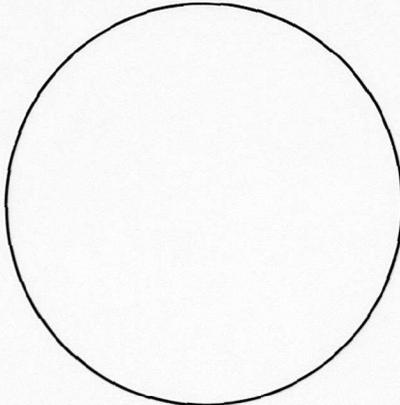


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The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
This has reference to report of Cpl. Crump of
Medicine Hat Detachment under above heading dated X
December 18th, 1935.

2. It will appear that [REDACTED] did not
arrive in the Blairmore area of the Crow's Nest
Pass.

H. M. Newson

Edmonton, Alberta.
17 January 1936.
K/P

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

Division Fyle No. [redacted]

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K"
Sub-Division Lethbridge.
Detachment Blairmore.
Province Alberta.
Date 3-1-36.

12885 JAN 14 1936

Re: Communist Party of Canada-Arthur WILLIAMS
BLAIRMORE. ALTA.

1776805

Fyle References
Secret.

Headquarters

1. With reference to letter of the O.C.C.I.B. "K" Division under date of December 30th 1935.

Sub-Division

2. Enquiries have been made about this district, and I can only find trace of three Williams families, two of whom have a son Arthur in them, however both families have been eliminated as neither have any connection with the Communist party, nor have they been out of Alberta.

52/2-101

Detachment

3. The man Enoch WILLIAMS, is presently in Blairmore and since my return in December has not been out of the district, apart from the odd trip to Calgary, and B.C. points.

B. more secret

4. I have checked all payrolls of the local Mines, besides my informant has made enquiries, but apart from those mentioned in para. 2, no other Arthur Williams can be located.

P. C. R.

5. I would request that a description of this man be obtained, as I have an idea this may refer to Arthur MORRIS formerly of Blairmore, and who is reported under separate cover this date.

1st.

6. I will continue my enquiries and should anything be learned a full report will be submitted.

Letter of O.C.C.I.B. "K"

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

J.A. Cawsey

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

copy two to Cranbrook S.D.

Sir:

FORWARDED.

Would you kindly furnish me with a description of Arthur Williams, in order that further enquiries may be made.

A. McMeas

Leth. 6-1-36

(W.V. SWICK) Supt.

Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

The Officer Commanding, R. C. M. Police,
Calgary Sub-Division.

Forwarded. Please have a description of Arthur WILLIAMS submitted. This has reference report under heading, Communist Party of Canada, Calgary, dated 27th December 1935. par. 4., submitted by D/Sergt. Trickey.

Edmonton, Alta.
9 January 1936.
K.

K. Duncan. Inspector.
for: Officer i/c "K" Div: C.I.B.
A.O.D.

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Re: Communist Party of Canada - Arthur WILLIAMS,
Blairmore, Alberta.

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

Sir:

1. Forwarded for your information. In this regard I would draw your attention to report under heading, "Arthur MORRIS - late of Blairmore, Alta. Communist", submitted by Sergeant Cawsey of Blairmore. Report in question dated January 3rd, 1936 forwarded Headquarters this mail. It would appear that there is the possibility that Arthur Williams is Arthur MORRIS who left Blairmore during the Summer of last year, supposedly for some point in Wales. According to the report mentioned above, MORRIS did not arrive in Wales but landed in France and proceeded to Russia, later returning to Canada.

2. I am having a description of Arthur WILLIAMS, if available, submitted in order that Sergeant Cawsey or this Headquarters may compare same to the description of Arthur MORRIS.



Edmonton, Alta.
9 January 1936.
K.

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

Division Fyle No. [redacted]

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "X"	Sub-Division Lethbridge	Detachment Blairmore
Province Alberta		Date Nov. 14th, 1935.

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Re: GENERAL CONDITIONS - Blairmore, Alta.

C. Party, Blairmore Alta

Fyle References

SECRET

Headquarter

Sub-Division

Detachment
B/more Secret.

P. C. R.
20-9-35
to
28-10-35.

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Cranbrook S/D.

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7-11-35.

1. A meeting was held in the Union Hall, Blairmore., during the evening of this date in celebration of the eighteenth anniversary of the Russian Revolution, and was attended by some two hundred persons.

2. Harvey MURPHY was the only speaker of note present, he lectured on Russia, its progress and success resulting from perfect organization, saying that the same conditions could be had here in Canada if the people would organize themselves properly. He went on to deal with the Independent Miners Locals at Hillcrest, Coleman and Fernie, pointing out how much better these camps would be under an organization such as the M.W.U. of C, and exhorting all present to work individually & indefatigably in an effort to bring this about, reminding them that it was only by strong organization, and close co-operation with other unions that they could hope to win success. The meeting was closed with the singing of the Red International and other bolshevist songs.

3. Arthur EVANS, Communist Agitator, has made tentative arrangements to hold meetings as follows:-

Lethbridge, Alta.	Nov. 19th & 20th, 1935.
Blairmore,	" " 24th & 25th, "
Coleman,	" " 26th. "
Bellevue,	" " 27th. "

His arrangements also include meetings at Corbin and Michel, B.C. but dates in respect to these places have not as yet been arranged. EVANS evidently is a free lance, organizes for any Union or Organization which cares to hire his services, and talks on any subject providing it is communistic and tends to create trouble. The Mine workers Union here would for some unknown reason prefer that EVANS postpone his visit to the Crows Nest Pass until after Christmas, and I believe are writing him to this effect.

4. [redacted] are reported organizing the Russian Secret Club here, these men are locals residing at Coleman., and although termed strong communists are not considered dangerous. They are Miners who were black-listed following the 1932 strikes, and who, since that time have not been able to secure employment in any of the mines operating in the Pass.

E. Crump
Corpl.
(E. Crump) Reg. No. 7958.
In charge Blairmore Detachment.

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Re: General Conditions - Blairmore, Alta.

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

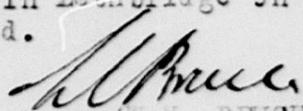
Sir:

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Copy to Lethbridge Detachment.

Arthur Evans' activities in Lethbridge on November
19th and 20th will be covered.

Leth. 18-11-35



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

The Deputy Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
19 November 1935.
K/P

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. It
will be noted that Harvey Murphy is agitating for
the complete organization of the miners of Hillcrest,
Coleman and Fernie, B. C. into the M. W. U. of C.

2. The activities of Arthur Evans in the
Crow's Nest Pass will be closely covered and detailed
reports submitted in due course.

3. Ondro Haluck (Andrew Hallock) is noted at
this Headquarters as being the Vice President of
the Coleman Branch of the Mine Workers Union of Canada.



Edmonton, Alberta.
19 November 1935.
K/P

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

C. Party Blairmore
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The Journal
T. 11. 35,

Blairmore Backs Ethiopia in Fight

**Socialist Council of Al-
berta Town Sends Mes-
sage to Selassie.**

BLAIRMORE, Alta., Nov. 6.—(P)—
This little Alberta mining town
with its left wing council and its
Tim Buck boulevard, has endorsed
Ethiopia in its conflict with Italy.

The town council, at a meeting
last night, passed a resolution
which will be sent to Emperor
Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

Said the resolution:
"The mayor and council of Blair-
more convey best wishes for suc-
cess over Mussolini, the oppressor
of the Italian people and war-
monger. We pray for your victory
which will help free the Italian
people and the world. Blairmore
people salute."

The resolution was signed by
Mayor William Knight.

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Division Fyle No. [redacted]

F. 237

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division K	Sub-Division Lethbridge	Detachment Blairmore
Province Alberta		Date 11-8-35

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Fyle References

Re: General Conditions - Blairmore, Alta

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

SECRET

Headquarters

1. At the mass meeting held at Blairmore on the 10th inst; - which was poorly attended - the main speaker was Jack KING, Mayor KNIGHT was Chairman. Nothing of any value was spoken of, the speeches being solely for the election and the improvements that would be made on HARVEY MURPHY's election. KING spoke of the Regina riot.

Sub-Division

2. Previous to this meeting rumours were at hand that Arthur EVANS leader of the Regina strikers was in Blairmore and would speak at the meeting. This has been proved incorrect and no information is obtainable here just where EVANS is.

Detachment
Blairmore
Secret

3. No further information Re the alleged secret meeting at Frank, Alta for Relief camp workers has been received. Most of the relief camp men are leaving for the harvest on the prairies and camps are reported quiet by the respective foreman.

P. C. R.

4. A RED picnic is being held at Burnis Alta this PM the 11th inst; and will be covered by this Detachment. Report will be submitted if any thing of value is obtained.

2 copies to Granbrook S/D

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

W. J. Waring Cst
Reg No 11083 (J.D. Waring.)
Temp I/C Detachment.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 12-8-35

W. Bruce
(W.V. BRUCE) A/Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. It is reported that Arthur Evans is on a speaking tour east of the Great Lakes.

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

Edmonton, Alberta,
16 August 1935.
K/P

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REGINA, Saskatchewan

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August 16th, 1935.

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The Officer Commanding,
"K" Division, R.C.M.P.,
EDMONTON, Alberta

Sir:

Re: Jack KING - Regina, Sask.

1. Referring to Para. (1) of your forwarding minute of August 13th, 1935 appended to Cat. Waring's report dated August 9th, 1935 re General Conditions, Blairmore, Alberta, I have to advise you that Jack KING is on the Executive Council of the C.C.Y.M. in Saskatchewan, and is recognized as one of the leaders of the Youth Movement in this Province.
2. This movement appears to have slipped into the hands of the "Left Wingers" and KING is probably the most able of these.
3. To date we have not established any direct connection between KING and the Y.C.L., excepting the "United Front" on the Relief question. He spoke at Yorkton, Saskatchewan in March, 1935, in support of the Yorkton Relief Strikers, and also appeared at the Market Square and Stadium in this City in support of the B.C. Relief Camp Strikers.
4. Any further information obtained regarding KING's possible connection with the Y.C.L. will be forwarded to you in due course.

Assistant Commissioner
Commanding "F" Division.
(S. T. Wood)

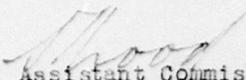
MB/GMD

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

Sir:

1. Forwarded in triplicate for your information.

Regina:
16-8-35.
MB/GMD


Assistant Commissioner
Commanding "F" Division.
(S. T. Wood)

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Division Fyle No. [REDACTED]

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Division K	Sub-Division Lethbridge	Detachment Blairmore
Province Alberta	Date 9-8-35	

Re: General Conditions - Blairmore, Alta.
C. Party

Fyle References

SECRET

Headquarters

Sub-Division

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Detachment
Blairmore
Secret

P. C. R.

1. [REDACTED]

Special arrangements are being made for the the Mass Meeting in Blairmore on the 10th inst; when the special speaker of the day will be Jack KING of Regina whose address will concern the recent Regina Riots. KING is the Leader of the Commonwealth Federation Youth movement. Mayor KNIGHT has been elected as Chairman. KING is touring the Province on behalf of the Regina Citizens Defense Committee.

Jim SLOAN President of the W.U. of C is again in Blairmore.

A secret meeting is to be held in Frank during the P.M. of the 9th inst; the exact place at present not known, and is for Relief Camp workers only.

Tita BATELE President of the Y.C.L. was at the last meeting held in Blairmore and made a strong speech in favour of MURPHY, on the 8th inst;

MURPHY's speech consisted solely of election propaganda.

