

ROBINSON RELEASED ON \$5,000 BAIL

Court To Probe Activities

Reid Robinson, Red vice president of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers is free on bail in Toronto today after being taken into custody by an agent of the Immigration Department and two RCMP constables here Tuesday morning. Robinson was released on bail of \$5,000 pending an inquiry into his activities as an alleged communist in the U.S. and this country.

The boss man of the IUMMSW was arrested at 10.30 a.m. in his Third avenue apartment. The officers making the arrest found him still in bed. Said Robinson: "Give me time to get my pants on anyway."

The officers moved swiftly and without warning in making the arrest. Nonetheless, the radical element in Timmins was aware of the matter within an hour.

As a result a large gathering of Communists was present at the railway station at Timmins when Robinson was scheduled to board the train. The immigration officer in charge ordered that the Red-tinted unionist be taken to Schumacher station to board the train in order to avoid a demonstration.

However, more than 30 of Robinson's sympathisers were at the Schumacher station to bid their boss farewell. Prominent among those to say goodbye to Robinson were officials of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, whose Jeep station-wagon was parked near the tracks.

Local RCMP officials said that the arrest was entirely directed by the Immigration officer who came from Sudbury to take Robinson into custody. One RCMP officer accompanied the Immigration man and Robinson to Toronto.

Robinson's arrest climaxes an announced government policy to prevent Communist labor agitators from entering or remaining in Canada. His arrest drew nationwide attention and rated the headline in the Toronto Daily Star.

EVERYBODY HAS NEW ONES

Timmins motorists don't believe in court-ordered trouble. 1947 automobile license plates expired last Monday. Up to press time no motorists had been charged for using them on his vehicle.

Mrs. Powell Insists Communists Duped Local Organizations

Mrs. Jean Powell, member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion was charged in a statement to the Advance last week that local organizations had been duped by Mrs. Ray Stevenson and groups of Communist women, stuck to her story concerning the concert held here in the Ukrainian Hall on International Women's Day.

"What I said was the absolute truth and I am not changing what I said one iota," Mrs. Powell declared.

She said that the suggestion that there was room on the platform for only one flag — and that the Soviet flag — was made while she was behind the stage at the hall and it had been voiced in conversation by two men and a woman behind the stage.

Anti-Reds Here Feel Cheated

According to the anti-Communists in Local 241, the Immigration Department put Reid Robinson under arrest just eight hours too soon last Tuesday.

Robinson was picked up at 10.30 in the morning. At 5 p.m. that afternoon he was scheduled to appear before a union court to face a charge that he had authorized the distribution of pamphlets terming Ralph Carlin a "company stooge" without proof. According to one unionist interviewed by the Advance it was positive that Robinson would have been convicted by the union court.

But whatever the outcome of the union trial, preparations were being made to have Local 241 request Robinson at its meeting next Sunday to leave this district.

"It would have been much better for us to have been the instrument which sent Robinson on his way, rather than having the government pick him up," a 241 official said. "This gives him the chance of being a martyr and he will try to make the most of it."

MRS. ST. CYR IS NOT GUILTY

Power Shortage Comes To End

Power restrictions in this district have been lifted commencing today J. P. Burke, manager of the Hydro Electric company here, said this morning.

Local industry and householders were instructed to reduce power consumption during January. One result was that hiring of new employees ceased in the district's mines.

It is expected that the lifting of the restrictions will give an immediate impetus to production in the gold mines. Prior to the shortage of power, the mines were planning to increase production as much as possible in order to capitalize on the subsidy on gold announced last December.

Robinson Defeated At Sunday's Meeting

Reid Robinson, Red vice-president of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers, who was taken into custody Tuesday by immigration officials received his most crushing defeat in Northern Ontario Sunday when hundreds of aroused miners packed the local union hall and voted to re-instate Ralph Carlin as business agent of Local 241.

Last week Carlin, spokesman for the anti-red faction of local 241 who has publicly denounced Robinson on several occasions as a Communist and an enemy of democracy, was fired from his position with the union on a motion backed by Robinson. Last week's meeting was packed with Communists and party-liners.

But Sunday's meeting was different. All week in the streets and hotels of Timmins miners had gathered in angry groups discussing Carlin's dismissal and the control the Red element had obtained over the affairs of Local 241.

The result was the largest gathering of unionists ever to take place in the 4-year history of the Porcupine camp. Robinson was snowed under by a majority of more than three to one.

From the moment that the meeting was called to order it became apparent what was going to take place. Angry speakers after angry speakers got to his feet to denounce Robinson and the plotting of his Communist henchman. So intense was the display that when the vice-president was called to speak he was well-nigh without words. Lamently he admitted: "Maybe we made a mistake last week."

