

UNION LEADER MAY NOT BE DEPORTED

All Who Testify Against Robinson Must Be Volunteers

Don't be surprised if the Immigration Department fails to make a case against Reid Robinson, eastern vice-president of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, whose case is being heard today at Toronto. Robinson was arrested last week under that section of the Immigration Act which bars persons from Canada who advocate the overthrow of the government by force.

The Advance learned at time of going to press the Department does not feel it has all the evidence it would like against Robinson to export him from Canada under the terms of the act. First the Department must prove that Robinson is a Communist and second that as a Communist he advocates the overthrow of the government.

A weakness in the procedure under which Robinson is being charged became apparent since his arrest, the Advance has learned. This weakness is the inability of the Immigration Department to subpoena witnesses to testify in a hearing of this type. In other words, any person who takes the stand to testify against Robinson will do so on a voluntary basis, except in the case of Royal Canadian Mounted Police constables and Immigration officials.

Due to this fact, the Department has been unable to obtain the type of witnesses it seeks and it appears that a case may not be made against Robinson.

Few if any Canadian witnesses will appear against the union leader and most of the Department's evidence will be based on reports from the United States. This will be documentary evidence to show Robinson was a sponsor of the Communist-front Civil Rights Congress; a signer of a statement on behalf of Communists Earl Browder and Harry Bridges; a signer of a statement defending the Communist Party on March 18, 1945; and a supporter of an number of other Communist fronts of which the following are a sample: American Council on Soviet Relations, Committee to Defend America by Keeping Out of War, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

Whether this type of evidence will be sufficient to bar Robinson is a matter of doubt in a Canadian court, where every effort will be made to give the union leader a fair trial. It is likely that Robinson will argue that thousands of other persons supported the aforementioned Red causes and that this does not constitute proof he is a Communist.

Commercial Flyers Enjoy Excellent Winter Season

Commercial flyers at South Porcupine airport had one of their best winter seasons in years. There has been much activity in flying both prospectors and trappers.

Now they are getting ready for the break-up. Last year winter flying continued almost to May 1, but if the present weather conditions continue it should wind up here within the next two weeks.

"Can't Speak English How Abusive?" Cadi Asks

Two local miners were dismissed on a charge of theft of \$317 from an Estonian DP from A. E. Wick's Lumber Company, but the two men were fined \$50 and costs for assaulting the DP. They faced charges before Magistrate S. Atkinson in police court this week. The men were R. J. O'Gorman and J. J. Allen. They were charged by Vladimir Wassilieu, blond 20-year-old bushworker.

Through an interpreter Wassilieu testified that he became engaged in a scuffle with O'Gorman and Allen when he met them after drinking beer in the Kingston Hotel. He claimed that one of the men had knocked him down as he ran away and that the two of them jumped on him.

Allen and O'Gorman testified that Wassilieu had used abusive language before the girls whom they were accompanying. They denied robbing him and said that he had slipped to the ground while he was running away.

"We've got a man here who can't speak a word of English. How can he use abusive language?" Magistrate S. Atkinson asked, registering a conviction of assault against the miners.

Beaver Trappers Late; They'll Lose Money As Price Drops

Beaver trappers in this district are late in bringing in their skins for sale and as result it appears they are going to lose money. Prime skins sold at the opening of the season for \$63, whereas today they are in the neighborhood of \$40. However a good number of skins have already been presented for stamping at the local office of the Department of Lands and Forests. But trappers have not obtained their quotas of one beaver to a house and many more skins are expected by the time the season closes May 15.

Racketti Attacks Anti-Red Newsmen

In the Voice of the Bush program here Tuesday night Henry Racketti, secretary of local 2995, Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, bitterly denounced Don Cameron, Windsor Star feature writer, as a stooge and hireling of big business.

His voice shaking with emotion, Racketti likened Cameron to "that criminal madman, Adolph Hitler" and inferred that the Star writer should be locked up in a lunatic asylum. Said Racketti: "Apologists of big business and builders of public opinion have their stooges and hirelings. Such a one is Don Cameron, who sees red every minute everywhere, even in his sleep. He was flown North to check Communists and finds them everywhere, even in the bush camps which he has never seen."

Adolph Hitler believed the bigger the lie, the better would people believe. If this criminal madman had been placed in a lunatic asylum millions of people would still be living today. No doubt Don Cameron and his kind are suffering from some similar mental disorder. They repeat their lies and slander in the interests of the same kind of reactionary elements."

Racketti followed the Communist line faithfully through his 15-minute address. In addition to the attack on the Star writer he termed Premier George Drew a fascist. He denounced the King government for arresting Reid Robinson. He defended Madeline Parent and Aurel Beaucage, who were recently sentenced to prison in Quebec for subversive activities. He boosted the Communist-backed Housewives Consumers' League.

He announced that the annual convention of the bush union would be held in Sudbury April 10, 11, 12. He claimed that the union had a paid-up membership of 25,000 bushworkers in the North.

Tongue-Twisters Show Man not Drunk

Can you say "Methodist Episcopal" without slurring the words? Then too, how are you at saying "British constitution"?