2. In view of the fact that the Mayor of Blairmore will be chairman of this coming meeting, and the Election so close at hand and the Town of Blairmore being the responsibility of the Communist party, no trouble is anticipated.

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

[Signature] Cst
Reg No 11083(J.D.Waring.)
Temp I/C Blairmore Detachment.

Sir:
FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 10-8-35

[Signature] A/Supt.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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O. C.,
"F" Div.,
R. C. M. P.,
REGINA, Sask.

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1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Would you please advise me of any information
you may have in regard to [REDACTED] of Regina.

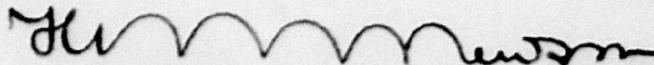
2. The Rev. S. East of Regina spoke at
the Masonic Temple in Edmonton on yesterday's
date and a copy of his address will be forwarded
you shortly also the speeches of Jack King.

Edmonton, Alberta.
13 August 1935.
K/P

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
Every effort will be made to ascertain what
transpired at the secret meeting for relief camp
workers mentioned herein.



Edmonton, Alberta.
13 August 1935.
K/P

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

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Division Fyle No. [redacted]

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R YAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
12 "K"	Lethbridge.	No.3 Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		June 26th 1935.

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Re: General Conditions -BLAIRMORE - Alberta.

Fyle References
Secret.

Communist Party.

Headquarters

1. Referring to the above subject, the much discussed "Smash up" of Red activities in this town I think is very close, matters pertaining to Communist activities are very much mixed up at present, and even if the smash does not come in the near future, breaches have been made from which the party will not recover from for a long period.

Sub-Division

2. Due to "Mud slinging" among the party as a result of the arrest of [redacted] on charges of extortion and theft open breaches have taken place between Mayor KNIGHT and Harvey MURPHY and James SLOAN president of the M.W.U of C, and also a strong Communist, and the position at present stands Knights followers against Communist under Jack PACKER.

Detachment

B/More secret

3. This detachment has been fortunate in hearing both sides of the question, the COMMUNISTS under PACKER have been frequent visitors at this detachment, whilst they have been telling me certain things, still their visits are solely, in my opinion that of endeavouring to ascertain what the other side, or KNIGHTS have already told me, and the same applies to KNIGHT and his followers. This has been going on for some days, and whilst I have listened to what they had to say about the other, no comments have been made nor information handed to them about the other. It occurs to me that the whole bunch connected with town affairs with one or two exceptions have been working a racket.

P. C. R.

4. [redacted] Mayor KNIGHT ([redacted])

[redacted] the Union meeting held on Sundays date 23-6-35, at which time [redacted] statement they "hooted him down" ([redacted])

[redacted] Sloan and STOKULAN had the rest of the council under their thumb, and at present were endeavouring to get some charge against him in order to oust him from the council, [redacted]

5. [redacted] the highlights of the engineering of the Corbin strike, not enough to form a definite opinion but sufficient to make one think that the whole affair was planned and turned out contrary to their intentions, [redacted]

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Re. General Conditions- Blairmore, Alberta.

6. On the other side of the question Packer and his Communists are ^{CCU's} assisting KNIGHT of grafting on the purchase of a tractor and rock crusher, as well as in the purchase of trees and plants for town use.

7. I have only cited the above to let the O.C. form an opinion of the very much upset conditions of the town and its affairs, there are lots of other troubles within the council such as the employment of the Auditor [redacted] the Communists were the ones who dismissed Mr. Battrum, former auditor, because Battrum would not permit the Reds to run the town, and also gave too much information to Government Departments. [redacted] the present Auditor to be a handpicked man by MURPHY, Packer and MORRIS.

8. Fighting KNIGHT we have Arthur MORRIS, sect'y of the local Union, Jack PACKER head of the COMMUNIST party in the Crows Nest Pass also the C.L.D.L. Gaston BAZILLE, town electrician and COMMUNIST, and other lesser lights, KNIGHT claims to have all outsiders with him, this however is very debateable.

9. As mentioned the only reason they keep coming to this office, is not that of assisting the police but purely for information purposes, as they know that certain investigations have been made, and both sides know that the other side have been at this detachment, and the whole bunch are afraid of what the police know, and are trying by telling things about the other to counteract any information received about each other.

10. As instructed by the Officer Commanding this detachment is listening to what they have to say and taking no part in any conversations. Members of this detachment have been instructed not to take part in any conversations pertaining to town affairs.

11. Murphy is doing his utmost to heal the breach, he may succeed partially, but breaches have been made that will take a long time to heal, and in any event it will mean a full re organization of the party at Blairmore.

Sergt Regt. No6367

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

Sir: FORWARDED.

This information will, no doubt, be of interest to the Attorney General's Department.

Leth. 27-6-35

Inspector

(W.V. BRUCE)

Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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The Deputy Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings.

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1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
A copy of this report has already been forwarded
by me to the Honourable, the Attorney General,
for his immediate information.

2. Reports covering the arrest of [redacted]
[redacted] were forwarded you under recent date.
Further reports dealing with conditions at Blairmore
will be forwarded you in due course.

Edmonton, Alberta.
29 June 1935.

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. I
have forwarded a copy of this report direct to the
Honourable, the Attorney General of Alberta, for
his information.

2. [redacted] referred to in paragraph
[redacted] hereof was the [redacted] against whom
charges of theft and extortion have been laid. One
copy of Preliminary Hearing form 264 & 264A on each
charge has been forwarded you under "K" Division file
number [redacted] and [redacted]

3. Further reports dealing with the situation
at Blairmore will be forwarded in due course.

Edmonton, Alberta.
29 June 1935.
P.

H. M. Newson, Asst. Com'r.,
s.15(1)(d)ii Commanding "K" Division.

The Toronto Star Weekly
19.5.35. (483)

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THAT TOWN OF BLAIRMORE —By C. F. Steele

BLAIRMORE, Alta.

BLAIRMORE frequently gets on to the front pages of the newspapers these days because this Crow's Nest Pass coal-mining town of less than 2,000 population is making history. Blairmore is news. It is different—different because it is governed wholly by the Workers' Party, or as the man in street prefers to call them—the Communists.

That is why Blairmore occupies a unique place on the civic map of Canada. It has done some startling things—Blairmore and its Leftist, blue-jumpered mayor, William ("Bill") Knight. First of all its town council changed the name of the main street, Victoria Ave., to Tim Buck Blvd., in honor of the Canadian Communist leader of Toronto. Then it made conservative-minded folk gasp by declaring a civic holiday on November 7th last—anniversary of the Russian revolution. Still more recently it blazed a new trail to the front pages by declaring another workers' holiday. This time in honor of a visit from Tim Buck.

All of which caused a furore. Protests have gone into the government, certain newspapers have taken a hand and indignation has been voiced hither and yon. The place has been called "Little Russia," "Canada's Leningrad," and a lot of other things. Then when the Tim Buck holiday was announced, it was promptly echoed in the legislature at Edmonton and an amendment to the Town and Village Act was proposed which would curtail the rights of Communist or other councils in declaring civic holidays without the sanction of the minister of municipal affairs. This move brought instant and vigorous protest from Mayor Knight who declared that Blairmore would fight for its democratic rights.

Blairmore is supposed to be in the grip of the Reds or the Communists, as you prefer, and yet Mayor Knight told *The Star Weekly*, when asked for a statement on the point that there isn't a member of the Communist party on either the town council or the school board, although the Workers' party is in complete control of both bodies.

What does it all mean? Let the British-born mayor answer:

"I am not a member of the Communist party. There is not a real Communist on either the council or the school board. We are in sympathy with the Communist party—



The Blairmore town council for 1935 is shown above. Front row, from LEFT to RIGHT, C. Pagnucco, Mayor W. Knight, J. Kikosky, Jr. Second row, LEFT to RIGHT, J. Packer, E. Morgan, J. Aschacher, A. Olson. RIGHT, Mrs. G. Bazille, a member of Blairmore's 1935 school board.



that is true—and I think the way but lies in communism. But this is a Workers' government that Blairmore has."

This does not tell the whole story. The tie-up between the Workers' regime and the Communists, as the mayor revealed when questioned, is something like this: The council and trustees were nominated and elected by the Mine Workers' Union of Canada (a group which revolted from the United Mine Workers of America), who are affiliated with the Workers' Unity League, who in turn are affiliated with the Third Internationale in Russia.

"I hold a card in the union and so do all my associates. We all work in or about the mine. We belong to the union and in that sense are affiliated with the Third Internationale, which I consider mighty good leadership," said this tall, lean, straight-talking Englishman, who did his bit overseas during the war and who admits he'd fight again if Canada were invaded.

He adds, however, "I'm for peace—I'm against war."

Thus we may see a little clearer the complexion of Blairmore's civic administration. The best way to put it is a Workers' Council, affiliated with communism, determined to carry on peacefully with its neighbors and the powers that be unless its civic rights are interfered with. It will carry out as far as possible communistic principles, but as Buck puts it: "You can't have communism in a capitalistic state."

"Just how Red then is Blairmore?" was asked.

"Red is a state of the stomach. Back in 1929 there were no Reds. Things were prosperous—everybody was well fed. It is different to-day. You talk about Communists—the Communists in Canada were made by Bennett. We have Reds to-day but we won't have any here in 1940 if they'll let us alone, if we can carry out our plan."

"Then you have a plan?" his worship was asked.

"We have. You can call it a Five Year Plan if you like. We've started it already and we're going right ahead with it. There is leadership among the workers. They have shown they are competent to rule. And we are now going to look after our workers. Take our sidewalks and roads. When we went in a couple of years ago the roads in the section of town occupied by the workers were a dis-

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grace. They had neither roads nor sidewalks. To-day they are in good shape. That's what I mean. We're going to give them a break, the men and women and children who have been neglected all these years.

"But that doesn't mean we are going to override the rights of others in town. There will be no discrimination. Everyone will get a fair deal," said Mayor Knight, who went on to add: "This movement by the workers of Blairmore is a protest against injustice; we saw we were getting nowhere. Private ownership of the mines and railways and their operation for profit was steadily making the plight of the workers more and more intolerable. There was a strike—seven months it continued. It was then that this drive for control started. And it has continued. And is going to continue. This is a fair deal government. In two years we have done a lot and I believe we have 97 per cent. of the citizens behind us. In the last civic election our whole slate went in without opposition. It was victory by acclamation. We are proud of what we have been able to do—but we've just got started."

Mayor Knight has been in office two years. The second year he went in by acclamation, which he considers a vindication of his administration. Knight has been called a dictator, but he laughs at this. "I want to make Blairmore a happy, pleasant, progressive town—a good place for a home. We may not have any big bank balances—I don't believe in bank reserves. I believe in spending the people's money on things that will make them happy, that will raise the standard of living. We may do some drastic things, but not violent things. That isn't necessary. I think we are winning the confidence of all classes in our town. There is a better feeling already," said the mayor.

And in conversation with citizens who certainly would be classed among those of the opposing camp, one hears this remark—it comes from business and professional men: "Knight has not done so badly." They will frankly tell you they don't hold with some of his policies—notably the calling of workers' holidays—but they will admit he has put interest and zest and a lot of hard work into the job. And not for money either, for neither the mayor nor the council are paid.

Tim Buck Boulevard

THE mayor cited a few of the civic improvements already achieved in his Five Year Plan.

Six miles of road have been built, shale and gravel being used to form the foundation. They will be surfaced this year. A gravel-crushing and loading machine has been purchased.

