

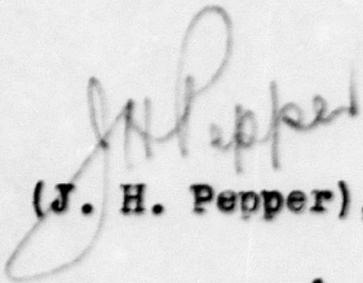
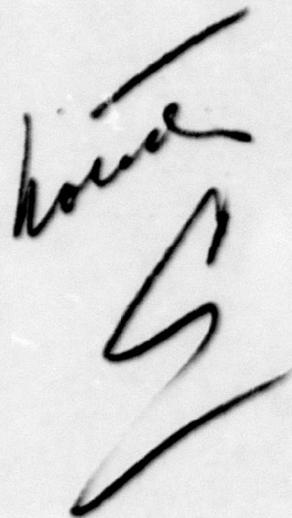
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MEMORANDUM TO:

Inspector Leopold

Re: Labour Progressive Party,
Blairmore, Alberta

As you know, the Progress Book Service of Toronto sell copies of "The Communist Manifesto" and copies of this were sold at a Labour Progressive Party meeting held at Blairmore, Alberta on November 29th. While the book has been sold by the Progress Book Service for some time, this is the first information received concerning its sale at a Labour Progressive Party meeting.


(J. H. Pepper), S/Sgt.
15-12-43
JHP/KRP

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION SUB-DIVISION DETACHMENT

"K" LETHBRIDGE BLAIRMORE
PROVINCE DATE

ALBERTA Dec. 4th, 1943.

RE: Labour Progressive Party - Blairmore, Alberta.

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DETACHMENT

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P. C. R.

2-11-43
24-11-43

1. Adverting to the above, I beg to report the following. On the 29th Ult. Margaret Mills, Alberta Organizer of the Labour Progressive Party addressed a meeting in the Miner's Hall at Blairmore, Chairman of the meeting being William Arland, and acting secretary for the evening was Enoch Williams. These three persons occupied the platform.

2. One hundred and fifteen persons attended the meeting. Margaret Mills being introduced to the audience by William Arland. She addressed the meeting for approx. 2 1/2 hours. The greater part of this time being devoted to questioning the speaker by the audience, and organizational business of the Party.

3. The main topics of the speech were, opening of a second front, ridiculing the Pad-Lock Law in Quebec, and the importance and necessity of the Labour Progressive Party to the Proletarians.

4. A Booklet, viz., The Communist Manifesto, was distributed amongst the attendants at .10¢ per copy. This inscription is on the front cover of this booklet, "It is one of the Great Historical Documents" Wendell Willkie. A silver collection was taken and the amount of \$19.80 was realized.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

[Signature] Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

FORWARDED for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth 6-12-43
H:J

[Signature] Insp.
(W. J. Jett)
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton, Alberta.
7-12-43.
P/TD.

[Signature]
W. F. WILCOCK S.A. Comm'r.
Commanding, "K" Division.

DIARY DATE

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"K" DIVISION
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB-DIVISION BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT
Nov. 27th, 1943.

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Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

SECRET.

1. The only Communist activities there has been in this district is under the auspices of the Labour Progressive Party. Margaret Mills, Provincial Organizer for the Labour Progressive Party is expected to address a public meeting at Blairmore on the evening of the 29th, November. Headquarters. [REDACTED]

2. ^{29/31/43} Tim Buck was supposed to visit this district in November, but I am informed that he did not have time to stay over. He held a meeting at Fernie, B.C., and a number of Communists from this district drove to Fernie to confer with this Communist Leader. [REDACTED] ^{29/31/43}

3. I understand that Margaret Mills will attempt to organize Labour Progressive Party branches at other towns in the Crow's Nest Pass while in this district. Sub-Division. L.S. 43-3 B.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Detachment

B2-1.

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

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

P.C.R.
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to
2-11-43.

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Lethbridge
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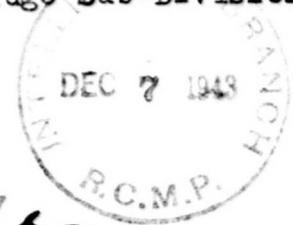
Leth: 29-11-43
H: J
The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police, OTTAWA.
Sir:

Z.D. Fryett
Insp. (Z.D. Fryett)
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton,
1-12-43,
P/ML

W.F.W. Hancock
W. F. W. HANCOCK, A/D Comm'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.



D.D.
27-12-43.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" DIVISION
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION

BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT
Nov. 24th, 1943. (216)

Re: Labour Progressive Party - Blairmore, Alberta.

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SECRET.

Headquarters. 1. With further reference to the above, Tim Buch, Communist Leader, was expected to visit this district, but I am reliably informed that he will not come to this district until next spring. He was at Fernie, B.C. a few days ago, and a number of Communists from this district ~~were~~ ^{went} there to confer with him, including Alex McFagen, and Charles Shaw, officials of the Blairmore branch of the Labour Progressive Party.

Sub-Division. 2. Margaret Mills, Communist is to address a public meeting in the Union Hall, Blairmore, under the auspices of the Labour Progressive Party, on the 29th instant. A report will be submitted covering this meeting.

Detachment. 3. A meeting of this organization was held in the Union Hall on the 21st instant, and according to confidential information, only routine matters were discussed, and only a few members attended.

S 2-18. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

[Signature] Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

FORWARDED for your information. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth: 26-11-43
H:J
The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police, OTTAWA.

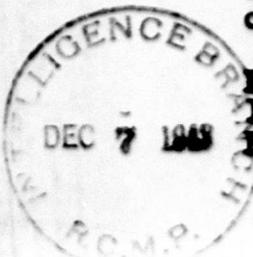
[Signature] Insp.
(D.D. Fryett)
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

Diary Date.

24-12-43.

FORWARDED for your information. Margaret Mills, referred to para. 2, is presently on an organization tour of Southern Alberta.

[Signature]
W. F. HENCOCK, A/C Comm'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.



Edmonton,
1-12-43,
F/ML

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" DIVISION
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB-DIVISION

Blairmore Detachment,
Nov. 7th, 1943.

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

SECRET.

Headquarters.

1. Further to the above, according to confidential information no meeting have been held since my last report. It appears that the Communists in this district are awaiting the arrival of Tim Buck, who is supposed to visit this district in the near future in connection with the re-organization of the Communist Party.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Sub-Division.

[Signature] Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

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

FORWARDED for your information. STILL
UNDER INVESTIGATION.

P.C.R.
4-9-36
to
11-9-43.

Leth: 6-10-43
H:J

[Signature] Insp.
(E. D. Fryett)
Cndg. Lethbridge Sub-Div.

Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-43

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Diary Date.
7-11-43.

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton
12-10-43
P:AH

[Signature]
W: F. W. Hancock, A/A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.



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ALBERTA.

LETHBRIDGE SUB-DIVISION.
Blairmore Detachment.

Nov. 2nd, 1943.

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Re: Labour Progressive Party,
Blairmore, Alberta.

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SECRET.

1. The following is a report received [redacted]

Headquarters.

"A branch of the Labour Progressive Party has been formed at Blairmore and has approximately 25 members. The following officers were elected:

Alex McFagen - President.

Charles Shaw, Secretary.

Erminio Peressini Jr, Executive Officer

William Ariand, Executive Officer.

Sub-Division.

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Detachment.
First.

2. "Only one meeting has been held up to the present, attended by 18 members. There was to be a meeting on the 31st October but this was cancelled as its members were more interested in the miner's strike than they were in a meeting of the Labour Progressive Party. The meeting will be held in the Miner's Hall."

P.C.R.
First.

3. The activities of this organization will be covered as closely as possible.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

A.R.V. No.

C.O. "K" Division
R.C.M.P., [redacted]

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

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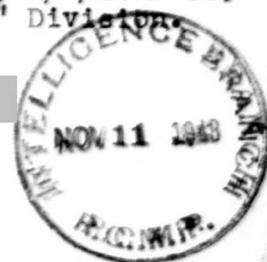
The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton
6-11-43
P/JF

Mudiman
W.F.W. HANCOCK, A/A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "K" Division



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NO "K" DIVISION
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BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT

57852 GWSV 1045
Nov 2nd 1945

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

SECRET.

Headquarters.

1. With further reference to the above, it would appear that the activities of this organization will be under the Labor-Progressive Party, which has been formed recently at Blairmore. A report under this heading has been submitted under date of Nov. 2nd.

Sub-Division.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

L.S. 45-3-B.

T.E. Madiman Sgt.
(T.E. Madiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

Detachment.

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

2-1.

FORWARDED for your information.
Further reports will be submitted in due course.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

P.C.R.
4-9-46
to
7-10-45
Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-42.

Leth: 4-11-43
C:J

E.D. Fugate Inspr.
E. D. Fugate
Cndg. Lethbridge Sub-Division

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

May Date
2-12-43.

Sir:
FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton
6-11-43
P/JF

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

10-11-43

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"K" DIVISION
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB-DIVISION BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT,
Sept. 11th, 1943.

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

15-11-43

SECRET.

1. With further reference to the above, William Arland left Blairmore on the 18th August to attend a national convention of Communists at Toronto as a delegate for the Crow's Nest Pass. He returned to Blairmore on the 6th instant. Headquarters. Since his return he has not addressed any meetings as far as I can learn.

2. Harvey Murphy, communist, now residing in B.C., was in Blairmore on the 6th and 7th instant, on his way to the East to attend the convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. While here he visited old friends and spent some time with Enoch Williams and William Arland.

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STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

15-11-43

Detachment

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

2-1.

P.C.R.
4-9-36
to
18-8-43.

Const. Connors,
Sub-Division, C.I.B. (Intell)

For your information.

Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-42
to
28-7-42.

Leth: 13-9-43 "E.D. Fryett" Inspector
H:J Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

Diary Date
11-10-43.

FORWARDED. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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Leth: 13-9-43
H:J

"E.D. Fryett" Inspector
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division



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Re: Communist Party of Canada - Blairmore, Alberta.



The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Sir:
FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton
15-9-43
P:AH

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

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DIVISION "K" DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED] 225922-193343

SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE DETACHMENT BLAIRMORE

PROVINCE ALBERTA DATE AUG. 18th, 1943.

FILE REFS. RE: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alta.

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SUB-DIVISION

LS 45-3-B

DETACHMENT

2-1.

P.C.R.

4-9-55
to
23-7-43

Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-42
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1. As far as I can ascertain there has been very little activity among the Communists in this district since my last report.
2. According to confidential information the re-organizing of the Communist Party in this district is being held in abeyance until Tim Buck returns later in the year.
3. William Arland who had been Secretary of the National Council for Democratic Rights, is the most active Communist in this district, and just recently he was elected President of the U.M.W. of A. local at Blairmore. This man is an able organizer, and will doubt take a active part in the re-organizing of the Communist Party in the Crow's Nest Pass.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

[Signature]
Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

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

FORWARDED for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 20-8-43
H:k

[Signature]
"E. D. Fryett" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information. Arland's activities will be closely watched.

