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DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]
SUB-DIVISION C.I.B. DETACHMENT Edmonton Special Branch
P. CE Alberta DATE April 9th, 1956

RE: Labor-Progressive Party,
Coleman, Alberta.

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P.C.R.

1.

In this respect, please refer to Edmonton Special Branch report, dated April 9th, 1956, on H.Q. File [REDACTED] Supp.4 ("K" Div. Ref. [REDACTED] Supp.1).

BEGINS:-

2. On March 21st., 1956, Mrs. Mary STOOCHNOR of Coleman wrote to Ben SWANKEY advising him that their club had recruited a new member, Mrs. Mary WAKULUK of Bellevue. She also requested SWANKEY to come to their area to organize the Bellevue-Blairmore Club. She further advised that Steve ANDROS had been replaced by Steve MALANCHUK as chairman of their club.

ENDS

3. It has been indicated here that Wm. TUOMI will be visiting the Crow's Nest Area on the week-end of April 14/15th on an organizational trip after attending the Miners' Convention in Calgary.

[Signature] Cpl.
(L.S. Fennell) 13467.

O.C. Lethbridge S/D, LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

Forwarded for your information. You will note that TUOMI will be visiting the Crow's Nest Area this coming week-end.
Edmonton, April 12/56

(F. A. HEGAN) SUT
I:C C.I.B.

O.C. Calgary S/D, CALGARY, Alta.

Forwarded for your information in regard to TUOMI attending the Miners' Convention.
Edmonton, April 12/56

(F. A. HEGAN) SUT
I:C C.

The S.D. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Alta.

Forwarded for your information.
Edmonton, April 12/56

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Lethbridge Special Branch

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Labor Progressive Party - Blairmore, Alberta.

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1. Continued enquiries have been made in regard to the activity of the Labor Progressive Party branch at Blairmore, with little success. Documentary exhibits re: L.P.P. Coleman indicate that the Blairmore club was under the direction of Tony PATERA. Membership would undoubtedly include Chas. J. SHAW

and Martin KRKOSKY both of whom have extensive records of activity in communist organizations.

2. A L.P.P. membership book was recently found among the effects of one Victor DUDAS who committed suicide on 14-9-55. DUDAS was a member of the Blairmore club in 1950 and the membership book shows PATERA's signature as club secretary at that time. DUDAS's effects also included various medals and emblems indicating membership in the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation.

3. [redacted] not in a position to give any authentic information concerning the operation of this L.P.P. club.

Membership book referred to in para. 2 is forwarded herewith.

(W.A.E. Ward) 13549.
i/c Lethbridge Spl. Br.

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

FORWARDED for your information, with attachment.

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/W.

(I. C. Shank) Insp.
Comdg. Lethbridge Sub/Div.

The Comm'r., R.C.M.P., OTTAWA, Ont.

Forwarded for your information, together with the membership book which shows Tony PATERA was secretary of the club in 1950.
Edmonton, Oct. 6/55

(F. A. REGAN) SUPT.
REVIEWED C.I.B.

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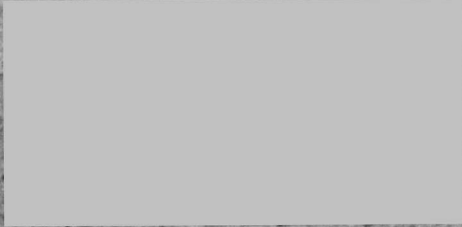
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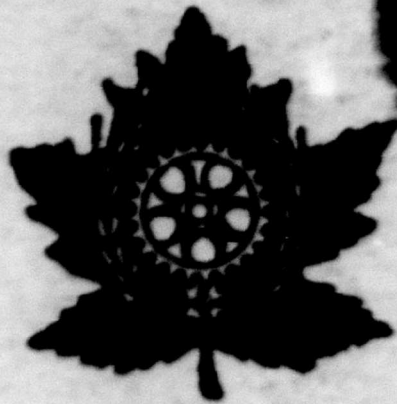


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LABOR-PROGRESSIVE PARTY



Membership Book

1950

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Labor-Progressive Party

MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Name ~~Victor~~ *Quenda*

Address

Club *Blairmore*

City Prov. *Alta*

Date Book Issued *Jan. 15 1950*

Club Secretary *Patterson*

DIVISION COPY

INITIATION	1950 CONVENTION ASSESSMENT
Reco for off	1949 CONVENTION ASSESSMENT \$1.00 Secretary ring to Province.

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LPP dues One Dollar	LPP dues One Dollar	MAR.
APR.	MAY	JUNE
JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
OCT.	NOV.	DEC.

EXCERPTS FROM L.P.P. CONSTITUTION

P R E A M B L E

The Labor-Progressive Party is dedicated to the struggle for Socialism — the fundamental extension of democracy through the establishment of common ownership of the means of production; a government of the working class in alliance with the working farmers; the abolition of classes and of exploitation, through the development of society to communism.

• • •

The Labor-Progressive Party is pledged to the defence of Canada's independence, national security, and well-being, and to the maintenance and strengthening of democracy in Canada. The Labor-Progressive Party upholds the historically evolved popular democratic achievements and institutions won by the Canadian people and defends them against the attempts of reactionaries and fascists to subvert, undermine or destroy Canadian democracy. It is pledged to uphold and strengthen the democratic solidarity of the peoples within Canada, to defend their right of national equality.

ARTICLE 3.

MEMBERSHIP

Section Two

An application for membership shall be endorsed by at least one member of the Labor-Progressive Party. Each application is subject to discussion by the club to which it is presented.

Section Three

A Party member is one who accepts the aims, principles and program of the Party as determined by this Constitution and Conventions, who belongs to a club and attends its meetings, who is active on behalf of the Party program, who reads and circulates the press and literature and who pays dues regularly.

Section Four

Party members three months in arrears in payment of dues shall cease to be in good standing and shall be officially informed thereof; members who are six months in arrears shall be stricken from the rolls after all efforts have failed to bring such members into good standing. This information must be forwarded by the club to the next highest body. If those whose membership terminated for

these reasons apply for readmission within six months, they may, upon approval of the Club Executive or Local Committee, be permitted to pay up back dues and maintain standing as old members.