A \$5,700 snow plow was bought to keep the roads open, essential in fighting winter fires.

A first class road maintainer was bought.

An automatic fire alarm system was installed.

Two parks are under construction.

The waterworks system has been rehabilitated, effecting a saving of 75 per cent. per annum. A drainage system has been introduced to solve the flood problem, always a menace during the high water season.

A system of garbage collection has been instituted.

The dust nuisance has been solved by the installation of a sprinkler system. This was put in at a cost of \$2,000 but that represents all the expense.

A boulevard with special illumination, flower beds and rockeries—"Tim Buck Boulevard" soon to have over it two large illuminated signs—has been started. (This boulevard was christened last year by A. E. Smith, secretary of the Labor Defence League, Toronto, at an imposing ceremony when all branches of the left-wing group including the pioneers or children, participated.) The south side of the C.P.R. tracks will also be boulevarded similarly.

The tax rate has been cut two mills to 32 mills, but the reduction actually is considerably more, for the discount is 20 per cent. for prompt payment. Water rates have been equalized and the minimum light rate has been cut from \$1 to 50 cents, helping the poor man.

A business tax has been imposed, but the mayor claims this is not unfair. It is based on rental values and, considering the discounts noted, business men are not unduly burdened, he holds. No business licenses are collected.

Blairmore is out of debt, has no debenture payments to meet and so is in a good position to go forward. "We may not have a lot of money in the bank but we are getting along nicely," Mayor Knight says. "We're paying our way and making progress slowly. We need a \$40,000 housing program in Blairmore. Many of our people are living in hovels. It's a disgrace. We hope to do something for them but we can't right now. We must create work for the people—that is the biggest need in Canada to-day. Give our miners 250 days' work a year and they'd be contented and happy, and our town would thrive. But you can't do it under the present system. And I'm against the dole. Canadians want work. They are entitled to it. I believe in state ownership and a retirement pension for every man in industry at 50. Our towns are full of young fellows anxious to work but there are no jobs for them. Release the older heads from industry, let them enjoy their remaining years and give the younger generation a chance. I don't believe in social credit; it may be a palliative but it isn't a remedy. And I have no use for the C.C.F. either, for it is the last leg of capitalism. We may have to turn to communism for a solution to the middle—I hope so, for I believe its principles are sound. I am with Tim Buck and other leaders in the Communist movement because I believe they are sincere, they are in earnest, and they tell the truth"

The Blairmore council is composed entirely of working men: William Knight, mayor; E. Morgan, J. Krokosky, J. Aschacher, A. Olson, J. Packer and A. Pagnucco. They also comprise the board of health.

The school board is composed of Chairman A. Bosetti, an Italian by birth, a naturalized Canadian now; J. Krokosky, Jr., Sam Patterson, Mars. Bazille and Enoch Williams.

Blairmore school has a good rating. In intelligence, deportment, attendance, etc., Principal D. MacPherson says it compares favorably with any school in which he has taught. There are 14 teachers on the staff and they have excellent co-operation from the trustees, the principal says. "O Canada" is sung in the various rooms and no "Red" songs. The Lord's Prayer is repeated daily in the public school classes. Flags were noticed in the rooms visited while on the blackboards of one room was written: "My heart, my mind, my hand to you, my country and my flag." The regular, prescribed course of study is carried out and on the playground the children mingle together freely without any evidence of race or class prejudices, the principal explained.

Worker's Control Complete

THE school population is 464, the average attendance over 90 per cent. Members of the staff are 100 per cent members of the Alberta Teachers' Alliance and salaries have not been cut. The minimum salary paid at Blairmore is \$1,000, with yearly increases of \$75 for high school teachers and \$50 for public school teachers until a maximum of \$2,300 has been reached in the high school and \$1,400 in the public school. The principal is paid \$2,300.

Chairman Bosetti, like Mayor Knight, is proud of what the Workers' school board has accom-

plished. It has maintained the high standard of the school, purchased the west end school from the West Canadian Collieries, which they were renting, and paid for it. It has introduced dental service at a cost of \$1,400 a year, also music under a qualified supervisor. (This service is part of a general arrangement in the Pass towns.)

The new regime in Blairmore has had little noticeable effect on the church life of the community. The Star Weekly was told by clergymen. The attendance is well maintained. In the homes of the people there still may be found the symbols of religion, although there is little doubt but that in the Communist young people's groups, both among the boys and girls, Communist teachings which include atheism are inculcated. The Pioneers, Young Communist League and other units are active organizations playing a prominent part in the public demonstrations.

Life goes on in Blairmore much the same as in other Canadian towns. It is quiet and orderly. Outwardly there is no evidence that it has a Workers' government—or Communist, if you choose, for Mayor Knight asks, "What's in a name?"—although if you enter the town by night in the weeks ahead you may be greeted by the impressive new signs on "Tim Buck Boulevard."

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Will the present administration continue in office? There are three major factions in the town: The "citizens," the Blairmore Miners' Union, an independent body of workers, and the Mine Workers' Union of Canada, out of which springs the present rule. It was this last group that petitioned for a civic holiday to Tim Buck and the mayor responded by declaring one. This proclamation automatically covered the closing of the schools, which is why the school kiddies got a holiday that day. The citizens at large at one time had an organization to combat the radicals, but it became apathetic and right now no one seems to know exactly whether it exists or not.

In any event, Workers' party control is complete. However, there are evidences of division in the ranks. They do not always see eye to eye. The mayor and council have disagreed, as in the case of the sending of two councillors to Edmonton to interview the government at the time of the February hunger strike of 40 or more single jobless who had camped in the town hall. The mayor held the delegation had no authority to make the trip to the capital; the councillors took the opposite view and the expense items eventually were paid.

One of the battle cries of the Communists is "solidarity." If Mayor Knight and his associates at Blairmore are able to keep their ranks intact, thereby presenting a united front when election time rolls round they may be able to carry on this bold experiment for an indefinite period. It rests with the leadership. Can it deliver the goods? Right now the administration has few challengers. In the last election a renewal of confidence came to them on a platter. Will it when the next vote is called?

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment	147514 MAY 1335
12 "K"	Lethbridge.	No.3 Blairmore.	
Province		Date	
Alberta.		May 2nd 1935.	

Re: MINE WORKERS UNION OF CANADA.
CROWNEST PASS.

Amended Heading: MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS - 1935.
Blairmore, Alta.

File References
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Headquarters

Sub-Division

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Detachment

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P. C. R.

March 1932
to
28-4-35

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1. Reference my reports re the above organization, on the 30th inst, meetings were held throughout the Pass district, all however had to do with the general sports days put on by the Union as a May day celebration.

1-5-35.

2. This A.M. some four inches of snow was on the ground which had fallen during the night and early A.M of the 1st, with continued snow throughout the morning, the special train from Michel B.C. arrived with a very small number on same included in which was the Michel Brass band, in all some 362 persons got off this train on its arrival, this number being augmented before the day was over of not more than in all 1500 outsiders, who mostly arrived by cars. I do not think that more than ten to twelve arrived by freights and got into Blairmore. checking of traffic and freights showed that members of this force at outlying points were very energetic in this matter, and each train checked showed that it had previously been checked at least twice before arrival at Burmis Alta, where this detachment had patrols posted.

3. On arrival of the special train a parade formed, led by Harvey MURPHY and the local Chief of Police, this parade formed down "Tim Buck" Avenue thence to a point one block west of detachment and to the Union and Community hall, where it was addressed by the Mayor, welcoming the visitors to Blairmore, it then dispersed.

4. The grounds had been cleared by the town grader and an attempt made to hold the sports immediately after lunch, these proved a failure however on account of weather conditions, with snow and rain and cold. During the afternoon the usual radical and May day speeches were made, the speakers being Murphy, Stokulak and heads of local organizations. On arrival of the 2-30 P.M train the following from Coast points arrived and were met by Harvey Murphy and Stokulak and taken to the Community hall, J. STEVENSON Burnaby B.C. G. RAGGETT Vancouver B.C. Sam ENGLISH Cranbrook B.C. PRICE Vancouver B.C. V. W. R. BRATHWATE Vancouver B.C. Mrs. Helen R. GUTTFRAGE Vancouver B.C. on the arrival of this party an open air mass meeting was called with Harvey MURPHY as chairman, he stating that the above persons who were on the platform with him, were going to CORBIN. B.C to make a complete investigation into the Corbin affair of the 17th April 1935, all members of this party spoke briefly on labour conditions and the Corbin matter as well as complimenting Blairmore on its efforts on behalf of the workers.

5. Dances, drinking and a boxing match concluded the days activities, with the special train leaving at approximately 10 P.M same date for the west. [redacted]

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6. Apart from the beer rooms being very busy, the day was no more active than an ordinary paynight, with very few fights taking place.

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Sgt Regt No 636 [redacted] Blairmore

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Re: MINE WORKERS UNION OF CANADA
CROWNEST PASS

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

Sir:
FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 3-5-35
GH:MA

W.V. Bruce Inspector
(W.V. BRUCE)
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

The Deputy Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
8 May 1935.
K/P

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

H. M. Newson

Edmonton, Alberta.
8 May 1935.
K/P

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

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Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
12 "K"	Lethbridge	Crownest B.C.(Special duty)
Province		Date
Alberta.		2-5-35.

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Fyle References
SECRET

Re: STRIKE SITUATION AT CORBIN,B.C.
Amended Heading: MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION - Blairmore, Alta.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

L.S.52/21.

Detachment

P. C. R.

19-5-35
to
30-4-35.

1. With reference to the above the situation in the Crownest Pass was quiet over May day. There was no disturbance of any kind and the day passed off uneventful. At Blairmore a heavy fall of snow overnight and intermitted rain and snow flurries during the day marred the May day festivities and the committee were forced to re arrange their plans, practically all outdoor events were cancelled. Only one parade was held during the afternoon. The special train chartered to bring miners and their families from Michel, Hillcrest and Bellevue for the May day celebration at Blairmore, the numbers that came were far below expectations, some 319 men women and children came from Michel, of these 9 were from Coleman, only 97 came on the train from Bellevue and Hillcrest. More arrived during the afternoon by cars from the nearby Pass towns. In all there were some 1300 visitors. There was no disorder of any kind on the special train, which departed on schedule.

2. Meetings were held during the day, both in the Halls and on the streets and the crowds were addressed by the local leaders, no attempt was made to organize and parade to Corbin B.C. .

3. Corbin was quiet on May day and no parade or demonstration took place and none of the miners went to Blairmore for the celebration at that point .

4. The B.C. Provincial Police had a force of 75 all ranks ready for any emergency, and the detail of R.C.M. Police at Crownest B.C. were standing to all day.

D.J. Martin
Inspector

(D.J. Martin)

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

Sir: FORWARDED.
Copies of this report direct to the
Officer Commanding "K" Division, Vancouver.

Leth. 3-5-35
CH:ML

W.V. Bruce
Inspector
(W.V. BRUCE)
Commanding Lethbridge S/Division

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The Deputy Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton, Alta.
7 May 1935.
K/P

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

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information.
The special duty detail of this Force returned
to Lethbridge on the 3rd instant. The situation
remains quiet and unchanged.



Edmonton, Alta.
7 May 1935.
K/P

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

Division Fyle No. [redacted]

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
12 "K"	Lethbridge.	No.3 Blairmore.
Province		Date
Alberta.		March 24th 1935.

1707/6805
E. Party
Blairmore

Re: Tim BUCK- Communist.