Also present at the meeting was Bob Carlin, MIA for Sudbury, a brother of Ralph Carlin. To the disgust of Ralph, Brother Bob, board member of District 8 of the IUMMSW, has recently fallen under the Red-hazed spell of Robinson and other Commie leaders in the international executive. On Sunday a nervous Bob Carlin had nothing to say either for or against his brother.

"Our next step will be to get rid of Henry Horowitz and William Kennedy from this district," an official of local 241 said. "This will be accomplished by regular union procedure within the next two weeks. We want neither truck nor trade with these potential traitors."

stitution. Robinson, 282, Leary 0.

"Local 700: There were 2,150 names entered in the roll book and 2,147 ballots returned by the local union. However, the certified report of the election judges certified that only 2,141 members voted. The ballot box was obviously stuffed."

And so on and so on and so on. In 25 different locals the same offence occurred, according to the minority report of the committee.

To prove their charges, the committee asked that a hand-writing expert examine the ballots in dispute. Their report says:

"In the above cases the similarity of the handwriting was so great that it was obvious to anyone that the names and 'x' marks were written in many cases by the same person. The majority of the committee, favoring the Robinson slate, denied the obvious appearance of similarity. The undersigned suggested that the Canvassing Committee ask for the service of a hand-writing expert to inform us as a matter of fact whether there were forgeries. This is the usual procedure in union elections and in public elections in this country and throughout the world wherever free elections are permitted. There were numerous excellent hand-writing experts in Chicago and we asked to call one in to give us his expert opinion to establish the forgeries."

"The majority of the committee voted 8 to 3 to refuse to permit a hand-writing expert to examine the identical signatures and 'x' marks."



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LOOKING AT PLANS: Here Bill Shields, DFC, right, president of Branch 88 of the Canadian Legion; and Major Bob Stock, DSO, who is directing the current campaign for funds for the Legion Memorial Hall, look over plans of the building. The hall is going to prove an eye-opener to residents of the Porcupine when completed.

Edwin Copps Hits Top Journalistic Ranks; Joins Time Magazine As Associate Editor

Edwin Copps, former editor of the Timmins Daily Press, jumped into the front rank of North American journalism this week when he accepted a position of associate editor with Time Magazine at New York. Mr. Copps, who is the son of Mrs. R. W. Copps and the late Mr. Copps, 5 Cameron street North, will supervise the Canadian section appearing in the famous international magazine which boasts one of the largest circulations in the world.

"Eddie" Copps is a member of the well-known local radio and newspaper family. His brothers are Cy and Bill, both in newspaper work, and Victor, a radio announcer at Hamilton. A fourth brother, Lee, operates a business in Timmins.

His mother, Mrs. R. W. Copps, is official court reporter of Timmins. Mr. Copps began his career in newspaper work in the composing room of the Daily Press in 1932, at that time staying but a few months with the local daily. Then he worked as a laborer in the steel shop at McIntyre for three years.

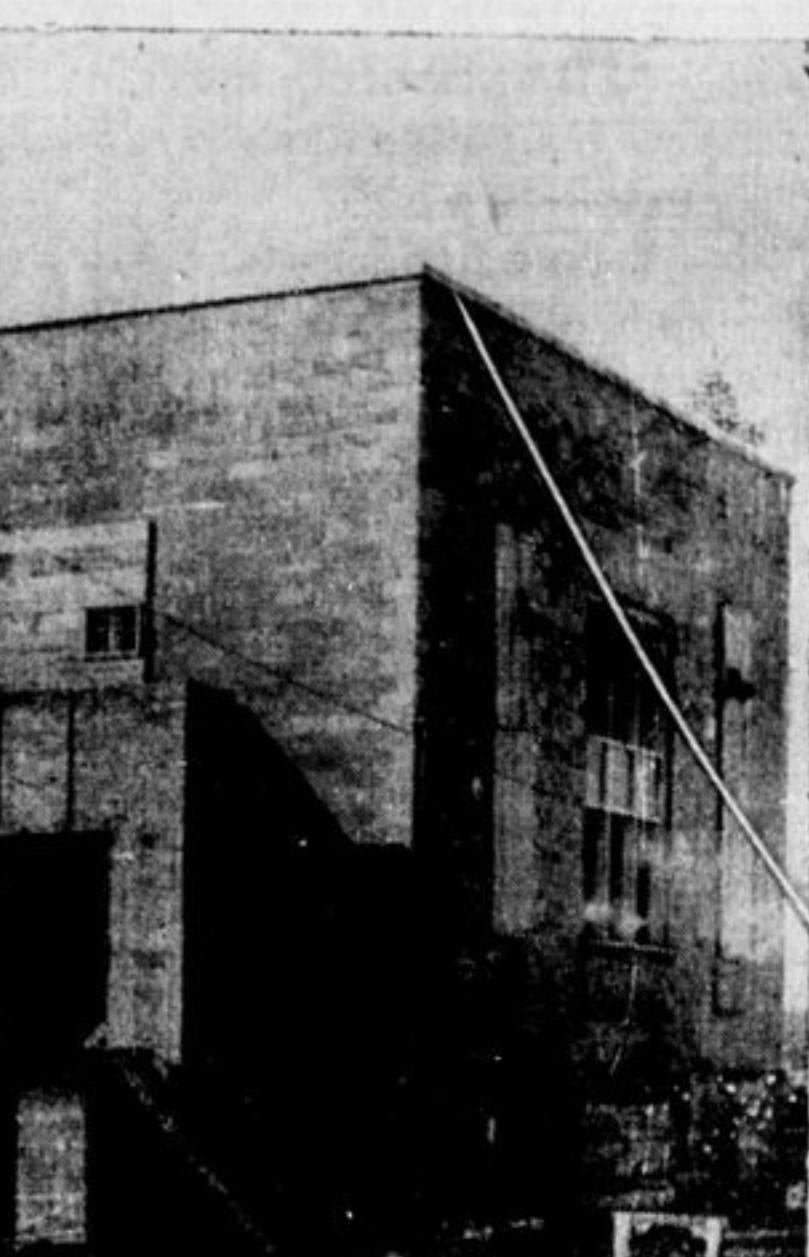
He returned to the local daily as a cub reporter in 1936 and worked his way up to editor. Under his supervision, circulation multiplied itself several times.

