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**MEMBERS OF LABOUR-PROGRESSIVE PARTY IN CROWS NEST PASS
(CANADA) CORRECT THEIR MISTAKE**

Building the Party organization in Crows Nest Pass was an urgent problem facing the Provincial Committees of the Party in British Columbia and Alberta at the end of last summer. The once numerically strong Party organization in this proletarian centre had lost a considerable number of its members and had practically withered away.

One of the main reasons was that those who joined the Party during the periods of upsurge in the labour movement got hardly any political training. The harm caused by disregard for study of Marxist-Leninist theory affected all the activity of the Party organization which, as a result, lost its clear perspective, did not, and could not, fulfil its role as leader of the working people; only a few of its members stood up to the growing anti-Communist attacks on the part of reaction.

The Provincial Committees set to work to raise the ideological level of the members. A number of training classes was organized, attendance at which gradually increased and, at the same time, conviction of their strength grew among the members. At the same time a change took place in the attitude of the working people to the Party and new members were recruited. Clubs were formed or reorganized in every locality. The Party organization in the town strengthened its contact with masses.

**"For a Lasting Peace,
for a People's Democracy!" - March 28, 1952.**

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DATE 5/1/54

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REF. NO.

23-4-52

MEMORANDUM TO

ANSWER TO

Officer 1/c Special Branch

Attention: S/Insp. Ashley

Re: Labor-Progressive Party,
Blairmore, Alta.

I do not attach much significance to civil defence positions being filled in Blairmore by people described as "Communists". After all, civil defence is the citizenry banding itself together to help itself and its neighbours in time of disaster. It would certainly look bad if Blairmore decided to have no civil defence preparations but the fact that the town is interested in self-preservation is, in my opinion, a sign of good citizenship. There are no secrets in civil defence, it is simply the citizen helping himself when everything else fails. I think we should be more realistic about these things and not keep on reporting them for the sake of reporting.

2. I would like to ask the question, Who else is there in Blairmore who could operate the civil defence if these people called Communists did not do it? Let the investigator tell us this.

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S. Bullard
(S. Bullard)
Assistant Commissioner
Emergency Planning Branch

OTTAWA, 23-4-52
SB/EAH

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DATE 3-1-52

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Blairmore - Population (1951 census)
1,933.

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mining Town Crow's Nest Pass area.

L.P.P. strength 23 - including
3 men inactive.

The Crow's Nest Pass area
received special attention from
the Provincial Executive Committee
L.P.P., ~~Alberta~~ Alberta & B.C., during
late summer & fall of 1951. Adolph
FOTHERN, B.C. Provincial Executive
member sent in as organizer for the
Crow's Nest Pass area including
Town of Blairmore.

(See continuation on file cover)
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REF. NO.....

21-4-52.

MEMORANDUM TO

ANSWER TO

S/Insp. Ashley.

Re: Labor-Progressive Party,
Blairmore, Alberta.

Please note contents of Lethbridge Special Branch report dated April 4th, 1952, and memorandum of the Officer i/c "K" Division C.I.B. dated April 16th, 1952. You will note that our investigator reports Communist infiltration of the Civil Defence Organization at Blairmore, Alberta. In view of this you may consider the matter of sufficient importance to warrant the attention of Assistant Commissioner Bullard, Director of Emergency Planning.

D.E. Stevens

(D.E. Stevens), A/Cpl.

Ottawa
21-4-52
DES/MJ

Sis - Mr. McLung will

probably be interested in
this item.

[Signature]
Reka. 11.11 Apr. 25.

Asst. Comm. Bullard:

Sir: Top report may
be of interest to you.
A further report under
this file, covering the
Civil Defence angle
is expected.

[Signature]

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DIVISION
"K"

DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]
SUB-DIVISION
Lethbridge

DETACHMENT
Special Branch
DATE 4 Apr. 52

PROVINCE Alberta

RE:

Labor Progressive Party - Blairmore, Alberta

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19-11-51

1. Further to the above, [REDACTED] no apparent activity on the part of the Blairmore Labor Progressive Party adherents. For some months there has been no report of meetings, or organizational activity on the part of known communists such as Charles SHAN, William JALLER, and Angelo ORLANDO. Since the departure of Enoch WILLIAMS, there has obviously been a decline in party activity.

2. The Blairmore Town Council is predominantly communist but is very circumspect in it's affairs. The Canadian Legion (B.E.S.L.) and Civil Defence organization also have communists in key positions, the Civil Defence being almost entirely under the control of known communists. There is no apparent attempt on the part of the Blairmore branch of the Canadian Legion to combat the communist influence in either organization.

J.S.C. Cpl.
1/c Sp.Br.

(P. A. E. Ward) 13549, Cst.

O.C. Division, RCMP, EDMONTON, Alta.

Forwarded for your information.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

A. R. V. NO.

RECEIPT ACK'D.

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OFF. 1/c SPEC. BR.

Leth. 5-4-52

THE COMMISSIONER,
R.C.M.P., OTTAWA.

(C. B. Macdonell) Insp.
Commanding Leth. S/Div.

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FORWARDED, together with copy of memorandum to the Officer Commanding, Lethbridge Sub-Division, in reference to Communist infiltration of the Civil Defence Organization at Blairmore.

DIARY DATE

Edmonton
16-4-52.

F.A. REGAN,
I:C C.I.B.

Insp. for
Supt.,

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA,
APRIL 16, 1952.

Ref. LS 115-8.

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OFFICER COMMANDING,
R. C. M. POLICE,
LETHBRIDGE SUB-DIVISION,
LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA.

RE: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY - BLAIRMORE.

1. With reference to Lethbridge Special Section report dated April 4, 1952, under the above heading, it is noted in paragraph 2 thereof that the Civil Defence organization at Blairmore has been infiltrated by Communists.

2. Would you please have a separate report submitted on this situation, under confidential cover only, outlining what information is available in this connection. This may be of interest to the Provincial Civil Defence Co-ordinator.

F.A. REGAN, Supt.,
I: C C.I.B.

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS**

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EXTRACT RE: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY
(Elairmore)
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]
DATE: 28-1-52

DIV. FILE No: [REDACTED] DETACHMENT: Edmonton
RE: Labor-Progressive Party -
Alberta - General.

1. Further to the above attached hereto please find the following material which was issued recently by the following the Alberta Provincial Executive Committee of the captionally noted organization and sent out to all Alberta L.P.P. Committees, clubs and members-at-large for their information. This material consists of the following:

(a) Seven copies of a circular letter - financial statement which deals with the 1951 Alberta National Party Fund campaign. The contents of this circular indicates the progress of the before-mentioned campaign on Dec. 3rd, 1951. It also indicates the localities in which the L.P.P. clubs, committees and members at-large are located, also their progress in the drive on before-mentioned date.

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(Koyich, R.) #4259, S/Cst.
THE COMMISSIONER, R.C.M. Police, OTTAWA, ONT.
1. FORWARDED together with two copies of material referred to herein.

P.A. Regan, Supt.,
1/c C.I.B.

**NATIONAL PARTY FUND 1951
Alberta Progress Report as at December 3rd, 1951.**

Mining Clubs
CROW'S NEST PASS

ELAIKMORE	\$12.00
COLEMAN	53.80
	<u>65.80</u>

(Ex" quota filled)

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EXTRACT RE: LPP BLAIRMORE. ALTA.

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: 10-12-51

DIV. FILE No. [REDACTED]

DETACHMENT DRUMHELLER S.B.

RE: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY. ALBERTA GENERAL.

1. Submitted herewith are copies of the following literature recently sent out from the Provincial L.P.P. Executive Committee, Edmonton, Alta.

(1) Circular letter dated Dec. 4th, 1951, headed "PARTY BUILDING" and containing some figures on recent recruiting in IPP circles within the Province as well as some comments by Provincial Leader, BEN SWANKEY.

(2) Financial Statement of the 1951 National Party Fund, Alberta Progress Report as at December 3rd, 1951.