Fyle References

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Headquarters

1. Further to my report of the marginally noted date, I have had the activities of Buck covered since coming to the Crows Nest, and find that this trip first is for the purpose of raising funds for the Communist election campaign, and secondly to heal the split that existed in the workers party in the B/more and Crows Nest district.

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21-3-35.

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2. Commencing at 7 P.M this date, a meeting was held by this man and Harvey MURPHY at the Columbus hall, B/more the capacity of the hall is approximately 1000, and at 7-30 P.M. on my arrival I had great difficulty in finding a place to stand. His meeting was the regular Workers meetings, first Buck was welcomed by the Mayor of the town, and handed the "keys of the town", then representatives of different Communist organization including the Y.C.L. the W.A. of the M.W.U of C. - Young Pioneers C.L.B.L.- the Communist party -delegates from the Italian Branch Slovak branch, Finnish branch, Polish branch of the Communist party all extended greetings and welcomed Buck to Blairmore, member -s of each group were on the platform as well as Harvey Murphy. Buck being presented with a wreath of Red Carnations, the usual workers songs being lustily sung and applauded.

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19-3-35.

3. Bucks speech was one that no objection could be taken to, he is a pleasing speaker and with an audience such as were present, viz, workers, he had little difficulty holding their attention, he spoke for roughly 2 1/2 hours, and during same covered his life both previous to going to Gaol and since getting out, his topic naturally was the Communist party of Canada, and whilst he mentioned R.B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada several times, still at no time did he condemn him such as is the rule with the ordinary Communist speaker, in speaking of the different Chief Constables in the larger centres he was most respectfull, in short he covered his gaol term, the alleged shooting at him, his Ottawa meetings, and Winnipeg meetings, the large crowds he had etc. The Coal code was torn to pieces, and the points effecting the workers clearly pointed out, this of course from a workers standpoint, he condemned in strong terms the local coal operators and the recent distribution of C.P.R. orders, he stated he was at Blairmore because this is the only town in Canada, with a full Communist town council, and School board as well as a Police force, he congratulated the workmen on their efforts, besides thanking them for naming the main street of the town after him. in concluding his remarks he announced that Harvey Murphy would be a candidate for the provincial house in this district, and implored the workers to get behind him and work for his election, and then finally went off on a rampage condemning the Social Credit Group, a collection was taken amounting to \$65.00.

22-3-35.

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4. On this date Buck did not make an appearance until 11 A.M. when from that time on he was busy with local

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Re. Tim BUCK - COMMUNIST.

heads of different branches of the party, the Mine worked this date, and Murphy and Buck went to Bellevue in the early P.M. where a meeting was held with the heads of that local.

5. In the late P.M. commencing at 7 P.M. Buck held another meeting in the Union hall, this being a public meeting, the hall with a capacity of 350, was jammed, and a crowd standing on the sidewalk, the doors being open so that they could hear, while I did not attend this meeting, I passed several times [redacted] I find that it was a duplication of the B/more meeting.

L.S.52-2-89

6. Summing up Bucks trip to B/more, it has been a great success from the workers angle, Buck has cemented the different factions, that have been fighting among them selves, persons who have been at dagger points for the past three weeks have been drinking together since the arrival of Buck, one case in particular that of Mrs Knight (wife of the mayor) this woman during the commencement of the split in the Unions, both at Blairmore and Bellevue, and covered in secret reports from this detachment, phoned me information regarding bootlegging activities of certain members of the Womens Auxilliary of the M. W. U of Canada, and in conversation with this woman, I found she was most bitter against the workers party, and told me matters that although she was on the outs with the party, that she should not have, done so. Mrs. Knight entertained for BUCK and her guests were the very women that she had gave information about, and since the arrival of BUCK she and her enemies of a week ago, have been constantly together, Mayor Knight during conversation informed me that all breaches in the p party have been healed, the same pertains at Bellevue, Alta.

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7. The meetings to date have drawn a full quote from the relief camps, and from conversations with inmates and through my informants both in the camps and outside, I find that BUCK has made a great impression on them.

24-3-35.

8. BUCK held a meeting at Coleman this date, in a small hall, same being packed, it was noticable the lack of miners at this meeting, the same subjects were discussed at this meeting as at the Blairmore and Bellevue meetings, the meeting was called for 7 P.M but on account of lateness of BUCKs arrival it did not commence until 8-30 P.M. Buck and Murphy had been to Michel B.C for an afternoon meeting, and were snowbound at Crows Nest Lake. at this meeting however he dwelt more on his experienses at Kingston than at the other meetings.

9. [redacted] to night that Buck intends staying in Blairmore at least another day, and possibly two more days, he is to meet heads of the C.L.B.L. and the Y.C.L. on the 25th inst. at Blairmore. Alta.

10. His activities will be duly reported on further.

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A/Sgt Regt.No6367
(J.A.Cawsey) i-c Blairmore Detachment.

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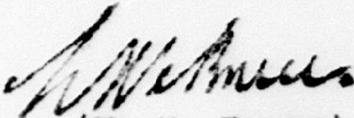
Re: Tim BUCK / Communist.

O.C. "K" Division,
EDMONTON.

Sir: Forwarded.

The meetings held by Tim Buck in the Crow's Nest Pass have been fully reported on in the Press.

Lethbridge,
Mar. 26-35.
GH:BN.


(W. V. Bruce) Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. I would draw your attention to paragraphs 6 and 7 hereof. It would appear as if the presence of Buck in the Crow's Nest Pass has had considerable influence on the miners and unemployed of that area.

2. The Rocky Mountain electoral district which will be contested by Harvey Murphy in the forthcoming Provincial election extends from south of the Crow's Nest Pass, north to the Banff National Park, following the line of the Rocky Mountains. The inhabitants of this district reside by a large majority in the Crow's Nest Pass area and it is felt that Murphy will be accorded very material support at the election polls with the possibility of success in gaining a seat in the Provincial Legislature.

SIGNED

Edmonton, Alberta.
29 March 1935.
K/P

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

Division Fyle No. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ K-935-75 F. 237

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Communist Party
Blairmore Alta
17/6805

Division 12 "K"
Sub-Division Lethbridge.
Province Alberta.
Detachment No 3 Blairmore.
Date September 30th 1934.

Re: Malcolm Bruce.- Communist.

Fyle References
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Headquarters

1. Reference theabove matter ,Bruce arrived in Blairmore on the 1.05 A.M train of the 29th inst, being meet at the C.P.R station by some 75 members of the M.W.U of Canada, who paraded from the Union hall to the station, and then escorted Bruce to his hotel.

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2. Bruce was about town the whole of the 29th inst meeting and talking to heads of differant workers organizations , on account of so much attention being paid to him , both socially and otherwise,he did not have any time to himself, or to devote to any one purpose.At a short meeting of the town council of Blairmore Bruce was handed the freedom of the town ,and also was made "Honorary Mayor of Blairmore ". The custodian of "Tim Buck Avenue (Victoria St) was in full uniform for the Bruce visit, viz, Sweater of white, with the words,Custodian Tim Buck Boulevard " in large Red letters on his back, and the Schythe and Hammer on his breast."

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P. C. R.

3. The advertised meeting at the Columbus Hall, Blairmore convened at 7 P.M. there being some 600 persons present,from all parts of the Crows Nest Pass, Wm Knight being Chairman, on the platform and sitting at the speakers table were Mayor Wm Knight , Malcolm Bruce, and Harvey Murphy, in a circle behind the table all members of the Town Council ,and all members of the School board of the Workers Blato were present.

4. The meeting was preceded by a parade of approx.150 persons from the Union Hall .B/more to the Columbus Hall, being led by four men carrying two banners, calling for the repeal of section 98, and the Legalizing of the Communist Party.

5. Wm.Knight called on the gathering , after stating that Bruce was making this tour of the West at the request of the M.W.U of Canada, and on behalf of the town of Blairmore he wished to welcome him to Blairmore,Knight then asked all to stand and sing the "Internationale",then Sam Patterson was called, and on behalf of the Communist party at Blairmore, welcomed Bruce,Ole Olson Sr, welcomed Bruce on behalf of the School board,Jack Packer extended Greeting from the C.L.D.L of Blairmore, Jos Krykosky Jr extended greeting from the M.W.U of Canada, ending his short speech by sincerely hoping that some day Bruce would be Commissioner of Soviet Canada, (great applause at this) Harvey Murphy extended greeting from the world at large, and spoke for some considerable time, covering the strikes of the Pass for years, finally ending up at the present time,dwelling at length on Estavan, this being the annisversary of the trouble at that point, he called for all gathered to stand for one minutes silence in their memory, from this he covered the actions of the police in arresting Bruce, of his treatment whilst confined, and then d welt again on the 1932 strike, ridiculing the actions of the police during that strike commenting on the R.C.M.P. as Boy scouts with their rifles and

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RE MALCOLM BRUCE-COMMUNIST.

tine hats. He stated that there were some 75 policeman in the Pass, in 1932, and they failed in their object, at that the time the M.W.U of Canada were not organized properly, Now with organization perfect, three times the number of police would not deter the union in the event of another strike, of obtaining their objectives. He ended his speech with a great ovation covering the activities of the town council and the Workers of Blairmore.

6. Malcolm Bruce was introduced, with resulting great applause, Bruce's address was disappointing indeed, he covered the reasons for his going to Caol, re his undying interest in his fellow workers and comrades, from this he went to the conditions more especially sanitary conditions at Kingston, stating and describing about venereal patients and well patients having to use the same face basins, and toilets, he covered the full conditions regarding the Dark hole, stating that he had seen a man, who had been placed in the dark hole being taken from some dead, and carried on a stretcher. also told of the paddling system in vogue at Kingston, Bruce covered the riots at Kingston and the part as played by the Communists comrades confined there, he knew who had fired the shots into Tim Byck's cell, and told of interviews with different department heads, who endeavoured to get him to tell who did this shooting, but as the ones who did the shooting were acting under instructions of Bennett and his aides, he did not and would not tell. From this point on, his address consisted of nice remarks of Blairmore, and what it meant to belong to a Communist town, controlled by Communists, who were working solely for the worker, and he sincerely hoped that before long, the whole of Canada would take a leaf from the workers of Blairmore, and place their affairs in the hands of the worker. Bruce announced from the platform that Tom wan had been released from prison.

7. Mayor Knight called for a resolution, extending greetings to Ewan on his release, this was passed and a wire was sent forward. Another resolution was passed, calling for the immediate release of Tim Byck, this was worded as from 800 workers gathered in meeting and the wire was sent forward to the Minister of Justice.

8. A collection was taken amounting to \$38.27.

30-9-34

9. Bruce had a meeting at Coleman this date, slated for 2 P.M. but at that time, there were not enough present to proceed and the meeting did not start until 2-30 P.M. Jules Ancelot of Coleman was chairman, Harvey Murphy and Malcolm Bruce were the speakers and the meeting was conducted similar to that at Blairmore. Breaking up at 3-45 P.M.

10. Bruce left Blairmore for Michel, B.C. at 5 P.M. being driven by Snoc Williams of Blairmore, Alta, he is expected back in Blairmore for a meeting on the 2nd inst at Hillcrest, Alta. this meeting will be covered.

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

O.C. (Two copies to Greenbrook, B.C.)
EDMONTON.

Sir: Forwarded for your information, with reference to your memorandum of the 15th ultimo.
Further report will be submitted.

Lethbridge,
Oct. 2-34.
GMBH.

