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CCF Refuses to Share Office With 'Communists' in House

The case of the Wandering Labor-Progressive Party may occupy the attention of the Ontario Legislature if the threat of Garfield Anderson (C.C.F., Fort William) is implemented.

Mr. Anderson, like other C.C.F. members, was irate yesterday when he heard that Speaker W. J. Stewart of the Legislature had ruled that no office space was available for the two-man L.P.P. and that they could share the space awarded to "miscellaneous parties." And he promptly announced that if Mr. Stewart had ruled that C.C.F. and L.P.P. must share any quarters he would "demand that he unrule himself."

The problems arose when L.P.P. Leader A. A. MacLeod sought quar-

ters for himself and his party of Joseph Salsberg (Toronto-St. Andrew). The Speaker had explained an office was awarded the Government members, another went to the official opposition (the Liberal group) and a third, now occupied by the C.C.F., was for miscellaneous parties. Mr. MacLeod explained that he wasn't trying to share quarters with anyone else, but "wanted the courtesy and privileges "extended in other years."

"We can't share with the Communists," was the comment of C.C.F. Leader W. J. Grummett. "We couldn't hold caucus with others sharing with us. We must refuse to allow others to move in with us."

"Looks as if Premier Drew is determined to deprive us of party status," commented Mr. MacLeod.