2. The foregoing and attached submitted for records.
ATTACHMENTS.

Cst. E.K. Thompson, #14104.
I/C Drumheller Special Branch.

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

FORWARDED for your information together with typewritten copies of the material as referred to in this report.

12-12-51 Insp. W.M. Taylor, Comdg. Calgary S/Divn.

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

1. FORWARDED for your information together with copies of attachments referred to.
Edm. 21-12-51.

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

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EXTRACT FORM 3.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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EXTRACT RE: LPP BLAIRMORE . ALTA .

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: 10-12-51

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NATIONAL PARTY FUND 1951

Alberta Progress Report as at December 3rd, 1951.

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Mining Clubs

CROWS NEST PASS

Blairmore	12.00
Coleman	53.80
	<u>65.80</u>

DRUMHELLER VALLEY

EAST COULEE	100.00
Newcastle	255.25
	<u>355.25</u>

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Valleyview	1.00
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128.45

FARM CLUBS

Enchant	70.00 #
Hoadley	70.00 #
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66.0
546.75.

(# Quota fulfilled)

SUMMARY

CITY CLUBS	\$1331.79
MINING CLUBS	421.05
FARM CLUBS	546.75
MEMBERS AT LARGE	128.45
MISCELLANEOUS	124.10
TOTAL	<u>\$2562.14</u>

(42.7% of objective)

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EXTRACT RE: LPP BLAIRMORE. ALTA. E.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: 10-12-51

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308 Wallace Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.

December 4th, 1951.

TO: ALL City and Regional Committees,
All Provincial Committee members,
All Clubs.

Re: PARTY BUILDING.

Dear Comrades:

Since June 1st, that is, during the last six months, our Party in Alberta has recruited 24 new members in the following areas: -

LETHBRIDGE	-	8	Innisfree	-	3
CALGARY	-	2	Thorhild	-	3
EDMONTON	-	2	Hines Creek	-	2
EAST COULDER	-	1	Valleyview	-	2
			Hamlin	-	1

You will note that 12 were recruited in the cities, 1 in the mining camps and 11 in the farming areas. The outstanding example of good work has been Lethbridge, which had a quota of 5 and recruited 8 and which brought in one third of the new members in the Province.

We need to compare our progress in party building with the plans laid at our Provincial Committee meeting last June. At that time we set ourselves an objective of 111 new members by the end of the year, as follows:

Edmonton	-	15	PEACE RIVER	-	10
Calgary	-	12	Enchant	-	2
Lethbridge	-	5	Clubs-inapist.4	-	10
Medicine Hat	-	5	Clubs in Dist.7	-	10
Crows Nest	-	12	Headley	-	2
Drumheller	-	10	Homeglen	-	1
	-	<u>59</u>	Grassland	-	2
			Nestow	-	2
			Rich Valley	-	1
			Isapas	-	2
			Landare	-	2
			Nepeage	-	2
			Two Hills	-	2
			Willingdon	-	2
			Sylvan Lake	-	2
				-	<u>52</u>

To-date we have achieved 22% of our Provincial objective.

Experience thus far indicates, that wherever recruiting has been looked upon as very important work, where it has been tackled with enthusiasm and consistency, the results have been good.

What has been our main problem and weakness? Not all clubs and leading committees have yet had a serious discussion on party building, but even where a good discussion took place, where a list of prospective members was drawn up and where clubs members were assigned to visit them, a collective check-up was not carried out with the result that not all

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

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DATE: 10-12-51

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prospective recruits were visited and new names were not added to the list. This lack of check-up applies not only to the clubs; it applies even more to the city and regional committees and particularly the provincial secretariat which is in charge of the drive. Letabridge, which drew up a list of 22 names and saw to it that these people were visited and asked to join, got results- but only because there was a good check-up.

But it would be wrong to regard lack of check-up as only an organizational weakness. It comes from a failure to regard Party Building as a Political Task, a job of primary importance, that can't be put on the shelf because we also have other important tasks.

Side by side with better check-ups in the clubs and a better appreciation in practice of the importance of Party Building, the "new approach" that Stanley Byerson calls for also includes an improvement in our independent public work. The present campaign for Tribune subs, and the Public Forums being organized by a number of Clubs, are two examples of good public work that needs to be strengthened.

Each Party Committee and Club should now review its recruiting work, discuss experiences and shortcomings, and draw up definite plans that will ensure the success of the drive in each area and club.

Cordially yours,

BEN SWANKMY,
Provincial Leader.

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SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge
DETACHMENT Special Branch
PROVINCE Alberta
DATE 19 Nov. 51

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RE: Labor Progressive Party - Blairmore, Alberta.

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20-7-51

A. R. V. NO.

1. Attached in single copy is leaflet entitled "Higher Wages for Miners" being distributed in the wash houses of the mines in the Blairmore and Bellevue areas, it is not known if similar circulars are being distributed in Coleman. It is noted the circular is issued by the "Blairmore Area Committee, Labor Progressive Party". It appears this pamphlet was printed elsewhere, and merely reflects general policy of the L.P.P. in promoting inflation.

2. With regard to memo dated 15-11-51, concerning an organizer being sent from Vancouver to the Crows' Nest Pass area, on a recent trip to the Pass it was learned that one Adolph POTHORN of Vancouver is expected in that area soon for organizational work for the L.P.P.

3. For some time prior to the attached circular being distributed there had been virtually no information available concerning L.P.P. activities in the Pass area, which may support the statement of Terry LEVIE that the L.P.P. in that area was completely disorganized.

J.S.C. Cpl.
i/s Sp.Br.

(F.A.E. Ward) 13549, Cst.

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

Forwarded for your information with attachment referred to in paragraph 1.

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Leth. 20-11-51
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(C. B. Macdonell) Insp.
Commanding Leth. S/Div.

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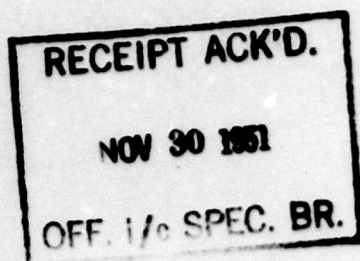
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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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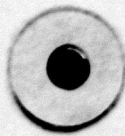
1. Forwarded for your information. Memorandum of 15-11-51 referred to herein is the same memorandum which was forwarded to Headquarters with Calgary Special Branch report dated October 29th, 1951, headed "Re: Labor Progressive Party - Calgary, Alberta," H. Q. ref. [REDACTED]
2. Leaflet referred to in paragraph 1 above is forwarded herewith.

Edm. 26-11-51

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



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Higher Wages for Miners

1948 . . . As a result of militant action miners won a \$2.00 a day increase.

1949 . . . No struggle — no increase!

1950 . . . Local resolutions to the wage convention demanded increases from \$2.00 to \$3.00. However the convention resolutions committee brought in a substitute resolution calling for "not less than 80c increase per day."

The adoption of the substitute resolution in effect amounted to an advance notice to the mine owners "we are ready to settle for 80c." And that was exactly what the miners got!

This in short is the history and the results of the District's wage policy since 1949.

WHAT ABOUT 1951?

In former years miners were right out in front when it came to wages. Now, miners' wages are lagging far behind. The reason for this shameful situation is to be found in examining the record above.

The situation in respect to wages is serious. Because of the government's big business "guns instead of butter" policy prices are sky-rocketing. The essentials of life — housing, food, and clothing — on which the working man spends most of his income, are 200%, 300% and 400% higher than before the war.*

This year most locals have passed resolutions demanding wage increases ranging from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per day.

The wage resolutions adopted by the locals are fully justified and absolutely necessary. The job now is to convert them into District policy. Miners cannot afford a repeat performance of 1950.

All miners should rally behind the locals' wage resolutions. **THEY HAVE TO BE FOUGHT FOR!**

Victory demands that everyone participates in the struggle! Determination and Unity in action will gain the objective!