Edmonton, Alta.,
25-8-43
p:vh

[Signature]
W.F.W. Hancock, A/A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

DIARY DATE
18-9-43
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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"K" DIVISION
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB-DIVISION

Blairmore Detachment,
July 23rd, 1943.

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alta.

SECRET.

1. All the activities of the Communist Party are under the sponsorship of the Dominion Communist Total War Committee in this district.

Headquarters.

2. On the 12th instant Tim Buck spoke to a large gathering in the Columbus hall in Blairmore, with all the local communists in attendance. This meeting has been reported on under the heading of Tim Buck - Communist Leader,

sub-Division.

3. Plans are being made to re-organize the Communist Party in this district, and Tim Buck is supposed to return later in the year to assist in this respect. He will then visit all towns in the Crows Nest Pass, according to information received. It is not anticipated that there will be much activity on the part of the Communists in this district until Tim Buck returns.

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STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Detachment.

Cst. Connors,
S/Div. C.I.B. (Intell)

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

4-9-36
to
6-7-43

For your information.

24-7-43
H*A

"E.D. Fryett" Inspr.
Comdg. Lethbridge Sub-Division

Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-42

O.C. "K" Div, RCMP, Edmonton

to
28-7-42.

FORWARDED: Still under investigation.

Diary Date
25-8-43.

24-7-43
H*A

E.D. Fryett
sgt. "E.D. Fryett" Inspr.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

The Commissioner:

Sir: FORWARDED. It is understood that Tim Buck will make another tour of the West in the fall.

Edmonton
27-7-43

W.F.W. Hancock
W.F.W. HANCOCK, A/A/Commr.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" DIVISION
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION,
Blairmore Detachment,
July 6th, 1943.

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

SECRET.

1. Extensive preparations are being made by the Dominion Communist Labor Total War Committee, Blairmore for the reception of Tim Buck, Communist Leader, on July 12th.

Headquarters.

2. Posters and notices are to be found in all towns in the Crow's Nest Pass advertising a meeting in the Columbus Hall, Blairmore, for 7.30 p.m. July 12th, at which Tim Buck is the speaker.

3. This meeting will be covered and a report will be submitted.

Sub-Division.

4. In connection with para. 2 of my report of June 11th, the mass meeting of the Dominion Communist Labor Total War Committee was not held at Blairmore in June, on account of the visit of Tim Buck to this district.

L.S. 42-3-B

Detachment.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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Cst. Connors,
S/Div. C.I.B. (Intell)

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

For your information.

F.C.R.

4-9-56

to

11-6-43.

(Lethbridge)
Intell.

26-4-42

to

28-7-42.

Diary Date

8-8-43.

7-7-43

H*A

"G. Harvey" S/Sgt. for

O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division AOD

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

FORWARDED - still under investigation.

7-7-43

H*A

G. Harvey
S/d. "G. Harvey" S/Sgt. for
O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division A.O.D.

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH
JUL 14 1943
R.C.M.P.

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RE: Communist Party of Canada, Blairmore, Alberta.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information. Regarding para. 4, the meeting referred to therein was planned for the 20th of June but due to the postponement of Tim Buck's tour the meeting was cancelled.

Edmonton, Alberta,
9-7-43
P:VH

W.F.W. Hancock
W.F.W. Hancock, A/A/Commr,
Commanding "K" Division.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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"K" DIVISION
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION,
Blairmore Detachment,
June 11th, 1943.

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

SECRET.

Copies on [redacted]

1. [redacted] all the activities of the Communist Party members in this district are in connection with the Dominion Communist Labor Total War Committee, with William Arland taking an active part under the leadership of ENOCH Williams. Meetings are still being held in Enoch Williams' room in the Cos. Hotel, Blairmore.

Headquarters.

2. It is noted in Lethbridge C.I.B. Intelligence report under the heading Re: Dominion Communist Labor Total War Committee-Lethbridge, Alberta, that information has been received that a mass solidarity meeting is to be held at Blairmore. I understand that Communist leaders are attempting to hold such a meeting, but so far I do not believe that definite arrangements have been made. They are a little afraid that such a meeting might not be much of a success. Should this meeting be held the same will be covered, and a report submitted.

Sub-Division.

L.S.42-3-B.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Detachment

[Signature] Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

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Cat. Connors,
S/D. C.I.B. (Intell.),
Lethbridge.

P.C.R.

RECORDED
[initials]

For your information.

4-9-36
to
16-5-43.

12-6-43
[redacted]
C.I.B. "K" Div., C.I.B., Edmonton.

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH
JUN 18 1943
R.C.M.P. HQ

Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-42
to
28-7-42.

FORWARDED - Still under investigation.

12-6-43
M:A

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

Diary Date

The Commissioner,
R.C.M.P., OTTAWA.
Sir:

11-7-43.

FORWARDED for your information. The mass meeting referred to is slated for the 20th or 22nd of June to Commemorate Russian resistance of the German invasion.

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Edmonton
15-6-43
P/AH

[Signature]
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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No. "K" DIVISION LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION BLAIRMORE DETACH.
ALBERTA Div. File No. May 16th, 1943.

SECRET.

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

307

Headquarters.

1. With further reference to the above, Mrs. Wm. Halina, Jr. Communist, addressed a May Day meeting at Bellevue, with Enoch Williams, Communist, acting as chairman. A separate report under the heading [redacted] Communist, has been submitted

Sub-Division.

2. In connection with the information received in the memo. of the officer in charge "K" Division C.I.B., under the heading of re Dominion Communist Labor Total War Committee, dated April 16th, in which it is stated that Enoch Williams of Blairmore has been selected as a Candidate on a Labour-Farmer Progressive Committee ticket in the next Provincial Election, there has been no activity in this connection by the Communists in the Crow's Nest Pass, up to the present time.

L.S. 42-3-B.

Detachment.

3. I have no information of any meetings being held in this district, other than the one mentioned in para. 1.

2-1.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

P.C.R.

Constable Connors,
Sub-Div. C.I.B. (Intell)

4-9-36
to

For your information.

5-4-43.
Lethbridge
(Intell)

Leth. 18-5-43
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to

"G. Harvey" Staff/Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

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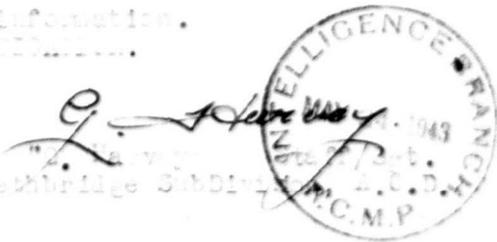
Diary Date.

O.C. "K" Division, Lethbridge, Alberta.

16-6-43.

FORWARDED for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

L.S. 18-5-43
H:F



The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Edm. 20-5-43
P/JW

W.V.W. Hancock
W.V.W. Hancock, A.A. Commr.,
Commanding "K" Division.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

F. 237

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DIVISION "Z" PROVINCE Alberta
 SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge
 DETACHMENT Blairmore
 DATE April 5th, 1943. 100579 PR 1343

FILE REFS. RE: Communist Party of Canada, Blairmore, Alberta.

SECRET. HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION L.S. 42-3-3.

DETACHMENT 2-1.

P.C.R. 4-9-36

A. R. V. No.

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DIARY DATE SET FOR 5-1-43

1. Further to the above, I have no information as to any further activity on the part of organization in the Crows Nest Pass since my last report. No meetings have been held to my knowledge.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

[Signature] Sgt.
 (T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
 1/C Blairmore Detachment.

Cst. CONNORS,
 S/Div. C.I.B. (Intell.)
 Lethbridge.

For your information.

6-4-43
H:A

"E.D. Fryett" Inspector,
 Comdg. Lethbridge Sub-Division.
 O.C. "K" Div., R.C.M.P., Edmonton.

FORWARDED - Still under investigation

6-4-43
H:A

[Signature]
 Sgt. "E.D. Fryett" Inspector,
 Comdg. Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton
9-4-43
P/H

[Signature]
 W.F.W. HAMCOCK, S/A/Comm'r.,
 Commanding "K" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

F. 237

309

DIVISION "K" PROVINCE ALBERTA
SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE
DETACHMENT BLAIRMORE
DATE MARCH 10th, 1943.

RE: Communist Party of Canada, Blairmore, Alberta.
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2-4-43

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 42-3-B.

DETACHMENT

2-1.
P.C.R.

4-9-36
to
16-2-43.
Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-42
to
A. R. V. No.
28-7-42.

1. With further reference to the above, Armedio Ferrissini, and Charles Shaw, both well known Communists, were circularizing a petition among Communists in the Blairmore district, for the lifting of the ban on the Communist Party, and for the liberation of interned Communists, during the week ending Feb. 20th, 1943. I understand there was a large number of signatures on the petition.

2. There has been no public meeting held since my last report, and I have no information of any secret meetings having been held.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

[Signature] Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

N.C.O. 1/c Intelligence Section,
Lethbridge.

For your information.

Leth. 11-3-43
H:K

"G. Harvey" Staff/Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

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

FORWARDED for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 11-3-43
H:K

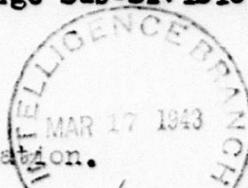
"B. Harvey" Staff/Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton
13-3-43
P/H

[Signature]
W.F.W. HANCOCK, A/A Comm'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.



RECORDED

DIARY DATE

SET FOR 10-4

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

F. 237

310

DIVISION "K" PROVINCE ALBERTA
 SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE
 DETACHMENT BLAIRMORE
 DATE Feb. 16th, 1943.

FILE REFS. RE: Communist Part of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 42-3-B.

DETACHMENT

2-1.

P.C.R.

4-9-56

to
3-12-42
22-1-43.

Lethbridge
(Intell)

26-4-42

to
A. R. V. No.
28-7-42.

1. W.A. Arland, who is the secretary of the National Council for Democratic Rights at Blairmore, has been elected as a member of the Blairmore Town Council, by acclamation.

2. The meeting on the 31st January, at which James A. MacPherson was the speaker, did not prove a very great success, as only about 50 attended.

3. The following is a report
" The leading Communists of Blairmore can not understand the lack of interest taken in work of the Communist Party. Important speakers are brought in and the meetings have been well advertised, but the meeting have been very poorly attended. When Russia is doing so well and assisting the Allies the Communists figure that Communists would flock to the meetings and would be more than willing to contribute money to the Communist Party. But such is not the case. They can not get more than a dozen to attend their local meetings."

