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DIV. FILE NO. [REDACTED]

Montreal, May 7, 1946.

H. Q. FILE NO. [REDACTED]
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The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA.

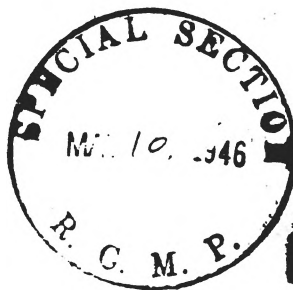
Re: CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.
AMENDED TO:
CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE,
Montreal, P.Q.

1. You will please find enclosed a self-explanatory newspaper clipping taken from the Montreal Standard of the 4th instant. In this same regard, your attention is drawn to the recent formation of the Civil Liberties Committee in Montreal, which group will undoubtedly follow a program identical to that of the former "Civil Liberties Union".

2. Your attention is drawn to the fact that most of the persons responsible for the establishment of this Committee have at one time or other participated in left-wing activities. In view of this, the Committee will be borne in mind and any of its future activities will be duly reported upon.

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Nemo Inspr.,
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MEMORANDUM TO:

INSPECTOR PARSONS

Re: Civil Liberties Committee,
Montreal, P.Q.

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(C.C. Winmill), Cpl.

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Montreal, P. Q., May 23, 1966

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CONFIDENTIALThe Commissioner,
RCMP - OTTAWARe: CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE,
Montreal, P. Q.

1. Further to my memorandum of the 7th inst. enclosing a clipping giving pertinent details relevant to the formation of a Civil Liberties Committee in Montreal, I am enclosing herewith another Press release taken from the Montreal Standard of Saturday, May 18th.

2. The original Committee named to proceed with the formation of such a group sponsored a meeting in Channing Hall, Church of the Messiah, on the 17th inst. Approximately 200 persons attended this event and an Executive Committee was duly elected, which Committee is made up of individuals [REDACTED]

3. At the outset of this week, the formation of this Civil Liberties Association was publicized in the news broadcasts emanating from radio stations in this locality. In this same regard, it was indicated in these broadcasts that this particular Association had been formed as a result of the recent detention of suspects in the espionage enquiry. These announcements interpreted the Association as wishing to take the necessary steps in order to protest the detention of persons without proper legal authority and also to prevent a reoccurrence of such tactics.

4. It will be appreciated that the Association is still in the stages of being formed and consequently it is very difficult to obtain much information relevant to same, however, the matter is being born in mind and future reports will follow.

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Insp.,

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CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

17-12-46

Montreal, P.Q., December 17th, 1946.

THE COMMISSIONER,
RCMP - OTTAWA.

Re: [REDACTED]

1. I am attaching a clipping taken from the Montreal
Daily Star of the 9-12-46, relative to the captionally named,
who has recently repeatedly come to our attention for his
activities with certain movements inclined to lean toward the
left. [REDACTED]

4. During the early part of the month of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Civil Liberties Association, an organization formed to fight
against violations of the rights of the individuals. On this
same Committee, there are a number of left wing sympathizers.
for example: [REDACTED]

In this connection, your attention is
directed to Headquarters' file [REDACTED] Division file
[REDACTED] Press clippings from the Montreal Standard
forwarded together with my covering memoranda dated 4-5-46 and
18-5-46.

(M. Courtois) Insp.,
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PROVINCE _____ DATE 17-12-46

RE: Civil Liberties Association,
Montreal, P.Q.

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1. A meeting was held at the Monument National Hall, 1182 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal, by the Civil Liberties Association and the following speakers took part:

[REDACTED]

2. There were 28 persons on the platform including those mentioned above. Some of the others were:

[REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] opened the meeting by explaining the purpose of it which was to protest the action taken by Premier Maurice Duplessis in the matter of [REDACTED] as well as Duplessis' general policy toward the working class of people. He stressed the point that this was not a political meeting, but one which all creeds, races and political persuasions could voice their protests against unfair government administration and urged all present to voice their resentment. [REDACTED] then took the floor and spoke briefly [REDACTED] and apparently the gist of her remarks were similar to that of [REDACTED].

