

# 241 PROTESTS WILDMAN EXPULSION

## Wires Prime Minister

Rank and file union spokesmen this morning labelled the refusal of Immigration authorities to allow International Representative Harlow Wildman of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO-CGL, to remain in Canada as "giving away to pressure of the mine owners." In a wired protest to both the Immigration officials and Prime Minister King, Mine Union Committee chairman of eight Porcupine district mines and the secretary of the Stewards' Body of Timmins Local 241 of the Mine-Mill union declared that the expulsion of Wildman "is not a case of Wildman as an individual but as a duly authorized representative of Canadian workers organized into a union of their own choosing."

At a recent membership meeting, the Local 241 members had protested earlier reports that the government was considering closing the border to their International Union representatives and officers coming from the United States to assist in the organizational and wage increase campaigns.

Text of Wires to Immigration Branch (Dept. of Mines and Resources) to King:

"We union mine committee chairmen representing gold miners of Porcupine district see your refusal to permit Mine-Mill organizer Harlow Wildman remain in Canada as giving away to pressure of mine operators who deny us a living wage and who wish to halt our union organization.

This is not a case of Wildman as an individual, but as a duly authorized representative of Canadian workers organized into a union of their own choosing. This is an attack on our attempt to organize for better wages and conditions, but at the same time it is an attack on the whole Canadian Labor Movement. Wildman must be allowed to remain in Canada at least until the legality of your department's action is proven."

To Prime Minister King:

"We are in midst of an organizing campaign and drive for wage increase for gold miners. This action comes at a time when the operators have failed to break our union by other means, and is interpreted by miners as government lining up with employers against the welfare of working people.

We urge you take immediate action instructing immigration branch to re-allow Wildman's entry permit and cease interference with the right of Canadian workers to obtain assistance of duly organized representatives of unions of their own choosing."

Union spokesmen signing the protests were Mine Committee chairmen Ernest White (Hallnor Mine), O. Fournier (McIntyre), S. Jemain (Paymaster), J. B. McDonald (Aunor), J. Corless (Höllinger), M. Magnusson (Naybob), Oscar Gustavson (Broulan), Mine Committeemen L. Michaud Delnite, and J. Millers, secretary of the Local Union Stewards Body, made up of stewards from every mine in the camp.

White, a member of the union's top Canadian National Wage Policy Committee said that it was impossible to reach spokesmen for the other four unionized mines at the time the protest was prepared.

## Mine Course Termed Communism School

"A school in Communism" is the manner in which one spokesman for local 241 described the activities here this week of Graham Dolan, top dog in the educational department of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers.

## Mother Sleeps; Cubs Don't

In secluded spots in the wilderness of Northern Ontario today one of Mother Nature's annual miracles is taking place—the first few days of life of bear cubs beside their still-sleeping mothers. In a hundred or more dens in the district the tiny creatures, not much larger than the human infant when it is born, are nestling to their mothers' sides, climbing over their inert forms which are still drugged with the hibernating instinct, feeding from their unconscious bodies.

Bear cubs are born in February and though their mothers continue to sleep till the Spring, the young animals are very much awake from the time they are born. The coma in which their parent lies is not transmitted to them at birth.

No one knows for sure just how a bear cub is born.

## Horowitz, Hansen Involved; Kennedy Lachance In Clear

Only international union representatives in the north who would be involved by the government's proposed ban on American union officials would be Henry Horowitz, editor of the Union News, district weekly paper of the union, and Rudy Hansen, organizer at Kirkland Lake. Both are Americans.

William Kennedy and R. A. Lachance, international representatives here, are both Canadian citizens. Kennedy is from the Sudbury district, while Lachance is a native of St. Catharines.

## Labor Picture Changed

The action of the Dominion government in banning Harlow Wildman, international union organizer, from Canada, together with an expected ban on other union organizers, will have a considerable influence on the activity of organized labor in the Porcupine.

