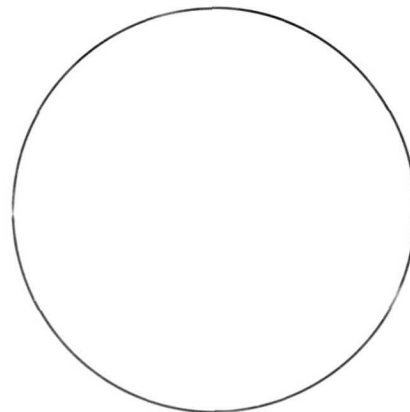


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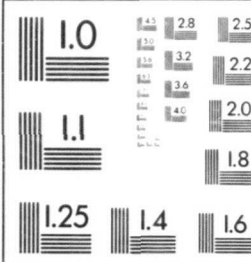
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## **DEMONSTRATE FOR PEACE ON MAY DAY**

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Brothers and Sisters, Fellow-Canadians:

The First of May is the honored day of the working people of the whole world. In all countries—socialist, colonial, capitalist—on May Day the working people will lift their voices for peace.

Canadian working people will join with their brothers and sisters in all countries on May Day to rebuff the warmongers and to advance the sacred cause of world peace, their cherished hope.

Under cover of the Big Lie about "red aggression", the war camp has launched a fierce attack upon Canadian living standards. Prices and profits and taxation steadily increase. The purchasing power of the workers, farmers and small business people goes steadily downwards. By its drive to increase production of armaments the St. Laurent government cuts down the production of consumer goods and increases their cost to the consumer. Super war-profits are being made by profiteering big business at the expense of the masses of the people. The St. Laurent program is making Canada's economy dependent upon preparations for war and can lead only to economic disaster.

The St. Laurent government has become the service agent of the U.S. trusts, who see the future only in terms of war against democracy and socialism anywhere in the world—and most of all against the Soviet Union, People's China and the People's democracies. The criminal invasion of Korea is proof of the utter reactionary madness of the war camp.

The United Nations, which was formed to end war by serving as the means of collaboration between the Five Big Powers, has been perverted into a United States-dominated alliance against democracy and socialism.

The national independence of Canada has been sold down the river by the Canadian capitalists in order to gear the resources of our country to the war drive of Truman and MacArthur.

The right-wing CCF and trade union leaders have joined with the Liberals and Tories in this shameful, unpatriotic conspiracy; they vie with the open pro-fascists in their aggressive support of preparations for war against the People's Democracies, the colonial independence struggles and socialism abroad and against the interests of the working people at home.

The hour is one of grave crisis for Canadians. It calls for a swift and powerful reply—in the shape of a mighty united movement for peace, for democracy and economic security. The need of the hour is for militant unity of the people against the war camp!

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**Labor must lead the fight for peace. We call on the workers in the unions to refuse to be shackled to the war aims of the imperialists; speak out for peaceful trade, for higher wages, for fraternal unity with the working people of all other countries.**

**Labor, with the farmers, must demand a new trade policy; an exchange of goods with all the countries of the world, to produce for life, not for death; for peace, not for atomic war.**

**Only in this way will the disastrous economic consequences of the war economy upon Canadian people, be averted.**

**Labor and the people must compel the St. Laurent government to break with the war policy of the U.S.A. Only this way can peace be preserved. On the basis of no interference in the internal affairs of other nations, and by restoring the authority of the U.N. Charter which is based upon the peaceful co-existence of capitalist and socialist countries, the war camp can be defeated, and world peace—the first condition for human progress—can be preserved.**

**The Canadian people want peace. They are against the war in Korea. They want to recognize People's China and seat her in the U.N. They are opposed to military conscription, to high prices, to super-profits. They want friendship with the people of all other countries. They favor world disarmament and effective controls, the outlawing of the atom bomb, and a stop to degenerate racist and other forms of war propaganda.**

**If they unite for these things in a great peace movement, if they support the great national Petition for a World Peace Pact to Outlaw War—they can avert the tragedy of another world war. That is the new and remarkable characteristic of world relationships today, the hundreds of millions of men and women who want to prevent a world atomic war can turn the scales if they do but take united action.**

**Mankind is on the march to a new and better life. The great ideals of Socialism, Democracy and Peace which May Day since 1886 has held aloft to inspire and encourage the working people of all countries—has become the way of life of 800,000,000 people.**

**On this May Day, we Canadian working people lift high the banner of the socialist commonwealth—to guide and inspire our efforts. We stretch out our hands in fraternal solidarity to the people of the socialist sector of the world, to the millions fighting for national independence in the colonies, to our fellow-workers in all countries. Our voices blend with theirs on this day in a mighty united declaration: No More War!**



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Imperialism—the final, rotting stage of capitalism—cannot give the people anything but hunger, depressions, national oppression and war. Socialism is rising; imperialism is passing away. This magnificent goal—of a world of friendly peoples in which no man will exploit another's labor—is coming ever closer.

But the cause of peace is not and must not be limited to those with the socialist ideal. It unites all decent, peace-loving peoples. It is the duty of socialist workers to join with all other Canadians to preserve peace through a people's united front for peace—in every home, every factory, every town, in every farming community.

Meet and march on May day, for unity and action for peace, democracy and economic security!

Gather signatures for the Petition for a World Peace Pact, open to all countries!

Make the Yankees keep their hands off our country! Restore the independence of Canada!

Demand Peace by negotiation! Peace through the 9-Point Program of the World Peace Congress! Build the peace movement!

Recognize People's China Now! Withdraw Canadian forces from Korea!

No conscription! No re-arming of Germany and Japan!

Save our children, mothers and young people from death in atomic war!

Defend the democratic rights of labor and the people!

Raise wages out of high profits. Tax profits, not wages! Reduce the taxes on workers and farmers, increase them on the corporations!

No job or wage freeze—protect the right to strike!

**Peace will Triumph over War! Fight for Peace, as for Life!**

National Executive Committee,

Labor-Progressive Party,

Tim Buck.

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# The Lamp

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## WAGE INCREASE NEEDED NOW!

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Since Feb. 1948 the coal miners of District 18 have received only one wage increase. That was a measly 80¢ a day last Feb.

In Feb. 1948 last the cost of living index stood at 150.1. Last March it had risen to 179.7! In January of this year it went up 2.7; in February 4.5. In March and April it went up still more. The end is by no means in sight.

But even these figures don't show the real rise in the cost of living. It is common knowledge that the govt. cost of living index is compiled in a phoney way, so as to conceal as much as possible the real rise in the cost of living of workers.

The living standards of the coal miners have been going down steadily. Abbott's budget will make things still worse. It is bringing higher prices and higher taxes; lower living standards for the workers and higher profits for the war profiteers.

During the last three years most workers in basic industries have won substantial increases each year. But the miners only got 10¢ an hour in three years! The miners today are worse off than workers in many other basic industries.

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## Wage Increase (Cont.)

What can be done about it?

There is only one answer - that is: **ANOTHER WAGE INCREASE NOW!**

Workers all over Canada are demanding higher wages to meet the scaring cost of living. Where their Union contracts do not expire until this Fall or next year, they are demanding an **interim** wage increase now. And they are getting them, too!