4. [REDACTED] then spoke [REDACTED] and during his speech, disturbances broke out in the audience, obviously created by an opposing faction intentionally. There appeared to be approximately 30 members present who favoured the Duplessis regime and it seemed that at one time [REDACTED] referred to Duplessis in an unfavourable way, this group of men would deride the speaker very loudly. After this interference was repeated two or three times, some person in the audience started the slogan "Let's put them out" and presently some seventy-five of the male audience started back to the portion of the hall from which the derision originated. The ones causing the noise apparently left the hall and the men came back to their seats a short time later. This scene was repeated two or three times during [REDACTED] speech but no violence was noted.

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5. [REDACTED] then spoke [REDACTED] and while his speech was "pro-Progressive-Conservative", he nevertheless criticized Mr. Duplessis for his action against [REDACTED]. He pointed out that such action is definite discrimination and is contrary to a democratic state. He strongly urged all in attendance to protest this action to Mr. Duplessis and intimated that Mr. Duplessis would accept such advice in the proper light. He denounced Fascism, Communism and all such forms of government, and intimated that if such action became prevalent in Canada, it would pave the way for either Fascism or Communism to gain sway here, which as he related, would be disastrous.

6. [REDACTED] then spoke [REDACTED] seemed to speak in a way which was considered favourable by the audience. They spoke very demonstratively and it could easily be seen that they were severely criticizing Duplessis. [REDACTED] also outlined the purpose of the cards which were being distributed throughout the hall (enclosure). The purpose of these cards can readily be seen and they were obviously meant to enlarge the Montreal Civil Liberties Association.

7. [REDACTED] then spoke briefly and outlined the way Mr. Duplessis had exceeded his authority in [REDACTED]. He stressed the fact that the Civil Liberties Association as well as all citizens should protest this action strongly as it was a definite infringement upon the rights of Canadian citizens.

8. While the cards which were distributed were being gathered together with donations, [REDACTED] spoke. His remarks were very brief and he urged all to be generous to that the organization, which had the rights of the citizens at heart, might carry on in its fight against such discriminations as the recent case of [REDACTED]. He then introduced the main speaker, the Honourable Mr. C.J. Power, M.P.

9. When Mr. Power took his place before the microphone, a long loud round of applause was given him as well as community singing on the part of the audience--one song in French and one song in English. Mr. Power's speech was quite subtle in that he criticized the Federal Government and the Quebec Provincial Government indirectly. While dealing with the short-comings of the Federal Government, Mr. Power stated that during the war, it was compulsory for the Administration at Ottawa, to adopt severe tactics and "fight fire with fire". However, now that the war is over, he believed that the extreme theories adopted during the war, should be abolished and normal procedure adopted. However, he asserted this was not the case as "Ottawa" not only condoned, but authorized persons to be arrested and denied their freedom--denied their usual legal rights of counsel--and kept in confinement for a period of time without being made fully aware of the cause of such action. This he claimed was contrary to the principles of democracy which in point of fact, tended to defeat the principle of democracy under which form of government we choose to live and fight. Mr. Power continued by criticizing the action of Mr. Duplessis and stated that if such legislation was practised constantly (referring to discrimination), the result would be chaotic. He pointed out that even though very few of the people of the country were in sympathy with the Witnesses of Jehovah, he nevertheless saw no reason why they, not having been declared to be an illegal sect, are not allowed to practise their beliefs in a way which our democratic way of life

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affords. He continued by saying that he was a humble member of the Church, but that he was unaware of the fact that Mr. Duplessis had been elevated to the rank of Defender of the Faith. By this remark, it was obvious that Mr. Power while being a catholic, was not obliged to accept the actions of Mr. Duplessis as being those of the Catholic Church, as Mr. Duplessis had no such authority. Until such time, he continued, as discrimination is abolished, and thoughtless administration prevails, true peace, solidity and democracy could be enjoyed.

