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File References

"S E C R E T"

Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S. 52-6-5-C

Detachment

P. C. R.

Blairmore
6-8-36
to
11-12-40

Lethbridge
26-4-38
10-9-40

1. With reference to the above and to previous reports as marginally noted the following is learned concerning the Communist Party in the Crows Nest Pass District.

"Members of the Party in the Pass District are very quiet and although they are associating together considerably, there is no organized activity amongst them. There is no leadership amongst them as yet and Enoch Williams has not made any efforts to revive the movement."

"There is a strong Communistic feeling among members in the Pass however the fear of prosecution is keeping them very close mouthed."

"No organizers or travelling members of the Party have been known to visit the Pass for some time. No further trace has been learned of [REDACTED] present whereabouts, no is he known to have re-visited the Pass since June 1940. Activities are at a standstill. The strong radical feeling amongst members is only shown in very guarded remarks."

"A soldier recently released from the Army at Vancouver visited the Pass a few weeks ago and passed remarks that there was considerable agitation amongst the soldiers at the Coast and that the Communist Party had a contact man in the Canadian Navy stationed at Nanaimo B.C. It is regretted that further information could not be obtained as to the identity of the soldier however this information is reported for what it may be worth."

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information and that of the O.C. "E" Division.

Leth. 6-1-41
H:H

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

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[REDACTED]

Officer Commanding,
"E" Div. R.C.M.P.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information, with
particular attention to the last paragraph hereof.
Copies of this report are being sent to the
Commissioner.

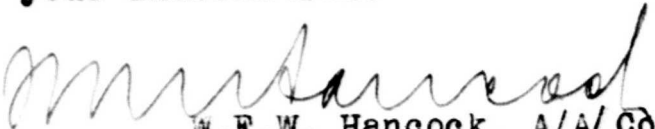
R.E. Mercer, Supt.
i/c "K" Div. C.I.B.

Edmonton
10-1-41
P/F

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.


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

Edmonton
10-1-41
P/F

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date December 11th.1940.

"SECRET"

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

File References

Headquarters

Sub-Division

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Detachment

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P. C. R.

6.8.36

to

20-11.40.

Diary Date.

11.1.41.

23 DEC 1940

1. Since submitting last report a survey has been made of this detachment area in connection with the above subject.The following has been found.

2. For some months previous to the communist party becoming illegal, the organization in the Crows Nest Pass was badly disrupted, with little activity being shown, with the War Measures act coming into force ,all activity ceased.As reported in my previous report 20.11.40 there appears to be some activity among the party at Coleman, close investigation of this matter however reveals to the present such activity consists of what appears on the surface as "just ordinary " house parties, visits to such places reveals that those in attendance were in practically every case former members,or adherents to the party.I have been informed that the only activity in the Coleman area is among the Ukrainians and Russians. I am further informed that whilst some activity is apparent that no real communist meetings are being held, nor has any one of the former members declared themselves anew.

3. Blairmore remains very disrupted, but still it is noted that certain former members (known) of the party are frequenting together more than they have for the past few months.Enoch Williams ,Mayor of Blairmore Alta. and former secretary of the Communist party in this area, I am informed will not be a candidate in February for the mayors chair, he has been exceptionally busy with his duties in connection with the position of local secretary for the U.M.W of A local and complains that he has not times for other matters.Williams it will be remembered, was supposed to have resigned from the party previous to the last Provincial election, and at that time was not in favour of party members due to his action over certain town matters.In my opinion Williams is the only person who can revive the party in Blairmore,Alta.and I am informed that after February 1940 Williams will become more active in party matters.

4. At Bellevue and Hillcrest conditions remain quiet with no meetings being held,the same condition exists at those points as at Coleman.The Ukrainians and some Slavs are mixing more than they have for the past few months. Those referred to having been known to be members of the communist party or close adherents to same.

5. The situation briefly appears to me from information received and observations,that a movement is on foot, to feel the situation out, such feelers being at present in the form of house parties, similiar to that referred to in the Coleman area para 1 hereof, and from this branching out a little bolder.

Please refer to page two.

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

6. To the present however apart from the activity mentioned , no other activity has been attempted and conditions are indeed quiet.

7. Close touch is being kept with the situation and should anything be found ,a report will be submitted at once. No outside members of the party , such as organizers , have visited this area.

