

IS COMMUNISTIC INFLUENCE WORKING INTO N. B. LABOR CIRCLES?

Have Communists A Hand In Recent Strike Movements?

Fiery Speech of Silby Barrett International Board
of U.M.W.A. Reported in Toronto Organ

Barrett Is An Organizer

Some People Are Wondering If There Is Any
Influence Back Of Recent Strike Movements

Have the Communists anything to do with the strike at Minto or with the various other strikes which have been taking place in this province in recent weeks? Are the representatives of the U.M.W.A. in accord with the statements made at Sydney, N.S. recently by Silby Barrett of the International Board of the U.M.W.A., and reported in the "Clarion Weekly," published in Toronto, on September 25. The speech of Barrett is significant.

It may not be Communistic, but it sounds "red," and might be such as would stir up trouble in any labor community. Apart from Mr. Barrett altogether, is there a Communistic influence anywhere?

This same man Barrett whose utterances are boosted in the Toronto organ has been appointed Regional Director of the Steel Workers organizing committee in Canada.

The matter may be a coincidence but many people wonder how much, if anything, the Communists have to do with the recent labor troubles. Perhaps they have nothing. Perhaps they have a whole lot. The following are extracts from the "Clarion Weekly" which are at least interesting:

Sydney, N. S., Labor Letter
Barrett Calls for Unity Against
Menace of Fascism

Delivers Rousing Speech at Steel-Workers Picnic on Labor Day
Clarian Sydney Bureau, Sydney, N. S.—The speakers were: Silby Barrett, international board member U. M. W. A.; John Alex. McDonald, former president of the A. M. W. and at present treasurer of Phalen local U. M. W.; Rev. Wm. Mercer, labor candidate for Cape Breton in the recent provincial election, and Rev. J. Nelson McDonald, representing the co-operative movement in this district. Geo. McEachern, of the Steel Union, acted as chairman. All the speakers called for political and industrial democracy.

The last speaker, Silby Barrett, covered the present local situation and dealt at great length with the danger of fascism.

"Japan, with its unprovoked war on the Chinese people; Mussolini"

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BRITISH CO-OPERATIVES BAN GOODS FROM JAPAN

Trafalgar Square Meeting of 10,000 Votes for Extension of Boycott, Condemns Invasion of China

LONDON, Oct. 20—A mass meeting of 10,000 persons in Trafalgar Square today demanded an economic boycott against Japan because of her invasion of China. Speakers disclosed a boycott movement already under way.

The demonstration was organized by the London branch of the Labor Party and the London Trades Council. Walter Green, Labor member of Parliament, said the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society had decided to buy no more goods from Japan, and said he "understood" the London Co-operative Society had taken similar action. Co-operative Wholesale Society was likely to follow suit, Green said.

Clement R. Attlee, Leader of the Labor Opposition in the House of Commons, supported the boycott.

"The mere pressure of individual action of citizens of Britain, the Dominions and the United States could

THINK MISSING INMATE DROWNED

George McQuaid, Aged
Inmate Municipal
Home

Strong fears that George McQuaid, an inmate of the Municipal home at Nashwaak's who disappeared suddenly yesterday morning only partially dressed, has taken his life by drowning himself in the river which is only a short distance from the home, were expressed by good authorities at noon today.

McQuaid had arisen at about 6.30 a.m. and come down stairs to get a bottle of water. About 15 minutes later it was discovered that he was missing from his room. His shoes were still beside the bed and the bottle of water was also in the room.

Search for the aged inmate was commenced immediately and continued through the morning without finding any trace of the missing man. R.C.M.P. were notified, and yesterday afternoon and evening, and this morning conducted a thorough search of the district, all with no results.

From the fact that the man was mentally imperfect due to his old age and that the river is only a short distance from the home, it is now believed that he took this recourse to end his life. It was stated that the search was started so quickly that he would not have had time to reach the nearest woods.

The river bank was searched this morning in the hopes that some article of clothing would be found but this also proved fruitless. He wore a dress coat and felt hat with black band.