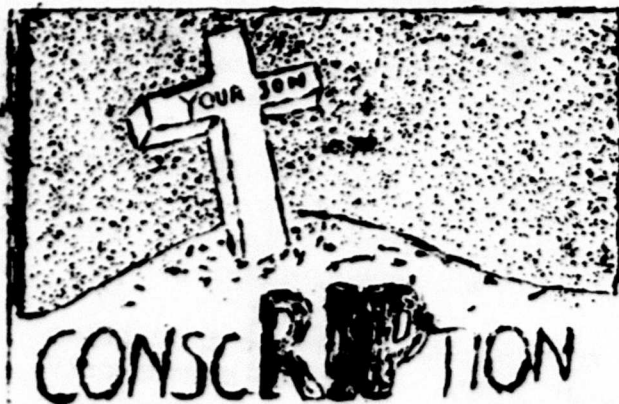
Why can't the miners do the same? Why should the miners' living standards be cut to fill the pockets of the war profiteers?

Let us take action now. Let us demand another wage increase now. The operators can afford it!

### SPECIAL CONVENTION ASKED

The Michel, B.C. Local of the UMWA has asked District #18 to call a special convention to consider the question of another wage increase.

No doubt many other locals will follow this example and take similar action



"No conscription of  
Canada's Youth."

### AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!

Now a big shot is a patriot  
of the very deepest dye;  
He makes the guns and profits  
While the workers only die.

They put us into uniforms  
These good and righteous men;  
They see that we get food and  
clothes  
Until Peace comes again.

They claim the right to make  
a speech  
When valiant lads are sent;  
And the right to throw us in  
the street  
When we can't pay our rent.

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Are you out of a job? The last  
word we had from Michel was that  
the company there is still tak-  
ing on men.



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### BLAIRMORE MINERS WIN ELECTIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to the miners of Blairmore on their vivic election victory on Feb. 26th, when they won the mayoralty and the majority of the seats on the town council and school board.

It was a bitter fight with the mine operators and right-wing CCF leaders lined up together against the Union slate. The operators and their stocges charged the miners with being "subversive" and "disloyal", and appealed to the voters to vote "Canadian".

The miners did vote Canadian. They elected their own slate and rejected the Blairmore supporters of Wall Street's war program.

It was a great victory for Peace. Blairmore miners are carrying on in the tradition of the 30's when their militant struggles madethem famous across Canada. Once again they are in the front ranks of labor, fighting for Peace.

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One of the first things the Blairmore Council did when it took office was to increase the wages of the town employees. It has also passed a bylaw making May 1st, May Day, an official town holiday.

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### "THE LAMP"

is published monthly by the miners' clubs of the Labor-Progressive Party. The editorial office is at 308 Wallace Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

Letters and contributions are very welcome.

### PRICE REDUCTIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION

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On March 1st of this year, the retail prices of food and manufactured goods were again substantially reduced in the Soviet Union. This was the fourth reduction in a little over three years!

Here are a few samples of the price reductions:-

- : Bread, meat, butter, soap - 15%.
- : Milk, eggs, tea, coffee, cigarettes and tobacco, radios, machines, watches - 10%.

The Soviet people are building a Communist society and are therefore vitally interested in stable and enduring peace. As Stalin said:-

"The Soviet Union is not curtailing, but on the contrary enlarging civilian industry; is not contracting, but on the contrary expanding the construction of gigantic new hydroelectric stations and irrigation systems; is not abandoning, but on the contrary continuing the policy of reducing prices."

Compare this with Canada, the USA or England, where war profiteering is rampant; where prices have gone up steadily and the only thing that has gone down is the living standards of the people!

That's the difference between Socialism and Capitalism!

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The recent flooding of North Drumheller has aroused a storm of protest from the taxpayers of that district. A meeting was called on the steps of Cheney's Store on April 10th to demand action in controlling the turbulent Michichi Creek. There is no doubt that there has been a great deal of negligence on the part of the provincial govt. It did not take any action to protect the homes of the people, even though the flood was expected. The history of the Creek is wellknown from the disastrous flood of 1948.

The water level at that time reached from 3 to 4 feet in the homes of the people. Furniture was destroyed; gardens spoiled, walls polluted and sanitation problems were terrible. Meetings were held at that time, the provincial govt. was asked to help reimburse the people for their losses, but nothing was done. The answer of the government was that the budget had already been brought down and that nothing had been allowed for flood damage.

A few months later the taxes were increased, ranging from \$5 to \$40 a year. That was the "help" received from the government!

Nothing was done to dredge or dam the Creek. The result is that the people have been flooded again and forced out of their homes. Property damage has been tremendous and North Drumheller looks like "n\*-man's-land". Where once there were beautiful gardens, now there is nothing but silt piled 3 to 4 ft. high. It is heart-breaking for working people who have spent most of their hard-earned money to build their homes, now to go back and start cleaning up again. The people are sore as hell, and rightly so. They know the flood could have been avoided. If the provincial government can send five million dollars to coupon clippers in New York to pay off the so-called Provincial Debt, surely it could spend a few thousand dollars to protect the lives and property of the working people!

One of the motions that was passed at the Cheney Store meeting was that Gordon Taylor, Social Credit MLA, be asked to come down to Drumheller immediately, and that he bring along a provincial engineer to survey the Creek. Another taxpayer demanded that no taxes be paid until the government has alleviated the flood condition, and that the provincial govt. reimburse the people for their losses. It can well afford it out of its \$90 million budget. This Creek could be diverted away from Drumheller. The government has the machines and the money to do it, but it appears that all it is interested in is building highways for Yankee tourists.

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Action was demanded by the people and a committee of six was delegated to meet Gordon Taylor and report back to the people.

Nothing but decisive action will satisfy the people. They will not allow anyone to divert them from the main question.

The Michichi Creek must be fixed!

- DRUMHELLER MINER



The only measure that can keep prices down is a 100% excess profits tax. Then the bosses have no use for higher prices. That tax could pay for subsidies to keep down the price of butter, milk, bread, and meat, etc.; and also pay for increased old age pensions and provide higher family allowances.

#### CROWSNEST PASS COAL CO. PROFITS

Crowsnest Pass Coal Co. Ltd. had a net profit in 1950 of \$602,970, or \$9.70 a share, compared with \$448,555 or \$7.22 a share in 1949.

Working capital at the year end was \$3,094,275, up \$697,856 from last year.

#### IMPERIALIST WAR MEANS CAPITALIST PROFITS

Ford Motor Co. of Canada cleared \$3,012,517 after taxes in 1939 and \$17,256,762 after taxes in 1949.

Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. cleared \$9,339,586 after taxes in 1939 and \$41,588,033 after taxes in 1949.

Net profits of the CPR for 1950 was 38 million dollars compared with 20 million in 1939!



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**SIGN THE PEACE PACT PETITION**  
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The 2600 delegates from all parts of Canada (including coal miners from Drumheller Valley and the Crow's Nest Pass) who attended the great National Assembly To Save Peace, in Toronto April 7-8, decided to launch a campaign for hundreds of thousands of signatures to the Five-Power Peace Pact Petition.

The wording of the Petition is simple. It "calls for a Pact of Peace among the great powers - the U.S.A., U.S.S.R., the Chinese People's Republic, Great Britain, and France - this Pact to be open to all countries." It says that the "refusal of any great power to meet for the purpose of concluding such a Pact would reveal aggressive designs on the part of that government.

It is short, simple and direct. It avoids issues that might divide people. It is the means by which all those who love peace can unite in action for peace. It can defeat the warmongers and war profiteers who plan to involve our country in war.

Sub-districts 1 and 2 of the UMWA in the Drumheller Valley have decided to sponsor the Petition there and will organise a canvass of the entire community. They have set a good example. Why not take this up in your local and have it sponsor the Petition in your area? Every miner and his family should sign the Petition!