Still Under Investigation.



Sergt.Regt.No6367

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

Cst. Connors,
Lethbridge

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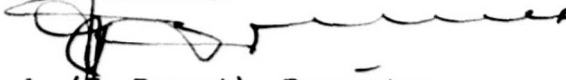
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sgd. (J. Brunet) Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.



Leth. 13-12-40
H:H

sgd. (J. Brunet) Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

R.E. Mercer
R.E. Mercer, Supt.
for Off. Comdg. "K" Division
A. O. D.

Edmonton
17-12-40
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "X" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date November 20th.1940.

"SECRET"

File References

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

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Headquarters

1. Further to marginally noted reported re the above matter, during the past two weeks a survey has been made of the situation. There appears to be more activity in the party in the Coleman Area. I have been able to make further contacts in this area and look for more information of a definite nature.

Sub-Division

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2. On Saturdaynight and Sunday morning Nov.16th and 17th 1940, whilst on patrol in the east Coleman area, it was noticed that activity was current at the home of [REDACTED], I paid a visit to the house and found a beer party in progress, it was noticable that the majority present were former known members of the communist party.

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Some months ago beer parties were common among former members of the party, and were for the purpose of getting the members together under the pretense of a house party and then taking collections for party movements. Such parties however died down. [REDACTED] this is the first party held for a long while, and that no collection was taken, nor was any subversive matters discussed, and to all intents and purposes it was the forerunner only of some activity in the party.

P. C. R.

6.8-4936
to
24.10.40

CANDED

Diary Date.
20.12.40.

3. Blairmore has been quiet, I am informed that Mrs. John North, former active member has quit the party entirely, this may however be one of pretence only, it is definite however that she is not active. The subject mentioned in para. [REDACTED] of previous report has also been quiet, I am informed that the wife and growing sons object to connection of the father with the party. The premises of this subject was mentioned as a possible place for search, but as a result of information received and from personal observation I do not think that at present results would be obtained.

4. Bellevue and Hillcrest are not active and conditions among the party former members are quiet.

5. From my investigations and information received, there appears to be signs of some activity at Coleman among the Ukrainians and Russians, this is being closely watched and developments will be reported, with proper action being taken

Re C. 20 from 20-11-40
No Expense. 13-6-63
Still Under Investigation.



Sergt. Regt. No 367

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Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
Blairmore, Alberta.

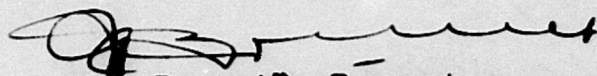
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O.C. "K" Division,
R.C.M.P: EDMONTON.

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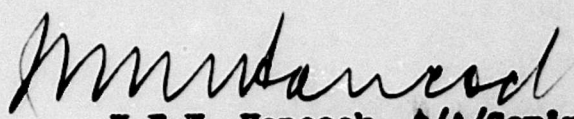
Leth. 23-11-40
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sgd. "J. Brunet" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.


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

Edmonton
30-11-40
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Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date October 24th.1940.

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File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA. *Re* CARDED - 20 *from*
Blairmore. Alta.

13-6-63

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Headquarters

Sub-Division
L.S.52-6-5 C

Detachment

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CARDED

P.C.R.

6.8.36
to
2.10.40.

Diary Date.
24.11.40.

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1. Reference my report of the 2.10.40 headed as above, para 5 thereof, I have not gained any further information regarding the literature coming from Calgary by transients. The communist situation remains very quiet, [REDACTED] due to the present mild weather persons who are communist inclined are spending much time about their houses, cleaning yards and working outside and taking long walks in the hills and are not gathering together and talking. With a change in weather conditions [REDACTED] more activity will be noticed among the known communists as they then gather at houses at nights and talk. The only matter of local interest that I have heard about is the local town elections, when a Mayor and two councillors are to be elected, this has caused some discussion as the present Mayor, a communist adherent is in "bad" with the party, the elections however will not be held until February 1941 and such discussions are presently not at fever heat.

2. The subject [REDACTED] mentioned in my report of the 13th June 1940 and following reports is now steadily employed at the mines at Bellevue. Alta. he will not be leaving the area, now that he has obtained employment, he has been of late rather quiet and his place of abode is also quiet, with few visitors. In my report of Aug 6th. 1940 it was suggested that a search would be made of this mans premises, however with present conditions I am of the opinion that any search would prove abortive.