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

[Signature]
Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

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

FORWARDED: Still under investigation.

17-2-43

H:A

[Signature]
sgd. "E.D. Fryett" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information. The remarks in paragraph 3 seem to reflect conditions throughout Alberta.

Edm. 19-2-43.
P/MT

[Signature]
W. J. Hancock, A/A/Comm'r.
Commanding "K" Division



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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "K"	SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE	DETACHMENT BLAIRMORE
PROVINCE ALBERTA	DATE Jan. 22nd, 1943.	

File Re: Communist Party of Canada,
References Blairmore - Alberta.

Headquarters 1. From descreet enquiries made I find that there has been very little activity on the part of this organization during the past three weeks. *2-4-43*

Sub-Division 2. Preparations are being made for the visit of James A. MacPherson, Alberta Secretary Communist-Labor Committee for Total War, who is to speak in the Union Hall, Blairmore on Sunday Jan. 31st, at 7.30 p.m. Hundreds of posters have been put up in practically every business place in the Crows Nest Pass, and a large attendance is expected.

L.S. 42-3-B

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Detachment 2-1.

[Signature] Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

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

FORWA DED for your information. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

P.C.R.
4-9-42
to
28-12-42.
Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-42
to
28-7-42.

Leth. 23-1-43
M:A

[Signature]
"G. Harvey" Staff/Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

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

Sir:
Forwarded for your information.

CELENO
mb

Edmonton
27-1-43
P/JF

[Signature]
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

Diary Date
22-2-43.



DIVISION FILE RE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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"K" DIVISION
ALP 2-4

Lethbridge Sub-Division,
Blairmore Detachment,
December 29th, 1942 - 913

SECRET.

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

Sub-Div.
L.S.
42-5-B.

1. Local Communists are giving their support to the Dominion Communist-Labor Total War Committee, and William Arland, Secretary of the National Council for Democratic Rights, attended a conference at Edmonton during the first week in December, at which he was chosen for a provincial committee to assist with national unity and a total war effort, representing the Crows Nest Pass.

2. This organization also supported the Aid to Russia Campaign recently held in this district, Enoch Williams being the speaker at meeting held in this connection through the district.

3. Local communists are still gathering at the Cos. Hotel, Blairmore, and using Enoch Williams' room as a meeting place.

Detach.
2-1.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

P.C.R.
4-9-42
to
3-12-42.
Leth.
Intell.
26-4-42
to
28-7-42.

[Signature] Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

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

Sir: FORWARDED: Still under investigation.

29-12-42
H:A
[Signature]
sgd. "E.D. Fryett" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton
4-1-43
P/S

[Signature]
W.F.W. HANCOCK, A/A/Com'r.
Commanding "K" Division.

D.D.
28-1-43.



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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION SUB-DIVISION DETACHMENT

"K"
PROVINCE

LETHBRIDGE

BLAIRMORE
DATE

ALBERTA

Dec. 3rd, 1942.

FILE REFERENCES

RE: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS

1. There has been practically no activity on the part of this organization during the past three weeks according to confidential information received.

SUB-DIVISION

2. Harvey Murphy has obtained employment at Vancouver and his wife, who has been nursing in the Coleman hospital, is leaving after the end of the year to join him.

L.S. 42-3-B.

3. Enoch Williams is very busy in his attempts to increase production of coal in this district, along with his duties as Mayor of Blairmore, and has stated that he is too busy to interest himself in anything else at the present time.

DETACHMENT

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

[Signature]
Sgt.
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

P. C. R.
4-9-46
to
10-11-42.
Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-36
to
28-7-42.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 4-12-42
H/K

[Signature]
"E. D. Fryett" Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

A. R. V. No.

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton
8-12-42
P/H

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

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DIVISION	SUB-DIVISION	DETACHMENT
"K"	LETHBRIDGE	BIAIRMORE
PROVINCE		DATE
ALBERTA		NOV. 10th, 1942.

RE: Communist Party of Canada
Blairmore - Alberta.

FILE REFERENCES

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HEADQUARTERS

1. Further to the above, harvey Murphy, well known Communist has left this district and is now in Vancouver, B.C. where he hoped to obtain employment as a welder in the ship yards. Had he remained here nodoubt he would have stirred up a lot of trouble.

SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 42-3-B.

2. The only meeting held since my last report was sponsored by the Dominion Communist-Labor total War Committee, at Coleman, which did not prove a success. All the talk among the Communist has been regarding the opening of a Second-Front, and aid to Russia. They have formed a local branch of the national Council for Democratic Rights, and this has apparently fallen flat.

DETACHMENT

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

2-1.

[Signature] Sgt.
(T.E. Madiman) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

P. C. R.

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

4-9-36
to
14-10-42.
Lethbridge
(Intell)
26-4-36
to
28-7-42.
A. R. V. No.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 11-11-42
H/K

[Signature]
"D. Fryett" Sub-Inspr.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton
14-11-42
P/S

[Signature]
W.F.W. HANCOCK, A/A/Com'r.
Commanding "K" Div.

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SET FOR 10-12-

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION	SUB-DIVISION	DETACHMENT
"K"	LETHBRIDGE	BLAIRMORE
PROVINCE	DATE	
ALBERTA	OCT. 14th, 1942.	

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INTELLIGENCE BRANCH
OCT 21 1942

FILE REFERENCES

RE: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore - Alberta.

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SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 42-3-B

DETACHMENT

2-1.

P. C. R.

Blairmore

4-9-36

to

18-7-42

Lethbridge

26-4-36

to

25-7-42.

A. R. V. No.

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SET FOR

1. At 7.30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11th, a meeting was held in the Columbus Hall, Blairmore, under the Auspices of the Mine Workers of America, with Harvey Murphy, who was recently released from an internment camp, and Lionel Edwards of Calgary, who claims to be the President of the Communist Party in Calgary, being the main speakers. Mr. Enoch Williams, mayor of Blairmore, was the acting chairman, with Armediio Ferrissini, Blairmore, acting as chief organizer of the meeting. #file [REDACTED]

2. The subject of the meeting was "Total Effort for Total Victory Over Hitler". Lionel Edwards was the first speaker. He stated that he was second in command of the Canadian Brigade that fought in the Spanish civil war, and that he had established radio broadcasts to further the total war effort of Canada, and he believed that public opinion would force the governments of the United Nations to open a second front.

3. Harvey Murphy, opened his address by saying that he was glad to be back in the Crows Nest Pass, and would have been back sooner, but was unavoidably detained in an internment camp. He praised the Russian soldiers for the stand they have taken in holding the greatest war machine the world has ever known, and criticised the Allies for not taking the warning that war was coming and for not being prepared to meet the strength of "Hitler". He claimed that the time was opportune for the opening of a second front. He praised the Canadians of the Dieppe raid, contending, in spite of heavy losses, that the raid was a success. He called upon the workers of the Crows Nest Pass to speed up their production of Coal, and asked the coal operators to share the management of the mine with their workers to help eliminate any bottle-necks, to assure higher efficiency in production.

4. Approximately 300 miners attended this meeting, and Communists and ex-Communists were there in large numbers. They seem to feel now that they can come out into the open with their activities after the release of a number of Communist leaders from internment. With Harvey Murphy living in Blairmore it is more than likely there will be some activity on the part of the Communists in this district. So far Harvey Murphy has not been able to obtain employment in any of the mines in this district, on account of his past activities with the Communist Party, and the strike in 1932 at Blairmore and Bellevue.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

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Re: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore, Alberta.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information. It will be noted that this meeting was held under the auspices of the mine workers of America, however, it was observed that there were a number of Communists in attendance.

Leth. 15-10-42
H/K

G. Harvey
"G. Harvey" Staff Sgt.
for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

Diary Date - 14-11-42

[REDACTED]
The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information. All indications are that Harry Murphy is going to be a disruptive influence in the Crow's Nest Pass.

Edmonton
17-10-42
P/JF

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

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F. 237

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AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION **REG** SUB-DIVISION **Lethbridge** DETACHMENT **CIB (Intell)**
PROVINCE **Alberta** DATE **2-10-42**

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INTELLIGENCE BRANCH
R.C.M.P.

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

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SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 42-3-B

DETACHMENT

491-71

P. C. R.

Lethbridge
26-4-38
to
8-9-42

No. [REDACTED]

SECRET
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1. Further to previous reports on the above the following information has come to hand.

(a) "Harvey MURPHY upon arrival in Blairmore from internment took up residence with his father-in-law, Isaac RAE. He has made application to the Greenhill Mine at Blairmore for employment however he has been refused. Murphy insists on having employment in the town of Blairmore and at present has not been known to apply for work in the other Pass Towns. Murphy states that he intends to obtain witnesses who will verify if need be that he has been refused employment. In the meantime he is spending considerable time around the Cosmopolitan Hotel and is seen in the company of Charles SHAW and William ARLAND of the local branch of the N.C.D.R. On the 28th instant he was noticed in the company of Alessio PERRISSENE and latter he was noticed driving with John STOKALUK of the U.M.W.A. Calgary. On Sunday September 27th MURPHY was on a drinking party with Danny MILLS Blairmore Town Policeman. They were noticed to visit with Dante VENONI who is not known as a communist but shares the confidence of Danny MILLS. MILLS and MURPHY are said to be close friends. MURPHY has also been noticed talking to small groups of miners and has been overheard to remark that he has done plenty for the citizens of Blairmore and the least they can do for him is elect him as Mayor of the Town."

(b) "During the last week of August the Town Council of Blairmore passed a resolution in the form of a demand to the Dominion Government for the release of all interned anti-fascists, an all out war effort and the opening of a Second Front. Informant states that the main individuals behind this resolution were Enoch WILLIAMS, Joe BOROSKY, Roman PERRISSENE and Delbert ENNIS, communist members of the Council."

(c) "On August 30th last a meeting of the National War Finance Committee was held in Blairmore. This meeting was under the leadership of Dr. M.N. McOdrum, Labour Relations Officer of Ottawa, and took the form of a conference with the Pit Committees of the Blairmore, Bellevue and Coaldale Mines. W. ARLAND Secretary of the Blairmore Branch of the N.C.D.R. is said to have held the meeting up by engaging in an argument on Democracy and Socialism with Mr. McOdrum."

(d) [REDACTED] well known communist of Blairmore was called up for active service with the Canadian Army about two months ago." Circulation of post cards addressed to The Prime Minister of Canada urging the government to lift the ban on the C.P. --

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CONTINUATION

Blairmore - Alberta.

(2-10-42)

(d) Cont'd) -- protesting the arrest of Tom HILL, Finnish Communist, the holding of internment orders against Annie BULLER and Harry BINDER and Tim BUCK, have been circulated in the Pass Towns by members of the N.C.D.R."