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Tim Buck says: "TAX THE RICH"

"Finance Minister Abbott's Budget is a declaration of war against the living standards of the masses of Canada's people", Tim Buck, national LPP leader declared on April 10th. The only way wage and salary earners can meet the increased cost of living brought about by increased war taxes "is by insisting on higher wages and salaries now", Buck said.

He charged that "the armament drive of the St. Laurent Govt. is not for the defence of Canada but for an imperialist war of aggression on the other side of the world."

TIM BUCK CALLED FOR:-

- 1) A break with Truman's war policy.
- 2) Welfare for Canada's people, not warfare against another people!
- 3) Higher taxes on the rich to help the needy in Canada.
- 4) Trade with all the world.
- 5) A strict government limitation of profits. Make 5% the maximum instead of the minimum.
- 6) Instead of making Canada an instrument of the U.S. drive to war, the St. Laurent government should be pressed to propose in the UN a Pact of Peace among the Five Great Powers.

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## BOSS STOOGES AFRAID OF MAY DAY

The antics of some individuals in trying to eliminate May Day are rather amusing. The latest excuse is that on May 1st the weather is too cold and that therefore May Day should be held in July! The boss sure would like that!

It is not likely that miners who at times are cut in weather anywhere from 20 to 60 below are going to worry whether or not it is a little chilly on May 1st. They will hold May Day on May 1, even if it snows snowflakes as big as box cars!

I gather that in this issue of "THE LAMP" there will be something about the history of May Day - the struggle for the shorter work day, the right to organize, the right to live as workers should live, and not merely as wage slaves to make profits for the millionaires.

Our best answer to the boss and his stooges (the July May Day men) is to tell them to go to hell and it will be plenty warm enough for them there. Union men and women can answer by taking their places side by side with other workers in the May Day parades and meetings.

- CROW'S NEST MINER

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## MINE-MILL WORKERS WIN GAINS

Below are some of the points of the new agreement signed with Local 865 of the Mine-Mill Union and the Canada Cement Co. at Exshaw, Alta. effective May 1/51:-

- 10¢ across the board.
- two more paid statutory holidays, making eight.
- Co. agrees to wage re-opener in event of further sharp price increases.

The above is in addition to an 8¢ interim adjustment last Oct. 1st.

The total wage increase since May 1st 1950, is 27½¢ to 31¢ an hour.

The base labor rate increased from 95¢ on May 1st, 1950 to 1.22½¢ on May 1st, 1951.

This labor rate is the highest in Alberta with the exception of the coal miners.

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The above Union was expelled from the CCL because it was supposed to be led by Communists! The workers of Canada need more such unions that really fight for the needs of their members.

We can well understand that Unions such as this which are winning big increases must be very embarrassing to Messrs. Conroy & Mosher!

If the Mine-Mill can win increases now, why can't the miners?

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MICHEL MINERS ASK SPECIAL CONVENTION

The Michel Local of the UMWA was quite right in requesting the District officers to call a special convention as soon as possible to demand an Interim Wage Increase to offset the increased cost of living. Of course, we can expect that there will be some people who will bring up such things as price control, freight rates, closing down of the mine because they cannot pay any wage increases, etc. Yes, they will bring out the usual bunk.

It will be up to us miners to tell them to go to hell and that the government of Canada has plenty of money for war or yes, a war of aggression. They tell us they are concerned about the people of Korea, Europe, etc. We know this is a lie. How can they be concerned about the people of Europe or Asia when they are prepared to drive the living standards of the Canadian people down to starvation levels?

It is to be expected that the miners, like the rest of labor, will fight for a better standard of living and tell the government that we will no longer heed the dictates of the U.S. millionaires.

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- MICHEL MINER

CONDITIONS BAD AT SHAUGHNESSEY

In Shaughnessey, near Lethbridge, there are three categories of miners. The first are the entry miners who make more than miners' wages. The second are the conveyor miners who get company pay. The third are those who load coal on contract. There are miners who are stronger and others who are weaker. There are good places where you can earn a good daily wage and there are others where you can't even make a day's pay.

For the conveyors they pick the strong and healthy miners. The weaker ones are placed on contract jobs to load coal. These often can't make a day's pay. Because of the weakness of our Union the company doesn't make up the difference and pay them a full day's wage. Many miners sit quiet and don't protest. At Union meetings also many miners are afraid to protest.

For a long time there has been no pit committee or safety committee in Shaughnessey. Therefore the company has a free hand to do what it pleases with the miners.

- SHAUGHNESSEY MINER



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1. Further to the above, no information on recent activities on the part of the Labor Progressive Party in Coleman has been received.

2. Frank MATKOVICH of Coleman has been mentioned as being active in L.P.P. circles, and assisted Peter MERONIUK and Nick UKRAVITZ during the last provincial election campaign of Ben SWANNEY, L.P.P. candidate.

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

1. Forwarded for your information. It is exceedingly difficult to obtain reliable information in some of the smaller communities in the Crowsnest Pass but the Lethbridge Sub-Division Special Branch is giving the matter of coverage of the L. P. P. at Coleman their attention and a report will be submitted whenever information can be procured. This matter is being kept in mind here.

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

Inquiries are continuing to ascertain the  
particulars of other committees and branches in the Province and  
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**Medicine Hat.**

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**Rich Valley**

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Date: 14-6-50

Source of information : [REDACTED]

Div. File : [REDACTED]

Detachment: Alberta.

Re: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY  
Lethbridge, Alberta.

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

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COLEMAN

Sources state Coleman club has only about 15 members at present.

Leadership - Peter Meroniuk  
Mrs. Effie McCartney.

J.S. Connors, Cpl. #12625.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE  
TRANSIT SLIP FOR HEADQUARTERS USE

Date May 29 1950

To Imp Parsons.

From Cpl Barker.

To \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

(For reply - if required)

For comment \_\_\_\_\_

To see sender \_\_\_\_\_

For perusal -

no action required ☒

Have new file(s) made \_\_\_\_\_

For examination

and action \_\_\_\_\_

Return with current file \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare reply \_\_\_\_\_

Have records checked \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare brief \_\_\_\_\_

For instructions \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: The attached party buttons are

interesting. The L.P.P. one, of course,

needs no explanation. The other, however,

is rather mysterious & I am at a loss to

suggest an explanation for the letters stamped

upon it - Y. P. C. P.

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Reply (if required): UKRAINIAN SOVIET

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# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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SECRET

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Special Branch  
PROVINCE Alberta DATE 19-5-50

Re:

Labor Progressive Party - Coleman, Alta.

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14-10-49

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1. Further to the above, there is little activity apparent in the Labor Progressive Party circles in Coleman, of their total party membership only the following appear to be close followers:

Harry McCARTNEY  
Mrs. Pauline LISINSKI  
Mrs. Harry KOBEWKA  
Peter MERONIUK

Effie (Mrs. Harry) McCARTNEY  
Dan LEMTECHA  
Steve ANDROS (ONROS)  
Sam MALANCHUK

2. Of the above named all except Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCARTNEY are members of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians. Andrew HALUK was a member of the L.P.P. in Coleman but withdrew after paying one month's dues, as did John CHOMIAK mentioned in P.C.R.

3. Forwarded herewith is a L.P.P. membership button which was secured in Coleman, together with another button bearing hammer and sickle. There is no way of finding out to whom these badges belonged.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION:

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

Forwarded for your information together with articles mentioned in Paragraph 3.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 20-5-50  
/C

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

1. Forwarded for your information, together with membership buttons mentioned in paragraph 3.

Edm. 25-5-50

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

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# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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SECRET

DIVISION "K" SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge DETACHMENT Special Branch  
PROVINCE Alberta DATE 14-10-49

FILE  
REF.