The Advance has been reliably informed that immigration officials at the border have been ordered to turn back Reid Robinson, international vice-president of the IUMMSW. Mr. Robinson's present whereabouts have not been determined. According to one report he is still in United States. According to a second he is at present in Ottawa conferring with Canadian Congress of Labor officials concerning the ban on union organizers.

Since the beginning of 1948 the Porcupine camp has been the focal point of the greatest labor drive in Canada today, in any industry. In no other industry have American union officials descended on one locality in such numbers.

However, despite the intensive organizational campaign which has been underway here, the results of the campaign to date have not been impressive. It is reliably estimated that no more than 25 percent at a maximum of district miners have joined the union.

It is claimed that the reason for the hesitancy of local miners to join the union has been the unquestionably red-tinted background of the international representatives active here. That the Communist issue is the greatest single factor to disunite the union here was made evident again at a steward's meeting here last Sunday, the Advance is informed.

In a Saturday broadcast from the local radio station, Ralph Carlin, business agent for local 241, made a savage attack against the recent grab for power made in Czechoslovakia by the Communist element. To the "party liners" here in the union, Mr. Carlin's attack was something in the nature of waving a red flag in front of a bull.

As a result, the meeting of last Sunday is said to have been the stormiest one of the year. One blow was struck, the Advance is informed.

Another moot question here has been whether a strike would be called this Spring to enforce the union's wage demands. It has been felt that if Robinson, Wildman and company could maintain control such a strike would be called. The policy of the International group has been one of continually "needling" mine management as evidenced in the Union News edited by Henry Horowitz and the public statements of Robinson. It has been felt among labor generally that this attitude in negotiations would precipitate a strike quickly in a final showdown.

Game Overseer Jack Irwin said, "No one knows whether the mother is still sleeping when they come into this world and for all we know she may never waken at all."

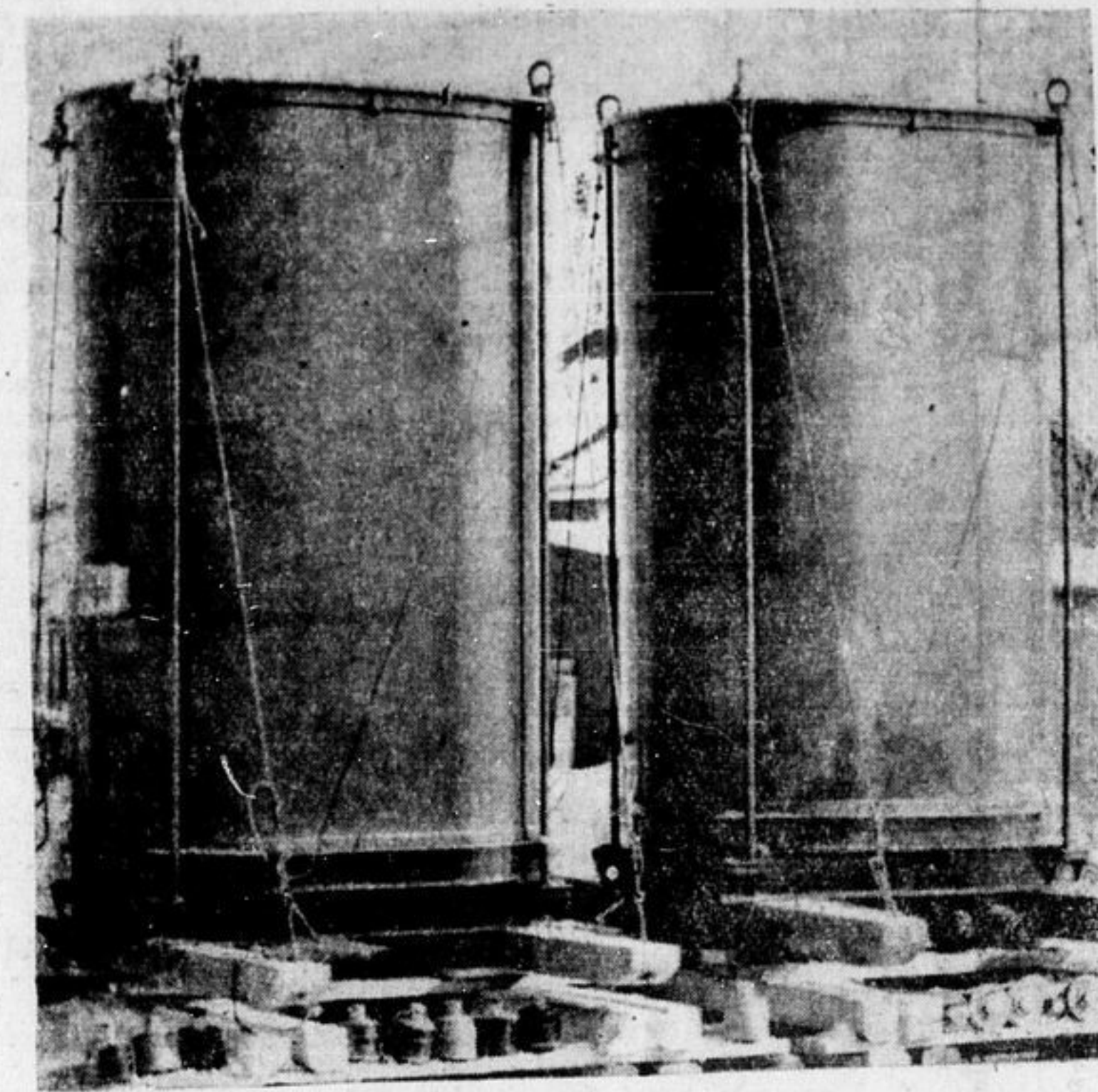
He said that he had been wandering through the bush one day at this time of year with a dog when the animal began to dig into a bear's den.