3. Referring to letter of O.C. "K" Div Intelligence section and to O.C. Lethbridge S/Div. forwarding minute dated 15.10.40. regarding possible searches, it has been my information that some literature could be found at the homes of the following: Ole Olson, Blairmore Alta. old time communist and engineer at the Greenhill mines. Blairmore Alta. organizaer for the C.L.D.L. previous to such organization becoming illegal. Bellevue. Alta. head of the Bellevue radicals, and possibly [REDACTED] who I am informed is the leader of a Police communist group.

[REDACTED] of the opinion that searches carried out in the middle of November 1940 would be more effective than at present, as by that time the weather will have changed and possible more activity will be noted, I am however fully convinced that some literature at least, would be found at the homes of Olson at Blairmore Alta. At the present time the actions of the Soviet Union are being watched by certain elements throughout the Pass and whilst I state November would be opportune I have such actions in mind, if the Soviet Union were to join Britan and not Hitler, there is eve-

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page two.

ReTHE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA-Blairmore Alta.

Para. 3 continued. every reason or possibility of the communist party becoming more active, both in their correspondence and literature and results would be better from such searches.

4. As mentioned I am of the opinion from information received, that literature can be found at any time at the [redacted] Olson homes at Blairmore. Alta. but once a search has been made for such articles in any one area, the others would naturally be on the alert, hence my suggestion of searches in the month of ~~November~~-November. when all places mentioned could be covered at the same time.

5. I would request instructions please, as to the matter of searches.

Still Under Investigation.



Sergt. Regt. No. 367

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

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

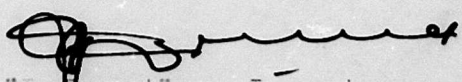
Sir:

FORWARDED together with copy of my minute of the 15th instant forwarding memorandum of the Officer i/c Intelligence Section dated October 9th to the N.O.O. i/c of Blairmore Detachment.

S/

Some several weeks ago I discussed with Sgt. Harvey and Sgt. Cawsey the matter of making searches at Blairmore and Lethbridge at the residences of known prominent Communists in these areas. We have one or two places at Lethbridge that we intend to search. However, it was thought that searches at Blairmore ~~should be made at the same time.~~ It will be noted that Sgt. Cawsey considers that it should be done in November. We have no information, at the present time, that suggests that any of these Communists may have any literature or correspondence in connection with the present activities of the Communist Party, but I do not consider that a search would do any particular harm and we may obtain some results, therefrom.

Leth. 26-10-40
H:A



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

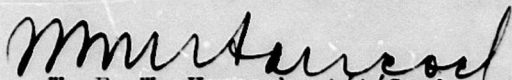
The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

24-10-40

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1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. Communism in the Crow's Nest Pass is being closely supervised and the Defence of Canada Regulations will be strictly enforced.

Edmonton, Alberta,
November 2nd, 1940.
P/DP



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

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"S E C R E T"

re: The Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

N.C.O. I/c BLAIRMORE

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For your information.

With reference to a recent patrol of your sto Lethbridge, and a conversation which took place in my office in regard to the possibility of taking some action under the War Measures Act in connection with Communistic activities in the Crows Nest Pass, you will please submit a report outlining what action you propose to take. I will then give the matter consideration and instruct at what time the action should be taken. You might, in submitting your report, advise me what time you consider would be most convenient for your detachment.

Leth. 15-10-40
H:L

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

24-10-40

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Division File No.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date October 2nd 1940.

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File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
BLAIRMORE. Alta.

Re CARDED - 20

13-6-63

Headquarters

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Sub-Division

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CARDED
Detachment

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P. C. R.

6-8-36

to

31-8-40

Lethbridge

2.11.40.

10.9.40

Diary Date

2.11.40.

1. Reference the above matter, close touch has been kept on the activities of the party in this area, on the surface everything appears quiet.

2. Regarding Lethbridge C.I.B. report dated 10.9-40 para 2, SP.4, it is known that the party at Blairmore is still intact, and as days go by this becomes more apparent, the matter of discussions about relief being cut off, has not been so evident although it has been brought to my attention. The matter of the Town elections however is the usual Blairmore conversation, at each election time and previous to same, election committees are appointed from the Union, the majority of such committee are known communists, or at least were members of the party previous to same being banned.