During 1944-45 Mr. Copps studied at Columbia University in the U.S., leading his class in journalism and winning a Pulitzer prize. He returned to Canada to become supervisor of the Thomson chain of dailies. Recently he was appointed managing editor of New Liberty magazine.

He was requested to travel to New York to be interviewed by Time Magazine two weeks ago. This week he accepted the offer made by the American publication. In the executive position he will now occupy his salary will run into five figures.

St. Matthew's assessed \$5 Year for Encroachment

Town council decided this week to charge the Anglican diocese of Moosenee \$5 per year for the encroachment on town property of St. Matthew's Pro Cathedral. Council learned last week that the cathedral, which was rebuilt recently, encroached on town



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Council Burns Midnight Oil Working Out Tax Rate

Mayor Carl Eyre and the six members of Timmins town council are up to their ears in toil these days as they work out the town's budget for 1948.

This year the town fathers have been subjected to unusually high demands from the town's departments and supplementary services. The Advance has been informed that council intends by no means to give everyone everything they ask. If council did so the tax rate would skyrocket to a stratospheric level.

What Chas. Moyer Thinks of Reid Robinson

Chicago, Illinois, April 4, 1947 Today, Charles W. Moyer turned in his resignation as International Secretary-Treasurer of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers of America, C.I.O. Moyer was unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer for a term of two years by a referendum vote of the membership last November.

Mr. Moyer issued the following statement: "I have today resigned as International Secretary-Treasurer of International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers of America, C.I.O. because under the present union administration I now find it absolutely impossible to continue to perform my duties to the members of our union. The specific incident which precipitated the resignation was a request by the controlling members of the Executive Board that I join in a false statement about the union and a vicious attack on the C.I.O. I refused."

"I have resigned because my close observation of the present Tribune-Robinson clique running the International has convinced me of the following:

1) The present officers were clearly defeated by the members in the referendum election of November, 1946 and hold office illegally under a false canvassing committee report.

2) The present officers are not interested in legitimate trade union activities. They are pushing the International on a reckless course and leading it to destruction. They are violating the principles of the C.I.O., which I cherish and to which I adhere. They are

Verdict Returned At Noon

Mrs. Clara Irene St. Cyr was declared not guilty of the murder of her husband, Jerome, in their Carlin avenue home, by a jury at Courthouse which returned its verdict at 11.55 this morning. The jury had deliberated since 10.25 and required 90 minutes to reach its decision.

The pale, thin, 95-pound mother of six broke down completely when the verdict was announced. Her sobs rang through the crowded courtroom, as she made the sign of the cross on her bosom.

She walked from the courthouse a free woman at 12.02.

In his charge to the jury, Mr. Justice Genest of the Ontario Supreme Court gave jurymen three alternative verdicts — guilty of murder, guilty of manslaughter or not guilty. Members of the jury from this district were Joe Villeneuve and Bill Arundel, of Timmins, and John Hodges of South Porcupine.

The jury's verdict climaxes a trial which produced evidence of the most sordid nature and brings to an end a story of almost unbelievable brutality and privation.

Waiting to conduct her back to Timmins were Mrs. St. Cyr's two brothers, who rejoiced with her at her acquittal. Mrs. St. Cyr's plans for the future are indefinite.

Mrs. St. Cyr was defended by Gregory T. Evans.