RE:

LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY - Coleman, Alberta.

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DETACHMENT

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8-9-49

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

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

FORWARDED for your information.  
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

A. R. V. No.

Leth. 15-10-49.  
/B

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

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

1. Forwarded for your information.

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(J. I. Curleigh, Supt.,  
i/c C. I. B.)

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# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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SECRET

DIVISION "K" PROVINCE  
SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge Alberta  
DETACHMENT Special Branch  
DATE 8-9-49

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FILE REFS.  
RE: LABOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY  
Coleman - Alberta.

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499-18

P.C.R.

Blairmore  
26-11-48

A. R. V. No.

1. Further to the above and instructions of the 1st instant general contacts in the Coleman district advise that there has been no open or noticeable activity on the part of the Labor Progressive Party adherents at Coleman for several months.

2. There has been no public meetings held during the summer months and no outside organizers or speakers have been seen at Coleman for some time. Conditions generally are reported to be very quiet at the present among the radical element.

3. Information supplied by Edmonton Special Branch indicates that the sum of \$18.10 was raised by the Coleman L.P.P. in support of the Dominion election fund, however, it could not be discreetly learned who collected this sum. The small amount involed indicates that they have made no campaign on a large scale and have only taken up a small collection among the actual party membership.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

Forwarded for your information.  
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 9-9-49  
/C

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

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

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G.B. McC.

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

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Your Ref. [REDACTED]

August 19, 1949.

SECRET

TO: The O. C. "K" Division,  
R.C.M.P. - EDMONTON, Alta.

Re: Labour Progressive Party,  
Coleman, Alta.

Will you please report if there have been  
any developments in party activities at this point  
since your last report of August 18, 1948.

23.8.49  
D.D. 19-9-49

(A.W. Parsons) Insp.,  
for Officer i/c Special Branch.

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EXTRACT  
R.C.M.P. - EDMONTON  
"K" DIV. REF. [REDACTED]

COLEMAN

[REDACTED]  
22-7-49

The Commissioner, RCMP - Ottawa, Ont.

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

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

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

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

LABOUR PROGRESSIVE PARTY - ALBERTA.

CITY COMMITTEE - WILLIAM TARASOFF - Chairman

.....

PETER MARUSIK - Representatives of Ukrainian language group.

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COLEMAN - Believed to have about 25 members

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## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION "K"  
SUB-DIVISION Lethbridge.  
PROVINCE Alberta.

DETACHMENT Blairmore.  
DATE Aug. 18th. 1948.

FILE REFS.  
RE: Subversive Activities within the Labour Progressive party - Coleman, Alta.

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SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 115-5

DETACHMENT

3-4-48

P.C.R. 5-5-47

A. R. V. No.

1. A meeting was held by the above noted organization in the Italian Hall at 2.00 p.m. on the 15-8-48 in support of Ben SWANEY L.P.P. Candidate in this area. Speakers at the meeting were A. A. MacLeod, Toronto, Ont, Annie BULLER and Ben SWANEY. A similar meeting was held in Hillcrest at the same hour and the speakers were transported from one point to another by car.

2. Approx. 50 persons attended this meeting and the following persons were seen to be in attendance

George GASOFF - Natal B. C.  
Steve ANDROUS - Coleman, Alta.  
Peter MERONIUK - Coleman, Alta.  
Andrew HALLUCK - Coleman, Alta.  
Pete OLIVA - Coleman, Alta.  
Mr. & Mrs. H. McCARTNEY - Coleman, Alta.  
Steve KOSH - Coleman, Alta.  
William CHERNOY - Coleman, Alta.  
To HUDZ - Coleman, Alta.  
Carl JENSEN - Coleman, formerly Rocky Mountain House  
Mr. & Mrs. William KLENENCKY, Coleman.  
George KUZEK - Coleman, Alta.  
Joe MIKUSE - Coleman, Alta.  
Frank MATKOVICH - Coleman, Alta.  
Sam MALANCHUK - Coleman, Alta.  
Mike ALDOFF - Coleman, Alta.  
Pete NAKOFF - Coleman, Alta.  
Nick URKEMIN - Coleman, Alta.

3. The leaders in connection with activities in Coleman are Peter MERONIUK, Steve ANDROUS and Andrew HALLUCK.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

N.C.O. 1/c SPECIAL BRANCH

W. A. Shields Cst. 14080.  
T-I-C. Blairmore Detach.

Forwarded for your information.

Leth. 20-8-48  
/c

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

(H. A. Maxted) Inspr.  
Commanding Leth. Divn.

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STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 20-8-48  
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Commanding Leth. Divn.

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The Commissioner, R. C. M. Police, OTTAWA 500727 SEP 1448

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Edm. 8-9-48

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

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**Lethbridge  
Alberta****Special Branch**DATE **15-6-48****352082 JUN 26 48**

RE:

FILE  
REFS.**Subversive Activity Within the Labor Progressive Party  
Coleman - Alberta.****S E C R E T**

HEADQUARTERS

1. In the above connection the following is a copy of a wire sent by the Coleman Club of the Labor Progressive Party to the Hon. St. Laurent, Minister of External Affairs on Monday May 10th 1948, \_\_\_\_\_

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**LS 115-5**

DETACHMENT

**498-95**

"COLEMAN CLUB LABOR-PROGRESSIVE PARTY CONDEMNS LEGAL MURDER ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO ANTI-FASCIST BY THE FASCIST MILITARIST GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND THREATENED EXECUTION OF EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY OTHERS THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PROTEST THIS BRUTAL CRIME AGAINST DEMOCRACY AND HUMANITY WHICH SHOCKS THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD."

**Pete MERONYK.**  
**Coleman, Alberta.**

P.C.R.

**Lethbridge  
First**

2. Apparently Peter MERONIUK (MERONYK), \_\_\_\_\_ is the secretary of the Coleman LPP Club. Further reports will be forthcoming.

**STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.**

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

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

A. R. V. No.

**FORWARDED for your information. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.**

**Leth. 16-6-48.**  
**/B**

*(E.E. Buchanan)* S/Sergt.  
For O.C. Leth. S/Divn. A.O.D.

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

1. Forwarded for your information.

**Edm. 22-6-48**

*(C. Eaten)* Insp.  
i/c C. I. B.

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✓ *Ind. Leopold*  
✓ *" Parson*

- ✓ Mailing Room  
✓ For perusal; ~~No action required~~  
For instructions & return, please  
For examination & action, please  
The Com'r. may care to see this  
Prepare brief for  
To see sender, please  
Obtain File #  
Have new file made  
Have records checked for  
Transfer to C.I.D.; P.S. &c

Remarks of Sender

*re Blairmont rpt 15/11/47.*

*While the report does not say so, this "concert" was in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S.A.R. You will recall that Swankey was recently nominated R.P.P. candidate for the Grey's West area in the Provincial Elections.*

Remarks of Receiver

*His speech followed closely the Morgenthau line. The report appears to be "Bulletin" material.*

*FOI 27/11*

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"K" DIVISION  
AL RTA

BIA IRMORE DETACHMENT,  
Nov. 15th, 1947.

SECRET

Re: Labour Progressive Party - Subversive  
Activities, Crows Nest Pass, Coleman, Alta.

Headquarters.