The Minto Strike

WHY THE STRIKE OFFICIALS and U. M. W. heads persist in bothering the Provincial Government in regard to their strike is something of a mystery. The Provincial Government has provided machinery to settle labor disputes. This machinery functions through the Fair Wage Board.

IT HAS BEEN EARNESTLY POINTED OUT BY THE PREMIER AND BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE SITUATION THAT CONFRONTS MINTO AT THE PRESENT TIME IS NOT A HAPPY ONE. THE COAL MINES AT MINTO OPERATE AT A DISADVANTAGE IN COMPETITION WITH OTHER MINES. THE SEAMS ARE THIN AND OPERATING CONDITIONS ARE ADVERSE. BY SUSTAINED EFFORTS OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS A FAIRLY SATISFACTORY MARKET HAS BEEN BUILT UP. IF COMPETITORS GAIN EVEN A TEMPORARY ADVANTAGE IN THE FIELD NOW HELD BY US, GRAVE DIFFICULTIES WILL BE ENCOUNTERED IN REGAINING LOST GROUND. THE WORK OF YEARS MAY HAVE TO BE ABANDONED. THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS POINTED OUT BY THE PREMIER, IS MOST INTERESTED IN THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF MINTO WHOSE LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS UPON THE MAXIMUM PRODUCTION OF THESE MINES. THE MINTO OUTPUT IS RELATIVELY LOW GRADE AND YEARS OF HARD AND PERSISTENT WORK WERE NECESSARY TO BRING THE OUTPUT TO PRESENT DAY LEVELS. THE PROGRESS GAINED MAY SOON BE LOST TO OTHER COAL FIELDS AND THEN THE STRUGGLE TO RECAPTURE THE MARKET. ALREADY LARGE CONSUMERS OF THE OUTPUT ARE PLACING THEIR ORDERS ELSEWHERE AND WITH THE APPROACH OF WINTER IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT DOMESTIC USERS MAY ARRANGE FOR OUTSIDE PRODUCTION. GOVERNMENT HAS SET UP AND READY TO FUNCTION, A COMPETENT BODY TO DEAL WITH THE ECONOMICS OF THE SITUATION AFFECTING WAGES, HOURS, WORKING CONDITIONS, ETC. THIS BODY IS PREPARED TO FUNCTION IMMEDIATELY IF GIVEN OPPORTUNITY AND ITS ORDERS WILL BE ENFORCED.

ONE WONDERS IF COMMUNISTIC INFLUENCES ARE IN ANY WAY BEHIND THIS STRIKE AND OTHER STRIKES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THIS PROVINCE RECENTLY.

The Fair Wage Board in accordance with the Act, is composed of two members representing employers of labor, two members representing workers and a chairman who does not belong to either class. The two labor members were selected on the recommendation of organized labor in this Province. No one has yet been heard to criticize the personnel of the Board. It has already achieved some splendid results and brought about marked improvement in working conditions in the various industries and plants it has investigated. With its knowledge of local needs and conditions and concerned as it is with the interests of labor and industry in New Brunswick this Board is unquestionably the proper body to intervene in the present dispute. If the striking miners go back to work, then, as the Acting Minister of Labor says, the Fair Wage Board will be able to step into the picture and settle the differences between the operators and the miners in the Minto district. The Fair Wage Board is only constituted to function between employers and employees, and when men walk out from their jobs they cease to be employees. The question of

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R. B. BENNETT BUSY SPEAKING, TALKS WITH ROWE

OTTAWA, Oct. 20—Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative Leader for Canada has a busy speaking program slated for the next few weeks. He will address a meeting at Brandon, Oct. 22, and be a speaker at a Conservative dinner in Winnipeg Oct. 23. He will attend the formal opening of a treatment plant of the Greater Winnipeg sanitary district Oct. 25 and speak at a luncheon at Regina Oct. 26 and at a public meeting there the same night.

From Regina the Conservative leader will go to New Westminster, B.C. for a luncheon engagement Oct. 30 and address the Conservative Association in Vancouver that night. He will return to Calgary and be back in Winnipeg early in November.