Charge Forgeries Ballot-box Stuffing By Commie Cohorts

One of the most illuminating documents ever to be seen by this writer is a report made in 1946 which describes the manner in which Reid Robinson was elected president of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers that year.

The report was written and signed by Harry Krogulski, Dan McKittrick and Charles A. Davis, minority members of the Canvassing Committee of the union which supervised election voting that year. The canvassing committee consisted of nine members.

According to the report of these three men, Robinson was not legally elected in 1946; he usurped the position legally belonging to James J. Leary after election methods reminiscent of the most vicious vote-rigging of a totalitarian state were used.

The group charged that Robinson gained office by means of:

1. Forgeries
2. Many names signed alike in roll book
3. Stuffed ballot boxes
4. False certification
5. Per capita tax unpaid
6. Ballots marked with rubber stamp
7. Voting of sample ballots
8. Ballots all marked by one person

Incidentally according to the other six members of the Canvassing Committee, obviously pro-Red men, these practices were termed "minor discrepancies."

Said the three members in the minority: "The majority of the committee disregarded the facts and sanctioned improper voting practices in order to declare certain candidates elected."

They charged that Maurice Travis, Communist vice-president of the I. U. M. M. S. W. was elected by the same methods.

The committee charged that election fakaloo had taken place in 25 locals of the union; they listed the local and described the practices "that had taken place in the election."

ballots were all so similar to be identical. Result Robinson 150, Leary 9.

"Local 676: Many of the names in the roll book were written in the same handwriting. The 'x' marks on the ballots were so closely similar as to be identical and had apparently been made by one person. Robinson 162, Leary 12.

"Local 616: It is obvious that only one, at the most two persons, wrote in all the names in the roll book. Robinson 393, Leary 5.

"Local 856: There were 365 names in the roll book and 370 ballots cast. The ballot box was stuffed. Robinson 359, Leary 4.

"Local 583: There were 61 names written in the roll book. Eight names were signed with an 'x', indicating under the union constitution that those eight members could not sign their own names. However, there were 55 write-in votes for Alton Lawrence for secretary-treasurer, indicating that several of the eight members who were supposedly unable to write their own names had been able to write in the name of another person as a candidate. There appeared to be, obvious fraud. Robinson, 69, Leary 0.

"Local 650: There were 188 names in the roll book and 188 votes were cast. There were ten spoiled ballots of which replacements were made. 53 unused ballots were returned to the international, thus making a total of 251 ballots accounted for. However, only 250 ballots were sent out by the international office. Thus one ballot that could not be accounted for and had come from an improper source. This taints the vote with fraud. Robinson, 187, Leary 1.

"Local 843: In checking the ballots it was obvious that they were marked one on top of the other because many of the ballots showed an imprint over an 'x' mark from other ballots marked together and in a pile. This is a clear indication of fraud. Robinson, 187, Leary 1.

"Local 444: The 'x' marks on the

Claim They Weren't Duped by Red Women

As the result of a story which appeared in last week's edition of the Advance concerning the manner in which a number of local organizations were duped into taking part in a concert to celebrate International Women's Day, a delegation of eight women visited the office of the Advance on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Prominent speakers for the group were Mrs. Ray Stephenson, wife of the local organizer of the Labor Progressive party, Mrs. N. Young of Mountjoy United Church, Mrs. H. Bobbie and Mrs. Carl Briggs, president of the local Women's Institute.

They branded the story which had appeared in the Advance completely false in every detail. They claimed that no difficulty had taken place over which steps should be set on the platform nor had there been any misunderstanding over the playing of

concert no arrangements had been made to donate the proceeds to any particular cause and that it was intended to be a free concert to celebrate International Women's Day.

She said that she had suggested that admission be charged and the proceeds given to the Canadian Appeal for Children.

The ladies said that only a few persons had sung "O Canada" at the beginning of the concert, but that this was a common occurrence at most gatherings of every type. They said most of the persons did not know the words or remember them.

"I sang 'O Canada' myself," said Mrs. Stephenson, "I always sing it at occasions like that."

"You say we were duped," said Mrs. Young to the editor, "That is just your opinion."

the Red background of the concert in a statement to the Advance last week, had asked about singing "God Save the King", no one had heard her.

Mrs. Stephenson said that the incident of the flags came about when it was found there was only one flag-holder. She claimed she had phoned several organizations in town seeking for a holder which would support three flags, but without success. Finally Mrs. Bobbie had found a keg, which was filled with sand. "I put the three flags in the keg myself," Mrs. Stephenson said.

It was pointed out that Mrs. J. P. Teeple was the principal speaker of the evening and not Mrs. Garth Teeple.

(Ed. Note: The Advance was mistaken in this matter. Mrs. J. P. Teeple and not Mrs. Garth Teeple was the speaker.)

The ladies asked that a general retraction be made of the story.