1. A concert was held in the Community Hall, Coleman, Nov. 11th, 1947, sponsored by the Labour Progressive Part, at which B.R. SWANKEY, provincial leader of the L.P.P. was the guest speaker.

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Detachment.

2. Mr. Swankey stated that American imperialism, using the dollar as a bribe and the atomic bomb as a threat, is endeavoring to fasten its control over the whole world. The U.S.A. dominates the United Nations and is trying to make the U.N. into an instrument for carrying out its own imperialist policies. War mongers, principally in the U.S., are openly advocating an atomic war against the U.S.S.R. All this is done under the guise of combatting Communism which is the smoke-screen all reactionaries use today to hide their nefarious deeds. The warmongers of today will fall but as Hitler failed, said Mr. Swankey. Socialism is here to stay and nothing can destroy it. The German fascist attack on the U.S.S.R. in 1941 clearly proved that. The U.S.S.R. said Mr. Swankey has consistently taken a position in defence of small nations, for freedom for all colonies, for universal disarmament and for the destruction of all atomic bombs.

P.C.R.

Mr. Swankey continued in saying that Canada is being integrated into the war plans of Wall Street which plans to use our country as a pawn in the event of another war. He called on Canada and Canadians to guard our independence against domination of the Yankee dollar, and said it was in the best interests of Canada to strive for a policy of peace, friendship and trade with the Soviet Union and the new democracies of eastern Europe. Mr. Swankey said that capitalism breeds war, fascism, want and insecurity. He expressed the opinion that only socialism will provide well-being for all citizens.

3. Also present was MISKA KORAL, assistant national secretary of the Ukrainian Canadians.

4. The meeting was in charge of Pete MERONIUK, a well known Communist.

5. Only a small number attended this concert, not more than 150.

CONCLUDED HERE.

N.C.O. 1/c SPECIAL SECTION

(T.E. Mudiman) 5831.  
1/c Blairmore Detachment.

Sgt.

Forwarded for your information.

Leth. 17-11-47  
/C

(J. R. O'Reilly) S/Sergt.  
For O.C. Leth. S/Divn. A.O.D.

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**Re: Labour Progressive Party - Subversive Activities**  
**Crows Nest Pass, Coleman, Alta.**

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

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**Forwarded for your information. Swankey used the usual party propaganda advocating friendship and trade with the Soviet Union.**

**STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.**

**Leth. 17-11-47**  
**/C**

*J. R. O'Reilly*  
**(J. R. O'Reilly) S/Sergt.**  
**For O.C. Leth. S/Divn. A.O.D.**

**S e c r e t**

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

**Forwarded for your information**

**Edmonton**  
**November 21st, 1947**

*C. Batch*  
**(C. BATCH) Insp.**  
**1/c "K" Division C.I.B.**

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**G.B. McC.**

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## Mark Founding Of U.S.S.R., Coleman

Approximately 200 people attended the concert meeting held in the Coleman Community Hall last night to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the U.S.S.R. The program included songs by the Slavonic choir under the direction of Pete Meronluk, Coleman; several musical numbers and brief addresses by speakers representing Slavic language groups. Among the latter was Miska Korall, assistant national secretary of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians. Guest speaker of the evening was R. Swankey, provincial leader of the Labor-Progressive party.

Mr. Swankey charged that "American imperialism, using the dollar as a bribe and the atomic bomb as a threat, is endeavoring to fasten its control over the whole world. Today it dominates the United Nations and is trying to make the U.N. into an instrument for carrying out its own imperialist policies. War mongers, principally in the U.S., are openly advocating an atomic war against the U.S.S.R. All this is done under the guise of combatting Communism which is the smoke-screen all reactionaries use today to hide their nefarious deeds. The war-mongers of today will fail just as Hitler failed. Socialism is here to stay and nothing can destroy it. The German fascist attack on the U.S.S.R. in 1941 clearly proved that.

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Canada Involved

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**STOLEN** On Jan. 10th, Miss A. Desmond, waitress, Green Spot Cafe, Prince Rupert, reported the theft of the following: Man's gold Bulova wrist watch with a gold link bracelet attached, has a small dark glass crystal and is long and narrow in the body, initials "CKC" engraved on back of case. 545

**STOLEN** Mr. Cyril Pitt of Duncan reports the theft of the following described car: Chevrolet Coach, dark blue, 1930 model, licence #21-244.

**STOLEN** On Jan. 6th Mr. H. Johnson reported to the Hope Detachment the theft of the following from his 1941 Chevrolet sedan, which had been parked just off the highway about a mile east of Restmore Lodge: Seiberling tire, 6.00 x 16, #R 8713137, about 2 months old; Firestone tire, 6.50 x 16, #H 0 3621N, about 2 months old. These tires were mounted on standard Chevrolet wheels, painted dark blue, six bolt holes, around the hub of the wheels are three thin silver lines, the centre one being slightly wider than the other two.

**DESERTERS** [redacted] Born [redacted], 5' 9"; brown hair; brown eyes. Home in Saskatoon, Sask.

[redacted] Coy. CWAC, Vancouver: Age 19; 5' 4"; blue eyes; very dark brown hair; store clerk. Home at [redacted]

**STOLEN** The Chief Constable, New Westminster, reports the theft of the following articles recently and unrecovered to date: 1 cream coloured pigskin travelling bag, English make, rounded corners, about 27" x 8" x 16", nearly new, bought at Henry Birks, Vancouver; 1 Hotpoint streamlined electric iron, nickel-plated, non-detachable black and white coloured cord, black handle and thumb rest on handle.

**GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT**

**INTERDICTIONS**

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**INTERDICTIONS REVOKED:**

**PERMITS CANCELLED:** #669257 (1943 permit) -

#656194 (1943 permit) -

**STOLEN** Mr. Wm. Granton, a member of a C.P.R. extra gang, has reported to the Duncan Detachment the theft of the following from his bunk car while on a siding at Koksilah on Jan. 8th: Studebaker watch, 21 jewel, brownish coloured dial, crystal was chipped opposite the figure "9", number not known, value \$110.00.

**STOLEN** Mr. S. Gillis, who resides on the C.N.R. wharf at Cowichan Bay, reports the theft of the following from the freight shed on the wharf: Roll of " Battleship " linoleum containing 72 square feet (6' x 12'), coloured brown and of the very best quality.

**LOST** Mr. S. Evans has reported to the Duncan District Hqrs. the loss of the following described rowboat from the wharf at the Cowichan Bay Yacht Club: Length 16', 6' beam, flat bottom, copper painted dark red on the bottom, inside and out painted white, square stern, piece cut out of stern for outboard engine, has three seats and each seat has post underneath affixed to keel, one oar in boat.

T.W.S. Parsons,  
Commissioner of Provincial Police.

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**Send**

Insp Leopold

**Transfer to C.I.D.; P.S. &c**

Remarks of Sender. Swankey addressed a May Day Rally at Coleman, on his way to Lettbridge. Apparently his speech was "all for Russia". This report is not an informative one, of length.

### Remarks of Receiver

Capt. Adey: know that  
 note the King  
 theme: King  
 "The Emperor's New  
 Clothes"  
 the echoes of our  
 this decades of our  
 the friends in Moscow  
 the friends in Moscow

6th Sept.

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# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION FILE No. [REDACTED]  
SUB-DIVISION [REDACTED]  
DETACHMENT [REDACTED]  
PROVINCE [REDACTED] DATE May 5th. 1947.