* Percentage raises given here and much higher than those contained in the government COL index. The government's figures are heavily weighted to bring down the average through the inclusion of non-essential buying by large income groups.

Issued by:

Blairmore Area Committee, Labor Progressive Party

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Your File No. [REDACTED]

September 24th, 1951.

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TO: The C.C. "K" Division,
RCMP - EDMONTON, Alta.

Re: Labor Progressive Party,
Blairmore, Alta.

This has reference to your forwarding minute appended to Lethbridge Special Branch report of July 20th, 1951. As requested, inquiries were made through Naval Service Headquarters and the following reply has been received from that service:-

"Reference your letter dated 29 August, 1951, and file [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (March 43) concerning one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was born in Rozvarany, Poland on 6 March, 1922. He was single at the time of enlistment and gave his next of kin as his mother, [REDACTED]

At time of enlistment he was working as [REDACTED] Edmonton, Alberta, and previous to being employed by this firm he was employed by the [REDACTED] in the same capacity.

This man's parents were born in Austria. His father came to Canada about 1925 and was not naturalized, died in 1931. [REDACTED] came to Canada in 1930 and was naturalized in 1938. [REDACTED] came to Canada with his mother in 1930, naturalized in November, 1942. The description of [REDACTED] is as follows:

Height - 5' 6"

Hair - Brown

Eyes - Grey

Complexion - Medium. Scar on right thumb.

Period of Service - 15 February, 1943 to 22 November, 1945.

He was demobilized with the rating of [REDACTED] official number [REDACTED]. At time of discharge he gave his address as [REDACTED]

Enclosed for your information are photographs and copies of his fingerprints."

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2. Two copies of the subject's photograph are attached hereto. Copies of his fingerprints are being retained on Headquarters' file.

(W.J. Monaghan), Inspector,
for Officer i/e Special Branch.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO. NSS 1195-10

Department of National Defence

Ottawa,

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18 September, 1951.

Dear Inspector Monaghan:

Reference your letter dated 29 August, 1951
and file [redacted] and [redacted] (March 43)
concerning one [redacted] *Card 188*

2. [redacted] was born in Rozwaryn, Poland on
6 March, 1922. He was single at the time of enlistment and
gave his next of kin as his mother [redacted] At
time of enlistment he was working as [redacted]
[redacted] Edmonton, Alberta, and previous to being
employed by this firm he was employed by the [redacted]
[redacted] in the same capacity.

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address as [redacted]

4. Enclosed for your information are photographs
and copies of his fingerprints.

Yours truly,



J.C. Pratt
(J.C. Pratt),
Commander, RCN,

DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Inspector W.J. Monaghan,
Special Branch, RCM Police,
Justice Building,
Ottawa.

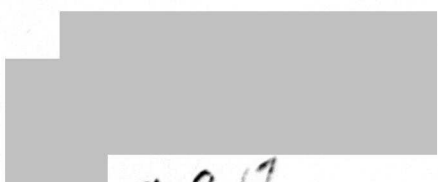
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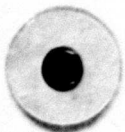
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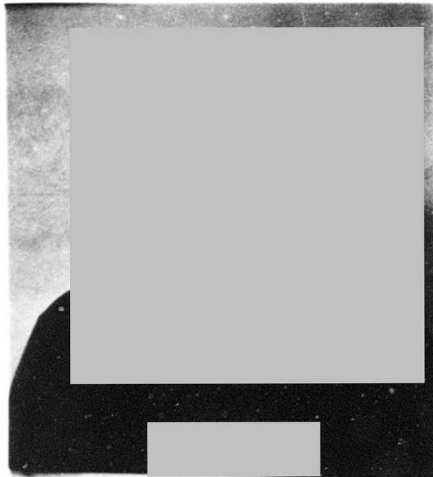


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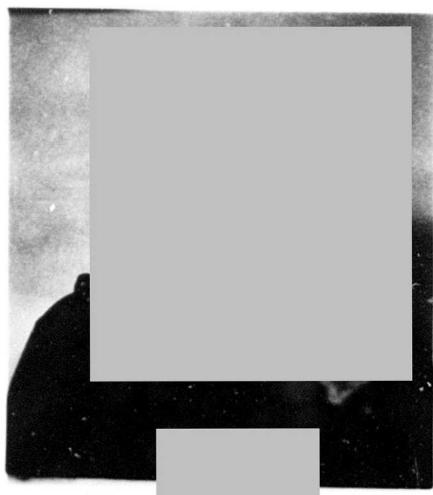
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Name

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RIGHT HAND

1 Thumb	2 Index finger	3 Middle finger	4 Ring finger	5 Little finger
[Redacted]				

LEFT HAND

6 Thumb	7 Index finger	8 Middle finger	9 Ring finger	10 Little finger
[Redacted]				

Impressions taken by

(Signature of person taking prints)

Date impressions taken 4th, May 1943.

Notations

JUL 21 1945

Signature of printed person

Four

Left Hand

Left thumb Right thumb

Right Hand

gers taken simultaneously

Names

No.

RIGHT HAND

1 Thumb	2 Index finger	3 Middle finger	4 Ring finger	5 Little finger
[Redacted]				

LEFT HAND

6 Thumb	7 Index finger	8 Middle finger	9 Ring finger	10 Little finger
[Redacted]				

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Notations

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August 29th, 1951.

ATTENTION: Cmdr. G.R. TOTTENHAM

Ext. info DR
We are interested in one [redacted] (who has recently taken up residence at Blairmore, Alberta. We are informed that [redacted] may have seen active service with the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. There is no further data presently available concerning this individual.

2. Should any information be available in your records, we would appreciate receiving particulars of service, including physical description, photograph, type of training and employment during service.

MS
(W.J. Monaghan), Inspector,
for Officer i/c Special Branch.

The Director of Naval
Intelligence,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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August 29th, 1951.

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ATTENTION: Cmdr. G.R. TOTTENHAM

We are interested in one
[redacted] who has recently taken up
residence at Blainville, Alberta. We are
informed that [redacted] may have been active
service with the Royal Canadian Navy during
World War II. There is no further data
presently available concerning this
individual.

Should any information be
available in your records, we would appreciate
receiving particulars of service, including
physical description, photograph, type of
training and employment during service.

15-7-51

By

(W.J. Monaghan), Inspector,
for Officer in Charge Special Branch.

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The Director of Naval
Intelligence,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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DIVISION "K" DIV. H.Q. C.I.B. DETACHMENT EDMONTON SPECIAL BRANCH.
PROVINCE Alberta. DATE August 15th, 1951.

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RE: Labor Progressive Party,
Blairmore, Alberta.

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HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

20-7-51,
Lethbridge Spl.
Branch.

A. R. V. No.

1. This has reference to Lethbridge Special Branch report dated 20-7-51 under the above caption. Enquiries were made by the writer regarding the character and background of [redacted] and the following report is hereby submitted.

2. [redacted] is subject of "K" Div. File [redacted] report dated 20-2-43. This file concerned his application to join the Navy and enquiries in this regard revealed that he was a loyal citizen and worthy of enlistment. [redacted] is known to the writer personally. Also, further enquiries were made and it was confirmed that he, whilst in Edmonton, belonged to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and was a member of the Ukrainian National Organization. He is married to [redacted] whose family is also known to be of good character and very Anti-Communist. [redacted] served in the Navy during the last war and was discharged on the 22-11-45 as [redacted] Reg. No. [redacted] 500.

3. Since [redacted] is not known to be communistically inclined, no further enquiries are being made in this regard. Extra copies of this report attached for the information of Lethbridge Sub-Division.

E. Polan Cst.
(E. Polan) 14427.

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

1. Forwarded for your information.

F. A. Regan, Insp.,
I/C C. I. B.

Edm. 28-8-51

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

1. Forwarded for your information. In view of the information contained in this report inquiries of the naval authorities regarding this man, as requested in my forwarding minute of the 11th August, are not now necessary.