Mr. Bennett arrived in Ottawa from the Maritimes on Sunday and since has been busily occupied in conferences with prominent members of the Conservative party. He spent much of yesterday with Hon. Earl Rowe, Ontario Conservative leader.



RT. HON. R. B. BENNETT who is engaged on a speaking campaign in the Canadian West

COMMITTEE TO MEET
A meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held in the City Hall tomorrow afternoon at 3:40. Chairman R. L. Phillips will preside.

Italy's Surprise Demand Creates More Obstacle

Whole Argument Thrown Back To Belligerent
Rights Preceding Withdrawal

Asked To Reconsider

Great Britain and France Are Faced With Drastic
Decision Future

19 CRASH VICTIMS ONE MONTREALER BEING BORNE OUT

Bodies Found Strewn
About Wreckage Of
Big Airliner

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 20—Exhausted workmen started today the task of carrying from a mountain wilderness the bodies of the 19 victims of the United States' most deadly airplane tragedy.

The bodies, strewn about the wreckage of the one-magnificent airliner that struck a ridge 80 miles east of here late Sunday, were found by a searching crew headed by Pilot Ralph Johnson of the United Air Lines.

Included among the four women and 15 men killed were an expectant mother, a noted pathologist who was a native of Montreal and graduate of McGill University and two news reel men making a picture of "The Safety of Trans-continental Flying."

"The front part of the plane had been burned as though gasoline tanks had exploded when the ship struck," said Johnson.

Wreckage Scattered

"Wreckage of the ship was scattered over an area 200 feet long," said Bill McDougal, Salt Lake City reporter. "So were the 19 victims."

McDougal was the first newspaper man to reach the scene.

"The plane crashed apparently with the throttle open 300 feet below the highest edge of a saddle between two peaks at the head of Humpy Creek in northeastern Summit County, Utah, 25 miles south of Knight, Wyo., McDougal said.

Motors Torn Loose

"The forward portion of the plane was a nightmare of twisted, blackened metal.

"The right motor hurtled 200 feet forward up the ridge. The left came to rest 150 feet forward. In between, buried in deep snow, were bodies, seat cushions, blankets and other evidence of terrific impact.

"The plane was flying due southwest when it crashed. Had it been flying in the middle of the canyon, it would have cleared the saddle.

"The pilot may have realized disaster was upon him, a moment before oblivion, for the ship was nosed slightly upward. It sheared 10 pine trees as though they were matchwood."

List of Victims

Manning the "Mainliner" with Pilot Woodger were Co-Pilot John Adams, of Denver and Hostess Leah Derr, of Salt Lake City. Among the passengers was Dr. I. Gross of Cleveland, and a native of Montreal.

Greatest death toll in United States airplane history was at Goodwin, Ark., January 14, 1936, when a transport plunged into a swamp, killing 17 persons.

The searchers struggled over precipitous cliffs and through deep slush up the treacherous chalk peak, seeking the wreckage of the huge airliner which crashed in a storm Sunday night.

A surprise Italian demand for the return of the whole non-intervention negotiations to the basis of a British plan of last July has aggravated the non-intervention situation.

The present (The Anglo-French program proposes immediate withdrawal of volunteers, granting of belligerent rights after an international commission had reported foreign soldiers had been and were being withdrawn and establishment of a system of control for supervising non-intervention in Spain).

The Italian move, supported by Germany and Portugal, threw the whole question back to the argument that the granting of belligerent rights to both sides warring in Spain precede volunteer withdrawals.

Eden, presiding over the sub-committee session yesterday, tried to smooth out the difficulties and finally asked the Italian, German and Portuguese representatives to reconsider positions overnight.

He called another meeting this afternoon and declared if an agreement still was not sighted, Great Britain will have to consider her own course of action.

Russia adopted a conciliatory attitude toward the current proposals.

Her ambassador, Ivan Maisky, declared that if the British, French and other governments entertained some belief in the possibility of success, "the Soviet government does not intend to create for these other governments any difficulties."