RE: Subversive Activity within the Labour  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.  
(MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION -1947)

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HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P.C.R.

Nil.

1. On the 1st May Ben Swankey, Labor Progressive provincial party leader, addressed a gathering at the Sports Field, Coleman, a May Day rally sponsored by the U.M.W. of A.

2. Mr. Swankey spoke for about 20 minutes. He urged the people of Canada to be more friendly with the Soviet Union. He criticised, what he called "The Truman-King Arctic Pact". He claimed that the fortifying of the Arctic was nothing else but a challenge against Russia, and did not improve friendly relationship with Russia. He also urged the people to trade with Russia, and stand behind the Labour Progressive Party that has done so much for the working people of this Dominion.

3. It was cold and windy when Mr. Swankey was speaking, and a lot of what was said could not be heard. However, from what I can learn there was nothing subversive in his speech.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

(T.E. Mudiman) 5831.  
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

A. R. V. No.

FORWARDED for your information. STILL UNDER INVEST.

Leth. 7-5-47.

/B

(J.R. O'Reilly) S/Sergt.  
For O.C. Leth. S/Divn. AOD.

Copy to: N.C.O. SPECIAL SECTION.

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

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Edm. 14-5-47

(H. DARLING) A/Comm'r.  
Commanding "K" Division.

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"K" DIVISION  
ALBERTA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION

Blairmore Detachment,  
April 27th, 1945.

Re: Subversive Activity within the Labour  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alta.

SECRET.

1. With further reference to the above, in spite of the fact the date of the Federal Election has been announced, there has been very little activity on the part of the Labour Progressive Party at Coleman, with the exception that a drive is being made for campaign funds. Headquarters. Sub-Division. There has been no outside speakers in the district so far, IS 45-115-5. although some are expected very shortly.

Detachment. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.  
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P.C.R.  
7-4-44  
to  
2-4-45.

Diary Date.  
27-5-45.

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

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

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Leth. 28-4-45  
B.J.



*[Signature]* Inspector.  
(E.D. Fryette)  
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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Re: Subversive Activity within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alta.

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The Commissioner,  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton  
2-5-45  
P/HA

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

Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" DIVISION  
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION

BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT  
April 2nd, 1945. 545

*copy of 31*  
Re: Subversive Activity within the Labour  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alta.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS.

Sub-Division.

IS 44-115-5.

Detachment.  
B2 19.

P.C.R.  
7-4-44  
to  
7-3-45.

Diary Date.  
2-5-45.

1. The only activity reported to me in connection with the above Party is the preparation for the forthcoming Federal election. Committees have been appointed, and the members have pledged their support for William ARLAND L.P.P. candidate, and money is being raised for the campaign fund. It is not expected that there will be much activity until the date of the election has been announced.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

FORWARDED for your information.

Leth. 3-4-45

C/E

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edm. 5-4-45  
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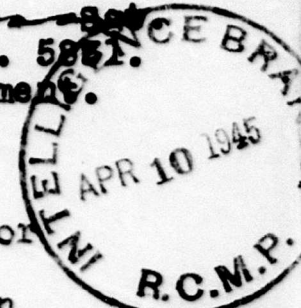
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5251.  
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

( E.D. Fryett )

Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" DIVISION  
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION

BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT,

March 7th, 1945.

(551)

Re: Subversive Activity within the Labour  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alta.

SECRET.

Headquarters. 1. With further reference to the above, I have no information of any unusual activity on the part of the members of this organization since my last report.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Lethbridge

L.S. 45-115-5. O.C. "K" Division,  
R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

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

Detachment  
B2-19.

FORWARDED for your information.

P.C.R.  
7-4-44  
to  
13-2-45.

Leth.9-3-45

C/E

"J.A. Cawsey" Sergeant.  
For O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division A.O.D.

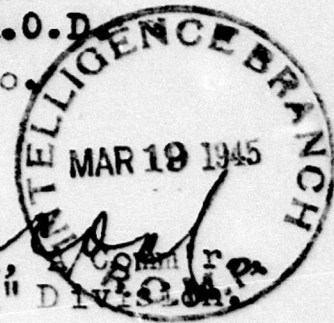
The Commissioner, R.C.M. Police, OTTAWA, Ontario.

D.D. 7-4-45.

Sir: Forwarded for your information.

Edm. 14-3-45  
P:JF

*Mudiman*  
W.F.N. Hancock, 1st Comm'r  
Commanding "K" Division.



Division File No. [REDACTED]

## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"RE: ISION  
ALBERTALETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT,  
Feb. 13th, 1945. (55)Re: Subversive Activity within the Labour  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alta.

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SECRET.

Headquarters.

1. With further reference to the above, Peter  
MERONIUK, of Coleman, attended the convention of the  
Labour-Progressive Party held in Edmonton on the  
27 and 28th January, as a delegate.

Lethbridge

L.S. 45-115-5.

2. At a meeting held in the Community Hall,  
Coleman, this man gave a report of the convention,  
attended by members of the L.P.P. He stated that the  
main task of the party will be to work towards winning  
seats for the forthcoming federal election. According  
to information received this meeting was held on the  
4th instant.Detachment.  
B2-19.

P.C.R.

7-4-44

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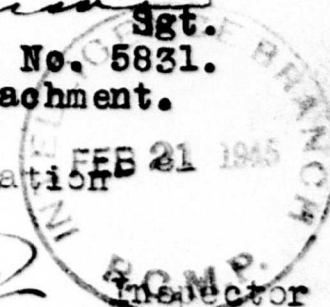
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13-3-45

O.C. "K" Division  
R.C.M.P. EDMONTONSgt.  
(R.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.  
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

FORWARDED for your information

Leth. 15-2-45  
C.J(E.D. Fryett)  
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

CARDED



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Re: Subversive Activity within the Labour  
Progressive Party, COLEMAN, Alberta.

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

Sir:       FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton,  
17-2-45  
P/HK

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

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MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION "K"  
PROVINCE  
SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE  
DETACHMENT BLAIRMORE  
DATE Jan. 20th, 1945.

40787 JAN 23 1945

FILE REFS.  
RE: Subversive Activity within the Labour Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

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L.S. 45-115-5

DETACHMENT

2B 20.

P.C.R.

7-4-44  
to  
27-12-44.

A. R. V. No.

1. According to information received the L.P.P at Coleman, are following the example of the Blairmore branch of the L.P.P. in supporting a drive for funds for the coming Federal election. Also they are supporting William ARLAND as a L.P.P. candidate.

2. Other than the above I have no information of any unusual activities on the party of this organization.

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,

*[Signature]* Inspector  
Leth. 22-1-45 (S.D. Fryer)  
C/ECOMMANDING Lethbridge Sub-Division

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton  
25-1-45  
P/JF

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



DIARY DATE

SET FOR 20-2-45.

INDEXED  
*[Signature]*

W  
2-2-45

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Division File No. 945-215-6-3.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

"K" Division  
Alberta.

Lethbridge Sub-Division

Blairmore Detachment,  
Dec. 27th, 1944.

Re: Subversive Activity within the Labour  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.

3042 JAN - 345

SECRET.

Headquarters.

1. With further reference to the above, Pat LENIHAN visited this district during the first part of December, and spent considerable time in Coleman, visiting members of this organization, and addressing meetings. Other than this I have no information of any unusual activity on the part of this organization.

Sub-Division.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

LS 44-115-5.

Detachment.  
2B-19.

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

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

Sgt.

FORWARDED. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

P.C.R.  
7-4-44

to  
2-12-44. 3-1-45

Diary Date  
27-1-45.