D. J. Martin
Inspector.
(D. J. MARTIN)
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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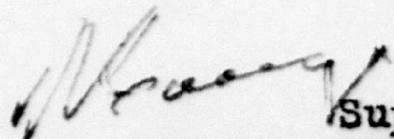


The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. Enoch Williams referred to in paragraph 10 is the subject of a personal history file which was sent you yesterday.

2. Report dealing with Malcolm Bruce's meeting at Hillcrest will be forwarded in due course.

Edmonton, Alberta.
6 October 1934.
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Supt. for
H. M. Newson, Asst. Com'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.
A.O.D.

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Division Fyle No. [redacted]

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RC AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division Sub-Division Detachment
Alberta. Lethbridge. #3. Blairmore.
Date
August 6th 1934.

258276 AUG 15 34

Re: United Front Association.
Crows Nest Pass.

175/6805

Fyle References
secret.

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

Headquarters

Sub-Division

Detachment
B/more

P. C. R.

lst.

1. John Stokaluk, general secretary of the M.W.U of C and Harvey Murphy, organizer for the same organization, have been in the Pass district holding a series of open air Mass meetings, these being of an Anti War nature.

2. Meetings have been held at Coleman, Blairmore Bellevue and Hillcrest, with audiences of not more than 70 at any meeting.

3. Both speakers have the same line of talk, and as meetings are run jointly, that is when Murphy is speaking at Bellevue, Stokaluk is speaking at Blairmore, and they change over during the same meeting, with the result that both repeat each other.

4. The meetings are of the stock pattern of Communist meetings, first running down the Capitalists, and boo-sting the working class, from this they go to present Conditions in Austráá, covering the death of Dolphus, tracing same carefully to the plans of the capitalists, then to Germany, who gets the blame for all of the unrest in Europe,

5. The last great War was covered in full, statements of the deaths, killed, injured, gassed etc being given in figures, the cause of this war being given as the greed of capitalists, the condition of the returned man is also covered as well as the relief camps, finally ending up in a great flourish of how the working class, and they alone can stop wars, this in short is by stopping production of war materials.

6. Both speakers at their meetings implored the working class, regardless of their religion, colour, or belief to join the United front movement, as this is the only way to stop war.

7. Both speakers were very careful in their remarks and as was common earlier in the summer, when both commenced to speak, both gave a definition of what Sedition and Unlawful assemblies are.

8. Stokaluk returned to Calgary by car this date but will return later in the week, to be here on Sunday the 12th inst. Murphy is remaining in the Pass for the time being.

9. Any further meeting held will be covered.

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

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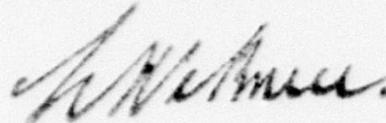
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Re: United Front Association - Crows Nest Pass.

O.C. "K" Division,
EDMONTON.

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Lethbridge,
Aug. 8-34.
GH: Hl.



Inspector.
(W. V. BRUCE)
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

1. Sir: Forwarded for your information. The anti-war and fascist activities in the Crows Nest Pass is in accordance with the plans of the Communist Party of Canada to organize a dominion wide movement against war and fascism. This matter will be closely observed and further reports submitted Headquarters in due course.



Edmonton, Alberta.
11 August 1934.
K/P

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

Form No. 237

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

498
MONTREAL
MAY 11 1933
ONTARIO

Division "K" Sub-Division Lethbridge Detachment Lethbridge Post.
District Alberta Date May 2nd 1933.

Re: 17576805
May Day Patrol to Blairmore.
(Re. Situation Generally - Crows Nest Pass)

Headquarters
Division or Dist.
K2006-6.
Sub-Division
2695-1
Detachment

1. Acting on instructions received from the N.C.O. in charge of Lethbridge Post, I patrolled to Blairmore by police van, code 5206, at 8.15 A.M. on May 1st 1933, accompanied by Constables Clement, Minard, Vallance, Clarke and Chodat. At MacLeod, we were joined by Constables Clark A.T. and Rawthorne, while at Pincher Creek, Constable Bull joined the party. We arrived at Blairmore at 11.20 A.M. Patrols were sent out to Hillcrest, Bellevue and Coleman and in the Town of Blairmore.

P. C. R.
Nil.
27-4-33
29-4-33

2. A Worker's meeting was held in the M.W.U. of Canada hall, Blairmore, which was attended by about three hundred men, women and children. At about 2.30, P.M., after having been in progress in the hall for about an hour the meeting was adjourned to the hill side immediately north of town under the leadership of O.Olsen.

3. The speakers were Sam Patterson and Mrs. J.North Blairmore. J.Price and J.Crawford Bellevue. A.Fraser and R.Sudworth, Coleman and T.B.Robertson, introduced by Olsen as from B.C.

4. Sam Patterson was the principal speaker. His speech was somewhat disjointed, touching on local and national labor conditions, also, international affairs. He commenced by describing "May Day" as the day some forty-five years ago when the workers secured the eight hour period of work a day. He stated that this was the first time in the history of Blairmore that the workers had been refused permission to parade. He criticized the Brownlee and Bennett Governments for this action.

5. Patterson spoke rather boastfully of the action of the Calgary unemployed in smashing the scabs and the police - this in connection with the attempt to reduce relief 25%. He stated further, "In spite of all the police we will eat. There is plenty of food in the stores"

6. He stated that R.B.Bennett and his gang were assisting Jap Imperialism against China. He stated further that Japan and the British were waiting for an international situation which would give cause for an attack on Russia. He suggested that recent international relations between Russia and Britain regarding Monkhouse, McDonald and others for sabotage was an effort to cause trouble.

C. M. H.

7. Patterson returned to the labor situation in Calgary and spoke of Murphy and other labor leaders filling the Capitalist jails. He said that in Russia he said the only people who were in jail were the "Blacks". He described the "Kulaks" as people who lived by the work of others the same as the Capitalist class here. He said "When we get control, there will be lots of Capitalists in jail - the parasites of the country."
8. In connection with religion, he described the Preachers of the Gospel as, "Parasites preaching a Gospel for their own damned pocket".
9. Discussing the school curriculum in Russia and in Canada, he said they taught the children something useful in Russia. In Canada, about all they were taught was "God save the King" and, "The Maple Leaf for ever".
10. Patterson spoke of the "Cossacks" and "Hooligans" referring to the R.C.M. Police. He said the Mounties had taken two cuts in pay already and stated further; "I would have joined the R.C.M. Police myself but for the damned scabby wages they pay".
11. Patterson urged everyone listening to change the system now. "If things do not get any better, we might as well strike and help the unemployed in Calgary for two days work a week is not much good anyway", Patterson stated. Resolutions were to be sent to Premiers Brownlee and Bennett, demanding the release of H. Murphy in Calgary and Tim Buck.
12. R. Sudworth and A. Fraser, Coleman condemned the action of the Government in refusing permission to parade. They stated that if Blairmore had supported them, they would have paraded despite the ban.
13. Mrs. North, Blairmore, and J. Price and J. Crawford Bellevue protested against the scrip system of relief, and the Capitalist system generally.
14. O. Olsen spoke in the same vein. He discussed the new Town Council in Blairmore and the good work they were doing in unearthing graft by the previous Capitalist Council.
15. T. B. Robertson spoke of the dying Capitalist system and urged the workers to be prepared to take charge.
16. A banner was displayed by two children in the field which read; "We protest the killing and jailing of our daddies. We protest Tim Buck's frame up and Bennetts starvation policy".
17. There was no parade or disorder of any kind. The meeting broke up at about five o'clock.
18. We left Blairmore at 11.45 P.M., returned Cst. Bull to Pincher Creek and Cst. A. T. Clark to MacLeod, arriving back in Lethbridge at 1.45 A.M. on the 2nd.

Mileage... Police Car Code 5206..200 Miles.
Expenses for section of party from Leth. Mess and I;
Meals. \$3.50.

J. Smith
Sgt.

The Officer Commanding, (J. Smith) Reg. No. 11483.
"K" Division, EDMONTON.

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Lethbridge,
May 3/33.
KD:RH.

K. Duncan
Inspector.
(K. Duncan)
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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The Deputy Attorney General,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton.
5-5-33.
HPK/

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

C.I.B.

The Commissioner.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

Information regarding [redacted] of B.C.,
has been requested from the Officer Commanding,
"E" Division.



Edmonton.
5-5-33.
HPK/

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

C.I.B.

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Form No. 237

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"K" District	Lethbridge	Blairmore Date
Alberta		25-2-33.

Re: Situation Generally - Crow's Nest Pass.

17576281

Copy for Communist Party

Blairmore - Alto
17576805

SECRET.
Headquarters

Division or Dist.
"K" /
2006-6

Sub-Division

2695-1

Detachment

P. C. R.

9-11-32
to
25-2-33.

1. A meeting was held in the Union Hall, Blairmore, under the auspices of the Communist Party, on the evening of February 24th 1933. It was attended by thirty-eight Doukhobor men and six women. Paul Pottento and one, Femino, from Cowley, were the speakers. Their subject was the deportation of Peter Veregin.

2. A. Fraser, George Gasoff of Coleman and Julia Johnson of Blairmore were among the Communists.

3. At the close of the meeting, it was decided to send a protest to Premier Bennett regarding the deportation of the Doukhobor leader. I have made enquiries locally, but can find no record of a telegram having been sent.

4. This is the first time, to my knowledge, that the Doukhobots have appealed to the Communist Party here for help.

Expenses - Nil.
Mileage - Nil.

J. Smith Sgt.

(J. Smith) Reg. No. 11483.

I/C Detachment.

The Officer Commanding,
"K" Division, EDMONTON.

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Lethbridge,
Feb. 27/33.
AD:H.

A. Duncan
Inspector.
(A. Duncan)
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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Geo B. Henwood, Esq.
Deputy Attorney General,
Edmonton, Alberta.

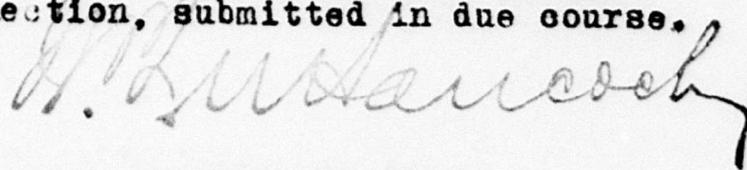
Sir:
Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton.
2-3-33.
HPK.

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

The Commissioner.

Sir:
Forwarded for your information.
It would appear that the Communist Party intend
to draw the Doukhobors into the affiliated
organisations of the radical movement. This
situation will be closely watched and further
reports in connection, submitted in due course.



Edmonton.
2-3-33.
HPK.

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

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FORM No. 230

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

THIS CROSS REFERENCE SHEET IS TO BE PLACED ON FYLE

NAME OR SUBJECT

DATE

FYLE No.

Communist Party

175/6805

Blairmore. Alta;

EXTRACT FROM, OR PRECIS OF, COMMUNICATION DATED

WRITTEN BY

TO

Extract from letter written to the Commissioner
by [REDACTED]

BLAIRMORE. ALTA

Indications of discontent in the Canadian Legion Branch at Blairmore. Alberta, reached us in August last and upon asking for a report we were advised by the Alberta Provincial Command of the Legion on September the 18th that a very delicate situation existed. This was due to the fact that there had been a strike in that District for some considerable time and the Communist element were endeavouring to gain control of the Legion Branch but up to that date had not been very successful. We have heard nothing further.

see 175/7067 November 28th 1932.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT REFER TO FYLE:

FYLE No.