Well, if you can say both these phrases without getting your tongue twisted about itself, you can rest assured you are not intoxicated. It is a standard test which doctors employ in measuring a person's sobriety, and was used by Dr. G. C. Armitage in determining whether Edward Ross Small was drunk when he was arrested by police on a charge of drunken driving.

Dr. Armitage said that Small spoke both phrases clearly and without difficulty and that he responded equally well to other tests.

"You can go. You're lucky," said Magistrate S. Atkinson in dismissing the charge.

Dismissed

A local man was dismissed on a charge of theft of Workmen's Compensation cheques when he appeared before Magistrate Atkinson here in police court this week.

ITALIANS HERE OPPOSE REDS

Priest Urges Flock To Write To Italy

Rev. Father Louis Fontana, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Timmins, this week urged all Italians in the Porcupine camp to write their relatives in Italy asking them to reject Communism in the Italian elections to be held April 18.

The popular Italian priest branded Communism a menace not only to the Roman Catholic church but also to all faiths of every Christian denomination, as well as democracy as a whole. He urged local Italians to write or cable their relatives at once describing the mode of life they know under the democratic system here in Canada.

"This is a very important matter," he declared, "There is a very real battle going on in the world today between freedom and slavery. It appears that a crisis in world affairs may occur as the result of the election in Italy. It is the duty of every Italian to do his part to combat the Red menace."

He said that a fund was being established at the present time whereby free cables to relatives in Italy would be made available to any Italian resident of the Porcupine. The fund is obtaining wholehearted public support, not only among the Italian population but among other groups who are con-

scious of the threat of Communism. Initiator of the move to ask relatives in Italy to fight Communism was Johnny G. Mascioli, local insurance man, who began to advertise ten days ago urging his compatriots to write home.

"It is time we people came out and said our piece about these Reds," Mr. Mascioli told the Advance. "They have been getting away with a type of propaganda which will not stand the light of day. I am positive if Italians at home get the facts on the way of life we have here they will think several times before voting for Communists."

Stating that it required five days by air mail for a letter to reach Italy, he urged those intending to write to do so at once; or if not, to take advantage of the cable service immediately.

"Even one letter going into a small Italian village will have a tremendous effect," he stated. "Every person in the town will hear about it and read it. And if ten letters of the same kind should reach such a village it is likely that the Reds won't get a vote in the place. We owe it to our friends and relatives in Italy to give them the truth."



The government's inquiry into the activities of Reid Robinson as an alleged Communist takes place today in Toronto. Robinson is pictured above as he passed through North Bay on the train last week after being taken into custody by an immigration official and two members of the local detachment of the RCMP. The man with his back to the camera is the immigration officer who escorted the union leader to the South. Pictures were supposed to be forbidden, but no one objected when a cameraman of the North Bay Nugget snapped the above photo.

R. J. Ennis Wins Prized Award Of Mine Industry

It was announced this week that R. J. Ennis, manager of McIntyre Porcupine Gold Mines Limited, will receive one of Canada's outstanding awards in the mining industry. The veteran mine manager will receive the International Nickel medal of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy next week at Vancouver.

The highly-prized medal is an annual award inaugurated ten years ago "for meritorious and practical contributions of outstanding importance to the mining and metallurgical industry of Canada." The medal will be presented to Mr. Ennis at a banquet next Tuesday evening.

The medal goes to Mr. Ennis after being nominated for the award by every mine manager of the Porcupine, as well as the district's leading engineers. Mr. Ennis has had a remarkable record in the gold mining industry. He has led the McIntyre organization for the past 36 years and has the longest continuous record of mine manager known in Canada. He has supervised the production of more than \$173,000,000 in gold up to the end of 1947. He came to the Porcupine to build and operate a mill in the Summer of 1911. In that year the gold production of all Ontario was only \$42,637. He became assistant manager in 1912 and manager soon after. He has been vice-president and general manager of McIntyre since 1941.

The recommendation through which Mr. Ennis is to receive the award states: "His name is coupled with all McIntyre achievements such as: (a) The development of a great, world-famous gold mine from a struggling prospect in the Northern Ontario bush.

(b) Milling developments from the introduction of ball milling to a complete new 1931 mill treating gold ores by frothing and cyanidation of the milling, research and addition of more fine crushing and tankage equipment in 1946-47.

(c) Deep mine development with the first Ontario shaft to a depth of over 4,000 feet and with the heavy hoisting equipment involved.

(d) Introduction of the cut and fill mining methods, the underground mechanization of 1946-47 and the deeper development program now underway with the sub-shaft now down to the 7,000 foot level. The appropriation for this present deep work is \$1,000,000.

(e) The maintenance of gold production and the rehabilitation of working forces since the war.

Long Session

Tuesday's court session here was the longest to date this year. It was 5:30 p.m. before Magistrate S. Atkinson finished dealing with the last case on the

Good Samaritans Come To Aid Of Ill Newsboy

The day of the Good Samaritan is not over. Late last week when a local newsboy became ill in a town hotel while selling his papers, a group of local businessmen came to his rescue. While two men tended the lad and called a doctor, a third man took the boy's papers and sold them throughout the hotel. He sold sixteen consecutive papers in the one room with only one refusal.