Edm. 28-8-51

F. A. Regan Insp., I/C C.I.B.

FILE NUMBERS, HEADING AND MARGINAL REFERENCE ARE TO BE PROPERLY FILLED IN.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]
 DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Special Branch
 PROVINCE Alberta DATE August July 20th 1951.

RE:

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Labor Progressive Party.
 Blairmore - Alberta.

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Edmonton Memo.

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there seems to be no apparent activity among L.P.P. members and that they seem to have adopted a hush-hush policy in that they do not speak openly about communist matters as heretofore.

2.

Observations made by the writer and Cst. Oldham reveals that communists have taken over key positions in the Blairmore branch of the Canadian Legion. Glenn REES is the present president of the branch and although not regarded as a communist but, is known as a weak-sister who would cater to the communist element in order to gain any position of prestige, particularly so at Blairmore where there is a large radical element. The vic-president is William JALLEP, a communist. One permanent bar-tender is Romano PERESSINI Jr., a communist. A relieving bar-tender (usually during evenings) is Martin KRYKOSKY, a leader of the communist element. It was also noted that the handy-man for the branch is Danny MILLS, former town policeman and an "eye" for Enoch WILLIAMS, former Mayor and an LPP member. There may be other communists employed by the Blairmore Legion who are unknown to the writer. It is believed that such positions are filled by radicals through the influence of William JALLEP, the vic-president, who is also married into the PERESSINI family. The members of the PERESSINI family have long been associated with the communist movement in the Pass area.

3.

Charles SHAW of Blairmore has been noticed making visits to the Frank HOTEL to contact the new owner, [REDACTED] who came recently from Edmonton. SHAW'S interest in [REDACTED] would indicate that the latter is also connected with the L.P.P. May I please be advised should there be a previous record on [REDACTED] at Edmonton. He is reported to be wearing a R.C.N. ring and possibly was in the Services during the last war.

4.

Attached is single copy of the "Lamp" which was left in the wash-house of the Greenhill Mine at Blairmore together with a leaflet entitled "End This Unjust War". It was not possible to ascertain who placed this material in the wash-room.

Attachment [REDACTED]

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 J. S. Connors
 S. Connors) #12625.

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Labor Progressive Party.
Blairmore - Alberta.

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

Forwarded for your information with attachments.
Reference paragraph 3 herein, may check be made in this
connection please.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 21-7-51.
/K

C. B. Macdonell
(C. B. Macdonell) Insp.
Commanding Leth. S/Div.

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

1. Forwarded for your information together with
copy of memorandum to the Officer Commanding Lethbridge
Sub-Division regarding [REDACTED] / Could you please
have inquiries made from Naval Headquarters regarding
this man so that we can ascertain his background and
have inquiries made regarding him. Copy of material
referred to in paragraph 4 attached hereto.

RECEIPT ACK'D.

Edm. 11-8-51

F. A. Regan
Insp. for
F. A. Regan, Insp.,
I/O C. I. B.

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Special Branch

Edmonton, Alberta
August 11, 1951

S/D Ref. LS 115-S

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

Re: Labor Progressive Party -
Blairmore, Alberta.

With reference to Cpl. J. S. Connors' report dated July 20th please be advised this Headquarters has no record of [redacted] referred to.

2. Inquiries regarding this person are being made at Edmonton and Headquarters at Ottawa is also being asked to supply any particulars they can ascertain from the naval service records.

F. A. Regan, Insp.,
I/C C. I. B.

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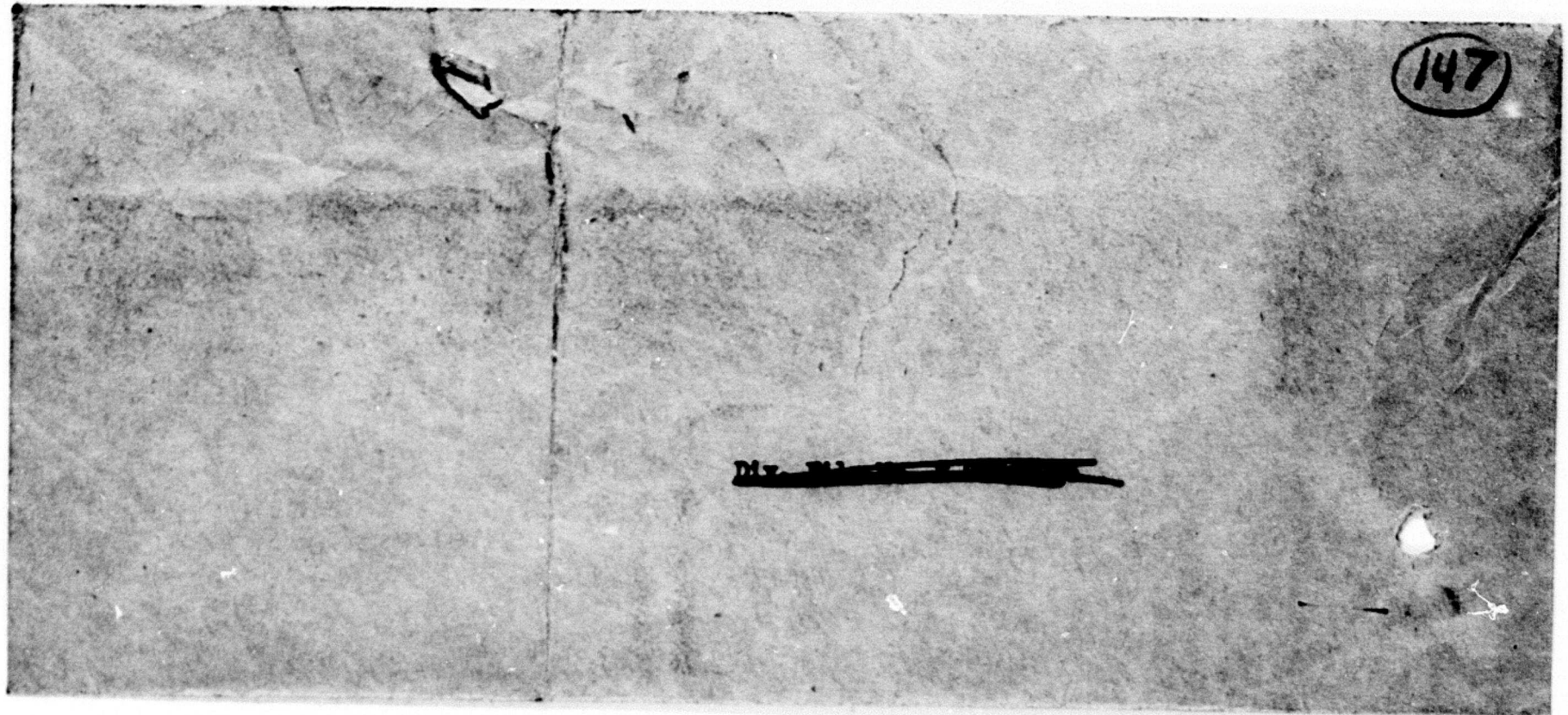
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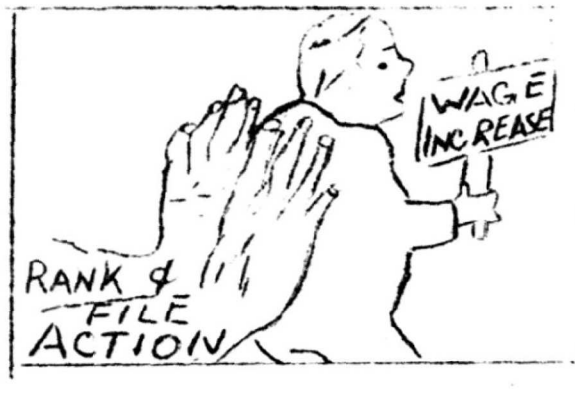
LIVING COSTS in the coal camps of District 18 continue to leap upwards. The pay cheque buys less every month and there is no relief in sight. Prices continue rising.