"We opened it up and found two of the liveliest little cubs you ever saw, but the old girl never moved at all," he said.

Bear cubs usually come in threes, though twins are frequent enough. On the other hand, there is no authentic record of a bear having a single cub. They just don't come that way.

Bears mate in June and their period of gestation is almost identical with the human.

Adv. Photo.



NEW TRANSFORMERS: A major conversion job is taking place these days at Wawa Falls as the power plant there is overhauled. Seen here at a railway siding, in town are two of the mammoth new transformers which are being installed. Four of them in all are being replaced. Each weighs 45 tons.

## Kiwanians Hear Tale Of Life In Alaska

The address at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club at the Empire hotel on Monday took the usual, but interesting form of a "duet," the speakers being Major and Mrs. H. Majury. The address was commenced by Major Majury, Mrs. Majury taking it up and carrying it along for a time, and then Major Majury resuming his part.

"Alaska" was the subject of the address, Major and Mrs. Majury being stationed there some years ago.

In opening the address, Major Majury, by the use of a large map, showed effectively the position and situation of Alaska, and its strategic importance, being comparatively close to both Russia and Japan. Alaska had been purchased by the United States from Russia in 1867 for the insignificant price of \$7,200,000. On the map, Major Majury pointed out the number of air routes from central Alaska.

Taking her part in the address, Mrs. Majury explained that Alaska was almost as large as Canada. It was commonly called "Uncle Sam's Attic," from the fact that not too much attention was given to it until something was wanted from the treasures stored in the "attic."

While Alaska had a parliament of its own, its powers were very limited, and the people of Alaska asked for elevation to the status of a state. At present Alaska had no representation in Congress, though a lobbyist was retained to seek to help the interests of "the Great Land."

Incidentally, Mrs. Majury mentioned that some parts of Alaska were remarkably fertile, strawberries "as large as your fist" being grown there.

Major Majury resumed his part of the address to describe climatic conditions and the potential wealth of the country in gold, lumber and fish. He gave a graphic picture of the fishing industry. "While the salmon fishing was important, monster halibut was also featured.