ARTICLE 4.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Section Two

After thorough discussion in any Club, Committee or Convention, decisions are made by a majority vote of those in attendance, and all members are duty-bound to carry out such decisions.

Section Three

Party members disagreeing with any decision of the club, section, ward, city committee, region or province, have the right to appeal that decision to the next higher body, and may carry the appeal to the highest bodies of the Party, its National Committee, and the National Convention.

Section Five

It shall be the duty of members to study and explain to all Canadians, the program and policies of the Party and principles of Scientific Socialism.

Section Eight

Every Party member must combat every effort, whether it comes from abroad or from within our country, to destroy the rights of labor and the people, or any section thereof, or to impose upon Canada the arbitrary will of any group or party or clique or conspiracy, thereby violating the unqualified right of the majority of the people to direct the destinies of our country.

Section Nine

It shall be the obligation of all Party members to struggle against all forms of national oppression and discrimination, and against all ideological influences and practices of racial intolerance and discrimination.

All members shall be required to belong to the respective trade union to which they are eligible, abide by its constitution and rules and further its interests. Where no trade union exists Party members shall work consistently for the promotion of trade union organization, principles and standards.

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ARTICLE 5.

INITIATION FEES, DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section One

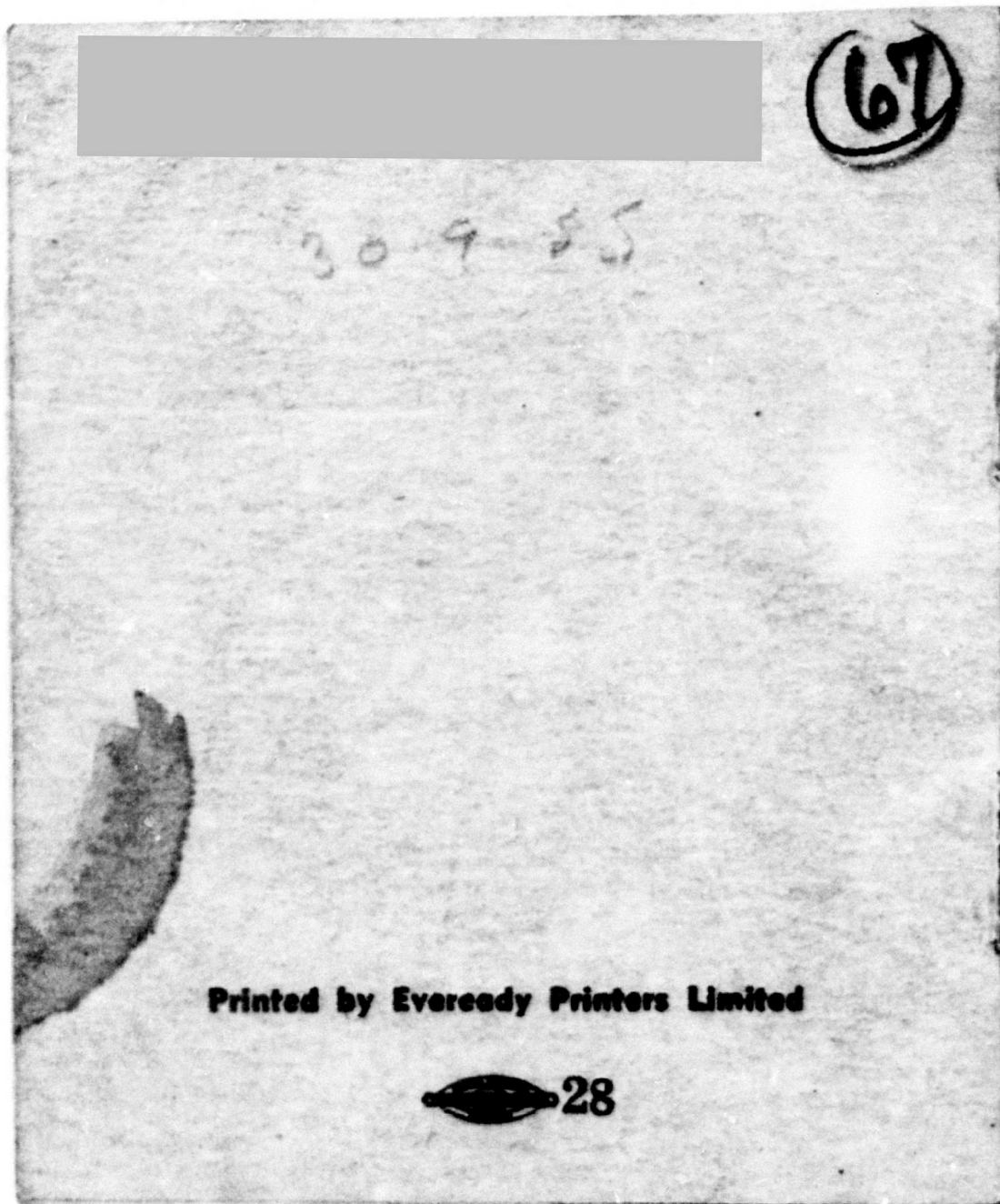
Initiation fees, dues and assessments shall be paid according to the rates fixed by the National Convention of the Party.

SCHEDULE OF DUES AND INITIATION FEES

Monthly Income	Dues Initiation	
Non-earners: housewives, pensioners, unemployed persons and students	\$.25	\$.25
Under \$125.0050	.50
\$126.00 to \$200.00	1.00	.50
Over \$200.00	2.00	.50

DISTRIBUTION OF DUES INCOME

National Office	40%
Provincial Office	20%
Regional or City Office	15%
Ward Office	15%
Club	10%



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Edmonton, Alta., July 27, 1955.

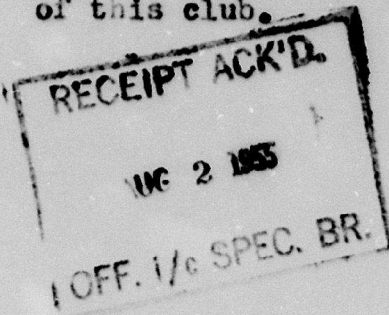
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O.C.Lethbridge S/D, LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

Re: Labor-Progressive Party,
Blairmore, Alta.