WAGES HAVE to start coming up, too, if we are to continue eating. If the grocery bill is higher, then the wage cheque has to be higher to pay it. The dime we won last February wasn't even a drop in the bucket.

ALREADY, "The Lamp" has learned, a number of locals of the miners' Union have asked that consideration be given to reopening negotiations for a wage increase. To date it is reported that only the Cumberland, B. C. miners do not favor a wage increase. Other camps do want it.

WE UNDERSTAND that the District Board has been called into session.

WE SINCERELY hope that action for a wage increase is on its agenda.



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ANOTHER DISASTER FOR CADOMIN?

Cadomin has taken on quite a few more miners in the past several months, and the mines are working pretty steadily. But there is a feeling of insecurity widespread in our camp.

For one thing there is a great danger that rain and melting snow will cause floods and cave-ins. No-one has forgotten the disaster caused by a flash flood last year. And everyone knows that the same kind of disaster may strike again at any time.

Then there is also the fear that the mine may close down for good as happened at Mountain Park. There, overnight, miners lost their jobs and their homes became worthless.

Living the life of a miner is just about as insecure as being in the front line of war.

The wages and living conditions certainly don't make up for the risks that a man has to take in this work.

- CADOMIN MINER

MERCOAL POST OFFICE

Why can't the people of Mercoal get a decent post office? For years they've been complaining to the government -but there have been no results.

The post office is in an entirely unsatisfactory place - in a cubby hole at the back of a combined drug store and coffee shop. There is no separate entrance and the store is often crowded.

Last year the women circulated a petition demanding a change. Just about everyone signed it, including the camps business-men. The Post Office Dept. sent down an inspector. The postmaster was changed but not the post office. The service from it is as unsatisfactory as before.

Mercoal is a big camp, with 350 men on the mine pay-roll. Many places smaller than ours can get a better post office in a separate building. Why can't we in Mercoal?

Isn't it about time that the Liberal Member of Parliament for this area got busy on this thing? He is supposed to represent us.

"MERCOALER"

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HAVE LIVING COSTS GONE UP? - TRUE OR FALSE?

Have living costs gone up only as much as government figures show? No: They've gone up much higher. We know that right here in Michel. Here are some figures from our town.

Room and board at Michel Hotel is now \$80. a month. It used to be \$60 a month and even lower.

Hospital and medical care now costs us the following:

Doctor -	\$2.75 every four weeks.
Hospital insurance -	\$3.50 a month.
Company insurance -	50¢ a month.
Total Dr.'s care per year	\$35.75
Hospital care per year	49.00
Total now -	\$84.75

On top of this we also pay a 3% Sales Tax, part of which goes to the Hospital Insurance scheme.

The cost of both doctor and hospital care in 1943 was \$2.40 a month, or \$28.80 a year. This is just an increase of \$55.95, or 194% in eight years, plus the 3% Sales Tax.

Then add the increases in the price of food and other essential things. There's no need to quote figures for these - any housewife can tell how food prices have risen.

Well, a lot has been said and lots more could and will be said. Prices are still going up. Hasn't the federal government already told us so?

It is time we started to do something about it. We can't just keep talking and pulling in our belts. And the doing something about it is simple.

For a start we should all begin attending our local meetings and see that something's done through our unions to provide us with a decent standard of living. Wages have to keep up with what things cost us. That means we have to keep getting wage increases.

Build Canada's defences against high prices!

- MICHEL MINER



"But my old man says that the shortest day nowadays is pay-day."

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CROW COAL CO. PAYS OFF!

So all the operators are losing money?

This is how the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. made out last year. Their financial statement appeared in the Toronto "Financial Post" earlier in the Spring.

While they had about 70 thousand tons less coal in 1950 than in 1949 the company still shows an increase of over half a million dollars in their net earnings. Their net profits went up from \$448,555.00 in 1949 to \$602,970.00 in 1950.

Business was good in 1950. The company increased its current assets (cash, accounts receivable, bonds, securities, etc. -things that can be converted to cash quickly) by a cool \$700,000 in the one year. Their total assets at the end of December 1950 stood at \$6,961,562.

Poor coal operators!

BUT A MINER SAYS --

It is time that the officers and members in District 18 went more into details about the question of what profits the coal companies are making. They sure as hell are not losing money!

If we look back we will see that every time we received a wage increase they hiked the price of coal up by much more. If we got a one-dollar increase the operators for a \$2.00 increase in the price of coal.

A very close investigation along these lines would reveal a very great deal to the miners and the public in general. It should be done.

- FERNIE MINER

What we need is less yap-yap-yap from the operators and more of the yap-yap-yap - spelled backwards!

B L O O D M O N E Y !

War contracts have boomed dividend payments for the first five months of 1951 to a total of \$175,194,330.00.

This compared with \$154,677,957.00 for the same period of 1950 -- an increase of TWENTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS!

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IN THE U. S. S. R.

Free Issue to Coal Miners

"We were surprised to hear that the miners had free issues of overalls, rubber boots and helmets. Tools were also free to the miners."

(From "RUSSIA WITH OUR OWN EYES" - a report of the British Workers' Delegation, 1950. Price 35¢)

Free Medical Care

"If a Soviet worker should become ill, he does not have to worry about paying for medical treatment. Medical aid (clinical, hospital, maternity, etc.) is free of charge in the USSR. A huge network of hospitals, clinics, maternity homes, and dispensaries has been established for this purpose both in town and countryside."

Old Age Pensions at 55 and 60

"Soviet people do not have to worry about their livelihood in case of disability or in old age. In the USSR the State begins to pay an old age pension to men when they reach the age of 60 and to women at 55 years. The rate of pension depends on the previous earnings of the worker."

(Both of the above items are from "USSR Information Bulletin", April 6th, 1951.)

Law In Defence Of Peace

Below is the Law in Defence of Peace enacted by the Supreme Soviet of the USSR:-

"The Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, guided by the high principles of Soviet peace-loving policy which pursues the aims of strengthening the Peace and of friendly relations between nations,

Recognises that the conscience and sense of justice of the peoples, who suffered the calamities of two world wars in the course of one generation, cannot reconcile themselves to the impunity with which war propaganda is being conducted by aggressive circles of some states, and is in solidarity with the appeal of the Second World Peace Congress, which expressed the will of all mankind in regard to the prohibition and condemnation of criminal war propaganda.

The Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics decrees:

1. To consider that propaganda for war, regardless of the form in which it is carried out, undermines the cause of peace, creates a threat of a new war and because of this constitutes the gravest crime against humanity.

2. Persons guilty of propaganda for war shall be brought to trial and tried as heinous criminals."

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ALBERTA LEGISLATURE PLAYS "MUSICAL CHAIRS" & "PASSING THE BUCK"

There was a report in the Calgary Herald some time back regarding a shift of chairs in the Legislature during last winter's session. Apparently, Mr. Bourcier, like Mr. Wray, had his chair taken to the Opposition side of the House. The report said Mr. Bourcier felt his chair was too close to Mr. Wray's - only six inches apart. Then Mr. Wray's chair was moved so that it would be three feet away from Mr. MacDonald's, and finally everyone was happy!

Is that a laugh! Grown-up people voted in as members of our Alberta government to look after the affairs of the province, and they revert to such childish nonsense!

Why waste time in such a silly manner when there are lots of real things to be done? Mr. Wray didn't care where his chair was when he struggled in the House to get the machinery to move snow and ice so that the people of his constituency - Banff-Cochrane - could carry on.

Yes, Arthur Wray was a delegate to the Warsaw Peace Congress, and in my opinion, he believes in peace for the peoples of the world, no matter where their chairs are. This is in line with the teachings of Christ. The thought strikes me - if Christ could come to the Alberta House, where would they put his chair, and by how many feet would they segregate him from the duly elected members?