10. A petition which had been drawn up, was then read to audience and which the majority of them favoured. The essence of this petition was that the people protested the action of Mr. Duplessis in [redacted] and insisted that [redacted] be returned to [redacted]

11. During the meeting, a telegram was received from [redacted] complimenting the Montreal Civil Liberties Association in their endeavour.

12. The meeting was closed with the singing of "God Save King" and "O Canada".

13. Upon leaving the hall, it was noticed that several of the Montreal City Police were outside but no violence was noted.

The Commissioner,
RCMP - OTTAWA

(P. Isber) # 1405

1. Forwarded together with a specimen of a blank application card for membership to the Montreal Civil Liberties Association distributed at this meeting. You will also find appended to this report the following newspaper clippings:

Montreal Daily Star	of the	7-12-46
Montreal Gazette	" "	11-12-46
Montreal Daily Star	" "	11-12-46
Montreal Gazette	" "	13-12-46 (two clippings)
Montreal Daily Star	" "	13-12-46

2. This mass rally was called in protest to the recent [redacted]

The action taken by the Provincial Government in this regard has been adversely criticized in the local press as well as at this meeting. Persons known to be connected with the Left-wing movement in Montreal have been displaying much interest in the Civil Liberties Association and I am informed that numerous members of the Labour Progressive Party were seen in attendance at the convocation.

[redacted] was seen in the hall as well as Louis KON, another prominent supporter of most Left-wing activities in this province.

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Montreal, P. Q.

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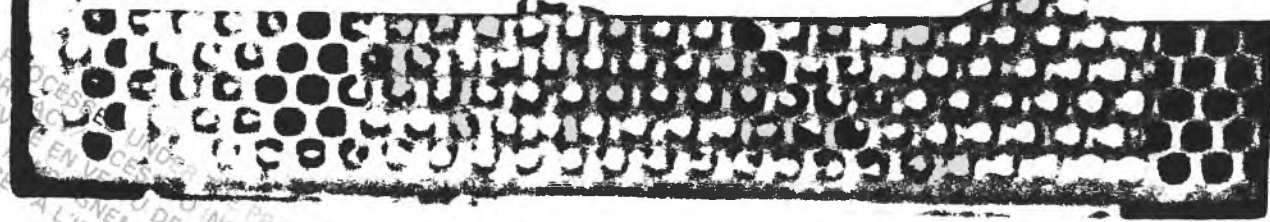
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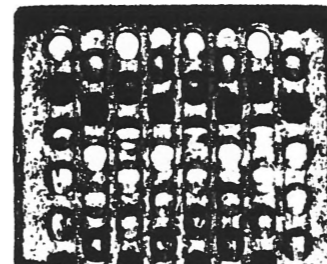
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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

H.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: 18-9-47

DIV. FILE No: [REDACTED]

DETACHMENT: Montreal

RE: Next-of-Kin Association

1. With reference to the above, I wish to report [REDACTED] inquiries were conducted relative to the above noted Association as well as to [REDACTED] and the information related below was obtained.

5. From [REDACTED] conducted by the writer and information obtained [REDACTED] it was learned that the Next-of-Kin Association was started in Montreal by a group of persons affiliated with the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order (FCSO), including members of the Jewish Assistance Social Agencies, the United Jewish People's Order and a branch of the FCSO established and known as the Civil Liberties Association. Persons from the aforementioned groups in Montreal, are alleged to have assumed the organization of the Next-of-Kin Association and developed it along with the so-called North-End Forum of the LPP (North-End).