DATE

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Form No. 237

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" Division Bathbridge Sub-District Blairmore Detachment

District Southern Alberta. Blairmore, Nov. 10, 1931.

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R.C.M. POLICE
"K" DIVISION
NOV 12 1931
SOUTHERN ALBERTA DISTRICT

Fyle References
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Re: Communist Party of Canada.
1796005

C. E. H.
Headquarters

A mass meeting of miners was held in the Union Hall at Blairmore on Sunday evening last which was addressed by the above named, who, I understand is from Calgary, and has been in this district very much of late organizing the Youth movement amongst the younger miners.

Division or Dist.
32K 2015-3

There were only some twenty persons present at this meeting, which was called for the purpose of celebrating the fourteenth anniversary of the Soviet Union.

Sub-District

Miller gave a history of the Revolution from 1917 to the present time, stating how the Russian soldiers were underfed, underclothed and without proper fighting equipment, lack of rifles, etc., during the war, which was responsible for the bringing about of the separate peace with Germany. Some of the people in Russia at that time, Miller said, thought that Russia should not betray her Allies. However the peace was signed with the idea, speaker asserted, that when the time should come the terms of the peace treaty would be disregarded, which turned out to be the case after the Germans overthrew their Kaiser.

Detachment

P. C. R.

He stated that the Communist Party was legal in Russia in 1917 in March, and that in other countries Communists could advocate Communism, etc., without being arrested for sedition like they are in Canada.

In reply to a question from the audience as to whether the Russian people were in need of bread while they were at the same time exporting wheat to other countries, Miller asserted that such was not the case at all. He stated that during the Czarist regime the peasants ate black bread, and to this day many of them preferred it to wheat bread, because they have never been used to eating wheat bread like we do in this country, and therefore there is no great demand for wheat in Russia today and so it was exported in exchange for necessary machinery from the United States and other countries.

His discussion of the Soviet Union in the main was more or less of an academic discussion showing the progress of the Revolution from its inception to the present time. E. Perresini, president of the Blairmore local, M.W.O.C., was in the chair.

J. Weaver
J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
Reg. No. 5967,
In charge Blairmore Detachment.

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The Officer Commanding,
R.C. Mounted Police,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir:

Forwarded.

F. Humby Inspr.

Lethbridge.
12-11-31.

(F. Humby)
Commanding Lethbridge Sub/Dist.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-

Forwarded.

Lethbridge, Alberta,
November 13th, 1931.

Christen Junget
Supt.
Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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FORM NO. 230

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

THIS CROSS REFERENCE SHEET IS TO BE PLACED ON FYLE

NAME OR SUBJECT

DATE

FYLE NO.

*Communist Party
Blairmore*

13-11-31

175/6805

EXTRACT FROM, OR PRECIS OF, COMMUNICATION DATED

WRITTEN BY Extract from Vapays No. 255, 28-10-31

TO

The Blairmore division of the Labor Women's League at a recently held meeting resolved to sent a protest to the government re the police terror. The meeting also demands the release of the arrested communists.

H. Jarvi,
Chairwoman.

M. North,
Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT REFER TO FYLE:

FYLE NO. 177/296 (27)

DATE Nov. 3, 1931.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

East Kootenay
Sub-District

Blairmore
Detachment

R.C.M.POLICE
"K" DIVISION
AUG 25 1931
SOUTHERN ALBERTA DISTRICT

District Southern Alberta.

Blairmore, Alta.,
August 22nd, 1931.

HEADQUARTERS
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OTTAWA ONT

Re: Communist Party of Canada.

Fyle References

1756805

C. F. H.

Headquarters

Attached to this report is a copy of "The Worker" dated Toronto, August 14th, 1931, being an emergency issue which was issued to protest against the recent arrest of Communist leaders in Toronto and Vancouver.

Division or Dist.

31K 515-5

31K 2015-5

Sub-District

31A 250-26

A meeting of miners was held in the Union Hall in Blairmore last night, chief speaker being John Stokoluk of Coleman, Secretary of the Coleman local of the Mine Workers Union of Canada. A resolution was adopted at this meeting protesting against the arrest of Comrades Bruce, Carr, etc., etc.

Detachment

These papers were handed to the miners as they entered the door and following the meeting I managed to gain possession of the attached copy.

P. C. R.

Full reports on the meeting will be submitted. Further meetings are scheduled to be held at Coleman on Sunday next and I understand one will be held also at Bellevue, which will be covered and reported upon.

J. J. Weaver

J. J. Weaver, Compl.,
Reg. No. 5967,
In charge Blairmore Detachment.

Encl. (1)

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

Sir: Forwarded, for your information.

G. Humby inspt.

Fernie,
22-8-31.

(G. Humby)
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-

Forwarded. Copy of the paper mentioned herein was forwarded on the 21st inst. [redacted] report of the 19th instant under the heading "N. U. W. A. , Lethbridge."

Christen Junget
Supt.

Lethbridge, Alta.
August 25, 1931.

Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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"K"
Division East Kootenay Sub-District Blairmore Detachment

District Southern Alberta Blairmore, Alta.,
175/P 3455 August 22nd, 1931.

Fyle References Re: Young Communist League.
Gaston Bazille - Blairmore, Alta.

Copy for 175/6805

Headquarters

A meeting of the miners was held in the Union Hall at Blairmore on Friday evening, August 21st last, for the purpose of protesting against the arrests of the Communist leaders at Toronto and Vancouver recently, against whom charges are pending under the Criminal Code according to newspaper reports.

Division or Dist.

31K 516
31K 2020.
Sub-District

The above named was the first speaker. He merely stated that he guessed we knew what the purpose of the meeting was for, i.e. to protest against the arrests mentioned above, and also to commemorate the executions of Sacco and Vanzetti of four years ago. As this was his first public speech he would allow the other speakers to proceed, as he really had nothing to say.

Detachment

This youth was very nervous and became tongue tied, so that he had nothing to do but to sit down and make way for the other speakers, i.e. J. Thomas of Blairmore and J. Stokoluk of Coleman, upon whom reports are being rendered.

P. C. R.

From investigations made I learn that young Bazille is a member of the Y.C.L. and also that he is organizing in Blairmore for the League. I do not know what success is attending his efforts, but as he is a local youth and knows every one in Blairmore no doubt he could and has secured a certain membership. I would judge him to be 20 to 22 years of age and certainly the youngest person present at the meeting he addressed. It did not appear as though any members of the Y.C.L. were present at this meeting apart from himself.

Further investigations will be made in connection [redacted]

J. J. Weaver

J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
Reg. No. 5967,
In charge Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir: Forwarded, for your information.

Fernie,
24-8-31.

F. Humby Inspt.
(F. Humby)
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-
Forwarded.

Lethbridge, Alta.
August 25, 1931.

Christen Junget
Supt.
Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"X" East Kootenay Blairmore
Division Sub-District Detachment

District Southern Alberta. Blairmore, Alta.,
Aug. 22nd, 1931.

Fyle References

Re: Mine Workers' Union of Canada.
John Thomas, Blairmore, Alta.

175/P 3457 Copy for 175/6805

Headquarters

Referring to report in even mail re Gaston Basille, the above named was the second speaker at the Miners' meeting mentioned.

Division or Dist.

Thomas opened his remarks by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to protest against the arrest and prosecution of Bruce, Carr et al, and also to commemorate the "slaying" of Messrs Sacco and Vanzetti in Massachusetts four years ago by the Capitalist class in the United States.

31K 532

Following the opening remarks he gave a short account of his troubles and wanderings since coming to Canada from England in 1928. After listening to his remarks one is almost led to believe that the Capitalist class have singled him out in particular as the object of their displeasure.

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Sub-District

31A 250-44

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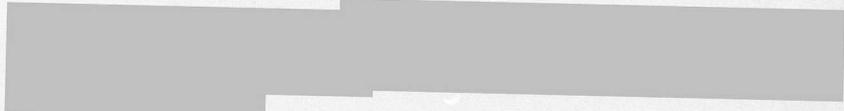
He stated that he came to this country on the bluff of the C.P.R. and Federal Government, and that before leaving England he was promised that he would receive twelve months steady employment, and was told that there was no need for any one to suffer in Canada. On arrival in this country he with a number of others, were subjected to various indignities by Immigration officials. Finally he came to Hanna, Alberta, on the C.N.R., and there had no luck, but received relief from the town. He stated he spoke to a member of the R.C.M.P. at Hanna, who informed him that as long as he was in Hanna out of employment the town would have to feed him.

P. C. R.

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Finally he stated he was offered employment on a farm at \$15.00 per month and board, but indignantly turned down the offer and asked how a man could be expected to get along on \$15 per month. He then left for the coal fields coming to Hillcrest where he was for a time. After which he came to Blairmore.

He has been in this district about two years and is unemployed. I was informed by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Blairmore that he was offered work by the Town on August 1st last, but he rejected same stating he had to join the demonstration staged by the Communists on that day.



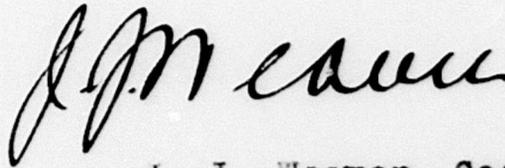
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[redacted] any further activities [redacted] coming to the attention of this detachment will be at once reported upon.

While the meeting this man addressed was called a Miners' Meeting I am of the opinion the same was held under the auspices of the Mine Workers Union of Canada, the chief speaker being Secretary of the Coleman Local, John Stokoluk, and the chair man of the meeting being the president of the Blairmore Local, A. Perresini.



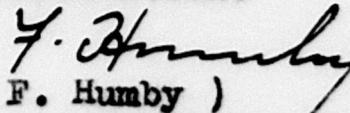
J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
Reg. No. 5967,

In charge Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir: Forwarded, for your information.

Fernie,
24-8-31.

 Inspt.
(F. Humby)

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-

Forwarded.

Lethbridge, Alta.
August 25, 1931.



Supt.
Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

AUG 13 1931

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Form No. 237

R. C. M. POLICE

R. C. M. POLICE
"K" DIVISION.
AUG 14 1931
SOUTHERN ALBERTA DISTRICT.

Division

East Kootenay Sub-District

Cranbrook, B.C. Detachment

District Southern Alberta.

Date August 12th 1931.

Re: Communist Party of Canada - Mrs Anna Arponen. - Blairmore, Alberta.

Fyle References

SECRET

175/6205

Headquarters

C.F.H.

Division or Dist.
31K 2015-5.

Sub-District
Fernie File,
31A 250-24.

Detachment

P. C. R.
13-7-31.

Further to my report of July 13th last, I received information while in Kimberley on August 6th [redacted] that arrangements had been made for three other parties to go from Nelson B.C. to Port Arthur by train and join the Nylander family there. [redacted] unable to procure the names of these parties. [redacted] Nylander had told two different people in Kimberley before he left that his real destination was Russia, but he was giving out that he was going back to Finland for a trip. [redacted] noone accompanied the Nylander family from Kimberley.

D. Wilson, D. Wilson. Sergt.
i/c Cranbrook Detm't. Reg No 5730.

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

Sir: Forwarded. This is further to Sergt. Wilson's report of July 13th last.

Fernie,
13-8-31.

F. Humby Inspt.
(F. Humby)
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-
Forwarded.

Lethbridge, Alta.
August 15, 1931.

Christen Junget
Supt.
Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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AUG 6 - 1931 ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" Division,
Lethbridge.

H. Ref.

"K" Ref.
31K 515-5
31K 2015-5

Fernie File
31A 250-26

R.C.M. POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
150507 AUG 12 1931
REPORT

East Kootenay Sub-District
Blairmore, Alberta,
August 4th, 1931.