Further to Lethbridge S/Divn Special Branch report dated Jan. 20, 1955, your attention is called to documentary exhibit No. K-1214, which is being forwarded under file heading

It will be noted therein that PATERA had recently formed an L.P.P. Club in Blairmore. Would you please have some enquiries conducted to establish the possible membership and executive of this club.



(F. A. REGAN) SUPT.
I:C C.I.B.

The Comm'r., R.C.M.P., OTTAWA, Ont.

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, July 27/55

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P.Q. File
Date: 8-3-55

Extract re: LPP BLAIRMORE
Source of Information: [REDACTED] ALTA

Div. File No. [REDACTED] Supp. 1
Re: Labor Progressive Party.
(Documentary Evidence Re:) - Alberta

Detachment
Edmonton Spec. Br.

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1. Attached hereto reels 1, 2, 3 of processed microfilm dated March 8th, 1955, containing documentary evidence in the above connection.

2. It will be noted from reel No. 1 that a meeting of the National Committee of the L.P.P. is scheduled to be held in Toronto on May 11-12th, 1955.

3. It will also be noted from reel No. 3 that the 4th, Cultural Conference of the L.P.P. will be held in Toronto April 8-10th, 1955., and George PYGA [REDACTED] of Edmonton will attend, also E.R. (Ben) SWANNEY [REDACTED] of Edmonton, with Oiva RAAPPANA [REDACTED] of Edmonton, as an alternate delegate.

4. It will also be noted that reel No. 3 contains a preliminary draft of Ben SWANNEY's "Political Report" to be delivered at the forthcoming Alberta Provincial Convention of the L.P.P. to be held in Edmonton March 12-13th, 1955.

P.C. Francis, Cpl. #13344
Edmonton Special Branch

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

Forwarded for your information, together with the three rolls of film. May we be supplied with photostat copies of the exhibits in due course.

M.T. Laberge, Insp.,
Asst. C.I.B. Officer

Original on: [REDACTED] Supp. 4 8-3-55 Extract made by: MFD

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Edmonton
Alberta.
March 8th
1965.
Reel # 1.

The other evening the pictures &
 some time ago and I can say
 that we were so far from waiting
 for the coming of things here.
 The new kind of song, formed a
 chain of chairs which left us
 without a chairman again, so
 yesterday we met at our place &
 elected Steve A. as the chairman
 which he accepted very reluctantly
 they wanted to elect Bill as
 chairman but he declined on grounds
 that the other members could take
 the part & give him a chance to learn
 the truth of the matter. He
 doesn't want to be chairman
 because he would be working with
 G. & you know how we feel
 about that. I know it's not a
 common way of looking at it but
 we still feel that while there are
 some capable comrades they can
 handle it for a time. And
 Steve & G. hit it off very well.
 To get this.

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Dear how wonderful it was to
hear also some. They make out
well financially too.

How are you & your family these
days I guess your family then
ever into the Convention coming
& all.

I was quite pleased to be nominated
as a delegate but I feel I am
not qualified for it due to lack
of experience & knowledge.

I would be more capable but
she couldn't go because of the
children you see Blackie sent back
yet, ~~and~~ she said she used to
go as delegate quite often back
before she knew all about it.

We sure have to get busy & recruit
some more members our club is getting
small since the Patersons out.
Regards to all.

Comradely yours

Mary

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SSG J. W. H.

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Feb 4,

Dear Ben:

Many thanks to both you and Bill for your efforts in trying to find a typewriter for me. I didn't really expect it and I'm sure it's not the best when I think of the problems in the path of already secured comrades however when and if I do have a typewriter I will be to make it pay off.

As for my writing ability I have written considerable in past years but only the articles on the life of Indians ever got into print. Whenever anything hits me heart it usually bubbles over in the form of poetry. Some of this was good, not on my say so but my Dad was a realist like yours. A great thinker on Marxism and dialectics. I will send a couple of poems to you to judge for yourself. They may have some social significance but not much political. I often get the urge to write but when I pick up a pen I draw an absolute blank. If given an assignment I would do my best with it but make no mistake.

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to also draw a blank on the future
crises. Could you suggest something?

At our meeting Tuesday night I
suggested a future party or social in a
private home since the hall is not available
but everybody looked so weary I didn't have
the heart to present. So I'm afraid the Irit
will have to go on the train. The Glas
about corner of the 10th and that too will
be a disappointment. How long you many
comrades stay here. They deserve
a warmer and more

and I'd like to see a little more of the way they
go. I think he wants to find a way to get
a little more of the whole thing.

Yours really all

Edmon ton

I hope you will be able to get
some more of the same kind of
me. I hope you will be able to
get some more of the same kind of

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W. L. ...
June 15, 1955

Kind enclosed a clipping from the Pass
Herald which certainly deserves an answer.
we could not hold a meeting tonight as
there is a quarrel among the colored people in
residential part of the city. I shall have to
leave the land and come back here and as a few
minutes will be required to get to the clipping.
I will be glad to see you on Saturday next
and so do not fail to come tomorrow night
if you can.

The room is all
 space of
 the
 are
 about the smell
 of the room air
 Madison
 admitted
 name (Thank)
 room, parts well

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Samuel L. O.
Alberta.
March 1955.
Roll # 2.

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I still feel that our foothold is very shaky because of the crying need for education. When you know of former party members being swayed by the褐人 witnesses and in visiting people either for objections or prospective members you run into so much pessimism it becomes glaringly obvious that we have a colossal educational problem on our hands. Everyone is so scared. Many former members are nursing a fear either of the opposition or of what we are doing. Even in our own club it is almost impossible to get anyone to take an executive position since they don't realize we will win. We are in a very bad state. It leaves only one alternative. We are however we will probably elect a chairman at our next meeting. I do not want to do this. I want to have a meeting where the people will understand the situation. We are more than meeting. We are a superior party school such as we have never had before conducted way back when.

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stock taking forms in before the meeting. The
N.P.F. quota was accepted. We intend to send
two delegates and all possible visitors to the
convention. The financial statements had not been
out we will discuss ways and means at our next
meeting.

Please let me know your considered opinion.