Returning to her part in the address, Mrs. Majury said the population of Alaska was very cosmopolitan. She described the Indians as simple-hearted and very kindly. Mrs. Majury's recitation of Julie's first account of a baseball match was a feature of this part of the address. Reference was also made to a tribe of Indians in Alaska distinguished by the fact that they have fiery red hair.

Major Majury returned to the address with the story of the founding of a model village at Matlakatia by "Father Duncan," as the Indians termed him. Father Duncan was an Anglican missionary and he planned this model village and organized the building programme, which included a fine church, a large community building, and many excellent and well-appointed homes, built by the Indians themselves.

A large number of photographs and other pictures were shown to add interest to the address, or addresses. In addition a number of curios were eagerly inspected by the members of the club. These articles included wooden spoons used by the Indians, an Indian "pipe of peace," a miniature totem pole, shopping bags made of seal-skin and leather sewing, and fancy hand-carved articles made from walrus tusks.

Rev. W. M. Murtard introduced Kiwanian Majury and Mrs. Majury. The speakers were thanked by Kiwanian E. H. King, and President Barney Quinn added his own personal words of appreciation.

Kiwanian Ed. Bartlett led the community singing, with Secretary W. H. Wilson at the piano.

At the suggestion of Kiwanian Frank Bailey the club voted \$100.00 to the fund of the United Nations for the Children of Europe.

Kiwanian A. G. Irving read the monthly report of the Underprivileged Children's committee.

President Barney Quinn read a letter from Dr. Watt, president of the District Children's Aid, thanking the club for support in 1947.

Visitors for the day were: W. H. ("Red") Armstrong, of Kirkland Lake, E. L. Hutchinson, Toronto, and Mrs. Majury, Timmins.

## Red Cross Drive Begins

More than 50 canvassers will call at the homes of town residents in the Red Cross campaign which will be held during the next three weeks, ex-councillor Bill Roberts, campaign organizer, said this week.

This year's campaign for the Red Cross began on Monday. In contrast to the appeals made in war years, the motif in the present campaign is almost entirely civilian. The national campaign objective is \$3,000,000.

Biggest item on the Red Cross program to be undertaken with the funds collected this year will be the extension of the Red Cross' free blood transfusion service across Canada. A tremendous task, costing much in time, effort and money. The benefits of such a service to the country as a whole are self-evident.

Campaign chairman in the local drive is Leo Charlebois.

## Flood of Lawsuits In Division Court

The volume of minor law suits which passed through local Division court during the first two months of this year has surpassed that of any similar period in the past, the Advance learned this week.

The flood of lawsuits is said to have resulted from the tightening up of local credit. A secondary factor has been the abandoning of the medical plans of local mines. Numerous suits to collect medical fees have been instituted by doctors against patients who are no longer covered by the plans.

## Kinsmen, Youngsters Both Out Of Luck; Bylaw Forbids It

Timmins Kinsmen are out of luck in their request to operate a refreshment stand at Gilles Lake this Summer. Three weeks ago the Kinsmen club asked the town for the privilege in order to raise funds to provide transportation to the beach for children who lived beyond walking distance.

The youngsters will have to stay away from the beach, for Councillor Urban Aubry reported to council Monday that the operation of the stand was in contravention of the new zoning bylaw now being drawn up.

## J. P. Says 'Get ONR Busses'

If the citizens' committee on bus fares does not obtain further explanation of why bus bylaw 1027 was rescinded the committee will invite the Ontario Northland Railway to set up a bus service in the Porcupine. J. P. Bartleman, committee member said this week.

Mr. Bartleman pointed out that the railway operates bus lines at several other localities and that a line could easily be operated with the local railway depot as an office.

"All they need is a garage to house their busses," he claimed.

He said that the fact that bus fares would be considerably reduced by the railway took over local transportation.