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(Sgd) J. J. P. Bourgault, A/Cpl.
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ORIGINAL ON: [REDACTED]

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To see sender, please
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Remarks of Sender. *The attached report is
the meeting at which Hon. [redacted]
was the chief speaker.
The meeting was called to protest
Mr. Duplessis' actions concerning the
Witwines. This is a "Pink" organization
as you know.*

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Confidential

DATE: May 1, 1948

DIV. FILE No: [REDACTED]

DETACHMENT: Quebec

RE: [REDACTED]

1. In connection with the above and further to previous correspondence in this matter, investigation has been continued with the following results:

6. [REDACTED]

It is therefore presumed [REDACTED] member of the Party or a sympathizer. In letter dated Dec. 5th, 1946, [REDACTED] enquiries about Civil Liberties Association. Very little information is available concerning this Association other than that a meeting was held several months ago on St.-Joseph, St. which was presided by [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]

L.R. Parent Const. # 14121

ORIGINAL ON: [REDACTED] 1-5-48

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EXTRACT FORM 3

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS**

EXTRACT RE: CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE

HIS FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Canadian Tribune,

DATE: 1-5-48

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CLIPPING FROM CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE

ISSUE OF: 1-5-48

CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE ATTACKS PADLOCK LAW

MONTREAL

A Civil Rights League whose aim will be to safeguard democratic liberties in Quebec will be established shortly as a permanent organization following preliminary conferences held here last week of leading clergymen, labor officials, artists, writers and public-minded citizens who have become alarmed at the increasing violations of civil rights in this province. Aiming its main fire at the Padlock Law, the Civil Rights League declares that "an impossible situation" has been created by its use.

"That iniquitous piece of legislation known as the Padlock Law places dictatorial powers in the hands of one individual-- Attorney-General Maurice Duplessis...It smacks too much of the Hitler technique."

The conference which decided to draft a constitution for a Civil Rights League and to convene a public meeting to arouse public opinion to the dangerous state of civil liberties in Quebec, was initiated by the following:.....

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ORIGINAL ON: [REDACTED]

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EXTRACT MADE BY: M.L.

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H Q FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

DATE: 4-4-49

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and constant attacks on all sections of the trade union movement. Cancellation of certifications, refusal to grant certification, arrests, declaring of strikes illegal, use of the police to smash picket lines were some of the many forms which these attacks took.

It was against this background that Duplessis introduced his slave-labor code in the Quebec legislature. The military united front formed by the three sections of the trade union movement, AFL, CCL and Catholic syndicates, which Duplessis evoked with this Bill, forced him to withdraw it for the time being at least.

It is clear that ever growing sections of the trade union movement and of the people generally, today recognize Duplessis for what he is - the spearhead of reaction and the front man for fascism. The "Communist bogey" technique is no longer a magic formula whereby reaction can split the democratic forces at will. Red-baiting is still a powerful weapon in the hands of reaction which cannot be ignored. But it is losing its power and will continue to lose it in the measure that it is fought and exposed for what it is - a means to split and disarm the labor and progressive movement in the face of big capital's drive to war and fascism. To put it as one right-wing trade union leader expressed it recently - "he knew that if so and so (a Communist trade union leader) hanged he would hang alongside of him."

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Duplessis himself is helping to drive this fact home. Just recently he called the CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION of Montreal a Communist organization. "These Civil Liberties League," he said, "are simply Camouflaged Communist organizations." This particular group has bent over backwards so far to make sure it had no possible association with anybody remotely resembling a Communist.

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EXTRACT MADE BY:

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Not Identified

DATE: 4-10-49

DIV. FILE NO:

DETACHMENT:

RE: Workers Educational League,
Montreal, P. Q.

WESTMOUNT
Special Branch

1. With reference to the caption, the above named organization which appeared to be a newly formed group, with [REDACTED] as President, was held at L'Assistance Publique Hall, 460 Jagauchetiere St. E., on the evening of the 28-9-49, to protest publicly the increase of street railway fares imposed by the Montreal Tramway Co. This meeting was attended by [REDACTED] approximately 90 persons were in attendance.

2. The assembly was brought to order at 8.40 P. M. by the [REDACTED] who introduced the speaker of the evening, [REDACTED] speaker and [REDACTED] speaker. It may be of interest to this file to note that [REDACTED] have [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]... With reference to our Divisional file #C 945/1-14 (2) Caption Civil Liberties Association, report dated 4-5-46 - one [REDACTED] was elected to the Committee of Civil Liberties Association. It is pointed out that most of the persons responsible for this Committee have at one time or another participated in subversive activities.