2. Communism in Bellevue and Hillcrest appears to be confined to the Ukrainian Language groups who are active in the interests of the Ukrainian Canadian Association. During the week of Sept. 14th-20th, Eliza POPOVICH visited these two points and held a song recital. Personal History forms have been prepared on George IWASIU, Peter PORAYKO, Peter LELUK, George LELUK, William FERBY and Nick KYBICZ who appear to be the most prominent at Hillcrest and are being forwarded separately. George DELOWSKI also of Hillcrest is said to be an active member and forms 215 will be prepared on this individual.

3. [redacted] of Hillcrest has moved to Edmonton Alberta with his wife on or about the first Sept. week. I understand that he has rented a home in Edmonton however his address in that city could not be discreetly ascertained. He is suffering from heart trouble and it is considered that he will not regain normal health. Please refer also to P.C.R. same heading, paragraph (2) under date of 8-9-42. As previously noted this man is a member of the closed branch of the Party and it may be desired to keep him under general observation whilst in Edmonton.

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4. Separate report will be forthcoming concerning [redacted] mentioned in paragraph herein. Copy of post card also mentioned in same paragraph is attached hereto.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

J. Connors Const. #12625

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

Sir: FORWARDED - Still under investigation.

3-10-42 H:A sgd. "E.D. Fryett" Supt. Inspector. Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

1. forwarded for your information. Please note contents of paragraph three and instruct the personnel of your Intelligence Section accordingly.

Edmonton 6-10-42 J. D. Bird, Supt., i/c "K" Division, C.I.B.

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

Sir: forwarded for your information. Attention is drawn to paragraph one sub-paragraph (a). The activities of Harvey Murphy will be kept under strict surveillance.

2. forms 215 and 215A on the persons mentioned in paragraph two will be forwarded as soon as they are received here.

Edmonton 6-10-42 K/JF *[Signature]* Com'r. Commanding "K" Division.

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DIVISION FILE NO [redacted]

F. 237

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION	SUB-DIVISION	DETACHMENT
"K"	Lethbridge	CIB (Intell)
PROVINCE	DATE	
Alberta	8-9-42	

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RE: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

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SUB-DIVISION
L.S. 42-3-B

DETACHMENT
491-71

P. C. R.
Lethbridge
26-4-38
to
15-8-42
Blairmore
4-9-38
to
18-7-42

A. R. V. No.

- Further to the above the following information has been obtained [redacted]
- Dr. H. GOLDBERG of Bellevue intended to proceed to EDMONTON, ALTA., during the week of August 30th to Sept. 5th however suffered a heart attack and has been confined to his home. His medical contract with the U.M.W.A. at Hillcrest and Bellevue has now lapsed and he intends taking up residence at Edmonton. This man who is a member of the closed branch of the Communist Party has not been active for several months due to ill health however it will be noted in P.C.R. dated the 21-4-42 paragraph (h) that his wife was active in connection with the Hillcrest Branch of the Ukrainian Association to Aid the Fatherland. Report will follow when he makes his move to Edmonton.
- [redacted] of Maple Leaf is stated to be blacklisted at present by the Bellevue Branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Association. [redacted] was the [redacted] Youth Movement at Bellevue in 1932. Is stated to have [redacted] how residing with him who is [redacted]
- [redacted] secretary of the Blairmore Branch of the N.C.D.R. was called upon to account for his actions amongst the truckers at the Greenhill Mine on the 12th August and flatly denied to the Mine officials that he was responsible for trouble amongst the truckers. In view of his work being satisfactory he was not discharged. He has been moved from driving a truck to timber packing in the mine.
- [redacted] has not as yet taken up Military Service and is seen considerably in the company of W. ARLAND. [redacted] has notified the manager of the Greenhill mine that he intends to leave in seven days. His employment there has been entirely [redacted]
- With reference to [redacted] of P.C.R. dated the 15-8-42 please amend the name [redacted] to read [redacted] It is now learned that the \$195.00 belonging to the Russian Red Cross which he claimed to have lost was located in his home in bush-town, (East Coleman.) This money was collected by the members of the Coleman Branch of the National Federation of Russian Canadians which has a membership of thirty with [redacted] Pete ZOOK as President.

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SEP 16 1942
R.C.M.P.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.
J. Connor Const. (S. Connor) #12625.

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

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re: Communist Party of Canada
Blairmore, Alberta

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

Sir:

FORWARDED: It will be noted in para. 2 hereof that [redacted] is intending to take up residence at Edmonton.

Please note the correct spelling in para. 6 hereof in regard to [redacted]

9-9-42
H:A

E.D. Fryett
sgd. "E.D. Fryett" Sub-Inspector.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton
12-9-42
P/F

J.D. Bird
J. D. Bird, Supt.
i/c "K" Div. C.I.B.

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DIVISION FILE NO [REDACTED]

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R / AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT CIB (Intell)
PROVINCE Alberta DATE 15-8-42

s.19(1)

RE: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

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SUB-DIVISION

L.S.42-3-B

DETACHMENT

491-71

CADED MP

P. C. R.

Lethbridge 26-4-38
to
25-7-42
Blairmore 4-9-36
to
18-7-42

A. R. V. NO

1. Further to previous reports on the above the following information is at hand.

2. On July 29th and 30th Peter PORAYKO was around Hillcrest selling pamphlets entitled "The Way Forward to Total War" by Tim BUCK, at 5 cents a copy. This individual was also noticed placing placards around Hillcrest on the 10th instant advertising a public meeting of the National Council for Democratic Rights to be addressed by Gordon WRAY of Calgary, at Bellevue on the 12th August.

3. Advice has been received that W. ARLAND, Secretary of the Blairmore Branch of the N.C.D.R. has been causing some trouble at the Greenhill Mine where he is employed as a trucker. It is stated that ARLAND has been making speeches to the Pass Miners during recent labour disputes and that on the 10th August he advised truckers at the Greenhill Mine that they were employed as truckers and not shovelers when requested to clear away materials at the mine dump. ARLAND will be called upon to account for his actions to the Mine Officials on the 12th August. The outcome is not as yet known.

4. [REDACTED] reported to the Coleman Town Police that on the 11th August he went on a party with [REDACTED] also of Coleman and that he had lost the sum of \$195.00 The money he claimed was stolen whilst he was drunk and that it belonged to the Russian Red Cross.

5. Copy of the pamphlet referred to in paragraph (2) above is attached hereto.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

J. S. Connors Const. #12625.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information together with the pamphlet referred to.

Leth. 17-8-42
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E. D. Fryett S/Insp. Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information. The pamphlet
noted herein is being retained on file.

M. Hancock

~~Supt. for~~
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Comm'r.
Commanding, "K" Division.

Edmonton
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DIVISION FILE NO

F. 237

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

AUG 5 1942

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT CIB (Intell) PROVINCE Alberta DATE 25-7-42

Re: Communist Party of Canada. Blairmore - Alberta.

FILE REFERENCES SECRET

RECORDED - 17-6-42

HEADQUARTERS

1. Further to reports submitted on this organization in the Pass District the following information is at hand.

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2. Mrs Harvey MURPHY, wife of internee Harvey MURPHY is now employed as a nurse at the Coleman hospital. She has stated that she shortly expects the release of her husband however it is not known if MURPHY plans on returning to the Crows Nest Pass.

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3. [redacted] of Hillcrest who is a Sgt. with the 15th Light Horse has definitely severed all connections with the Communist Party and is blacklisted amongst the local Ukrainians. He has refused assistance to the Ukrainian Canadian Association financially and otherwise and openly denounces all communist sponsored organizations. His reasons are stated to be due to former discrimination by the mines and better classes because of his communist connections and subsequent poor treatment at the hands of the communists whom he formerly faithfully served. Observers are of the opinion that [redacted] is sincere in his convictions and is definitely through with the party.

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4. [redacted] of Bellevue continues to remain aloof from activities of the Bellevue and Hillcrest Ukrainians and views the Bellevue Branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Association with distaste. Has stated that at present the branch is similar to a flock of chickens under the wings of two uneducated glory seeking women, namely [redacted]. This man however still retains considerable prestige in radical circles, and keeps in touch with the movement.

5. J.A. PARKER was approached by the Blairmore Branch of the National Council for Democratic Rights and he advised them that he was still interested in the revolutionary movement but would attend no meetings at which John STOKALUK of Calgary was a speaker. PARKER met STOKALUK in Blairmore on July 5th both men quarrelling over a difference which originates at the Corbin B.C. strike. PARKER is also on bad terms with Harvey MURPHY who advised Packer prior to the outbreak of war that as soon as the Communist Party came to power in Canada, he (Murphy) would see that PARKER was the first man to be shot in the purge.

6. Whilst in Blairmore on July 5th, John STOKALUK was noticed to be continually in the company of Ernst KRAMPITZ mentioned in paragraph (6) P.C.R. dated 13-5-42. KRAMPITZ was attempting to gain --

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6. (Cont'd) -- favour with [redacted] rather than there being any secret business between the two.

7. Norman PACKER, son of J.H. PACKER, a member of the Young Communist League visited his parents at Blairmore on the 12th 13th and 14th July and renewed his acquaintances. He left for Suffield on the 14th instant and will then join the Canadian Army. A separate report has been rendered in this connection.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

N.C.O. 1/c Detachment
BLAIRMORE

For your information.

Leth. 27-7-42.
H/C

"E. D. Fryett" S/Inspr.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 27-7-42.
H/C

E. D. Fryett
"E. D. Fryett" S/Inspr.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information. With regard to paragraph [redacted] hereof I would refer you to report on this man headed [redacted] Bellevue, Alta." dated 22nd April. Possibly you would consider advising the Director of Military Intelligence of the facts set out herein if you have already advised him of the contents of the previous report.

Edmonton
1-8-42
P/T

J. Kelly
J. Kelly, Supt.
for O.C. "K" Division.

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*did not communicate until
Sept. 5. Do not reference before date
to lack of information*

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Amended to [redacted]
DIVISION FILE NO 4243

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE DETACHMENT BLAIRMORE
PROVINCE ALBERTA DATE July 18th, 1942.

FILE REFERENCES
SECRET.

RE: Communist Party of Canada
Blairmore - Alberta.
Amended to: Dominion Communist - Labor Total War
Committee - Blairmore, Alberta.

HEADQUARTERS

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1. On the p.m. of the 15th, pamphlets were distributed through out the Crows Nest Pass by the Pass Daily Herald news boys, headed "SMASH HITLER IN TWO-FRONT WAR!" and published by the DOMINION Communist-labor Total War Committee, and printed by Eveready Printers, 78 Wellington Street, Toronto, Ontario.

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2. These were distributed between 4 and 5 o'clock by the boys mentioned by being handed to people on the street and by leaving them at residences and business places.

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3. The Pass Daily Herald is a Memiographed sheet published by O.A. Botter.