Local Band Member Leaves For South

Ken Cambridge, who has been landscape gardener at the McIntyre for some time past, left this week to take a similar position on a Burlington estate near Hamilton. Previous to his departure, he was "called on the carpet" by the Timmins Citizen's Band, and presented with a fountain pen and an address to mark the appreciation of the band members for his valuable and faithful services during the past fifteen years.

Bandmaster F. J. Wolno read the address and made the presentation, and Bandsman Cambridge was showered with good wishes for his future from all members of the band.

Aubry Wants Second Story Above Market For TCAC

The cheapest way to provide quarters for the TCAC to conduct its activities in boxing, weight-lifting and other sports would be to build a second story on the Timmins Farmer's Market at the corner of Mountjoy St. S. and Second avenue, according to councillor Urbein Aubry.

Mr. Aubry made this suggestion at this week's meeting of the TCAC and urged that the town be asked to issue \$15,000 in debentures to pay for the addition. His suggestion received the unanimous approval of other members of the TCAC.

At the present time the TCAC is paying \$350 per month for its gym at 66 Third avenue.

"An addition above the Farmers Market would give us better quarters and it would be much cheaper in the long run," Mr. Aubry said. He will present the matter for consideration at the next meeting of council.

R.E. Dye Shares Report On Mine Hoist Safety

Shortly after the Paymaster hoisting disaster three years ago, separate committees representing scientists and mine operators respectively, were set up to determine the cause, and to recommend changes that might prevent further accidents. The cause was found to be corrosion of the internal wires, which could not be detected at the surface.

A report on preventive measures will be made next week to the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy at its Jubilee Meeting in Vancouver by R. E. Dye manager of Dome Mine, R. D. Parker and R. L. Healy, the committee appointed by the mine operators, in a paper entitled "Hoisting Rope Research in Ontario Mines."

"Since then (the Paymaster accident) a great deal of research into hoisting problems has been done, not only by the investigating committees but by individual mining companies, mining equipment rope manufacturers, and engineering companies. The work is not yet completed, but great advances have been made and hoisting practices are steadily being improved," the report states.

Particular emphasis has been placed on the cause and prevention of corrosion, which has been found the chief culprit in the deterioration of the ropes. The corrosion is caused by electrolytic reactions in the interior of the rope, after moisture has penetrated beneath the surface. Two ways of forestalling this corrosion are pointed out in the paper. One is to keep dripping water and moist air out of the hoisting compartments, so that wetting of the ropes may be reduced. The other way is to use lubricants and additions to the lubricants within the rope will prevent the electrolytic reactions responsible for consuming the steel wires. It is expected that the adoption of these two means will be effective in forestalling damage from corrosion.

The report gives a good deal of detailed information, and it will be studied carefully by hundreds of mining men in this and other countries.

Good Employment Prospects - Charron

All district mines will have experienced miners at the present, George Charron, director of the National Employment office here, said today. He said that with the end of the power shortage a large demand for mine labor should take place in the near future as mines attempt to increase production.

"Construction work is already beginning to open up," he said. "It appears to me there will be a possible labor shortage here within a month. The employment picture is far from gloomy."

New Legion Hall To Open July 1st

The new Legion Memorial Hall on Algonquin Boulevard E. will be officially opened July 1. This was decided at Branch 88's membership meeting on Tuesday evening.

Special preparations will be made to celebrate this long-awaited day among the district's vets and a special meeting to discuss plans for the day will be held this evening in the Legion Hall, Cedar street.

President Bill Shields said this morning that the clean-up campaign for funds which ended yesterday was a decided success. Only pledges remain to be followed up. He said that the branch would make a formal financial report to the public in the near future.

Bush Union Raps Tax on Amusements.

Latest target at which the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union is leveling its guns is the 20 percent amusement tax. The following wires were sent yesterday by Local 2995, LSWU.

Premier George A. Drew, K.C., Parliament Buildings, Queen's Park, Toronto.

In the name of thousands of bushworkers we wish to register our profound opposition to your proposed adoption of a Bill which would continue under provincial jurisdiction the twenty percent Amusement Tax, for we believe it is against the interests of our province.

LUMBER AND SAWMILL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 2995, Mr. Wm. Grummett, M.P.P., Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

AND Mr. J. A. Habel, M.P.P., Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

We request your opposition on the floor of Parliament to the adoption of the Bill before the Legislature which would continue under provincial jurisdiction the twenty percent Wartime Amusement Tax levied by the Federal Government in 1941.

Bill Gets Final Reading; Council Shorn Of Its Power

Control of bus fares within a three-mile radius of Timmins has definitely been removed from the hands of the local town council. The amendment to the Municipal Act depriving council of this power received its third and final reading last week at Queen's Park. However, control of fares within the municipality still rests in the hands of the town fathers.