Sincerely yours

G. Lawrence

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(33) March 6th 1955
Frank Alta
Dear Bill
We had set up a club
in Blairmore I was going
to write sooner but was
to Biggy
I am sending in order for
some stamps and Books
the order is as follows
Assessment for last year
100 x 100 Due
2 x 50 = 100 12 x 25 = 300
4 x 100 = 320
620
200
2 Membership Latals 500
I will try and Build the
Club up to eight members
This coming week
So I will order more books
and stamps next order
Comradely yours
Lory Lat

March 7 1955
Blairmore
Latals
100 x 100 = 100
12 x 25 = 300
4 x 100 = 320
620
200
2 Membership Latals 500
Total 1320

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Alberta.
March 8th
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DATE 20-1-55

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RE: [REDACTED]

Labor Progressive Party - Blairmore, Alberta.

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P.C.R.
3-9-53

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A.R.P. No.

1. Further to the above, continued observation does not indicate that an actual branch of the Labor Progressive Party is functioning at Blairmore. Branches are known to exist at Bellevue and Coleman but is probable that party adherents at Blairmore are members at large. Reference is made to memo dated 18-2-54 re: Labor Progressive Party - Alberta General, wherein it is noted clubs had been set up at Coleman and Bellevue, and there were two party members at Blairmore.

2. Pamphlets protesting the rearming of West Germany have turned up in Blairmore, the distribution may be attributed to Charles SHAW who generally handles distribution of literature and press releases. [REDACTED] no word on the operation of a Blairmore branch of the L.P.P.

[Signature] A/Cpl.
(F.A.E. Ward) 13549.
i/c Lethbridge Spl. Br.

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

FORWARDED for your information.

Leth.20-1-55.

[Signature]
(I. C. Shank) Insp.
Comdg. Lethbridge Sub/Div.

The Comm'r., RCMP, OTTAWA, Ont.

FORWARDED for your information. The foregoing report was submitted in reply to a memorandum wherein we asked if there was any indication of an LPP Club at Blairmore.

Edmonton, Alta. RECEIPT ACK'D.
Jan. 24, 1955.

JAN 27 1955

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[Signature]
(F.A. REGAN) Supt.
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AUG 2 1954
CANADIAN TRIBUNE

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**LPP to nominate
in Blairmore Aug. 8**

Edmonton — The first LPP nomination for the next provincial elections will be held in Blairmore on Sunday, Aug. 8 at 8.00 p.m. in the Union Hall, when a candidate will be selected for the provincial constituency of Pincher Creek-Crow's Nest. The sitting member is William Kovach, Social Credit. The LPP announced last May that it intends to contest at least 35 seats in the next election.

The convention, open to the public, will be addressed by Arthur Roberts of Drumheller, George Solomon of Edmonton and Sam English of Michel, B.C. Two major topics of discussion at the meeting will be the current crisis in agriculture and a policy to save the coal mining industry.

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"V E S T N I K"
(The Herald)

6 (Col. 7) A pre-election meeting of the LPP in Blaymore, Alta., will take place on August 8, with ~~Arthur Roberts~~ Drumheller, ~~George Solomon~~, Edmonton, and ~~Sam English~~ Michel, main speakers. [REDACTED]

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EXHIBIT NO. K262

EXTRACT RE: L.P.P. BLAIRMORE

H.C. FILE:

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

DATE: 15-2-54

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DIV. FILE NO. [REDACTED] Supp. 1 DETACHMENT: Edmonton Spl. Fr.
RE: Labor Progressive Party. (Documentary Evidence re.) Alberta.

1. Attached hereto two rolls of processed microfilm submitted in the above connection. 10 copies of this film have been made at this point, and it is therefore requested that the necessary copies be made at Special Branch Headquarters, Ottawa, and supplied the Divisions concerned, also that a complete set be forwarded this Headquarters.

2. In view of the fact that containers for forwarding these exhibits are difficult to obtain at this point, it would be appreciated if empty containers could be returned to this office for further use in shipping microfilm exhibits.

Signed: R.C. Francis, 13344, Cpl.
Edmonton Special Section.

Commissioner, RCMP, Ottawa, Ont.

1. Herewith the microfilm referred to in para 1.

2. Would you please forward one complete set of the photographs at your earliest convenience. As time permits we would appreciate such additional copies as you may feel are required for the files concerned.

3. In regard to para 2, our Identification Branch advise that these containers are not readily available here and we were wondering if you could arrange to have a few sent to us for convenience in mailing film.

Signed: F.A. Regan, Supt.
1/c C.I.B.

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308 Wallace Bldg.,
Edmonton, Alberta,
Feb. 18th, 1964.

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To Nick, Tony and Steve

Dear Comrades:

To help in carrying out the decisions of our special provincial convention it has been agreed that I will be available for help to the Crow's Nest Pass for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27th and 28th. I can also be there for Friday, Feb. 26th if you consider it necessary.

It would no doubt be of greatest value if most of my time while there is taken up with a Party school, with special attention being paid to get ~~maximum number of~~ prospective new members to attend. As a result of the school I hope it will be possible to get some new members for the Pelletier and Coleman clubs, as well as to establish a club in Blairmore. In Blairmore we have two members at the present time - at least three more must be recruited before a new club can be set up.

If you can also arrange for me to speak at a public meeting, perhaps in Coleman, on the threat of depression and our 10 point plan, that would also be very good.

Please take this up and let me know if the above dates are satisfactory. (I could have come a week earlier but Mrs. Ashworth will be there then and I don't want my trip to conflict with hers.)

Best of personal wishes,

Cordially Yours,

Ben Swanbey

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SPECIAL BRANCH

Edmonton, Alberta
November 23, 1953.

Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police,
Calgary Sub/Division
Lethbridge Sub/Division

Re: The Canadian Tribune

Attached please find copies of a
photograph of a document which was received at
this office [REDACTED] This
item apparently deals with subscriptions to and
donations to the sustaining fund of the Canadian
Tribune and is forwarded for your information
and record purposes.

(F.A. REGAN) SUPT.
I/C C.I.B.

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

FORWARDED for your information. Reference
is made to Edmonton Special Branch report dated
October 8th, 1953, submitted under file heading
"Labor Progressive Party - Documentary Evidence
(Alberta)," item No. 28. Extra copies attached for
Headquarters files [REDACTED]

Edmonton, Alta.
Nov. 23, 1953.

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DATE 3-9-53

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P.C.R.