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13-5-42.

4. My information is that these pamphlets were received at the Cos. Hotel, Blairmore, presumably by Enoch Williams, and later taken to the Pass Daily Herald Office.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

A. R. V. NO.

N.C.O. i/c Intelligence Section.

[Signature] Sgt.
(T.E. MUDIMAN) Reg. No. 5831.
i/c Blairmore Detachment.

For your information and that of Constable Connors.

Leth. 20-7-42
H/K

"E.D. Fryett" S/Insp.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information together with a pamphlet referred to in the above report.

Leth. 20-7-42
H/K

[Signature] "E.D. Fryett" S/Insp.
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information. Pamphlet attached

Edmonton
21-7-42
P/S

[Signature]
W.F.W. Hancock, A/C/Comr.
Commanding "K" Div.



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SMASH HITLER

In Two-Front War!

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ON THE OFFENSIVE

For Canada's National Survival!

(Appeal of the National Communist-Labor Total War
Conference, held in Toronto on May 30-31, 1942.)

CANADIANS!

Now is the moment to strike at the enemy for Canada's national survival. Our people and our government must spring to united action to deal with and solve the crucial problems of the war. All our effort, all our strength and vision, must be centered on one aim and one alone: to **smash the power of the Axis in a two-front war in Europe now!**

We must strike at Hitler's weakened armies, torn and harrassed by the Red Army in a year of heroic battle. We must do what Hitler fears above all: **fight him in a war on two fronts.**

Only in this way can we shorten the war, save millions of precious lives and homes, and free Canada to fulfil her destiny in her own way.

The peoples of Canada, Britain and the U.S.A. are demanding with rising insistence the opening of a second land front. They know this is necessary and possible. They are prepared to double their war effort, to make even greater sacrifice, to form the armies and to

arm them, in order to crush Hitler this year.

That is why they greet the pounding of the enemy's cities by the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. They look upon these mighty raids as the opening phase of an invasion of the Continent; they are cheered by the prospect of victory after the long days of defeat.

The pride of Canada, McNaughton's army, is poised for a leap across the Channel to get at the throat of Hitler. Canadians want above all that our men of the infantry, armored corps, of the air force and the Navy, are given a chance to get to grips with the enemy in co-operation with their British, American and Russian comrades-in-arms. They want this not for Britain's, not for America's, not for Russia's sake, but for the homes and families, land and freedom of Canada. They know that until the Hitler menace is destroyed, they cannot establish that greater freedom which the masses of the Canadian people desire, and to gain which they must have the right to decide their own destiny, free from the rule of a conqueror.

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The Will of the People

On April 27 last the Canadian people in their great majority voted for total war. Your vote, Canadians, was a mandate to the Government to organize and wage total war. Parliament and government must act, now, to bow to the will of the majority. Clause 3 of the National Resources Mobilization Act, which bars the way to total action against the fascist enemy overseas, must be repealed. National compulsory military service, completely equal and democratic, is the only way in which we can mobilize our maximum fighting strength as a nation, to carry the war to the enemy by invading Europe.

Parliament cannot adjourn at this time of crisis for Canada.

Our fighting men now under arms are ready. McNaughton, our military leader, wants to plunge the dagger into the heart of Berlin. Our workers in the factories are increasing their output; our farmers are growing for victory. Our women and youth are entering the factories. By a million daily activities, our people have shown that they are ready and willing to place victory above all considerations.

We have the strength, the resources, the power to strike blows at the enemy. The government must at once move away the last restrictions, and lead the nation into action!

This national conference, representing a large section of public opinion in the labor-progressive movements

across Canada, calls on Canadians everywhere to rally for victory in 1942.

We urge the workers in the factories to produce more than ever. We urge the farmers to grow more for victory. We urge the men in uniform to master their weapons for the great battles ahead. We urge the young men to join the active army.

We especially urge the people of French Canada, sons and heirs of the great Papineau, to fight and work in unbreakable unity with their English-speaking brothers, and to save their hearth and home, their religion and institutions, from the enemy of the French people everywhere, the Nazi tyrants. Their hatred for Naziism, their love of freedom, their religion, their language, their culture, means for the French-Canadians total war to save themselves from the enemy of all national aspirations, the Hitlerite enslaver of nations.

The French people must reject the false advice of the traitors to French Canada—Chaloult, Groulx, Bouchard and their kind,—those who exploit the sacred national aspirations of the French-Canadians for their own fascist purposes.

Unity of the Canadian people, of all tongues, of all classes, of all creeds, to defeat Hitlerite imperialism in battle—to this our Conference is pledged, and to this it calls every man and woman.

Victory on the Horizon

Despite the initial advantages of the enemy and the hard blows we have taken, the war is at the turning point. The tide begins to flow for Allied victory. Our air mastery in Europe is growing daily. Our supplies are pouring from the factories. The military strength of the United Nations is greater than ever before, while

the enemy is weaker because of his losses on the Eastern front.

No longer is there life in the myth "Nazi invincibility". That myth, the main tool of the fifth column, has forever been destroyed by the defenders of Moscow on a 2,000-mile front. Hitler's boasts have vanished, along with the hopes of the Nazi crew for

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world mastery. Tortured Europe is a smouldering volcano, ready to burst whenever Allied armies enter Europe.

Yet the enemy, fearful of the consequences of defeat, is preparing all his strength for final blows, staking all on victory this year.

There can be but one answer: We cannot permit anything to stand in the way of the offensive now. Time fights for those who use it! The only way to frustrate the enemy's plans is to strike at him, to cripple and destroy in united action on the part of Canada, Britain, the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. his ferocious war machine; to root out among us any complacency,

any foolish idea that "time is on our side", any remnants of Munichism, any fatal notion that we must wait until we have "sewn the last button on the last uniform of the last soldier" before we can attack.

Such false opinions, such tardiness, is what Hitler needs to accomplish his aims, despite his weaknesses.

We must not lose the war as the peace was lost, by underestimating the enemy and by disunity, by isolationism and appeasement. By failing to attack now we can lose the war.

Let our guiding slogan be: **Everything for the fighting front and victory in 1942.**

Strengthen the Government

We must support the government in all its efforts to increase the national war effort. Already much has been accomplished. The government has created great war industries, has built an army. But it is meeting difficulty. It is in a state of crisis because it has not taken the steps necessary to win the Quebec people for total war. We believe this can be done, if the government takes the political offensive in Quebec against the French-Canadian "isolationists" and traitors, and fights to win the Quebec people for total war.

As a start, the cabinet should be strengthened by appointing to it the true spokesmen of French Canadian interests, and removing the weakening influence of the Cardins and Casgrains. La Fleche, Vanier, and others who stand for total war are the true spokesmen for French Canada. The government should declare a New Deal for Quebec, acting to raise Quebec wages to Ontario standards, to remove the grave social ills that beset

the French-speaking Canadians, to demonstrate to Quebec workers and habitants that they are fighting in this war for progress in Quebec as part of their fight for national survival.

The government should stop making Quebec a party issue, but make of Quebec that full, equal participant in total war which will isolate and destroy the open advocates in Quebec of a "negotiated peace". Such a step is necessary for national unity and for total war. By this means those English-speaking reactionaries who divert attention from total war by attacking the French-Canadian people on religious and other "grounds" can also be isolated and silenced.

The government should strengthen itself, by basing itself more firmly on the total war elements of the population, especially the workers and farmers, and by removing from its ranks anyone who by word or deed weakens the war effort and national unity.

This conference condemns those who for narrow partisan reasons

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strive to gain advantage over the King government. It calls for the fullest support of the war program of the government, and appeals to Macken-

zie King to take the obvious steps needed to strengthen the government and increase the war effort. We need a united government of the offensive.

To the Offensive! To Victory!

The offensive spirit breeds dynamic action. The offensive will increase the national effort. We call for increased production in the factories. Workers should respond to the government's invitation by setting up production councils with the management in every plant. Farmers should press for full partnership with the government in growing for victory. Profits over 4% should be conscripted for the war.

We should break relations now with Vichy, and send our diplomatic representatives at once to the U.S.S.R. We should silence the Quislings and Munichites like the Toronto Telegram and the fascist disrupters among the French-Canadians and the national groups such as the Ukrainians and Germans in Canada.

We urge every Canadian to join in

the demand that the government release the imprisoned and interned anti-fascist patriots in Canada, and annul the internment orders against Tim Buck and his comrades. We urge that the Communist Party be freed from the ban on it.

This Conference, meeting in the spirit of this appeal, has decided to establish Communist-Labor Total War Committees throughout Canada. We ask all labor-progressive forces to cooperate with our Committees—trades unionists, C.C.F.'ers, Social Crediters, everyone who places the good of our country and its freedom from the threat of Nazi domination, above all other interests in this grave hour.

Unity for the Offensive! For Victory!

Salute the Victory Pacts with the U.S.S.R.

The Dominion Communist-Labor Total War Committee

calls upon every loyal Canadian to

Make 1942 the Year of Victory

FIGHT - ORGANIZE - PRODUCE

For program of action, pamphlets, other literature write

DOMINION COMMUNIST-LABOR TOTAL WAR COMMITTEE

Toronto - 601 Yonge Street - KL 4050

DIVISION FILE NO [REDACTED]

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R. AL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "K" PROVINCE Alberta
SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge
DETACHMENT CIB (Intell)
DATE 20-6-42

RE: Communist Party of Canada.

Blairmore - Alberta.

RECORDED - [REDACTED]

FILE REFERENCES
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P. C. R.

Blairmore 4-9-36 to 13-5-42 Lethbridge 26-4-38 to 20-5-42

A. R. V. NO.

1. Further in respect to previous reports submitted on this organization in the Crows Nest Pass, the following has been advised [REDACTED]

2. Enoch WILLIAMS, mayor of Blairmore, left via C.P.R. for Calgary, Alberta on the 14th June. He was accompanied by Mrs INNES and a man from Michel B.C. He is expected to return to Blairmore on or about the 19th June. His business in Calgary is not definitely known, but is believed to be in connection with matters concerning the United Mine Workers of America and he will also likely contact Communists there.

3. EMark PIARD, an employee of the Greenhill Mine at Blairmore was around the town during the past week boasting that he had a book which only four or five Party members in the Pass could obtain. Claimed the book could only be obtained through the Communist Party and was called "The Soviet Expected It" [REDACTED]

4. EIsaac RAE, father-in-law of Harvey MURPHY, is seen occasionally in the company of Enoch Williams. RAE claims that his sons will not fight for the Capitalists but they will fight for Russia.

5. [REDACTED] of Coleman are known to be strong Communists.