Div. File [REDACTED] Caption Canadian Congress of Labour report dated 29-6-46, [REDACTED] is mentioned in a clipping taken from Montreal Star relevant to the Convention of the Canadian Congress of Labour held at Toronto is as follows-- [REDACTED] Quebec Regional Director said that use of a State power by "Monopolistic forces and big interests" to crush strikes was "another tie-up of big business and its stooge in Ottawa, Mackenzie King".

Div. File [REDACTED] Caption Canadian Congress of Labour report dated 30-1-47. In a clipping taken from the Montreal Gazette, [REDACTED] Delegates requested that Duplessis adopt a National Labour Code which would tend towards nationalization of wages, etc.

[REDACTED]... Reference is made to our file [REDACTED] Caption: League against War & Fascism report dated 19-5-35, One [REDACTED] was one of the speakers at a rally held at the St. James St. Market Hall May 17th, 1935.

[REDACTED]... One [REDACTED], is mentioned on our file [REDACTED] report dated 27-4-40, File [REDACTED] report dated 23-10-39 and File [REDACTED] report dated 26-5-41. However, since [REDACTED] he could not possibly be identical to [REDACTED]

Signed: R. W. Ross #15435. 3/Cst.

ORIGINAL ON [REDACTED] 4-10-49 EXTRACT MADE BY: AC

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Extract from Montreal report dated December 14th, 1949
on [REDACTED] - Labor Progressive Party -
Quebec Province. (M[REDACTED] No. [REDACTED])

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Paragraph 5

[REDACTED] stated that the National Executive Committee believed that all provinces should send their delegates to Ottawa on February 10th, 1950. He announced that a conference to deal with Civil Liberties would take place in the capital on that date and believed that [REDACTED] should be considered for appointment or election as Chairman of this movement that will be launched on a national scale. He called upon the approval of the Provincial Executive Committee to have [REDACTED] given such a function. It was decided that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would soon interview [REDACTED] and offer her the chairmanship of the Civil Liberties movement that will get underway next February.

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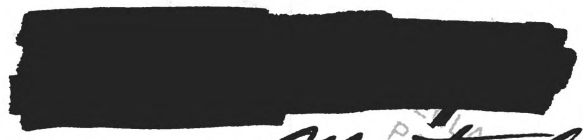
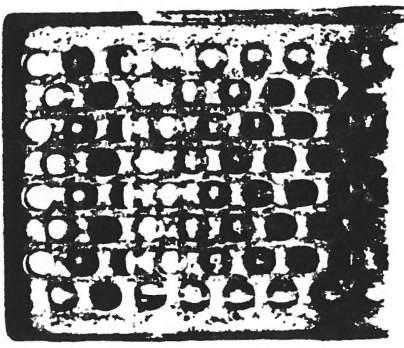
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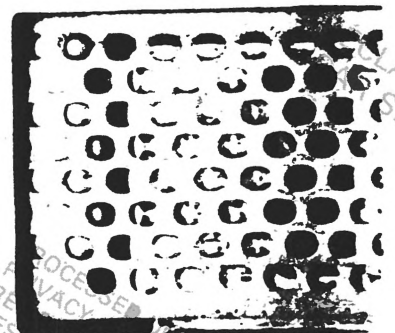


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RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.

H.Q. File: [REDACTED]

DATE: 22-6-46

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Re: [REDACTED]

Further to the memorandum of February 20, a report of July, 1945 in connection with the Ottawa Council for Canadian Soviet Friendship mentioned that [REDACTED] was an employee of [REDACTED]

Who was formerly employed by the [REDACTED] but [REDACTED]

She apparently acted as [REDACTED] and at the time she was so active, [REDACTED] was one of two vice-chairmen.