"For example," he claimed, "Look at the bus fare from Porcupine Junction to Iroquois Falls. The distance is six miles and a single fare is only 15 cents. How does that compare with the rates in force around here? And remember, the run from Porcupine to the Falls has very little traffic. That is the kind of fares the ONR would operate on."

## Mail Run To North Leaves This Week

The mail run to Hudson's Bay undertaken four times a year by Austin Airways will leave for the first time this year at this weekend, the Advance learned. The local aircraft firm ferries mail to isolated Indian villages and fur trading posts as far North as Winisk on the west side of Hudson's Bay and Port Harrison on the east side.

The company's big Norseman will be used, pilot George Charity said. Either Mr. Charity or veteran Gordon Mitchell will make the flight. The length of time required to distribute the mail is usually a week. However, adverse weather conditions often extend this time.

George Charity returned from a chartered trip to Hudson's Bay earlier this week. He reported that the beaver season is in full swing in that area.



HARD AT IT: Seen here are members of the Timmins Y's Men Club going to town in a big way on the walls of Harmony Hall, the new home of the YMCA in the district. Club members turned out in force last week to give the Y's new quarters a face-lifting. From left to right are Gladys Ray, Bruce Ross, Gower Markle, local YMCA director and Bob Hobson.

## Charges 47 Council Passed Bylaw 1027 Without A Report

### "Won't Co-operate" Brunette Declares

Dalton Bus Lines "refused to co-operate" to a request of the citizens' bus committee to be given access to the figures on which Councillor Barney Quinn based his transportation report, ex-mayor J. Emile Brunette, chairman of the committee, said yesterday.

Mr. Brunette said that he had approached Jack Dalton Jr. in the company of Councillor Quinn on Tuesday and had requested that the bus committee be permitted to see the figures which had been prepared by G. N. Ross and Company on the costs of bus operation.

Mr. Dalton said he would give the figures provided he showed him the figures on which the 1947 council passed its action in passing Bylaw 1027. Mr. Brunette said, "I told Mr. Dalton that no formal report had been drawn up by the 1947 council and that council had acted on figures provided by J. P. Bartleman from his notes. Mr. Dalton then asked to see the figures which Mr. Bartleman had quoted."

The ex-mayor then phoned Mr. Bartleman and asked him for his figures. Mr. Bartleman said he would prepare a copy of his figures at once.

"Later in the day I spoke to Mr. Dalton again on the phone and told him Mr. Bartleman was preparing a copy of his figures," Mr. Brunette said. "As this Mr. Dalton told me he did not want to see the copy, he wanted to see the actual figures used at the time by Mr. Bartleman. He said he would not release his own figures till we provided this."

Mr. Bartleman's actual figures are not available, the Advance has been informed. Thus the matter of bus fares appears to be at an impasse, at least temporarily.

Earlier this week, at Monday's meeting of council Mr. Brunette had stated that the committee would demand that bus bylaw 1027 be reinstated, if Mr. Dalton's figures were not made available to the committee.

The committee will meet the town council for further discussion at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

## Play-offs in School League on March 5

Playoffs in the Timmins inter-school hockey league will be held Friday, March 5, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at McIntyre arena, C. S. Rowe, president of the Public and Separate School Hockey Association announced this week.

Three games will be played. In the Junior section Mattagami will take on Jacques Cartier, Birch street and Holy Family will clash in the Intermediate section, while the Senior game will be between Central and Holy Family.

## WHAT NO CRIME?

As far as I am concerned the elected representatives of the people have already dealt with this matter. It is their opinion that bylaw 1027 was unjust. Personally, I know it was and I have proven to the satisfaction of council that it was. This committee cannot provide even a reasonable substantiation why bylaw 1027 was passed in the first place and under the circumstances I am not going to release my figures to them. That is final!

As far as the local provincial police detachment is concerned, crime in the district seems to have taken a holiday. A member of the detachment reported this week that this is the quietest season he can recall.