6. Danny MILLS, newly appointed Chief of Police at Blairmore received his appointment through the influence of Mayor Enoch WILLIAMS over some thirty candidates. MILLS attended Communist Party meetings during the year 1932 and was at one time the Secretary of the Unemployed at Blairmore. Is not known now to be an active communist but is in favour and is mainly interested in his own livelihood and would be loyal to the town officials.

7. Reference to the publication "The Soviet Expected It" as mentioned in paragraph (3) above, this book is printed in New York and the author is Anna Louise STRONG, American writer on the Soviet Union. A copy of this book is also known to be in the possession of William PANTELUK of Bellevue, however I am not aware of such being a Prohibited Publication.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

[Signature] Const. (S. Connors) #12625

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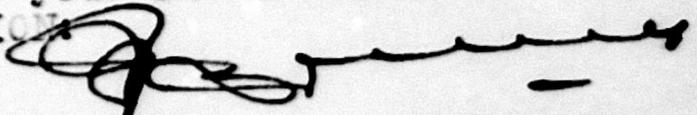
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Re: Communist Party of Canada
Blairmore - Alberta.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.
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Lethbridge, 22-6-42.
H/C

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

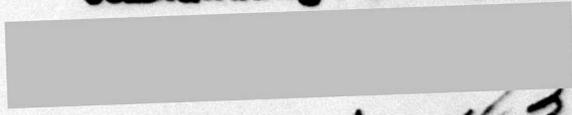
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R.C.M.P., OTTAWA.

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

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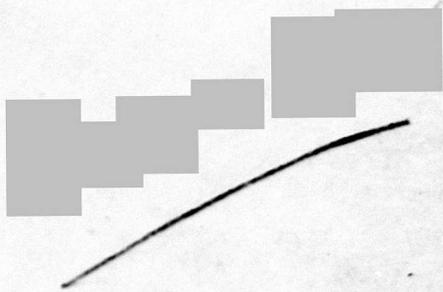
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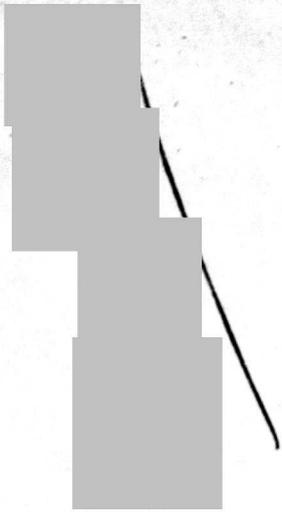
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED:—
THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. POLICE,
OTTAWA

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS**

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. [REDACTED]

**OTTAWA,
CANADA**

May 28th, 1942

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MEMORANDUM TO:

The Adjutant

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta

A recent investigation of Communist activities in the Blairmore, Alberta district resulted in the securing of information to the effect that a Mrs. Mary NORTH, now deceased, was a very good worker for the Communist cause, she was also a prominent Party member for some time.

2. [REDACTED] The report also mentioned that a son named Richard NORTH, joined this Force about a year ago and that a daughter is married to Cpl. J. Downey of "Depot" Division. It is pointed out that there is nothing on record to indicate that either Richard NORTH or Mrs. Downey were ever connected with Communist activities, but it was deemed advisable to supply you with the information received as you may wish to place a copy of this memorandum [REDACTED] for record purposes.

Copies on
[REDACTED]

[Signature]
(C. Batch), Inspector,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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REAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE 310477 MAY 30 1942

DIVISION "K" PROVINCE Alberta
SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge
DETACHMENT CIB (Intell)
DATE 20-5-42

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CARD - [unclear]
17-6-65

RE: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

FILE REFERENCES

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DETACHMENT

P. C. R.

Blairmore
4-9-36
to
7-5-42

Lethbridge
26-4-36
to
13-5-42
A. R. V. No.

1. Further to previous reports noted marginally the following information has been obtained.

2. Reference is made to J.A. PARKER mentioned in paragraph (7) of previous report same heading dated the 13-5-42. Please amend this name to read J.A. PACKER and not PARKER as reported. This individual is the carpenter foreman for the Charles Sartoris Lumber Co at Blairmore. He is also said to have a son, Norman PACKER residing in the Medicine Hat District who also bears strong communist sympathies.

3. It is learned that [REDACTED] mentioned in previous report as having returned from Military Service, is now acting as an informant to Military Intelligence.

4. Frank LEARY formerly a prominent radical and member of the Communist Party at Blairmore has moved to Red Deer, Alberta about July 1941. It is not known how long he remained at that point however he is now said to be residing with a brother, Harry LEARY at 84 Havelock Street - Amhurst - Nova Scotia.

5. Ben CARTER former close associate of TIM BUCK is now employed at the West Canadian Collieries at Bellevue, Alberta. This man is said to have been a strong agitator in the Pass District and was blacklisted in the mines for a number of years however since the start of the war has been exceptionally quiet in respect to radical matters and has been returned to work in the mine. He is however considered to be a potential source of trouble should labour disputes arise in the future. Available information is that Ben CARTER was born in Newfoundland, August 6th 1891, married and has a son E. Carter also employed at the Bellevue Mine. Previous employment of Ben Carter is shown as Corbin, B.C. He is a resident of Hillcrest, Alberta.

6. Discreet enquiry had been made at Coleman regarding [REDACTED] who is mentioned in Calgary Intelligence Report dated the 21-1-42 under the heading of Communist Party of Canada - Calgary - Alberta - file [REDACTED] as the mail contact for the Communist Party at Coleman. I find that no person by that name is known at Coleman however there is a [REDACTED] resident at Blairmore who has been connected with the Communist Party for a number of years and was the former contact for the Canadian Labour Defence League. Very likely they are one and the same person. Please refer to personal history forms as submitted from Blairmore, Alta., the 28th April 1940, file [REDACTED] L.S. 52-50-B.

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RE: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

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6. (Cont'd) under the heading of [redacted] -
Blairmore - Alberta - Contact for Canadian Labour Defence
League.

7. Mike GREGORY, former Secretary of the
English Branch of the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation
at Bellevue, Alberta has been called up for Military
Service on or about May 1st 1942. This man is known in
Lethbridge radical circles as a member of the Communist
Party, although he has not been noticed to be prominent
as a radical around Bellevue.

8. [redacted] said to be a strong radical
from Bellevue joined the Canadian Army during July 1941.
His regimental number and other particulars are not
available however I have been advised that he is a member
of the South Alberta Regiment now believed to be at Vanc-
ouver B.C. This man is also said to have had his name
changed to [redacted] and likely enlisted under this latter
name.

9. [redacted] of approximately thirty Ukrainian families
residing at Hillcrest actually there are only twelve families
who are strong supporters of the Communist Party of Canada,
these twelve families being former members of the Ukrainian
Labour Farmer Temple Association and now are members of the
Ukrainian Association to Aid the Fatherland. These are
given as George IWASIUK, Nick KABECZ, Pete PARAYKO, George
DELIANSKI, Peter [redacted], George [redacted], John KURSKI, William
(Bill) FERBY and also known Pete [redacted]. A number of the
foregoing have been reported [redacted]

"The Communist Party in the Pass has very
little following, there is of course a large number of
sympathizers. At Bellevue and Hillcrest the only active
support and practically all communist activities are
confined to a small number of Ukrainians, namely the
former adherents of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple
Association. A large number dropped from active support
of the Party when they found themselves to be only led into
trouble by agitators who left them holding the bag if they
found themselves in trouble with the authorities. They also
learned that men such as Harvet MURPHY collected funds in
continual streams from the working people in the mines and
a great deal of it was spent by MURPHY and his close friends
on wild drinking parties. In Coleman, communist support
comes from the Ukrainians in Bush Town but in Blairmore,
the main party officials were and likely still are amongst
the better gals such as Enoch WILLIAMS, SAM PATTERSON and
others. As far as I know however they are very quiet since
the party was declared illegal."

11. [redacted] is still employed as a [redacted] (20-5-42)
at the [redacted] at Blairmore. He was the first
Crows Nest Pass delegate to visit the Soviet Union. I am
reliably informed however that this man apart from his work
at the mine seldom leaves his home during the evenings, is
rarely seen in the company of Communists and will not
discuss communist matters.

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Blairmore - Alberta.

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12. ^E Slav miner of Blairmore stated openly in the Bar Room of the Cosmopolitan Hotel on the 7-5-42 - "I don't care what they do to me but I will say that the Capitalists are running this country into worse trouble every day." KOPKA is prominent amongst the local Slav residents.

13. A small number of pamphlets were distributed in Blairmore by youths who are carriers for the Pass Daily Herald. These pamphlets were of the mimeograph type calling for a "Yes" vote in the manpower plebiscite signed Tim BUCK. Exact date of distribution not known. A copy of the pamphlet is not available. It has been advised that these pamphlets were distributed to the youths by O.E. BOTTER, owner and co-editor of the Pass Daily Herald and that they were handed to BOTTER by Enoch WILLIAMS, Mayor of Blairmore. O.E. BOTTER is not known to have been a Party member although likely. He has maintained that he is not a member of the Communist Party but claims that most readers in the Pass are communists anyway. BOTTER is the night telegraph operator for the C.P.R. at Burmis, Alberta. Open enquiry has not been made.

14. It may be stated that on the surface communism is indeed very quiet in the Pass District. Reliable persons resident in the Pass towns all state that it seems to have died completely. Apart from the May Day celebration the only known organizer of prominence visiting the Pass District was A.E. SMITH who visited here in November 1941, on behalf of the National Council for Democratic Rights. I have been unable as yet to obtain an inside source of information on communist activities in the Pass.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

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

J. S. Connors

Sir: **FORWARDED:** The foregoing is a recent survey made by Cst. Connors in the Crows Nest Pass into the activities of persons known to have had in the past connections with the Communist Party.

Cst. Connors has advised me that on the surface there is very little doing in the Crows Nest Pass, but he is of the opinion that there is some activity under cover. Every effort will be made to learn the extent of this activity.

Still under investigation.

21-5-42
H:A

G. Harvey
sgt. "G. Harvey" S/Sergt. for
O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division A.O.D.

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(Lethbridge C.I.B. report dated 20-5-42)

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

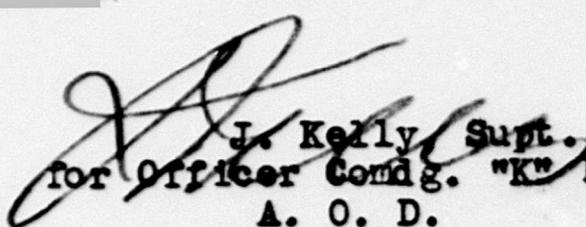
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Sir:

Forwarded for your information. It would seem, according to the contents of paragraph 3 hereof that M.D. 13 are using confidential informants to possibly cover the subversive situation.

2. With respect to [REDACTED] mentioned in paragraph [REDACTED] attached hereto is copy of memorandum to the Officer Commanding "H" Division concerning him.