Beth: 28-12-44

C:J

for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division

*J. A. Cawsey*  
(S.A. Cawsey)



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Sir:

Edmonton  
30-12-44  
P:JF

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

DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" DIVISION  
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION

BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT.

Dec. 2nd, 1944.

557892 DEC 11 44

Re: Subversive Activity within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.

SECRET.

Headquarters.

Sub-Division.

IS 44-115-5.

Detachment.  
2B-19.

1. Delegates from the Labor Progressive Party attended a meeting held in the Union Hall, Blairmore on Sunday, Nov. 19th, for the purpose of determining their standard bearer for the forthcoming federal election. For details of this meeting please refer to re Subversive Activity within the labour Progressive Party, Blairmore.

2. It is reported that Pat LENIHAN of Calgary, organizer of the party, is expected to come to the Crow's Nest Pass during the first week in December to hold meeting in the different towns.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

P.C.R.

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7-4-44

to

8-11-44.

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

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31-3-59  
Sgt.  
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.  
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

Diary Date  
2-1-45.

FORWARDED for your information. STILL  
UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 4-12-44  
C/E

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

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

Sir: Forwarded for your information. Pat Lenihan is now the coal miners organizer for the L.P.P.

Edm. 6-12-44  
P:JP

W.E.W. Hancock, A.C. In.,  
Commanding "K"

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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"K" DIVISION  
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION

Blairmore Detachment,  
November 8th, 1944.

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Re: Subversive Activity within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.

SECRET.

Headquarters.

1. With further reference to the above, I have no information of any unusual activity on the part of this organization during the past month. Only routine business has been transacted at their meeting according to a confidential informant.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Sub-Division.  
LS 44-115-5.

P.C.R.  
7-4-44  
to  
14-10-44.

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

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

FORWARDED. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

Diary Date.  
8-12-44.

Leth: 9-11-44 (E.D. Fryett)  
C:J Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

*17-11-44*  
*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
Inspector

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH  
NOV 17 1944  
R.C.M.P.

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Re: Subversive Activity Within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.

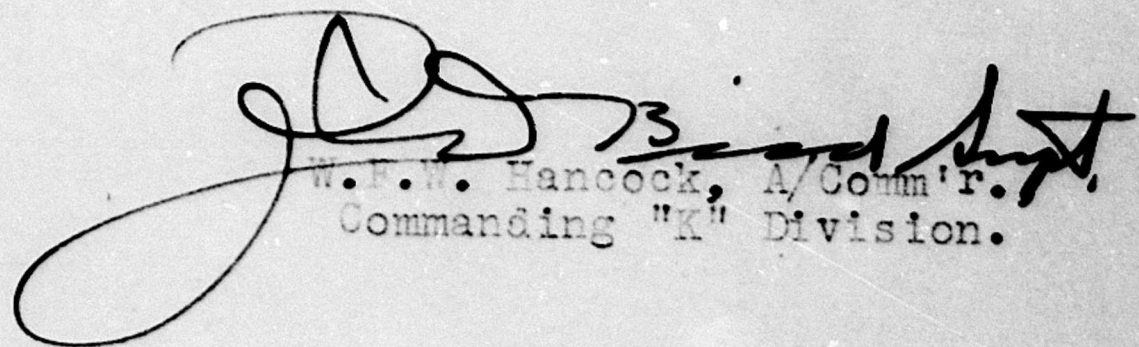
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The Commissioner,  
R. C. M. Police,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

Edm. 13-11-44  
P:JF

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

Division File No. [REDACTED]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" DIVISION  
ALBERTA

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION

BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT,  
Oct. 14th, 1944. (560)

Re: Subversive Activity within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.

472710 OCT 24 1944

SECRET.

1. With further reference to the above, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] there has been very little  
activity on the part of this organization during the  
past month.

Headquarters.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Sub-Division.  
IS 44-115-5.

Detachment  
2-10.

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

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

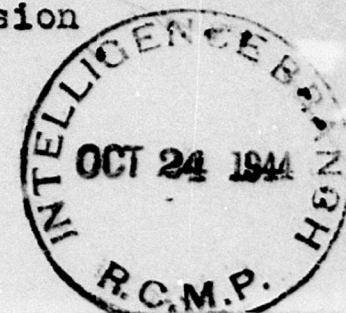
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P.C.R.  
7-4-44

to  
20-9-44.

*[Signature]* Inspector  
Leth: 16-10-44 (E.D. Fryett)  
H: J Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

Diary Date  
14-11-44.





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(B61)

Re: Subversive Activity within the Labor Progressive  
Party - Coleman, Alberta.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton,  
20-10-44,  
P/ML

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

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Division File No. [REDACTED]

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"K" DIVISION  
ALBERTA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

LETHBRIDGE SUB DIVISION

BLAIRMORE DETACHMENT

Sept. 20th, 1944. [REDACTED]

Re: Subversive Activity Within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.

SECRET.

Headquarters.

Sub-Division.  
IS 44-115-5.

Detachment  
2-10.

P.C.R.  
7-4-44  
to  
26-8-44.

Diary Date.  
20-10-44.

1. With further reference to the above, according to confidential information received the 'Communists in this district have been unusually quiet since their defeat in the Provincial Election on August 8th. Although meetings have been advertised for every second Sunday, only a few members have attended same, and nothing of any interest has been reported as having taken place at any of the meetings.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

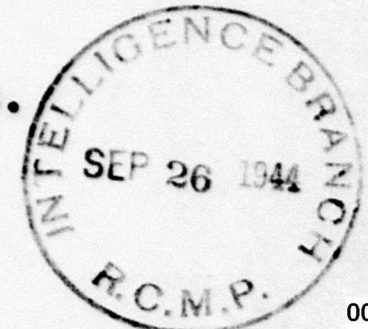
*T.E. Mudiman*  
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5831.  
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

Sgt.


FORWARDED. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

*G. Harvey*  
Leth: 21-9-44 (G. Harvey)  
H:J for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division AOD

S/Sgt.



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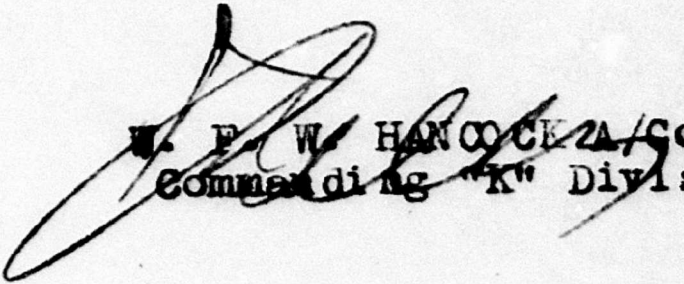
  
**Re: Subversive Activity Within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.**

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information.

Edmonton,  
22-9-44.  
P: TD.

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

DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

DIVISION  
"K"

SUB-DIVISION  
LETHBRIDGE

DETACHMENT  
BLAIRMORE

PROVINCE  
ALBERTA

DATE  
Aug. 26th, 1944.

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FILE REFERENCES

RE: Subversive Activity Within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.

CONFIDENTIAL.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 44-115-5.

DETACHMENT

2-19.

P. C. R.

7-4-44  
to  
22-7-44.  
17-8-44.