Nelson Sp.Br.
18-7-53

1. With reference to photographs forwarded with marginally noted report, identification has been made as follows:

Photograph.

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Frank, Alta.

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2. It is respectfully requested that this branch be supplied with five copies each of photo 6, individual 1, and photo 48, individual 2. Extra copies attached for "E" Division.

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

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

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Re: Labor Progressive Party, Blairmore, Alberta.

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

FORWARDED for your information. Please note request in para. 2. Photographs are returned herewith. Extra copies attached for O.C. "E" Division.

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Finke
(I. C. Shank) S/Insp.
Comdg. Lethbridge Sub/Div'n.

O.C. "E" Division, R.C.M. Police, Victoria, B.C.

FORWARDED for your information together with photographs. May we be supplied with copies of photographs as requested in paragraph 2. Copies to the Commissioner.

Edmonton, Alta.
Sept. 4, 1953.

(F.A. REGAN) SUPT.
I/C C.I.B.

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

FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
Sept. 4, 1953.

[Signature]
(F.A. REGAN) SUPT.
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EXTRACT RE: L.P.P. Blairmore, Alta. H.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Not identified DATE: 9-5-53

DIV. FILE NO. [REDACTED] Pt. 10 DETACHMENT: Cranbrook

RE: Labor Progressive Party Documentary Evidence re:
(British Columbia)

1. With reference to memorandum from the Insp., Officer i/c Special Branch "E" Div. with Exhibits Nos. 8306, 8309 and 8319 attached, dated Victoria, B.C. February 20th, 1953, with forwarding minute by the Officer Commanding Nelson S/Division, Nelson, B.C., 23-2-53, relative to the above, following is a report in an effort to identify individuals mentioned therein.

2. Doc. Exhibit No. 8306 (1-10) is a letter written by Adolph POTHORN (Pt. 3; [REDACTED] dated 26-11-51 from Box 366, Natal, B.C. which was rented at that time by James Emil POLASKI, to Nigel MORGAN or Alf DEWHURST. In Exhibit 8306(2) he mentions in para. 2 that by the end of the week F (Ferne) will be finished re: Organizational classes etc. In para. 3 of this same page POTHORN mentions that he will also try to conclude the establishment of a regular club in Bel. (Bellevue, Alta.). He also states that the Club will consist of Coms (Comrades) from H & Fr. & Bel. (Millcrest and Frank and Bellevue). In Ex. 8306 (3) POTHORN states that the above towns are 1 to 1½ miles apart and that Bellevue has not a single Tribune Subscriber. In para. 2 he refers to having five clubs established with each having 2 doz. members and that Bl. (Blairmore) is the weakest Club, having had to take one of the Blairmore members as an Organizer for Bellevue. Bl. (Blairmore) is referred to as the weakest Party organization though it is the Area Committee centre. Para. 1 of Ex. No. 8306 (4) deals with leadership in F (Ferne) also M.N. (Michel & Natal). He mentions 2 or 3 more to be recruited into the Party right here in M. & N. (Michel & Natal) etc. A reference to para. 2 concerning Ben refers to Ben SWANLEY, Alberta Prov. leader of the L.P.P. In Ex. 8306 (5) POTHORN continues on a resume of SWANLEY's personality, organizing ability etc. This is continued in Ex. No. 8306(6). The Bill referred to in para. 1 of Ex. No. 8306 (7) could be William John SLIMKO, Fernie, B.C. In para. 2 of Doc. Exhibit No. 8306 (10) mention is made of POTHORN owing Jim (James E. POLASKI) \$60.00 plus Sam (Sam ENGLISH, Michel, B.C.) \$20.00. The last para raph of the letter

mention Ben, Toni P., Jim through Sam and Steve telling POTHORN that Dusty will be through in a couple of weeks. This refers to Ben SWANLEY, Tony PODRASNY, Jim POLASKI, Sam ENGLISH and Steve HARMATNY. Dusty can not be identified at this point. The reference to Betty and [REDACTED] in this para. also cannot be identified.

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3. Doc. Exhibit No. 8309(1-6) is another letter written by POTHORN to Alf DEWHURST of the Prov. office of the Party. From perusal of this letter it would appear to deal in the most part with Party activities at Trail, B.C. as most of the names mentioned do not reside in the Crows

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Nest Pass area. POTMORN mentions being on a weekend trip and the letter refers to drinking etc. in Party ranks. In Exhibit No. 8309(2) in the third line mention is made of [redacted] having a couple of extra drinks also. This could refer to Garfield BELANGER and Les BOELL of Trail. In Para. 2 of this Exhibit the names Sam and Martin are mentioned which presumably refer to Sam ENGLISH of Michel, B.C. and Martin WALSH of Trail. Further reference is made to Martin in Ex. No. 8309 (3) as taking the criticism very good. The names Irving and Alf mentioned in Ex. No. 8309 (4) cannot be identified by the writer. In para. 122 of Ex. No. 8309 (5) POTMORN states he was at a Peace house meeting and that Les was doing able work in Peace. He apparently refers to Les BOGIE mentioned above. The names Tillie and Irene are tentatively identified as Tillie BELANGER and Irene VETERI of Trail. The Mildred mention in para. 3 can not be identified here. The Sheard and Jackson mentioned in the last paragraph of Ex. No. 8309 (6) are apparently from Vancouver, B.C. Sidney Gordon SHEARD [redacted] is now employed by Stone & Webster Ltd. contractors, at Kimberley, B.C.