3. Regarding paragraph 7 hereof, I am attaching one copy of memorandum to the Officer Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division calling for a separate report in connection with [REDACTED] and also a memorandum covering [REDACTED].


J. Kelly, Supt.
for Officer Comdg. "K" Division
A. O. D.

Edmonton
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[REDACTED] Edmonton, Alta. May 26th, 1942.

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Officer Commanding,
"H" Division,
R.C.M. Police,
HALIFAX, N. S.

Sir:

Re: [REDACTED] - Communist

Information has been received that the above-named is now residing [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Amhurst, N.S.

2. This man has been active in the Communist Party in the Crow's Nest Pass since 1934 at least. He was mainly active with the defunct Mine Workers Union of Canada which was controlled by the Communist Party. In 1937 he resigned from the Communist Party because, he complained, the Party was not sufficiently aggressive. We have no record, however, of him being active since 1937.

3. This information is being forwarded to you in case you may wish to have him kept under general observation. Copies of this memorandum are being sent to the Commissioner.

J. D. Bird, Supt.
i/c "K" Division C.I.B.

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[REDACTED] Edmonton, Alta. May 26th, 1942.

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S E C R E T

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

Re: Communist Party of Canada -
Blairmore, Alberta

With reference to Cst. J. S. Connors' report of 20th May, paragraph 7 thereof, please have a separate report rendered covering [REDACTED] under heading [REDACTED] - Communist - Bellevue, Alta.", leaving the "K" Division file number blank.

2. Please have as much information as possible rendered on this man so it can be transmitted to the Director of Military Intelligence by our Headquarters.

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

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MEMORANDUM TO:

The Adjutant

Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta

A recent investigation of Communist activities in the Blairmore, Alberta district resulted in the securing of information to the effect that a Mrs. Mary NORTH, now deceased, was a very good worker for the Communist cause, she was also a prominent Party member for some time.

2. The report also mentioned that a son named Richard NORTH, joined this Force about a year ago and that a daughter is married to Cpl. J. Downey of "Depot" Division. It is pointed out that there is nothing on record to indicate that either Richard NORTH or Mrs. Downey were ever connected with Communist activities, but it was deemed advisable to supply you with the information received as you may wish to place a copy of this memorandum   for record purposes.

Handwritten notes and signature:
C. Batch
Asst. Intelligence Officer

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(C. Batch), Inspector,
Asst. Intelligence Officer.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE 804972 MAY 23 1942

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT CIB (Intell)
PROVINCE Alberta DATE 13-5-42

RE: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

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Blairmore
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to
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Lethbridge
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to
21-4-42
A. R. V. No.

MP
Diary Date
Set For

1. With reference to previous reports as rendered on this organization as noted marginally the following information is at hand.

2. [REDACTED] has been released from the Canadian Army and returned to Bellevue. He has stated that he could not pass the eye test. He took up employment with the West Canadian Collieries at Bellevue on the 24th April. It has been advised that he is very quiet as far as radical matters are concerned and he further claims to have severed all connection with the Party.

3. Mrs Angelo ORLANDO took part in the May Day parade at Blairmore. Her husband is still employed as a bartender at the Cosmopolitan Hotel and was working on that date. As far as can be noted on the surface this man is quiet however he is quite often noticed having conversation with Enoch WILLIAMS.

4. Mrs Harvey MURPHY, wife of internee Harvey MURPHY has returned to Blairmore recently and is residing with her father Isaac RAE. On or about April 1st last she was given a position by Enoch WILLIAMS as the town nurse.

5. Advice has been received that Pete STAMMAHOVICH who formerly was a leading communist at Bellevue has not taken a prominent position recently with the Bellevue Ukrainians. At present he is only known to be a common member of the Ukrainian Association to Aid the Fatherland. His brother Mike STAMMAHOVICH is the Secretary of the Coleman Branch of that organization.

6. Discreet enquiry concerning the man [REDACTED] as mentioned in paragraph (g) of Lethbridge CIB report of the 20-4-42, same heading as above, discloses him to be [REDACTED]. He is of German birth and is registered at Blairmore Detachment as an alien. Is in possession of parole certificate #23925. He was convicted Nov. 19th 1941 for assault and served three months in the Lethbridge Goal. This man has been unemployed for some lengthy time having been blacklisted in the mines, has a very sarcastic manner and the local miner's Union has also turned against him and will give him no assistance as he is branded locally as a Nazi however he is not known to have openly expressed a seditious statement. Closest information available here at present is that he was sympathetic to the Communist Party prior to the start of war. At least at present he is not active with the Communist Party and generally disliked.

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6. (Cont'd) [redacted] is residing in a warehouse at the rear of the Blairmore Enterprise Printing Office. He has secured temporary employment with a C.P.R. Section gang at Blairmore during flood conditions.

7. Advice has further been received that the prominent Blairmore communists are J.A. PARKER, Enoch WILLIAMS, Albert OLSEN, Charles SHAW and Mrs Pete BARTELLI however all in their general behavior make no mention of communism but they will admit membership formerly with the Communist Party. Albert OLSEN was noticed to take part in the May Day Parade and sold May Day tags, this being his first outward manifestation since the Party was declared illegal. Regarding WILLIAMS it has been advised that during May Day speeches at Blairmore, John STOKALUK of Calgary, stated that the police attempted to stop him from speaking by asking for national registration cards etc., Enoch WILLIAMS a following speaker on the program stated that he also had been checked by the police in the past for his registration card and that he had always found that the police were only doing his or their duty. As previously reported WILLIAMS failed to attend a conference of the National Council for Democratic Rights in Eastern Canada which has been strongly resented by Pass Communists. Casual conversation with reliable residents of the town shows the opinion that WILLIAMS is the best Mayor the town has ever had and is only a communist through being an opportunist in a mining town.

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9. George IWASIUK of Hillcrest is stated to collect a dollar from all the Ukrainian miners each pay day in an antechamber of the Hillcrest Miner's Club. The money is said to be for the Red Cross and Ukrainian organizations and publications. Little support is being given by Bellevue Ukrainians to the publication "Voice of Truth" published at Smoky Lake, Alberta the majority supporting the "Ukrainian Life" published at Toronto.

10. Further conversation was had with Charles SHAW of Blairmore, part of his conversation being as follows:

(a) "Capitalism cannot let Socialism live and Socialism cannot let Capitalism live, hence the struggle etc., ---Our trade or rather miners Unions are only auto-cratec organizations because if the miners need changes or similar things they have to ask Livett and Morrison at Calgary for permission to do anything, Official Morrison of the Mine Worker's Union has twenty three marks on his Mason Button, how in hell can he properly represent the workers and at the same time play the game with his lodge brothers ----- It was a blow to the Communist Party when they declared it a legal organization some years ago because when the party came out in the open the organization--- was a flop (Cont'd)

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(Conversation Cont'd) was a flop. When it was underground we had a powerful organization because everyone did not know each other, we worked much harder and were much more careful about our personnel. I believe it better to have the Party remain illegal, keep the number of members limited and rely on the masses as sympathizers. We had better results and we knew everything that was going on and it was properly discussed and straightened out and presented to our surface men on the town council of the Union whichever was the case at hand. I say the party works better when illegal."-----

(b) "We had a secret organization within the miners Union and after one local chap joined us he stated that he always felt there was a hidden force in the Union and now finally he was a member of that secret organization. ----- Mrs Mary NORTH died a year or so ago of an inward goitre, she did everything for the cause and went without plenty herself in order to do so. She was a hard worker but my she was hard to get along with at times. Her husband was pretty quiet she did enough for the family. She has a son in the Police and a daughter married to a police man ---- I believe Tim BUCK is somewhere near Toronto, he may be just over the line around Detroit but not far from Toronto. I'll bet that he is a machinist in a munitions factory. When he lived at Hillcrest he was a machinist there you know. He's smart they won't catch him. --- Times have changed from the blood and thunder and back again. This man Wm IRWIN is just the same as Harvey MURPHY and they both used to argue together years ago at Blairmore but IRWIN being more of an opportunist saw a better living with the C.C.F. party but now after listening to his speech on May Day here, I can see that IRWIN always the opportunist sees the change coming in the country and is keeping one jump ahead by giving a blood and thunder talk."-----

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"O Sir already info to date on information re Tim Buck"
1-14-42
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Carded
B.S.

12. Reference to Mrs Mary NORTH mentioned above, she was a prominent party member at Blairmore for a lengthy period. A son Richard NORTH joined the R.C.M. Police about a year ago. A daughter is married to Cpl. J. Downey of Depot, Regina.

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J. Connors Const.
(S.S. Connors) #12625
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**H.C.O. 1/c Detachment,
BLAIRMORE**

For your information. The foregoing is a report covering the recent investigation made by Constable Connors of the Sub-Division C.I.E. into the present activities of suspected and known Communists in the Crow's Nest Pass.

Leth. 15-5-42.
H/C

"G. Harvey" S/Sgt.
for C.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

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

Sir: **FORWARDED** for your information. Your particular attention is drawn to paragraph 12.

Leth. 15-5-42.
H/C

G. Harvey
"G. Harvey" S/Sgt.,
bridge Sub-Division, A.O.D.

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(Lethbridge report dated 13-5-42)

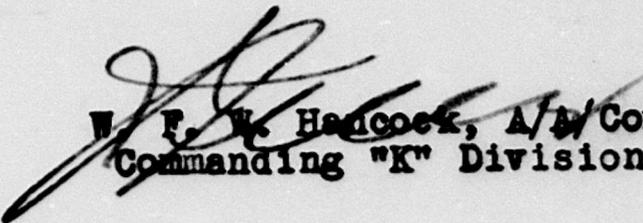
The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information. Your attention is respectfully drawn to the contents of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 10, wherein a suggestion is contained as to the possible whereabouts of Tim BUCK.

2. William IRWIN noted herein is in reality William IRVINE, the secretary of the Alberta Farmer-Labour Party (C.C.F.).

3. Please note the information contained in paragraph 12 hereof.


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

Edmonton
19-5-42
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "K" Sub-Division LETHBRIDGE Detachment BLAIRMORE

29572 MAY 18 1942

Province ALBERTA Date MAY 7th, 1942.

Re: Communist Party of Canada, Blairmore, Alta.

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from [redacted]

File References
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Headquarters

1. On the 1st May a May Day celebration parade was held in Blairmore, attended by members of Polish and Czechoslovakian Societies, Communists and a large number of children, numbering approx. 500. After parading around the town the procession led to the sports grounds south of the town, where a number of speakers were to be heard, followed by sports, ice cream, soft drinks, etc., for the children. Owing to a heavy fall of rain at about three thirty the whole affair had to be called off, including the speeches.