I believe Wray was called a Communist in the House. I have talked with him on many subjects and I cannot agree with such a statement; in fact I believe he is a long line of chairs away from the Communists. Anyway, I say: cut out the name-calling and nonsense. It doesn't cover for things not done.

In 1949 the people of North Drumheller were flooded out, mud and water ruining their furniture. This Spring it happened again. More mud and water. Our people had to go to their friends' homes until the Creek went down, and when we got back to our houses we had to scrape away inches of mud. All this goes on when everyone knows this flooding could be prevented.

We wonder, when we hear certain people shouting about "our way of life". I guess this is the kind of thing it is.

How would you miners like three feet extra in the wash-house, like those chair jugglers in the Legislature? Or would you rather have it on the duckbill?

Maybe it wouldn't hurt the members of the House to have to live and work in miners' conditions for a time. I feel sure that if they did, they would find it easy to sit only six inches away from another human being.

- MIDLAND MINER

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THE COST OF LIVING INDEX IS PHONEY!

Ever hear the argument that increases in wages should be based on the rise in the cost of living as reported by the Government? Don't believe it! It's wrong.

The cost of living index for March jumped by 2.1 to the all-time high of 181.8. By the end of April it had risen to 182.

High as it is, this 182 points does not reflect the full rise in the cost of living. The Government manipulates it to conceal the true picture. The index hides the profiteering of big business at the expense of our living standards.

The index is as phoney as a four-dollar bill!

The figure of 182 doesn't include any of the Government's hidden taxes. A package of 25 cigarettes is listed in the index as selling at 25¢. We pay 50¢. In the same way, none of the new taxes levied on us to pay for war are considered.

The index, also, does not include many articles which are essential to a worker and his family. Children's clothes, for instance, are left out. Maybe the government thinks they are a luxury!

ARMS SPENDING

	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>For Arms</u>	<u>Per Person</u>	<u>Per Family</u>
USA	\$82 Billion	\$59 Billion	\$393	\$1965
USSR	\$115 "	\$24 "	\$120	\$600

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What "THE LAMP" stands for -
Why do we publish it?

We issue it because we believe the rank and file of the miners need a paper that will fight militantly for their needs ---- for higher wages to meet rising living costs; for shorter hours, better conditions in the mines; for adequate pensions; for democracy in the Union. And for Peace to protect our very lives.

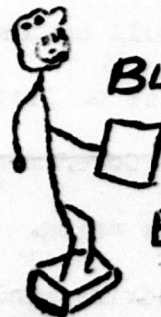
We are not trying to run the Union or sabotage it as certain people are trying to make out.

We are 100% for the Union, and 100% against the operators.

Union leaders who honestly fight for the needs of the miners need have no fear of this paper.

But we will criticise and expose those individuals who fail to fight for the needs of the rank and file, or who sell out to the bosses, or who are trying to tie the miners to the war propaganda of big business.

"ANYBODY WHO
READS 'The Lamp'



IS A
BLANKETY-
BLANK
COMMUNIST.
BLAH! BLAH!

RED-BAITING
UNION OFFICIAL

The operators will not like this paper. Of that we are proud.

Some labor leaders whose consciences bother them and who don't want to be prodded into action, also may not like it, but that doesn't bother us.

We will to the best of our ability fight for the miners. We are quite prepared to be judged by what we say and do.

"THE LAMP" is issued by the Miners' Clubs of
The Labor-Progressive Party
308 Wallace Bldg., 9921-101a Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta.

Letters and contributions welcomed.

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**END THIS
UNJUST WAR!**

**BRING PEACE
TO KOREA!**

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PEOPLE OF CANADA

On the first anniversary of the horrible war in Korea, the Labor-Progressive Party calls on all Canadians to demand an end to this unjust war, to bring peace to Korea.

In one short year, three million Koreans—every tenth one—have died. Blazing jellied gasoline has been poured on their homes and fields. Thousands have been blown to pieces.

The war in Korea is not a "police action". It is the invasion of other people's land by outside forces, led by the U.S., and including Canadian troops. The Korean people have the right—guaranteed to them by the UN Charter—to settle their internal affairs without outside interference. Let the Korean people do just that—as we Canadians would fight for a similar right—and there would be peace in Korea.

But the Canadian government has denied Korea this right, going along with the U.S. government step by step.

THE RICH GROW RICHER OUT OF WAR

Corporation profits were never higher than since the Korean War began.

The rich are making a good thing out of the horrors in Korea.

It is openly boasted in the press that the munitions makers and warmongers welcomed the Korean war because it stepped up the arms race and enabled the St. Laurent government to declare a national emergency!

The people are paying for the Korean war in high taxes to pay for armaments, in high prices for consumer goods, in lower farm incomes, in falling purchasing power. The economic cost of the Korean war is felt by you, working people.

Canadians sympathize with the great revolution of the peoples of Asia against foreign imperialist domination. We should help the Asian people, trade with them, send machinery instead of tanks, boots instead of bombs, wheat instead of jellied gasoline! Trade means peace; peace can bring trade.

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Speak up, Canadians, for your own sake! Stop the war from spreading!

THE CANADIAN PEOPLE HATE THE KOREAN WAR

Church congregations, women's groups, young people, trade unions, Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan and his CCF government, CCF conventions, the LLP, thousands of peace-loving supporters of the Liberals and Tories, the majority of the French-Canadian people—have spoken out demanding “cease fire” and an end to this dirty, useless, unjust war.

You, the people of Canada, hate the Korean war. You have spoken time and again for peace in Korea, for a conference to restore peace, for the recognition of People's China by the Canadian Government and in the United Nations. You are right—the government of Canada is wrong!

PEACE CONFERENCE — CEASE FIRE!

The fires of war in Korea must be put out by a peace conference right away as Senator Johnson has proposed to the U.S. Senate. If these fires are not put out they may spread to the rest of the world—to China, to Canada.

For the sake of world peace; to save the lives of Canadian boys who have been sent to Korea; for our own homes as well as those of the Korean farmers and workers—speak out on this first anniversary of the Korean war and compel the Canadian government to act for peace!

LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE

Let there be a united demand of the Canadian workers and farmers for peace in Korea, and there will be peace. We won't speak alone. This demand is heard in all corners of the world.

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CCF people, church folk who see the Korean war as a denial of Christianity, workers in the unions who are fighting for higher wages to meet higher prices, farmers whose markets are being cut down by war—French and English Canadians—let us all join together to demand of the St. Laurent government:—

That in the United Nations it proposes that there shall be a cease-fire in Korea, a conference of the countries immediately concerned, the withdrawal of all foreign troops, and the seating of People's China in the UN.

This will bring peace to Korea, remove the danger of the war against China that MacArthur proposes and for which Truman is preparing. It will reduce the danger of world war. It will be a mighty contribution to saving world peace.

WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR PEACE

You who read this leaflet can do something about it. Raise a resolution in your church, union or party club. Send a personal letter to Prime Minister St. Laurent.

Sign the great world Petition for a Pact of Peace between the Five Great Powers, to outlaw war forever.

The united voice of the Canadian people from coast to coast, can stop the bloody war and bring peace to Korea.

Let Canada act as a free and independent country to help bring lasting peace to the world!

Bring the Canadians home from Korea!

An immediate cease-fire in Korea and a peace conference!

Hands off Korea!

National Committee

Labor-Progressive Party,

TIM BUCK, National Leader.

Toronto, June 1951

Published by the National Committee, LLP, 73 Adelaide St., W., Toronto, Ont.
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Edmonton, Alberta.



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SUB-DIVISION

Lethbridge

Alberta

DETACHMENT

Special Branch

DATE June 23rd 1951.

RE:

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**Labor Progressive Party.
Lethbridge, Alberta.**

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A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

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1. Further to Lethbridge Special branch report of the 15th June 1951 may the following addition be made thereto, please.

BLAIRMORE

About 20 members. Leadership: Charles SHAW.
Martin KRYKOSKY.
Enoch WILLIAMS.