4. In Doc. Exhibit No. 8319(1) POTMORN apparently attended an L.P.P. Convention at Edm. (Edmonton, Alta.), stating that there were 10 Party members at convention, 5 of them from Crow (Crows Nest Pass). He requests 10 copies of the shop paper "Tribune" to be sent to Tutor EVANS, General Delivery, Fernie [redacted] in para. 2 and states that EVANS was joining the Party on the 50-11-51, was a former miner and now wood worker and that he fell out of the Party when they didn't support that preacher. This apparently refers to support of the Rev. James H. Matthews, United Church minister at Fernie, B.C. who was elected C.C.T. member in the Federal elections in 1945. He states that EVANS became real left sectarian in support of U.I.U. (Woodworkers Industrial Union of Canada, Local 405 at Cranbrook, B.C.). In the margin POTMORN mentions having to see Tom about "Civic" tonight. This could refer to Tom WHILL, Mayor of Fernie, B.C. N.L.A. and who attended the recent Peoples Congress for Peace at Vienna, Austria. The names Mildred and Alistair cannot be identified as contained in Ex. No. 8319(2) and reference is made in the last para. of this Exhibit of POTMORN having to get an Organization meeting for F(Fernie) yet, and that in M. & N. (Michel & Natal) they got 3 recruits in all, plus 5 or 4 more to be expected. The P.S. in the margin states that POTMORN had a letter from Ben (Ben SWANKY, Alberta L.P.P. Prov. leader). The star pupil in MAN (Michel & Natal) who is Education Director is tentatively identified as Frank KOZLER, Natal, B.C. from previous Exhibits obtained. He further mentions 3 germ-recruits in Man, which could refer to 3 German recruits in Vancouver. In the margin is mentioned 6 drives on, National Party Fund, Tribune Subs, Russian, Ukrainian Canadian, Hungarian, Slovak papers - finance drive.

Signed: D.M. McRae), 15493, A/Cpl.
Cranbrook Detachment.

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DATE: 9-3-53

THE C.C. "1st" DIVISION, R.C.M.P. EDMONTON, Alta.

FORWARDED, same being further to my memorandum dated 20-2-53 as submitted under this file.

2. You will note that our Cranbrook Special Branch have been able to outline Exhibits 8306 and 8319 more completely by identifying the initials of individuals and places in the Crow's Nest Pass area. Copies to the Commissioner.

**Signed: J.R.W. Bordeleau, Insp.
Officer i/c Sp. Br. "E" Div.**

THE COMMISSIONER, R.C.M. Police, OTTAWA, Ontario.

FORWARDED, same being in reply to my memorandum to the Officer Commanding, Nelson Sub-Division, dated 20-2-53, copies of which were forwarded to you under my minute of same date.

2. You will note that Cranbrook detachment Special Branch have been able to identify the initials of individuals and places which are referred to on Exhibits 8306, 8309 and 8319.

**Signed: J.R.W. Bordeleau, Insp.
Officer i/c Sp. Br. "E" Div.**

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DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]
SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge
DETACHMENT Special Branch
"K" PROVINCE Alberta
DATE 2 Mar. 53

RE:

Labor Progressive Party - Blairmore, Alberta.

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1. Further to the above, it is reported that while there is no apparent organized activity in the Labor Progressive Party in Blairmore, there has been some activity on the part of individual LPP adherents in connection with the coming federal election campaign.

2. A few Blairmore communists attended a meeting addressed by Leslie MORRIS, national campaign manager of the LPP, at Blairmore on 8-2-53. This meeting was called in support of Tony PATERA, LPP candidate; among those attending were Charles SHAW, Elliseo (Jack) PERESSINI, and John BRUZGA.

3. It was learned that LPP leaflets were recently distributed with copies of the Pass Herald, a mimeographed sheet published in Blairmore. Subscribers took exception to having communist literature distributed with their weekly paper and as a result many cancelled their subscriptions and advertisers withdrew their advertisements. The editor of the paper, George SANDULAK, son of Nick SANDULAK of Bellevue, immediately published a comment to the effect the Pass Herald took no sides in political matters, and canvassed his subscribers to try and reinstate himself and the paper. SANDULAK is not considered to be a communist, the general view is that it was due to inexperience that he distributed the leaflets with the newspapers.

4. There has been no indication that the Blairmore LPP is functioning as a body, but there may be further developments expected during the coming election campaign.

J.M.C.
S.C.Col.
i/c Sp.Br.

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

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

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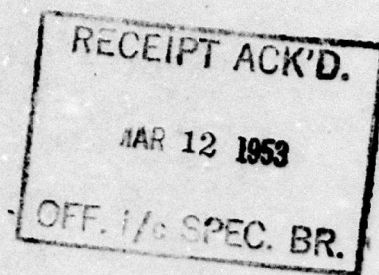
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Edmonton, Alta.
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Extract re: L.P.P. Blairmore

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Date 16-2-53

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Detachment: Cranbrook

Re: Labor-Progressive Party
Documentary Evidence re
(British Columbia)

1. With reference to memorandum from the Insp., Officer i/c Special Branch "E" Division dated Victoria, B.C., February 11, 1953 with Documentary Exhibits Nos. 8335 and 8341 attached, together with forwarding minutes of the Officer Commanding Nelson S/Division, Nelson, B.C., 13-2-53, relative to the above, following is a report in an effort to identify the Party members referred to in the above Exhibits.

2. Doc. Exhibit No. 8335 (1-13) is a letter written by Adolph POTHORN to Alf. DEWHURST of the L.P.P. Prov. Headquarters of Vancouver, B.C. This letter was written from P.O. Box 366, Natal, B.C. which was rented by James Emil POLASKI while he was at Natal. POTHORN was located in the Crows Nest Pass District for several months during the latter part of 1951 as a Party Organizer in conjunction with the B.C. and Alberta Committees of the L.P.P. This letter deals with Party activity in the Crows Nest Pass area. In Ex. No. 8335 (2) he mentions having to stop over in C & T. This would refer to Cranbrook and Trail. He arranged for a Club Org. meeting in Bell (Bellevue, Alta.) Friday 13th plus a full Area meeting on Sunday in BL or B.C.? which refers to Blairmore or Blairmore-Coleman, Alta. He had a final class in F. (Fernie) on 12th.

3. The S. mentioned in Exhibit No. 8335 (3) refers to Sam ENGLISH, Michel, B.C. He mentions S. numerous times in Exhibit 8335 (3 & 4) as being responsible for weakness in the local Clubs and also that ENGLISH is loaded with T.U. (Trade Union) work, Lamp Edite Board (English writes articles for the shop paper "LAMP" published by the L.P.P. in Edmonton, Alta.), Hospital etc. POTHORN mentions the general trend is for s(ENGLISH) to be Chairman and T.U. (Trade Union) Director for area.