3. The subject of the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation at Hillcrest, Alta. has left the area he having left Hillcrest, Alta shortly after the closing of the mine at that point. He is presently at Michel B.C. he was never dangerous.

4. The subject went to Ontario where he was interested in a tobacco farm, my latest information on this man is that he is returning to Lethbridge, Alta. for the information of Lethbridge C.I.B. Repas himself is not bad.

she has numerous friends in North Lethbridge and was a frequent visitor at that point. I do not think that will return to Hillcrest Alta. as the mines are closed, and again he left this district as a result of activities of this detachment over distribution of pamphlets.

5. With the mines working on short pay, I am looking for more activity in the communist ranks,

I have received a report that literature is coming out of Calgary by persons jumping freights and dropping the same off at intermediate points, I have not got anything definite on this as yet, nor have I been able to locate any such literature.

6. In brief the situation is quiet, continued touch is being kept and reports will be submitted.

2-10-40
Expense- General subversive.

Still Under Investigation

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

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Re: The Communist Party of Canada
Blairmore, Alta.

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Constable Connors,
Lethbridge.

For your information. This has reference to your
report of the 10th ultimo.

Leth. 3-10-40

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

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

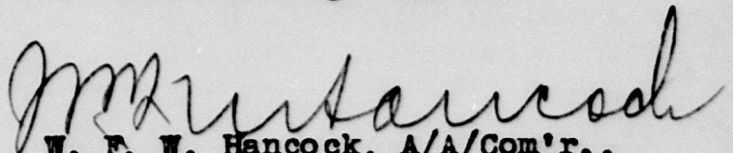
Leth. 3-10-40

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information,
together with copies of memorandum to the Officer
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division. Every effort will
be made to control the activity of ex-members of the
Communist Party and prevent their underground re-
organization.

Edmonton, Alberta,
October 9th, 1940.
P/DP


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

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[REDACTED] Edmonton, Alberta, October 9th, 1940.

S/Div. L.S. 52-6-50

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Officer Commanding,
R. C. M. Police,
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.

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

1. With reference to secret report of Constable J. S. Connors of Lethbridge C. I. B. dated 10th September, 1940, and further report in regard thereto submitted by Sergt. Cawsey of Blairmore Detachment relative to Communist conditions at Blairmore and throughout the Crow's Nest Pass generally, it appears necessary to endeavour to take action to prevent the Communist Party from recommencing its activities in any form.
2. The difficulties to be surmounted are well appreciated by this Headquarters but it is suggested that the N. C. O. in charge of Blairmore Detachment take whatever steps he considers advisable to enforce the Defence of Canada Regulations. Possibly a search of the premises of ex-members of the Party who it is thought are responsible for keeping unity among the Communist element may reveal correspondence or literature that would at least indicate they are contravening Paragraph (2) of Regulation 39 C or Regulation 39 D of the Defence of Canada Regulations.
3. If it is found that any particular individual is acting as organizer for the Communist Party in the Crow's Nest Pass and sufficient evidence cannot be obtained to secure a conviction, then it would be advisable to submit a Personal History File and a Brief on Forms 237, making a recommendation for the individual's internment. It is imperative that the freedom of Communist organizers in the Crow's Nest Pass should be restricted, particularly as an industry of national importance is located there.

F/DP

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D. L. McGibton, Insp., 000407
i/c Intelligence Section.

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Division File No.

REAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment	Date
"K"	Lethbridge	Lethbridge CIB	10-19-40
Province			
Alberta			

File References
SECRET

Re: Communist Party of Canada - Blairmore - Alberta.

Headquarters

1. With reference to the above and to previous reports as marginally noted.

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2. In connection with Communist Party activities in the Pass District and Blairmore, the following information has been obtained

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Detachment

William Rogers, Communist Party organizer and member of the Provincial Committee was in Blairmore for a short period during the month of June 1940 and advised several members there that all the personal history briefs of main Party leaders, including two photographs of each, which had been compiled during the year 1938 by the Communist Party on its Alberta members, had fallen into the hands of the police at Edmonton through a traitor on the Provincial Committee and as a result of this instructions had been issued from the Dominion Bureau of the Party for the betrayed members to avoid all open activities in connection with the Party and that all responsible work should be carried on by other unknown members who were to be drafted from the rank and file of party membership in Alberta."