R.C.M. POLICE
DIVISION
AUG 7 1931
SOUTHERN ALBERTA
DISTRICT.

5B

re: Communist Party of Canada.
(Crow's Nest Pass).

Acting on instructions received from the Officer Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District I proceeded to Blairmore via C.P.R. on the evening of July 31st, 1931. Upon arrival at Blairmore I immediately got in touch with Corpl. J.J. Weaver, in charge of the Blairmore Detachment, and it was decided that I should mingle with the parade to be held by the Communists the day following, Aug. 1st.

This parade, as advertised, arrived in Blairmore from Coleman about 2.30 p.m. on Aug. 1st. There were about forty in the parade from Blairmore, men and women, while about 62 arrived from Coleman. The Coleman parade was met in West Blairmore by the Blairmore parade, the two parades then joined and marched through the Town of Blairmore, when they finally came to a stop at the bandstand on the main street in front of the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

The parade proper was led by twelve young girls singing the "Red Flag". Several banners were carried by foreigners in the parade bearing the following inscriptions "Women fight against war.- Do not allow your sons to be slaughtered." "Down with Imperialist War against the Soviet Union." "Protest Against Bennett's Starvation budget." "For the Non-Contributory State Unemployment Insurance." "For the Release of all Political Prisoners." "Workers, rally behind this Demonstration."

At 2.35 p.m. I met Malcolm Bruce near the Cosmopolitan Hotel. He said "How are you Paddy Ryan?" He introduced me to Jack O'Sullivan, agitator from Calgary, who was also a speaker. Bruce also invited us to have a glass of beer. While we were drinking beer O'Sullivan asked me what I did for a living. Before I could reply Bruce said to O'Sullivan "what's that to you? I told you Ryan was a friend of mine. That's good enough for you."

At three o'clock Bruce and O'Sullivan left the beer parlour and I with them and I just walked around from one group to the other during the meeting.

At only one time during the meeting was there any reason to think that there might be some trouble, when one George Patterson, a local unemployed man, who was under the influence of liquor, started an argument with O'Sullivan and Bruce. It was noticed at this time that quite a number of foreigners got quite close to Patterson and I moved in as closely as possible without attracting attention, and as the Provincial Police car was parked nearby I could see that if anything happened the A.P.P. would act I moved away to another part of the crowd. Later I saw Patterson move across the street to the beer parlour, and that closed the incident.

This meeting broke up very orderly, all the demonstrators going their different ways.

J.E. Ryan
D/Cst 000520
Reg. No. 7314

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

Sir: FORWARDED. I instructed D/Const Ryan to proceed to Blairmore and surrounding district to assist Corp'l Weaver in covering the parades and meetings to be held there.

F. Humby Inspt.

Fernie,
6-8-31.

(F. Humby)
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-
Forwarded.

Lethbridge, Alta.
August 8th, 1931.

Christen Junget
Supt.
Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE,
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150 HURON AVE. W.
OTTAWA, ONT.
REPORT.

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"K" Division,
Lethbridge.

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East Kootenay Sub-
Blairmore Detachment,
August 4th, 1931.

re: Communist Party of Canada.
Malcolm Bruce - Toronto.

The above named was the chief speaker at an open air meeting held in Blairmore on August 1st, 1931, said meeting having been held under the auspices of the Mine Workers Union of Canada, Crow's Nest Pass Locals. The meeting was in charge of Evan Morgan, Secretary of the Blairmore local.

Bruce stated that at present the world was divided into two great sections, five sixth of which was under the Capitalist system and one sixth under the dictatorship of the working class. The best that the workers who are living under the Capitalist system could expect at the present time was a mobilization of the advance guard. In the Soviet Union the Proletariat and the Peasantry reigned. The capitalists were described as Christian hypocrites.

In dealing with the present depression and what was alleged to be Capitalistic preparations for war against the Soviet Union President Hoover of the United States and former Prime Minister King were classed as political liars as being exceeded only by the Calgary shyster, the present Prime Minister.

The speaker exclaimed that when the "bosses" tell us that no class is responsible for the present depression because the same is world wide they are telling us a deliberate lie. To prove his statement he pointed out that in Russia there are at present a million and a quarter jobs going begging and no one to fill them. We are living under a system of what the speaker termed as "silly, idiotic, chauvinistic nationalism!" He stated that he was unfortunately one of those born in this cursed Capitalistic country.

He further stated that if the workers opened their mouths in an organized manner they were clubbed and thrown into jails. He stated that in Toronto, Ontario last April two hundred girls slept in the public parks and in order to obtain food were forced to sell the only commodity that they possessed, their bodies. Some of them being as young as thirteen years of age.

Touching on the present conversations, etc., between British, U.S. and German politicians, he stated that MacDonald, Henderson and all the rest of them were only concerned with keeping the dirty reptile of Capitalism alive in Germany. MacDonald did things that Baldwin or Lloyd George would not dare to do, and MacDonald was at the head of a so-called Labour Gov't.

During the War we were taught to hate the Hun and love the big Russian bear, etc., but now we are doing everything at the behest of the same people who told us to hate the Hun, to save them from Bolshevism, and are being told to hate the Russian and are preparing for war against them.

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Going further into the last war he outlined what he claimed was the real cause of it. The world was divided into national groups and was ruled in the same manner that a city was divided into police groups, each group having a policeman on patrol, this being known as his beat. The same with the world, in North America the United States had it's beat and Canada had it's beat, and so on. Sometimes the different groups clashed. World economy and world markets could not stand between two rivalry groups, i.e. Germany and Great Britain.

One reason why war is being prepared against Russia today is that the Capitalist governments do not like the idea of one sixth of the world being under a Revolutionary Workers' Government. It was not mentioned in the press, the speaker told his audience, that two British regiments mutinied and refused to go to Russia in 1920. He stated that foreign legions existed in other countries who would defend the Soviet Union if necessary.

He stated that the demonstrations carried out by the R.C.A.F. and other air maneuvers of late, are nothing but preparations against the Soviet Union. When the R.C.A.F. machines were recently flown to Vancouver, Bruce asserted, that the terrain was selected to correspond with the terrain in Soviet Russia, and recent maneuvers carried out by the R.A.F. near Hendon, Eng., the site over which the aeroplanes flew, was built to correspond with the oil fields near the Black Sea in Russia.

Foreign Minister Briand of France was termed a Renegade Socialist, just like Mussolini of Italy, MacDonald of Great Britain, Scullin of Australia, and our own Woodsworth, Heaps, etc., etc. Briand's United States of Europe was nothing but a combination of Capitalist powers to crush the Soviet Union.

This man spoke for almost two hours. He also addressed a meeting at Hillcrest on Sunday, Aug. 2nd, which was attended by D/Const. Ryan and myself, and a report on this meeting is being rendered by D/Cst. Ryan.

J. J. Weaver

J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
Reg. No. 5967,
In charge Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir: Forwarded. Det/Const. Ryan's report on above attached.

F. Humby Inspt.
(F. Humby)
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

Wernie,
6-8-31.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-

Forwarded. D/Const. Ryan's report of the 4th inst. attached hereto.

Christen Junget
Supt.
Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

Lethbridge, Alta.
August 8th, 1931.

AUG 6 - 1931 ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE,

"K" Division,
Lethbridge.

East Kootenay Sub-District
Blairmore Detachment
August 4th, 1931.

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REPORT.

"K" Fyle
C/6649

re: Communist Party of Canada.
Malcolm Bruce, Toronto.

On Sunday, Aug. 2nd, 1931, in company of
Corpl. Weaver, in charge Blairmore Detachment, I
patrolled to Hillcrest by taxi in order to cover an
open air meeting held under the auspices of the Mine
Workers' Union of Canada. Meeting commenced at
2.30 p.m., and the above named was the chief orator.

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His remarks at this meeting coincided very
closely with his speech given in Blairmore the day
before. Touching on conditions in Soviet Russia,
he stated that every one had a job and no one suffered.
In this lousy country in which we lived it cost us
\$200.00 to be born and about \$250.00 to get planted
when we died. In Russia a mother was given several
weeks off with full pay both before and after childbirth,
and had medical attention, etc.

Bruce compared the bankruptcy of Capitalism
as compared with the solvency of the Proletariat state
in Russia.

The policy of the Red International of Labour
Unions and the Communist International is to take
advantage of the weaknesses of the Capitalist state.
The Socialist Reformist policy on the other hand is a
policy of no struggle, collaboration and co-operation
with the bosses.

The speaker contended that the All-Canadian
Congress of Labour, which was organized in 1927 in
Montreal, and the Trades and Labour Congress today is
an appendage of capitalism, where the Workers Unity
League was the only national center and is a federated
body.

He asked the workers to join up with the W.U.L.

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The majority of the audience were women
and children, the women being especially invited to
attend.

Ludwig Maurice, vice-pres. of the Mine
Workers Union of Canada, acted as chairman of this
meeting. Another speaker on whom a separate report
will be rendered was "Comrade" Carr.

T. E. Ryan
T. E. Ryan, D/Const.,
Reg. No. 7514.

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

Sir: Forwarded. See Corp'l Weaver's report attached.

Fernie,
6-8-31.

F. Humby Inspt.
(F. Humby)
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

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"K" Division,
Lethbridge.

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East Kootenay
Blairmore Detachment,
August 4th, 1931.

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SOUTHERN ALBERTA
DISTRICT.

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re: Communist Party of Canada.
John O'Sullivan - Agitator.

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31A 250-38

The above named was the first speaker following Chairman Evan Morgan's opening remarks at the big open air mass meeting held in Blairmore on August 1st, to protest against war against the Soviet Union and all Imperialist wars.

O'Sullivan, I understand, is one of those in connection with a demonstration staged by the un-employed in that city, when some of the demonstrators clashed with the police, and he is on bail at the present time.

He devoted some time defending the attitude and actions of the demonstrators, stating very emphatically that the police and not the workers started the fight on that occasion. He was very bitter against the police in his remarks, and stated that the police were present at this meeting, and indicated the Provincial Police and myself. He stated that we would say we were there to maintain law and order and to protect the public. As a matter of fact, O'Sullivan asserted, we were not there to protect the public but to intimidate the public, and to frighten workers away from attending the meeting. Twenty years ago and in the old pioneer days he said that the Mounted Police were a credit to themselves and to the country and they did their work well, but today they had degenerated until they are now merely tools of the most despicable kind, and are under the direct control of the 5% of the population who exploit the workers.

He urged that it was the duty of every worker to line up with the Canadian Labour Defence League. Of course he has personal reasons for making such an appeal, as he will require the services of counsel when he is brought to trial in a few weeks in connection with the recent disturbances in Calgary.

The press, pulpit and fraternal societies came in for his scathing condemnation. He stated that the Capitalist war should be turned into a war for the emancipation of the working class. He asked "why be so timid in fighting the war of the proletariat?"

His speech lasted for about three quarters of an hour along the lines indicated above, the whole tenor of which was a general condemnation of the existing order of things and a wholesale abuse of the police. At the close of the meeting following Malcom Bruce's speech, which is the subject of a separate report, a collection was taken up, which, as announced, amounted to \$11.30. This was to defray the expenses of Bruce, O'Sullivan, etc.

J. J. Weaver
J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
Reg. No. 5967,
in charge Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir: FORWARDED, for your information.

Fernie,
6-8-31.

F. Humby inspt.
(F. Humby)
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-
Forwarded.

Lethbridge, Alta.
August 8th, 1931.