4. In para. 2 of Exhibit No. 8335 (4), it is mentioned that S. suggested to POTHORN "what about J. as area Org. This refers to James Emil POLASKI, who succeeded POTHORN as Party Organizer at Natal-Michel. The initials St. Contained in para. 2 of Ex. No. 8335 (6) refer to Stefan (Steve) HARMATNY, Natal, B.C. There are also references to St. in Ex. No. 8335 (7) pertaining to HARMATNY's work in the Mass Organizations, referring to the W.B.A. and FEDERATION OF RUSSIAN CANADIANS etc. In Exhibit No. 8335 (9) is a reference to "Jim's" shack. This refers to James E. POLASKI who rented a shack from Fred RYBACHUK, Natal. POLASKI is referred to in the same page as J. as being suggested by S. (Sam ENGLISH). Jim (POLASKI) is referred to in Ex. 8335 (10) as having a best grasp, Coast Experience?, etc. Other references in the letter deal with the Party situation in F. (Fernie) and Nan (Nanaimo)

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5. In Ex. No. 8335 (13) he refers to Roberts speaking well. Arthur ROBERTS of Drumheller, Alta. addressed a meeting in the Union Hall, Natal, B.C. on Sunday, Dec. 9th, 1951, 2 days before the letter of POTHORN's was written. ROBERTS was a member of the CANADIAN TRADE UNION DELEGATION to the Soviet Union representing the United Mine Workers. He refers to the attendance at the Natal meeting and also at BL (Blairmore, Alta.)

6. Doc. Exhibit No. 8341 is another letter written by POTHORN to Alf DEWHURST on Sept. 10th, 1951 dealing with Party activities in the Natal-Michel, B.C. area, Fernie and the Alberta towns of the Crows Nest Pass. In Ex. No. 8341 (1) he refers to B.(Blairmore), C(Coleman). In para. 2 he mentions that Ben is to be in the Crows Nest Pass from Friday afternoon till Monday on recruiting drive trip and that POTHORN will be with him. Ben refers to Ben SWANKEY, Prov. leader of the LPP in Alberta. In para. 3 he refers to the situation in M.N. (Michel Natal) and mentions only one of us i.e. Steve with foreign accent. This refers to Stefan (Steve) HARMATNY, Natal, B.C. In Ex. No. 8341 (2) reference is made to Sam and Jim, these being Sam ENGLISH and Jim POLASKI. In para. 3 POTHORN states that "Old George" of course won't go near the classes. This refers to George GASEOFF, Natal, B.C. In para. 4 is another reference to Steve (Steve HARMATNY).

7.- In Ex. No. 8341 (3) he asks DEWHURST to tell Steve that they will have a youth club set up. In the opinion of the writer he is referring to Steve ENDICOTT, formerly of Vancouver, B.C., who has visited Natal-Michel as an N.F.L.Y. organizer. POTHORN ends his letter with a message to Rosaleen (Rosaleen ROSS) of the Prov. officer of the L.P.P.

D.M. McRae, A/Cpl. #13493
Cranbrook Detachment.

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SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Special Branch
PROVINCE Alberta. DATE 21 July 52

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1. Further to the above and memorandum dated 10-7-52, following is an appraisal of the persons mentioned in P.C.R. dated 13-5-52, as being communists or sympathizers.

2. William GRAY, mayor of Blairmore, was formerly president of the Blairmore local No. 7295, UMWA, which has long been noted for following communist lines. This union has for many years been under communist domination and has subscribed to the "Canadian Tribune", which it distributes among the members. It is significant to note that GRAY was replaced as president by Tony PATERA, a known communist. It is obvious that GRAY would not have been elected president of the local had he not had communist inclinations. GRAY is not known to be a member of the Labor Progressive Party, but has been referred to as a "progressive" by Ben SWANKEY, who also stated GRAY was preferable to Enoch WILLIAMS, former mayor, who was a known communist.

3. William JALLEP, Jr., though discreet in his actions, is one of the most prominent communists in the Blairmore area. He frequented the committee rooms of Ben SWANKEY, LPP candidate in the 1948 provincial elections and is a constant associate of other known communists, namely Elisee and Albino PERESSINI and Martin KRKOSKY. He has served on the town council under Enoch WILLIAMS and William GRAY. This man has been mentioned as a possible L.P.P. candidate in the forthcoming provincial elections. In a biography of William JALLEP, Sr., published in "Ukrainian Life" the following mention is made of William JALLEP, Jr.:

"His son William came to Canada in 1925 as a third-year gymnasium student in Kolomiya. Here he completed his high school and is now a high school teacher in Blairmore, an alderman of this town, and president of the Canadian Legion, because he was an officer in the army. Besides that, he is a linguist; that is, an expert of several languages. Before our William a higher career is spreading out. I say "our" because he is a progressive intellectual in our district." Further "both JALLEPS read "our press" and, in addition, they are preserving all issues of the "Working Woman."

4. Louis (Luigi) BIAFORE has not been noted in communist circles for some time, but has the name

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of being a communist supporter. He is identical to Luigi BIAFORE, who is mentioned as being active in raising funds for the Spanish loyalists in 1938. He is quiet and unobtrusive, and a member of the Blairmore branch of the UMWA and Canadian Legion.

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5. Cecil LARBALESTIER has been Secretary of the town of Blairmore for many years, and has thus been directly in contact with and under the direction of the communist element. He signed the nomination papers of communist candidate William ARLAND in 1945.

6. Hector VANONI has been Town Foreman in Blairmore for many years and an associate of the communist element. He is mentioned as attending a L.P.P. meeting in the Blairmore theatre on 8-8-48. He is not considered of any importance in the communist movement.

8. It is respectfully suggested that a summary of activities [REDACTED] compiled by "K" Division Headquarters, would be of considerable value in preparation of a brief for the information of the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff. None of the persons who are subjects of the foregoing paragraphs are known members of the L.P.P. [REDACTED] are believed to be members, but there is no conclusive evidence to this effect.

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

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

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

FORWARDED for your information, noting the suggestion contained in Paragraph 8 herein.

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

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R.C.M. POLICE,
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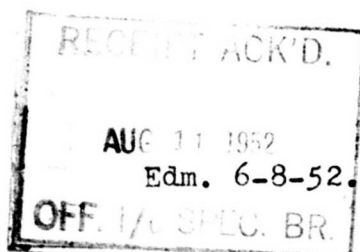
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FORWARDED for your information. This has reference to memorandum of the Officer i/c Special Branch dated July 10th, 1952.