P. C. R.

Lethbridge
26-4-38
Blairmore
Various

"Changes in this direction have not been known as yet to have taken place in the Pass Area".

"The Communist Party in Blairmore is holding together very strongly and have been lately avoiding the holding of general meetings, however have been practicing and carrying on of contact by meeting in small groups of two and three and at times of larger numbers, at billiard halls and beer parlours and discussing political questions, and labour matters. The question of the cutting of relief recently has occupied a large part of their conversations however at the present time under the circumstances, no plan or action could be arranged in view of difficulties involved. The internment recently of William Repka from Lethbridge is being discussed and has temporarily caused a quieting effect. Considerable discussion is taking place over the next Civic Election at Blairmore and word is being passed around to prepare for this and to back party and labour candidates. It is expected that two new members will be elected to the town council and it is proposed to make every effort to have the seats filled by Party members of sympathizers in order to continue to enjoy the majority and control over the town administration which they have at the present time."

"Although not holding any actual meetings at the present time a strong feeling of brotherhood and of 'carrying on' is present and the tendency of sympathy towards Hitler which is present - (CONTINUED)

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RE: Communist Party of Canada - Blairmore - Alberta.

(Cont'd) which is present amongst Lethbridge party members is not noticeable amongst Communists at Blairmore, true Soviet ideals being more prevalent there."

"No known travelling organizers have been known to visit the Pass for some time with the exception of William Rogers and conditions have been fairly quiet apart from the interest being proposed in the next Civic election and it is likely that considerable activity will take place in that district at that time."

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✓ Joe Hogyan an active Party Member and Secretary of the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation at Hillcrest moved recently to Michel B.C. where he has a shoemaking shop."

✓ Steve Repas, active Communist Party member for the "Munkas Drive" in the Pass and the Hungarian Worker's Club moved to Ontario about April 1940 and has recently returned to East Coulee, Alberta, leaving his wife in Ontario. He is expected to return shortly to Hillcrest and be re-accepted amongst the Communist element there."

3. Personal History Forms will be submitted on from this office.

N.C.O. I/c Detachment,
BLAIRMORE

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

1. With reference to your report of August 31st, and especially to para. 3 thereof in which you request if any information is available at this Headquarters in connection with the Communist activities in the Crows Nest Pass which may have been disclosed in the investigations of this party at Lethbridge that you be advised.

2. The foregoing is the available information at this point. You will be further advised should any additional information be received which may be of interest to you in connection with investigations in the Crows Nest Pass.

Leth. 11-9-40
H:H

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

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information. I deemed it advisable in view of Sgt. Cawsey's request in his report of August 31st to have a check made of the Communist activities in the Crows Nest Pass.

2. It is interesting to note that the Communist Party at Blairmore is said to be holding together very strongly, and have been carrying on their meetings in small groups of twos and threes, and these meetings have taken place at different places.

3. It will be noted that an effort will be made to have the seats on the Blairmore Town Council filled by members of the Communist Party, in order that they can control the administration of the town.

Leth. 11-9-40
H:H

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Conditions at Blairmore will be closely watched and
appropriate action taken under the Defence of Canada
Regulations if evidence of infractions of those Reg-
ulations are obtained.

Edmonton, Alberta,
September 13th, 1940.
P/P

W. F. W. Hancock

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

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Division File No.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge. Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta. Date August 31st.1940.

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File References

Re: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA
BLAIRMORE. ALTA.

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Headquarters

1. Further to marginally noted reports re. the above subject. The subject mentioned in previous report has been kept under close observation and no activity has been shown by this man. He is being continued as a subject of investigation.

Sub-Division

L.S. 52-6-5C

2. Whilst on the surface communists are all quiet, I am strongly of the opinion that such is not the case and have for the past week been endeavouring through informants and otherwise to get at the bottom of such opinion. I have nothing definite in the way of information, and all informants report no activity at all. However I have noticed former key men of the communist party locally have appeared quite active, in particular mixing more with former known members of the party, and in some cases heated discussions have taken place, there is at present in Blairmore some dissatisfaction over labor matters in the local mines and I have checked some of the discussions noted down and find that labor matters were the topic, still I am not satisfied that same covered all discussions noted.