2. Cst. F.A.E. Ward advises that [redacted] is expected to move to B.C. in the near future and when same takes place report will be forthcoming under personal file.

NOBLEFORD

Two members-at-large of L.P.P. in this district.

COALHURST

Two members-at-large of L.P.P. in this district.

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

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

Forwarded for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 25-6-51
/C

(C. B. Macdonell) Insp.
Commanding Leth. S/Div.

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

1. Forwarded for your information and further to Lethbridge Special Branch report of the 15th June, 1951.

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F. A. Regan, Insp.,
I/C C. I. B.

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EXTRACT FORM 1.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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EXTRACT RE: L.P.P.-Blairmore

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: 10-5-51

DIV. FILE No. [REDACTED]

DETACHMENT

Edmonton

RE:

Labor Progressive Party, Alberta, General

1. Further to the above, hereto attached please find several copies of circular letters [REDACTED]

These circulars have been issued from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Alberta Provincial Committee of the L.P.P. and sent out to clubs and city committees of the mentioned organization in Alberta for information and action accordingly.

(a) Three copies of each, namely, a circular letter and a statement issued by before-mentioned committee under the date of November 16, 1950. This circular deals with the Canadian Tribune campaign and result of same up to before-mentioned date, in this province.

(b) Three copies of a circular letter dated 20-11-50 dealing with L.P.P. literature such as New Times, Moscow publication formerly known as U.S.S.R. in Construction; World to Win and Lasting Peace.

(c) Three copies each of each a circular letter and two statements concerning the Canadian Tribune campaign standing in Alberta on 26-10-50, also 31-12-50.

(d) Three copies of a circular-statement re: Alberta National L.P.P. Fund campaign dated 31-12-50. This statement indicated the Alberta localities where L.P.P. committee, clubs are functioning and the amount of money they raised during the before-mentioned campaign.

(e) Three copies of a circular letter issued by same executive committee under the date of 3rd January, 1951, headed to "all Clubs" which circular deals with the following: New Year greeting; Provincial Committee meeting; Second World Peace Congress; Campaign re China campaign; postcards to St. Laurent, urging delegation to see the N.E., also to send individual letters to N.E.'s; to organize a forum or debate in each community on the subject of China recognition; China speaks for peace, also to devote all Party energy for building a united front from below.

(f) Three copies of each, namely 1951 Party membership registration with the questionnaire from which was held also issued by the before-mentioned executive committee and sent out to all Party committees and club secretaries for information and action accordingly.

(g) Three copies of a circular letter-statement re: Alberta 1951 L.P.P. National Party Fund campaign dated 1-2-51 and headed Dear Comrade. This circular-statement indicates the result of the first day of this campaign.

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Sgt. (English, R.) #1293, E. Det.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

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EXTRACT RE: L.P.P.-Blairmore

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: 3045-51

DIV. FILE No.

DETACHMENT

RE:

304 Wallace Building,
Edmonton, Alta.

To All Clubs,
All Members-at-Large;

Dear Comrades:

The Canadian Tribune campaign is away to a good start. In the first 6 days these are the results:

Edmonton-Tribune \$3.00(1) Roadley \$32.00(2)

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The start we have made in getting subs proves what can be done. Because of this, I am personally challenging Bill Smey of Lethbridge, Art Roberts of Marshall and Tony Jacobson in Thorold to race me in getting 25 yearly subs between now and the end of May. I don't care how many people they get to help them collect the subs.

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CANADIAN TRIBUNE DRIVE REPORT
May 14

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LPT-CALGARY
LPT/LETHBRIDGE
LPT/THOROLD MAY
LPT/BLAIRMORE-19.00

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EXTRACT RE: L.P.P.-Blairmore

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: 30-5-51

DIV. FILE No. [REDACTED]

DETACHMENT

Edmonton

RE:

Labor Progressive Party-Alberta, General

1. Further to the above, hereto attached please find several copies of circular letters [REDACTED]

These circulars have been issued from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Alberta Provincial Committee of the L.P.P. and sent out to clubs and city committees of the captionally noted organization in Alberta for information and action accordingly.

(a) Three copies of each, namely, a circular letter and a statement issued by before-mentioned committee under the date of November 16, 1950. This circular deals with the Canadian Tribune campaign and result of same up to before-mentioned date, in this province.

(b) Three copies of a circular letter dated 20-11-50 dealing with L.P.P. literature such as New Times, Moscow publication formerly known as U.S.S.R. in Construction; World to Win and Lasting Peace.

(c) Three copies of each-a circular letter and two statements concerning the Canadian Tribune campaign standing in Alberta on 26-10-50, also 30-12-50.

(d) Three copies of a circular-statement re: Alberta National L.P.P. fund campaign dated 30-12-50. This statement indicates the Alberta localities where L.P.P. committees, clubs are functioning and the amount of money they raised during the before-mentioned campaign.

(e) Three copies of a circular letter issued by same executive committee under the date of 3rd January, 1951, headed to "All Party Clubs" which circular deals with the following: New Year greeting; Provincial China meeting; Second World Peace Congress; Recognize China campaign; postcards to St. Laurent, sending delegation to see the M.P., also to send individual letters to M.P.s; to organize a forum or debate in each community on the subject of China recognition; China speaks for Peace, also to devote all Party energy for building a united front from below.

(f) Three copies of each, namely 1951 Party membership registration with the questionnaire from which was also issued by the before-mentioned executive committee and sent out to all Party committee and club secretaries for information and action accordingly.

(g) Three copies of a circular letter-statement re: Alberta 1951 L.P.P. National Party Fund campaign dated 1-2-51 and headed Dear Comrade. This circular-statement indicates the result of the first day of this campaign.

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Sgt. (Royich R) #4259, S/Cst.

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L.P.P. NATIONAL PARTY FUND 1950
ALBERTA CAMPAIGN
AMOUNT: \$0.0000

CITIES

MT MONTGOMERY

MT Millersburg

MT-East Coulee

MT CALGARY

MT LETHBRIDGE

MT MEDICINE HAT

MT MURDOCK

MT BLAIRMORE

145.75

MT COLEMAN

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November 7th. 1960.

Mr. Ben Swankey,
Provincial Leader L.P.P.,
Rm. 308, Wallace Bldg.,
9921 - 101 A. Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

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Dear Ben:

Just a few hurried lines to let you know that I'm heading out on a month-long tour of the southern interior, and will be in the Crow from Fri. Nov. 17th. until Mon. Nov. 20th.

I thought it might be worthwhile to arrange for a bit of a coal conference while I was there, and have accordingly left Saturday afternoon and evening (the 18th.) open for that purpose. If anything can be done, we could come down and meet you at Blairmore or wherever you suggest. We could also discuss further the "organiser" proposition, because I've heard from Stanley and they have nothing to suggest. We have discussed it further and Adolph is out of the question -- and yet some one has got to be found. Perhaps you'll go over your forces again. Stanley raised the question of what about Syd, but being unacquainted with your plan of work I have no idea of how practical such a suggestion is. May be we'll have a chance to talk it over anyway while I'm up at the Crow.

Will you see what can be done about a get-together for the 18th. and drop me a line C/o 678 Victoria, Trail, B.C. Also notify our people in Michel and Fernie directly if we need them down; with kindest regards,

Cordially yours,



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DIVISION "K" DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]
SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Special Branch
PROVINCE Alberta DATE 13 Apr. 51

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RE:

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REFS.

Stanley B. RYERSON.

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SUB-DIVISION

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DETACHMENT

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P.C.R.

20-3-51

A. R. V. No.

1. With reference to the above, Stanley B. RYERSON was in the Blairmore area on April 8th and held a public meeting in the Union Hall that evening.

2. The meeting was attended by approximately 40 persons; RYERSON spoke for over an hour and there was a question period held afterwards. The attendance consisted of Labor Progressive Party members and adherents. A text of RYERSON's address was not obtainable.