A. R. V. NO.

1. With reference to the above and the memo. of the Officer 1/C "K" Division C.I.B., dated 22-8-44, with forwarding minute of the O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division, I regret that I gave the wrong impression regarding my interview with Max STIGLER, Sec. of the U.M.W. A., Coleman.
2. While in Coleman on the p.m. of the 12th instant, I went to the office of the U.M.W.A. to see Max STIGLER, to interview him regarding getting miners to volunteer to search for Anthony KAHOUT who has been missing from his home in Coleman and is believed to be in the mountains south of Coleman. As a result of my interview Mr. STIGLER had notices posted for miners to report at the International Mine washhouse on the first idle day at the mine to organize a search party.

3.

[REDACTED] When I first went in his office there were miners there discussing the results of the election.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

*T.E. Mudiman* Sgt.  
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5851.  
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

This has reference to memorandum of the Officer in charge "K" Division C.I.B. dated August 22nd, last, and amplifies the meeting of Max Stigler with Sgt. Mudiman, in which he referred to it as an "interview" in his report of August 17th, 1944.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Leth. 28-8-44  
H:A

*[Signature]* Inspector.  
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division.....

DIARY DATE

SET FOR 26-9-44.





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Re: Subversive Activity Within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alta.

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

Sir:

FORWARDED for your information. Memorandum  
of the 22nd August referred to in para 1. was forwarded  
to you with Sgt. T.E. Mudiman's report of the 17th August,  
1944.

Edmonton,  
1-9-44.  
P:TD.

*W. E. W. Hancock*  
W. E. W. HANCOCK A/Comm'r.  
Commanding "K" Division.

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# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

F. 237

(566)

DIVISION "K" PROVINCE  
SUB-DIVISION LETHBRIDGE ALBERTA  
DETACHMENT BLAIRMORE  
DATE Aug. 17th, 1944.

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RE:

Labor Progressive Party - Coleman, 374508 AUG 28 44  
Subversive Activity within.

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SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 44-115-5.

DETACHMENT

2-19

P.C.R.  
7-4-44  
to  
22-7-44.

**CARDED**

A. R. V. NO.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR 17-9-44.

1. With further reference to the above, members of this organization were very active in support of Enoch WILLIAMS, Labor Unity Candidate in the Provincial Election, who was defeated by E.O. DUKE, M.L.A.

3. Since the Provincial Election on August 8th, members of the Labor Progressive Party have had very little to say, nor has there been any activity on their part observed.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

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

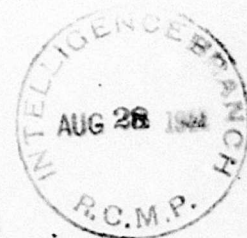
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Leth: 18-8-44  
H:J

( E.D. Fryett )

Inspector.  
Commanding Lethbridge Sub-Division

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Re: Subversive Activity Within the Labor  
Progressive Party, Coleman, Alberta.

4.

Edmonton,  
22-8-44.

J. D. BIRD, Supt.,  
i/c "K" DIVISION, C.I.B.

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[REDACTED]  
Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 22, 1944

L. S. 44-115-5

MEMORANDUM TO:

Officer-Commanding,  
LETHBRIDGE Sub-Division.

Re: Subversive Activity Within the Labor Progressive  
Party, Coleman, Alberta.

1. Report of Reg. No. 5831, Sgt. Mugiman, T.E. of  
Blairmore Detachment dated 17th August, under the above  
heading, has been perused at this Headquarters.

2. [REDACTED]

the L.P.P. contravenes the D.C.I.'s instructions regarding the  
coverage of L.P.P. activity. (See D.C.I.'s memorandum of  
30th March headed "Instructions on Subversive Investigations,  
Correspondence and Intelligence Section Matters"). In para.  
2 of this memorandum the D.C.I. states:

"Moreover the Commissioner desires that every precaution  
be taken lest our interest in the L.P.P. becomes known  
to the subject of general discussion".

In Para. 3 of the memorandum the D.C.I. states:

"However, we must not lay ourselves open to any accusa-  
tions that this Force is spying on or interfering with the  
parliamentary aspirations of the organization."

[REDACTED]

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Re: Labor Progressive Party - Coleman,  
Subversive Activity Within.

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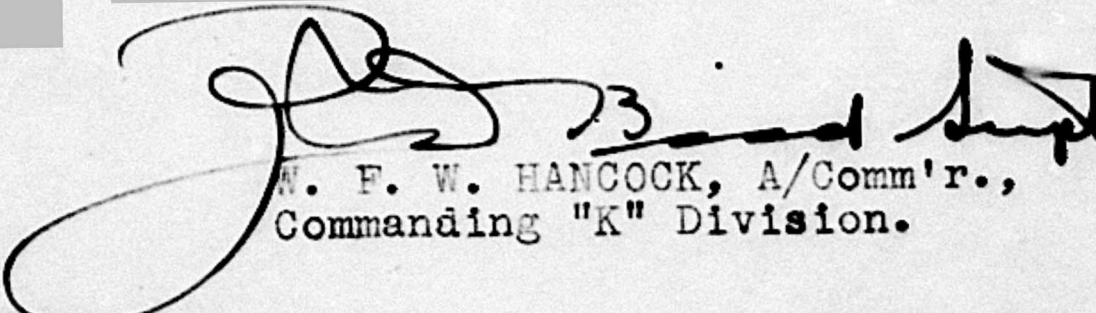
The Commissioner,  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
OTTAWA - Ontario.

Sir:

Forwarded for your information, together  
with a copy of memorandum to the Officer Commanding Leth-  
bridge Sub-Division [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Edmonton,  
22-8-44.

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

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# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION

DIVISION FILE NO.

SUB-DIVISION

LETHBRIDGE

DETACHMENT

BLAIRMORE

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PROVINCE

ALBERTA

DATE

July 22nd, 1944.

RE:

Labor Progressive Party - Coleman-  
Subversive Activity within.

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HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 44-115-5.

DETACHMENT

2-19.

P.C.R.

7-4-44

to

27-6-44.

1. The Labor Progressive Party is supporting Enoch Williams as a Labor Unity Candidate for the Pincher Creek - Crows Nest Riding in the coming Provincial election, and this appears to be the extent of their activities. Although it is reported that Enoch Williams has not of late associated himself with the Labor Progressive Party, over a disagreement with other members, still they are supporting him, according to information received.

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

A. R. V. NO.

Leth: 24-7-44

H: J

for O.C. Lethbridge Sub-Division AOD

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

Sir:

Forwarded for your information.

Edmonton  
27-7-44  
P: JF

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

DIARY DATE

SET FOR 22-8-44.



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# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

237

(571)

DIVISION "K" LETHBRIDGE  
SUB-DIVISION BIAIRMORE  
PROVINCE ALBERTA  
DATE July 22nd, 1944.

RE: Subversive Activity within the Labor Progressive Party - Blairmore, Alberta.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

L.S. 44-115-1.

DETACHMENT

B2-19.

P.C.R.

20-11-43

to

27-6-44.

A. R. V. No.

1. With further reference to the above, on the 9th instant, at a joint meeting of the Labor Progressive Party members from Blairmore and Coleman, in the Union Hall Blairmore, with William Arland in the chair, it was voted to support Enoch Williams as a Labor Unity Candidate in the coming Provincial Election for the Pincher Creek - Crows Nest Riding.

2. It is understood that over a disagreement with members of the Labor Progressive Party, Enoch Williams has not associated himself with the Party for some time, and refused to run as a Labor Progressive member. In spite of this the Communists are supporting him as a Labor Unity Candidate, according to information received.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

*[Signature]* Sgt.  
(T.E. Mudiman) Reg. No. 5851.  
1/C Blairmore Detachment.

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