Detachment

B.2-1

P. C. R.

6.8.36

to

6-8-40.

3. The former communist party of Lethbridge Alta. has been closely connected with the Blairmore and Pass communists for some time past, it is possible that Lethbridge C.I.B. may have uncovered some information as to activity at that point. May I request please, that if any information is at hand by the Lethbridge C.I.B. that I be informed of same, so that it may help my investigations.

Diary Date.

31-9-40

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4. I will continue my investigations. Copy of report for Lethbridge C.I.B.

Still Under Investigations.

Sergt. Regt. No. 6367

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

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

Received: **FORWARDED:**

At the present time there is not a great deal of activity in Communist circles in Lethbridge.

Leth. 3-9-40
H:A

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Communist activity in the Crow's Nest Pass will
be closely watched due to the possibility of
sabotage in the coal mines of the Pass.

Edmonton, Alberta.
5 September 1940.
P.

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

Division File No.

F. 237

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Province Alberta.
Sub-Division Lethbridge
Detachment Blairmore.
Date August 6th.1940.

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File References

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

s.19(1)

Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S.52-6-50

Detachment

B.2.1.

P. C. R.

6.8.36

to

4.7.40

1. Reference the above subject, close touch has been kept on the activities of same. The very best information I have at present is that no activity of any kind is taking place in Blairmore or Coleman. Alta. I have information however that Bellevue communists are holding the odd meeting, but the places of such meetings are changed for each meeting. mentioned in previous reports is still in the district and to the best of my information is the leader at Bellevue. Alta.

2. Investigations are now going forward as to the activities , and should such investigation warrant same it is my intention of making a thorough search . However before such search is made the Officer Commanding will be consulted.

3. I would request further diary date on this file please.

No expense.
Still Under Investigation.

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

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

Diary Date

6-9-40

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

It does not appear that there is a great deal of activity in Communistic circles in the Crows Nest Pass at the present time.

Leth. 7-8-40
H:H

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
16 August 1940.
P.

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

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

F. 237

409

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division
"K"

Sub-Division
Lethbridge.

Detachment
Blairmore.

Province
Alberta.

Date
July 4th.1940.

SECRET

File References

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

s.19(1)

Headquarters

Sub-Division

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Detachment

B3-1.

P. C. R.
13.6.40

Dairy Date.
3-8-40.

1. Reference my report of the 13-6-40 re. the above heading para. 1 thereof. I am now informed that the parties referred to have now been called off, this due to in part to police action is paying visits to houses where it is noticed persons are gathering. It is my information that the collections taken at such parties were forwarded to the paper called the 'Kanudsky Vdost' it is also my information that such collections have also ceased.

2. The subject [REDACTED] mentioned in [REDACTED] of previous report, contrary to his usual custom of staying in Bushtown on nights, is now a frequent visitor at the Dutka black in Coleman. Alta. this is a gambling joint and frequented solely by Russians. This matter has been discussed with the Chief of Police of Coleman Alta. and appropriate action will be taken.

3. Reports keep coming regarding the Ukrainians, all former members of the Communist party still having meeting observations made by myself and informant shows that some persons who were active in the party have on different occasions met at houses both at the river bottom and at Hillcrest proper, four or five at a time, however the persons referred to hang about the garden and sit on the front steps of the houses referred to. Those mentioned were formerly active in benevolent organizations of the Bellevue and Hillcrest areas.

4. The subject [REDACTED] mentioned in [REDACTED] of previous report is still at Bellevue. Alta. 11-6-40

5. The party as a whole are not functioning at present according to the best information I have at present. I am satisfied however that the party will if occasion occurs be in a position to operate again. Close touch is being kept and report will be submitted.

Expense.- General subversive.
Still Under Investigation.

Re **CARDED - 20** from [REDACTED]

11-6-40

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

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

Sir: **FORWARDED** for your information.

Leth. 6-7-40

H:H

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

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[REDACTED]

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information. The radical movement in the Crow's Nest Pass is under constant surveillance and prompt action will be taken if any infraction of the War Measures Act occurs.

W.F.W. Hancock
W.F.W. Hancock, A/A/ Com'r.
Commanding "K" Div. f.c.

Edmonton
11-7-40
P/F.

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