3. The following cars were noted parked outside the hall during the meeting:

Grey Pontiac, 1951-52 License No. 27242.
Ford Truck, 1951-52 License No. F61972.

4. RYERSON did not appear to visit any of the other points in the Crow's Nest Pass, no information on his proposed destination could be obtained.

5. It is respectfully requested the registered owners of the above licenses be ascertained, and this office advised.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

J.S.C. Cpl. (F.A.E. Ward) 13549, Cst.
i/c Sp.Br.

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

FORWARDED for your information. May the information requested in para. 5 be obtained, please.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 14-4-51.
/B

(C. B. Macdonell) Insp.
Commanding Leth. Sub/Div.

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

1. Forwarded for your information. You will be advised of the owners of license numbers noted in paragraph 3.

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N. Courtois, Supt.,
I/C C.I.B., O.D.S.

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DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE DETACHMENT Blairmore
PROVINCE Alberta DATE August 15th, 1950
RE: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY
Blairmore, Alta.

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P.C.R.

19-7-50

A. R. V. No.

1. A meeting was held at the Union Hall in Blairmore at 8.00 P.M. Sunday, August 13th, 1950 at which Sid THOMPSON spoke on the Korean situation. It is reported that his remarks were confined to the American occupation of Korea without comment on any Canadian participation.

2. 17 persons attended of which there was one young man, one woman, and 15 old men (considered to be in their late 60s or older). Charlie SHAW took up a collection. The meeting was not considered very successful.

3. [redacted] Chairman [redacted] was Alex FANTINI (spelling not certain). Three or four University students were on hand at the beginning but left. It was thought they may have gone to the meeting to heckle but on considering the size and age group of the audience decided not to bother.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

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

Forwarded for your information
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 17-8-50
/C

(B. Allan) Sergt.
For O.C. Leth. S/Divn. AOD

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

1. Forwarded for your information.

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N. Courtois, Supt.,
i/c C.I.B., A.O.L.

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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EXTRACT RE: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]
BLAIRMORE
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Not identified DATE: 17-6-50

Edmonton, Alberta
June 17, 1950

DIV. FILE NO: [REDACTED]
H.Q. FILE NO: [REDACTED] (2)

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

Re: Labor Progressive Party
Canada Generally.

Attached please find a list of the 1950 Lethbridge City Committee and the executive and numerical strength of various clubs in Alberta.

2. Inquiries are continuing to ascertain the particulars of other committees and branches in the Province and you will be further advised.

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

LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY
ALBERTA

.....
Blairmore

Leadership - Charles SHAW
Martin KRYKOSKY
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HEADQUARTER: OTTAWA

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Extract Re : LABOR PROGRESSIVE H.Q. File: [REDACTED]
PARTY, Blairmore, Alta.

Date: 14-6-50

Source of information : [REDACTED]

Div. File : [REDACTED]

Detachment: Alberta.

Re: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY,
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.

S.A. 805.

1. Further to the above and instructions of May 1st the following information is presently available on the location and strength of the L.P.P. in the Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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BLAIRMORE

Approx. 27 members. Leadership 1 Charles SHAW.
Martin KRYKOSKY.

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J.S. Connors, Corpl. #12625.

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Edmonton, Alberta
July 23, 1949

M. Q. FILE NO. [REDACTED] (20)

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

Re: Labor Progressive Party
Structure and Officership of,
Alberta.

Further to our memorandum of the 25th
May, 1949, attached please find a list of the branches
of the Labor Progressive Party in the Lethbridge
Sub-Divisional area together with their executive
and total membership.

2. Information is being gathering to enable
us to compile further lists which will be forwarded
to you as soon as possible.

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G. M. Curleigh, Capt.,
i/o C. I. B.

JUL 26 1949



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LABOUR PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Alberta

Lethbridge

CITY COMMITTEE - William TARASOFF - Chairman
Steve FERENCY - Representative Bethune Club
Steve KOCSIS - Representative Central Club
Dan BEKE - Representative of Hungarian language group
Peter MARUSIK - Representatives of Ukrainian language group
Wm. ROMANIUK

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CENTRAL CLUB - Steve KOCSIS - Chairman
14 members Mrs. Wm. TARASOFF - Recording secretary
William TARASOFF - Financial secretary

BETHUNE CLUB - Steve FERENCY - Chairman
18 members Dan BEKE - Recording secretary
Louis BAK - Financial secretary

Enchant

ENCHANT CLUB - 8 members - Emil HOWE - secretary

Turin

TURIN CLUB - 24 members - Mike PASCO - secretary

Picture Butte

PICTURE BUTTE CLUB - 5 members - Paul SHIMER - secretary

Beaver Mines

BEAVER MINES CLUB - 8 members

Pincher Creek

PINCHER CREEK CLUB - 9 members

Medicine Hat

MEDICINE HAT CLUB - 21 members - E. W. HORNE - secretary

Blairmore

BLAIRMORE CLUB - 27 members - Martin KRKOSKY - secretary
Albert John OLSON - president

Hillcrest

HILLCREST CLUB - 12 members - Anton NADASDY - secretary

Bellevue

Believed to have about 20 members

Coleman

Believed to have about 25 members

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DIVISION **"K"** DIVISION FILE NO. **LETHBRIDGE** DETACHMENT **Blairmore**
PROVINCE **Alberta** DATE **July 19th, 1949.**

FILE REFS. RE: **LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY**
Blairmore, Alta.

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1. Further to P.C.R. 29-6-49 discreet conversation with the Deputy Returning Officers of the various polls at Blairmore indicate that only four ballots were spoiled by having the word Peace written on them. Other ballots were spoiled but for other reasons than by writing on them.

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2. With reference to memo. dated 16-6-49 the expression "Czechoslovakian Star" has not been clarified.

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STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

P.C.R. 29-6-49

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

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

RECEIPT ACK'D

Forwarded for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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G.M.M.C.

Leth. 20-7-49
/C

A. R. V. No.

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

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

1. Forwarded together with previous report of 6th June and memorandum of this Headquarters dated 16th June regarding the meaning of the expression "Czechoslovakian Star".

Edm. 26-7-49

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

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Special Branch

Edmonton, Alberta
June 16, 1949

S/D Ref. LS 115-8

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

Re: Labor Progressive Party - Blairmore.

With reference to Sgt. S. M. Murray's Report of the 6th June, 1949, would you please have this N. C. O. report the meaning of the expression "Czechoslovakian Star" as noted in paragraph 2. It is not understood at this Headquarters what such a term has reference to.

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

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DIVISION "K"
PROVINCE Alberta
SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE
DETACHMENT Blairmore
DATE June 29th, 1949

RE: Labor Progressive Party - BLAIRMORE

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P.C.R. 6-6-49

A. R. V. No.

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1. Attached are two hand-bills turned in to this Detachment on Election Day, 27-6-49, as issued by the the above noted Party, headed "Dont vote for a War Policy MARK YOUR BALLOT FOR PEACE".

2. As this is a type of printing done in Blairmore by the Pass Herald a check was made at that office where confidential enquiry revealed that these were not done there. As this is the only printing office in the Pass doing this type of printing it would appear that these were sent in from outside. Possibly similar hand-bills have appeared elsewhere.

3. No one has been contacted locally who admits or offers any knowledge of the source of these hand-bills or as to who has been handing them out. It was observed that on Election day Charlie SHAW was carrying a small case that appeared about the size of a portable typewriter case but it was too light to be a typewriter. It is suspected that he may be responsible for the distribution locally.

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

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

FORWARDED for your information with one hand bill attached. CONCLUDED HERE.

Leth. 30-6-49.
/B Encl.

(E.E. Buchanan) S/Sergt.
For O.C. Leth. S/Divn. AOD.

Copy to: N.C.O. SPECIAL BRANCH
with attachment.

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

1. Forwarded together with leaflet referred to.

Edm. 9-7-49

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

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