He asserted the Soviet union would welcome immediate evacuation of a considerable number of non-Spaniards from both armies in Spain in a proportion corresponding to the actual number in each.

(Italy on Saturday offered to make

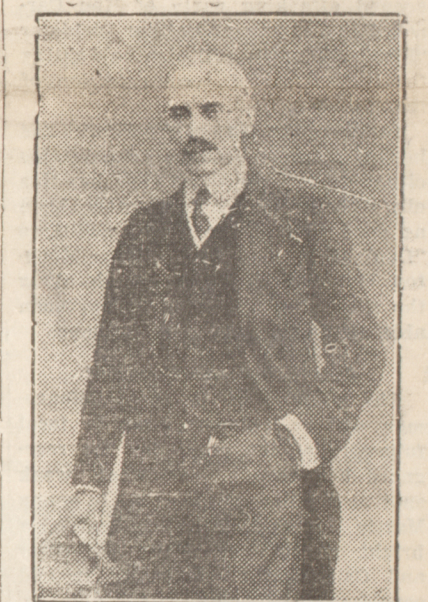
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HON. EARLE ROWE, defeated candidate in the last Ontario provincial election who, it is reported, will retain his position as Conservative leader in that province

ALL BETTERMENTS FOR COMFORT IN RAILWAY TRAVEL

(Special to The Daily Mail)
WINNIPEG, MAN., Oct. 20—Friday evening from 10.30 to 11.00 o'clock, Atlantic Standard Time, the Canadian Broadcasting Co. will transfer its popular night shift program to the Fort Rouge shops of the C.N.R. in Winnipeg. The commentator will investigate various phases of Railway work including a visit to the back shops and the Roundhouse where the monster engines that pull passenger and freight trains are given anything from a marcel to a permanent wave to keep them in readiness to play their part in the transportation life of Canada. The program will be carried on the National Network from Halifax to Vancouver.



HON. N. W. ROWELL
Chairman of the Royal Commission on Dominion and Provincial Relations who was in the City today, conferring with Premier Dymally

WAR CORRESPONDENCE IS FOUND HAZARDOUS TASK

Japanese Reporter Goes to Work in Tea Gown,
but Follows on Heels of Suicide Squad

TOKIO, Oct. 20—The Japanese newspaper reporter sometimes wears a kimono to work, drinks tea in the office and cools his brow with a hand-painted fan, but don't let it fool you; he works as hard and long as his counterpart in any Canadian newspaper office.

He lives as dangerously. During the current war in China he goes right along with the troops, sometimes only a step or two behind a charging soldier.

There were two reporters riding with the Japanese suicide squad, the "white death band," when it made a bloody landing at Shanghai. Two others were headed for the firing squad at Tungchow when, the Japanese claim, Chinese students and police massacred nearly 300 civilians. Both reporters escaped in their underwear.

Nearly a dozen newsmen and photographers have been killed at the front while "covering" the war, and almost as many more are in hospitals with wounds.

But in his office the Japanese newspaperman appears in a much different light.

His fan and cup of tea are as much a part of his equipment as the slouch hat and police press card are of a Canadian reporter. In writing a story, he pencils out vertical columns. The

characters resemble hen-tracks on the paper. Since he cannot use a typewriter the Japanese character-writing machine is impractical for general reportorial work, his "copy" necessarily must be clearly indited.

When he has a story ready for his city desk, he calls the copy boy. He does not bawl, "Boy!" He calls "Boysan," the literal meaning of which is "Mr. Boy."

And when "Mr. Boy" arrives, he bows—both before and after taking the copy from the reporter.

To this unconscious etiquette the reporter adds an amazing tenacity when he goes out on a story. It is the usual thing, during the formation of a new Cabinet, to camp—literally—around the official residence of the Premier. Newsmen set up pup tents within observation range of the house and sit there day and night, watching who comes and goes.

These, of course, are the political reporters. They occupy the highest heaven in the Japanese newspaper hierarchy. The general newsmen are next, then the sports writers. All are well educated. They have to be to qualify for a job on a newspaper. All are ceremoniously polite.

Otherwise, they're just like their Canadian brethren.