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2. The chairman was Enoch William, mayor of the town of Coleman. Tom Uphill, M.L.A. of Fernie, B.C., was the first speaker. He spoke only a few minutes, telling his audience to put everything behind the Allies until this War is won.

P. C. R.

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26-10-42.

3. The next speaker was John Stokoluk, Secretary of District 18, U.M.W. of A., Calgary. He opened his address by saying that there were some people that did not let him to speak in the Crow's Nest Pass. He said "Even the Mounted Police were trying their best, which was not good enough, to get me in Gaol. The stopped me on the highway and searched my car and made me get out and walk a straight line to see if I was drunk. I did not have a drink and therefore was not drunk and the police found that out." (Cst. G.R. Stewart and J.S. Narraway checked this man while on highway patrol. They did not know at the time that it was John Stokoluk.) He criticized the Dominion Government for not being better prepared to fight, and that the Allies should open up a second front. He urged that the miners do all they can to avert strikes and grievences that would cause slowing up of work. He further suggested that the meeting petition the government for the release of all fascists in Canada, especially Harvey Murphy of Blairmore, who is interned in Eastern Canada. That the government should be told that now the plebiscite has given a large "Yes" vote, the government can now do more towards winning this War. He ended up by reading three petitions, which he said should be forwarded to MacKenzie King, and the Minister of Justice, and to the head of the Soviet Union at Moscow, Russia in the form of cablegrams. Petition No. 1. "Now that the Government has been given the consent of the people to raise men for military duty, that they go ahead and open up another front. That the miners Union of the Crow's Nest Pass are solidly behind their efforts." Petition No. 2. "Congratulations to the Russian Army and their leaders for the great fight they are putting up for themselves and for our causes." Petition No. 3. "Calling for the release of all Anti-Fascists interned in Canada, especially Harvey Murphy, formerly of Blairmore."

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Re: Communist Party of Canada,
Blairmore, Alberta.

4. John Stololuk has held a number of meeting in the Crow's Nest Pass, and as late as yesterday he was in Blairmore. I understand that it is his intention of returning to Calgary on the 7th instant. The subject matter of all his speeches was "All-out war effort."

5. William Irwin, Provincial organizer for the C.C.F. spoke briefly, and was practically the same as John Stokoluk's address. He made one statement which might be of some interest, to this effect: "The authorities had no more reason for interning Harvey Murphy than me. Why should I not be in the same place."

6. A.J. Morrison, M.L.A., of Edson, did not get an opportunity to speak before the gathering left the sports grounds on account of rain.

7. Approximately 500 listened to the speeches, and there did not appear to be much enthusiasm.

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Sgt.
(T.E. MUDIMAN) Reg. No. 5831.
1/C Blairmore Detachment. 17-6-42

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

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8-5-42
H/I

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

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

[Handwritten signature]
W. F. W. Hancock, A/A/Comdr
Commanding "K" Division

Edmonton
18-5-42
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DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT CIB (Intell)
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RE: Communist Party of Canada.
Blairmore - Alberta.

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HEADQUARTERS

1. With reference to the activities of the above organization in the Blairmore District a patrol was made via Greyhound Bus Lines to Blairmore on the 14th April returning to Lethbridge on the 17th April and during that interval the following information was obtained:

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(a) During December 1941 William (Bill) FERBY and William MUSTAKA were active in Bellevue obtaining signatures to a petition for the release of interned anti-fascists."

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(b) "During January 1942 it was noticed that a number of Ukrainian radicals gathered at the home of Nick SAVADA at Maple Leaf. Mrs Pete STANKOVITCH Mrs John STEFANO, Nick SAVADA, Nick SWYSCHUK and Nick ANDULAK appeared to be prominent amongst the Bellevue Ukrainians."

P. C. R.

Lethbridge
26-4-38
to
20-4-42

Carded MP

(c) "There is two sections of the Independent Mutual Benefit Federation at Bellevue, a Slav Section and an English Branch. The Secretary of the Slav Section is Joe VISHDOSH. The English branch has a membership of 26 with the majority being of Italian descent. Joe BIELAN is the Secretary of the English Branch which has refrained from holding meetings since the outbreak of war. Informant states that he has not noticed any propaganda within the English branch of the I.M.B.F. at Bellevue however some of the members are Communist in sympathy. The strongest Communist in the English Branch is [redacted] who is a common member."

A. R. V. No.

Carded

(d) " [redacted] a Ukrainian Communist of Hillcrest, formerly attached to the 15th Light Horse at Bellevue has been called up for active service in the Canadian Army."

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(e) "Mike KOLESKO, a communist from Natal B.C. has now moved to Blairmore and is employed at the Greenhill Mine."

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(f) "George IWASIUK, Ukrainian Communist of Hillcrest distributed cards around Hillcrest on the 3rd of April. These cards called for the release of a Miss McDONALD from the Kingston Penitentiary and were postage free addressed to the Prime Minister of Canada. Enquiry shows that approximately 100 of these cards were mailed from Hillcrest during the past month."

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(g) "Over 100 cards calling for the release of Miss McDONALD an internee were mailed during the past month from Coleman, Alberta however the name of the distributor was not ascertained."

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Blairmore - Alta.

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2. A copy of the postcards mentioned in paragraphs (f) and (g) was forwarded with Lethbridge CIB (Intell) report dated the 18-2-42 under heading of National Council for Democratic Rights - Lethbridge, Alberta file L.S. 42-2. These cards were distributed by members of the National Council for Democratic Rights.

(h) "At Hillcrest a branch of the Ukrainian Association to aid the Fatherland has been formed and prominent in the branch are known Communists - Nick KYBICZ, Pete LELUK, George IWASIUK, George LELUK and Peter PARAYKO. A sub-committee has been formed amongst the Ukrainian women folk which works with the Hillcrest Branch of the Red Cross. I am advised that this sub-committee of the Red Cross was formed by Mrs Dr. GOLDBERG, who appears to have considerable influence with the Ukrainians at Hillcrest and Bellevue. I am advised suffered a heart attack two months ago and has been inactive since then. who is believed to be a member of the closed branch of the Communist Party is said to share the confidence of the Ukrainians at Hillcrest and associates with known communists. has intimated that she is trying to get her son who is now attending the University of Alberta, out of Military Service and when he returns home from the University he will handle his father's correspondence." s.19(1)

(i) "For information purposes it may be noted that the Secretary of the Red Cross Branch at Hillcrest is Mrs W. MOSER who is a sister of Matt HALTEN, reporter for the Toronto Star, whom I am advised is a native of Pincher Creek Alberta and at the time he was a correspondent during the Spanish Civil War was a close friend of Lionel (Jack) EDWARDS who has been active in Communist circles recently in the Calgary District. Whilst I have no information of Communist activities on the part of Mrs MOSER it has been stated that she bears communist sympathies."

(j) "On Good Friday April 3rd, Nick KYBICZ canvassed the town of Hillcrest for signatures to a petition asking for the release of interned Ukrainian anti-fascists."

(k) "Tony (Anton) NADASDY of Hillcrest appears to be the leader of the Hungarians at Hillcrest and is known to bear strong communist sympathies. Recently he turned over the sum of \$136.00 to the Hillcrest Branch of the Red Cross on behalf of the Hungarian Democratic Front."

3. Whilst at Coleman on Thursday April 16th a young man apparently of Ukrainian descent arrived on the 3. P.M. Bus. This man enquired from the Postmaster at Coleman as to the residence of Mike STELMAHOVITCH who is the Secretary of the Coleman Branch of the Ukrainian Association to Aid the Fatherland. This man is believed to be the Ukrainian Youth organizer ZINICK who is touring the Lethbridge District. The N.C.O. In Charge Blairmore Detachment was advised of his presence at Coleman. He is described as about 29 years of age, 5 ft. 10 in. 165 pounds, well dressed, black hair, greyish brown eyes, clean shaven, tanned appearance with a slightly turned up nose, heavy lips, walks with a springy stride, wears a green suit with brown stripes, light blue shirt, brown top coat, brown felt hat and carries a black square suit case. Speaks with a clear strong voice no noticeable accent.

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Blairmore - Alberta.

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4. For information purposes part of the conversation of Charles SHAW of Blairmore is being recorded here. This man was a member of the Communist Party at Blairmore and was the editor and publisher of the Communist newspaper "The Spotlight" said to have been printed in his home at Blairmore. SHAW is understood to have been expelled from the Party prior to the start of the war being involved in a dispute with Pat LENIHAN of Calgary. On the 16th April this man who remembered and recognized the writer as a member of this Force stated during conversation, which was noted shortly thereafter;

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24-7-43

"I was a communist party member and although I have left the party some years ago, I naturally retain my convictions. The Alliance in the Crows Nest Pass broke up as a result of disputes with Pat LENIHAN of Calgary who came down here and stated he was going to run the show. Anyway we decided that we were not going to have any dictators around here. Another factor leading to the collapse of the Party in the Pass was the system adopted some years ago of recruiting a large number of members who paid dues. It was alright receiving dues but this meant the party was cluttered up with a bunch of common members who had no ideas and it was too much trouble to try and train them with progressive ideas and a little initiative. Naturally the paying of dues led shortly to disagreements and the party gradually fizzled out. A lot of the old time party members are still here in the Pass but they have no active organization since the Party was declared illegal. I guess some of the foreigners are doing a little."

"Once a communist they will not change their ideas and now they can plainly see that what they promoted in the past such as embargoes on Japan and the supporting of the Spanish cause, would have, if their ideas had been followed, never allowed the present state of affairs in the world. It is inevitable that this country will turn to Communism after the war or socialism as some call it, perhaps not all at once of course. The Atlantic Charter as signed by Roosevelt and Churchill pledges the rights of individual nations to self determination but any fool knows that when Russia liberates the conquered nations from the hands of Hitler, those nations are not going to revert to capitalism and bite the hand of Russia their liberator. The re-action in this country after this war will no doubt be extensive and even if it does come to bloodshed is it not better to wipe out a few in order to obtain equality for the masses. No the events of the past three years have shown the truth of the ideas for which the Party fights and capitalism which is a thing of the past in Government can never pull us out of the terrific debts of this war. It is the opinion of a lot of Communists that there is a number of leading men in Canada who would prefer to see Germany win instead of Russia for the simple reason that under the German system they can retain their property rights whilst under the Soviet system they will lose all their property."

5. A separate report is being rendered on mentioned in paragraph hereof. Further patrols are anticipated into that district.

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re: Communist Party of Canada
Blairmore, Alta.

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N.C.O. i/c Blairmore

For your information.

22-4-42

H/I

"G. Harvey" S/Sergt.
for O.C. Lethbridge S/Division, AOD.

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

Sir: FORWARDED for your information.

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H/I

G. Harvey
"G. Harvey" S/Sergt.
for O.C. Lethbridge S/Division, AOD.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
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