Christen Junget
Supt.
Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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"K" East Kootenay Blairmore
Division Sub-District Detachment
District Southern Alberta Date July 21st, 1931.

File References

Re: Communist Party of Canada.
(Crow's Nest Pass).

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Detachment

P. C. R.

SECRET.

Information has been received that the Communists element of the Crow's Nest Pass are planning to hold a parade and demonstration on August 1st next. The Communists to march from Coleman and Bellevue and will concentrate on Blairmore during the afternoon.

From the information which has been given me I understand the chief purpose of the demonstration insofar as this district is concerned at any rate is to protest against the arrest and incarceration of certain of their leaders in Calgary and Winnipeg recently.

I have been confidentially informed that it is the intention of the leaders to approach the mine operators with a view to arranging for the various coal mines to be idle on Aug. 1st, so as to give all the miners an opportunity to join in the demonstration. Also, if the operators refuse to accede to such requests and the mines "work" on that day it is the present intention to have pickets out to prevent any one from going to work.

The locals of the Mine Workers Union of Canada are largely under Communist control at present and the above arrangements have been discussed in the regular meetings of the locals. It is the intention to hold a meeting on the evening of July 31st to make final arrangements, and if the mines are active on Aug. 1st it is quite possible that there will be trouble on that day.

As one of the purposes of the parade is to "fight against the growing police terror" it is almost a certainty that if there is trouble the police will be the objects of the "reds" attack. I do not know what plans the A.P.P. are making to meet the situation, if any, but in any case I am keeping in touch and any further information or developments will be reported immediately.

J. J. Weaver

J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
Reg. No. 5967,
In charge Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir: Forwarded. I have instructed Det/Const Ryan to go to
Blairmore on the night of July 31st, so as to be present
on this occasion and to keep in close touch with any developments.

F. Humby Inspt.
(F. Humby)

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

Ernie,
21-7-31.

**The Commissioner,
Sir:-
Forwarded.**

W. W. Watson

**Lethbridge, Alta.
July 23rd, 1931. For O.C. Southern Alberta District, A.O.D.**

W. W. Watson, Inspector.

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Cranbrook, B.C.
Detachment

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District Southern Alberta.

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Re: Communist Party of Canada - Mrs Anna APPONEN
Blairmore, Alberta.

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Headquarters

C.F.H

While on patrol in the Kimberley district on Thursday July 9th last, in accordance with instructions received, I made investigations re the occupants of the car said to have accompanied the Apponens to Montreal on June 24th last.

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I was advised that the the parties from Kimberley were Svante NYLANDER and his wife Lempi NYLANDER, also their son Harry aged 11 years. not sure whether any other persons accompanied them, but will make enquiries and advise me further.

Sub-District

Fernie File,
31A 250-24.

Svante NYLANDER is a Finlander, 36 years of age, and has been employed as a miner by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co at Kimberley since April 7th 1926. He stated that he was sailing by the S.S. "Baltimore" from Montreal and gave the impression that he was not returning to Canada. He was head of a small Communist Organization amongst the Finlanders in Kimberley, but it is difficult to obtain information as they keep strictly to themselves, and the difficulty of speaking the language. Of a total of over a thousand employees of the Company, there are some fifteen Finlanders employed at the present time.

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i/c Cranbrook Detn't. Reg No 5730.

Blairmore.
27-6-31.

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

Sir: FORWARDED. This is with reference to your memo of July 2nd last relative to the above, and also Corp'l Weaver's report of June 12th. *F. Humby* Insp't.

Fernie, (F. Humby)
15-7-31. Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.

The Commissioner,
Sir:-

Forwarded, with reference to copies of my memo of the 2nd instant to the Officer Commanding, Fernie.

Lethbridge, Alta.
July 17th, 1931.

Christen Junget
Supt.
Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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DivisionEast Kootenay
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District Southern Alberta

Date June 4th, 1931.



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Re: Communist Party of Canada - Crow's Nest Pass.
Joe Farbey - Agitator.175/6805
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Blairmore
Detachment175/6163
P.C.R.Blairmore
11-5-31.

The above named addressed a meeting in the Miners' Hall, Blairmore, on Tuesday evening, June 2nd, 1931. This meeting appeared to be primarily for the purpose of enlisting the interest of the youth of Blairmore in what was termed the present struggle of the young miners. It was intended to hold an out door meeting but owing to inclement weather this was found impracticable, and the same was taken inside.

Farbey stated it was very necessary for the young people to become organized into a youths' section of the Communist Party under the guidance of the Communist Party. It was more difficult to organize the older men 100% as they had old trade union ideas implanted into them, and it was necessary to overcome this, whereas with the young men just coming up if they got started off right in years to come they would be the undoing of the Capitalist class, etc.

At Coleman on the 3rd June an open air meeting was held under the auspices of the Young Communist League, Coleman Unit, same speaker occupying the stand.

He referred to the present "Stagger" system of reducing wages and lowering the standard of living of the working class, which was being carried on, he stated, more particularly particularly at present amongst the railway workers. He stressed that the earnings and not the profits of such concerns as the C.P.R. were less than formerly, due to the present depression, and that the profits of the capitalists were never cut. When the earnings were less the workers paid through reduction of staff, reduction of wages, etc.

At Blairmore on Tuesday a collection was taken to defray Farbey's expenses, as he stated; amount collected, as announced, being \$1.35. No collection was taken in Coleman.

Little enthusiasm was displayed at these meetings, and it would appear that the miners are getting tired of Mr. Farbey, who has spent a great deal of time in this district during the past few months.

The Officer Commanding
"K" Div.

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F. Hamby Insp.
Commd. East Kootenay Sub-Dist.

J. J. Weaver
J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
Reg. No. 5967,
in charge Blairmore Detachment.

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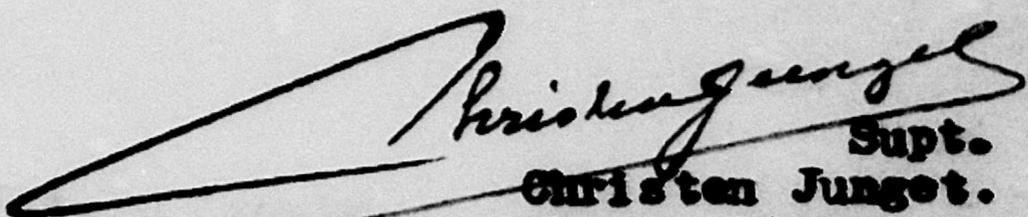
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The Commissioner,
Sir:-

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June 8th, 1931.



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Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.

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District Southern Alberta Date May 4th, 1931.

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P. C. R.

The above named was one of the speakers at Bellevue and Blairmore on May Day in connection with the celebrations staged by the Communist Party in the Crow's Nest Pass.

This man opened his speech by giving a history of the origin of the May Day celebrations by the working class, explaining that certain riots in Chicago several years ago, when workers were killed, and other events of that period, were responsible for the day being observed by the workers as it now is.

He also dealt with the government relief to the unemployed, etc., describing it as totally inadequate.

At one point he declared that until all the capitalists and labour fakers were hanged to lamp posts there would be corruption.

Apparently referring to the Mercoal strike of a few months ago, the Alberta Police came in for condemnation. Bruce stated that they were in Mercoal for the purpose of blowing up any miner who dared to raise his voice.

This speaker appears to be more educated than the majority of the radical labour organizers and agitators who visit this district, and I am quite convinced that most of his speech went over the heads of the majority of his hearers. Many people left the field during his deliverance.

Bruce left this district on the night train going east Sunday night, the 3rd instant, and as far as I was able to learn he was headed for Calgary in company of Jas. Sloan of Calgary, president of the M.W.U. of Canada.

J. J. Weaver
J. J. Weaver, Corpl.,
Reg. No. 5967,
In charge Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir: FORWARDED. *F. Humby* Inspt.
(F. Humby)
Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.
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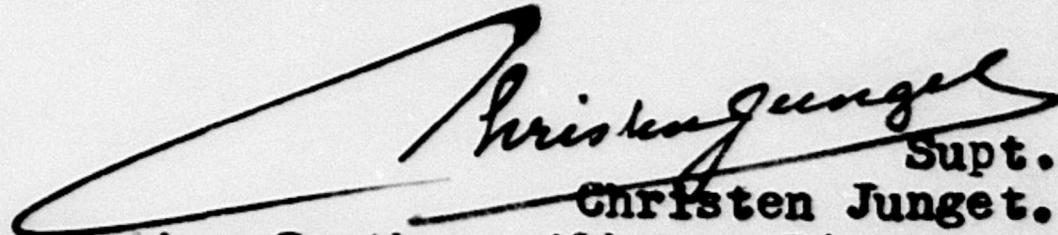
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Commanding Southern Alberta District.

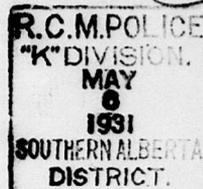
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" Division East Kootenay Sub-District Blairmore Detachment



District Southern Alberta Date May 2nd, 1931.

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Re: May Day Celebrations (1931) Crow's Nest Pass.

Crows Nest Pass

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Detachment

P. C. R.

R.C.M.P. HEADQUARTERS

May Day was celebrated by the miners of Blairmore, Coleman and Bellevue, arrangements being under the auspices of the Communist Party of Canada, Crows Nest Pass.

The miners from Coleman and Bellevue marched to Blairmore, where speeches were made commencing at 3 p.m. In the parades were red banners bearing inscriptions such as "Hands off Soviet Russia" "Lift the Embargo on Soviet Goods" "Women do not allow your sons to be slaughtered in Imperialist Wars" etc.

The speakers were as follows and in the order given: Evan Morgan, secretary Blairmore Local M.W.U. of C., Archie Fraser, one of the M.W.U. of C. leaders from Coleman, and suspected to be a member of the Communist Party;; J. Ukrainitz, member of the Young Communist League, Coleman; Jas. Sloan, Calgary, President of the M.W.U. of C.; John Stokoluk, Coleman, formerly vice-pres. of the M.W.U. of C.; Joe Farbey, Communist agitator from Toronto and Malcolm Bruce, also of Toronto.

There were no disorders during the afternoon, and the general public showed little interest in the proceedings. The parades were made up of foreigners, mostly Finns, Ukrainians, Russians and some Italians, also some Polanders. There were only some seven or eight natural born Britishers in the ~~parades~~ parades proper.

From Coleman some ninety persons marched to Blairmore, including a number of women and children, while the parade from Bellevue was very much smaller.

It was rumoured that the anti-Communists were going to start trouble at Bellevue, and also that the Communists from Bellevue would attempt to stop the Government Relief gang from working on the road east of Blairmore. No trouble, however, developed. The local Provincial Police detachment, which consists of one Sergeant, and four Constables were re-inforced from Lethbridge, Macleod and Pincher Creek in case of trouble.

Separate reports are being submitted on the chief speakers of the day, and are going forward in even mail.

The undersigned was in plain clothes and mingled with the demonstrators ~~from~~ Bellevue, Blairmore and Coleman.
J. P. Medium Corpl., #5967,
i/c Blairmore Detachment.

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The Officer Commanding,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sir:

FORWARDED.

F. Humby Inspt.

(F. Humby)

Commanding East Kootenay Sub-District.
Ferne, 5-5-31.

The Commissioner,

Sir:-

Forwarded.

Lethbridge, Alta.
May 7th, 1931.

Christen Junget
Supt.

Christen Junget.
Commanding Southern Alberta District.