2. In connection with para. 8 hereof please be advised that there is insufficient information available to make up a summary of activities at this Headquarters of the persons referred to herein, except in the case of [redacted] whose record was sent to you with Lethbridge Special Section report dated 22nd July, 1952, submitted under heading - [redacted] " [redacted] is recorded here as being a communist sympathizer and connected with the United Mine Workers of America. [redacted] raised funds for the Spanish Loyalist Government in 1938 but has not come to our attention since. [redacted] has no subversive records and [redacted] is merely recorded as having attended an L.P.P. meeting at Blairmore in 1948.

3. Whilst these persons are not known to be actual members of the Labor Progressive Party, the fact is that they are sympathizers of the communist movement and would probably lend themselves to under-hand activity if such were required of them.

(F.A. Regan) Supt.,
i.c. C.I.B.



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Your File No. [REDACTED]

July 10th, 1952.

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

Re: Labor Progressive Party -
Blairmore, Alta.

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Kindly refer to your Lethbridge Special Branch report of May 13th, 1952, which concerns infiltration by the Communist element of the Civil Defence Organization at Blairmore.

2. Please also refer to our secret memorandum of May 20th, 1952, headed re Chairman, Chiefs of Staff - Briefing by R.C.M. Police.

3. We desire to include the item referred to in paragraph one above in our brief to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff. However, the thought occurs that one phase of the item could give rise to query. The phase referred to is contained in the following extract from paragraph 2 of the report in question:-

[REDACTED] are considered communists, and [REDACTED] communist sympathizers".

4. We may be asked whether those considered Communists are known to be members of the L.P.P. or to be receiving direction from that organization.

5. We are maintaining a file on [REDACTED] of Blairmore, Alta., Headquarters reference [REDACTED] your reference [REDACTED]. This person is the [REDACTED] and it is assumed that he is the [REDACTED] mentioned in the above extract as being a Communist. However, our file on this subject indicates, as late as March 31st of this year, that he was classed as a Communist sympathizer only.

6. Files have been opened at this Headquarters on [REDACTED] Headquarters reference [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Headquarters reference [REDACTED]

7. Regarding [REDACTED] our records do not indicate active participation on his part in affairs of the L.P.P. However, it is noted that he was quite friendly with [REDACTED] of Blairmore and a prominent Party functionary. [REDACTED] is also mentioned as a progressive in correspondence between Ben SWANKE, leader of the L.P.P. in Alberta, and Tom McEVEN, editor of the "Pacific Tribune", the Party's West Coast publication.

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8. [redacted] may be identical with one [redacted] on whom Forms 192, 192-1, applicant for naturalization, were submitted by your Division in January, 1946. This person is stated to have been active raising funds for the Spanish loyalists at Blairmore in 1938.

9. In order that we may present as clear a picture as possible in our brief to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff, would you please have your Lethbridge Special Branch inquire thoroughly into the backgrounds of the persons above referred to, particularly those classed as Communists, in order to obtain any information available connecting them with the L.P.P.

(N.O. Jones), S/Insp.,
for Officer i/c Special Branch.

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DIVISION "K" DIVISION FILE No. [REDACTED]
SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Special Branch
PROVINCE Alberta DATE July 7th 1952 15433

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A. R. V. No.

1. Further to report of June 5th last I have been advised that the L.P.P. is still anxious to run a candidate in the Pincher Creek-Crow's Nest Constituency in the coming provincial elections, but, have been unable to obtain a suitable candidate. Tony PATERA, mayor of Frank, has been mentioned as well as William JALLEP Jr. of Blairmore. The first mentioned is not thought to be strong enough to make a showing and the latter is not likely to show his colours by running openly as an L.P.P. candidate. Further observation is continuing.

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DETACHMENT Special Branch
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1. Further to report of May 28th in regard to the holding of a nominating convention of the L.P.P. at Blairmore on the 1st June, please be advised that although advertized this convention did not take place

2. the reason was due to the L.P.P. not being able to obtain a suitable candidate. It had been proposed to run Tony PATERA, Mayor of Frank, but, it was not thought that he could rally much support other than Union votes. He is the President of the Blairmore local of the U.M.W.A. This matter is receiving further attention and reports will be forthcoming.

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1. Further to the above information has been received to the effect that a nominating convention of the Labor Progressive Party will be held in the Union Hall, Blairmore, on Sunday June 1st next to name an L.P.P. candidate for the Pincher Creek - Crow's Nest Constituency.

2. Further reports will be forthcoming on developments.

The Officer Commanding,
R. C. M. Police,
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EDMONTON, Alberta.

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1. With reference to memo dated 16-4-52, following is the detail of the Civil Defence organization at Blairmore.

2. The Advisory Committee is composed of the following:

Chairman: William GRAY (Mayor)
Secretary: Cecil LARBALESTIER (Town Secretary)
Idris EVANS
William JALLEP
Louis BIAFORE
Thomas GIBBS
A. TIBERG
Hector VANONI

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All the persons listed above are also members of the Blairmore School Board. JALLEP

3. The General Executive, under leadership of R. L. MORRISON, consists of prominent and reliable citizens, none of whom are suspected of communist sympathies. The Sub Committees are under the leadership of the following: First Aid & Medical: Harold CHAMBERLAIN, Food & Supplies: H. LORD, Fire Protection: A. McKAY, Equipment, Transport: G. MARTINI, Communication: G. BLAKE, Police: G. W. BROWN, Utilities Maintenance: F. E. MILLETT, Propaganda & Education: William JALLEP. None of the Sub Committee heads, with the exception of JALLEP, are known to be communist.

4. The presence of known communists in key positions in Civil Defence in Blairmore causes no concern to local residents. The Blairmore Town Council has been communist controlled for many years, and this situation is regarded with apathy by non-communist residents.

P.S.C. Cpl.
i/c Sp.Br.

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

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Supt. J. Leopold

Attached is a copy of an article which appeared on March 28, 1952, in the Cominform paper "For a Lasting Peace, for a People's Democracy!". Actually it is a condensed version of an article by Adolph POTHORN that had been published in the February 1952 issue of "National Affairs Monthly" (pp. 60-61) and had been then reviewed.

M. Krupka
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Ottawa - 23-4-52.
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The Crows Nest Pass seems to be of interest to the Cominform. Done

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