Many reputable individuals are connected with the Civil Liberties Union but the Communist element have been able to secure key positions and were thus able to take an active part in campaigns concerning the Defence of Canada Regulations, internments, etc.

(Sgd.) J.H. Pepper, S/Sgt.
21-2-46.

Original On: [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM TO:

Inspector Leopold.

Re: Civil Liberties Union
Canada Generally.

Known Communists in the above
noted organization are:

P.Q. - Several "fellow travellers"

Montreal

Ont.

Ottawa
Toronto

- Several "fellow travellers"
- Several "fellow travellers"

*Please see Memo of
23.8.46. opposite on file.*

Winnmill
(C.C. Winnmill), Sgt.

- 19-5-47.

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[REDACTED] in the absence of Rev. W. H. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was elected pro tem secretary. [REDACTED] was named as honorary president. It was stated that no Dominion-wide organization existed but that civil liberties groups were in Winnipeg, Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal. It is stated that the Ottawa group was patterned closely to that organized in Toronto. Senator Arthur W. Roebuck, K.C., M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, John G. Diefenbaker, K.C. and Blair Fraser, Ottawa representative of Macleans' Publishing Co. addressed the gathering held on May 15th, each speaker lauding the initiation of the movement. Mrs. Gladys Strum, M.P. and Hon. Solon Low, M.P. also expressed sympathy to the movement through the press. A fact-finding committee was also appointed to obtain data concerning the espionage enquiry and a report from this committee was submitted showing alleged breaches of Civil Liberties by the R.C.M.P. Police and the Royal Commission.

At Toronto, early in May, 1946, an association was formed calling itself "Emergency Committee for Civil Rights". Its executive consists of [REDACTED]

Leopold Infeld.

Professor Infeld, a Polish Jew teaching Applied Science at Toronto University who is a pro-Communist supporter of the Lublin Govt. Full-page advertisements appeared in the Toronto Globe and Mail of 10-5-46 under the heading "To Defend Civil Rights" paid for by this Committee and friends. Its chief agitation was against the Kellock-Taschereau Commission on espionage. The advertisements quote a passage from the Great Charter of 1215 A.D. also five civil rights according to the Canadian Bar Association report of 1944.

The Committee proposed action for the following purposes:-

- (1) To conduct an educational program so as to remove as far as possible the prejudices caused the defendants. (In the espionage arrests).
 - (a) by the manner of their interrogation prior to trial.
 - (b) by the way in which their cases have been publicly prejudged by the findings of the Kellock-Taschereau Commission.
 - (c) by the fact that the Commission has continued to hear witnesses in relation to matters now before [REDACTED]

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the courts.

(2) To set forth the basic civil rights of Canadians and to take steps to protect every Canadian from the arbitrary suspension of these rights.

(3) To set up an Emergency Civil rights fund for the above purposes and have legal and technical assistance if needed.

8. Its main purpose would appear to be an attempt to embarrass the Federal Government. No information is on hand regarding new committees being formed at Winnipeg or Vancouver, nor activity being shown to date in these respective cities.

C. C. Winmill
(C. C. Winmill), Sgt.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMY

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The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Justice Building,
O T T A W A.

Attn: Special Section

Booklet - Freedom for the Forces News 134836

Attached hereto for your information is a booklet written by ex-S/Sgt R.J. SPECTOR and published by the National Council for Civil Liberties.

2. It will be observed that the general tone of the booklet calls for a greater freedom of political activity on behalf of serving members of the Armed Forces. The forces referred to are of course British Forces but, inasmuch as similar regulations apply to the Canadian Armed Forces, the remarks contained in the booklet could be made apply to Canadian Forces.

3. It is also of interest to note that several references are made to MI-5 and attention is invited to the following pages, 11-12-13-26-27-29 and 30.

4. So far as can be ascertained, the only place where this booklet is available is the Progress Publishing Company, 95 King Street, East, Toronto, Ont., which has been known in the past to be an outlet for Communist literature.

5. It would be appreciated if the booklet could be returned when it has served its purpose, please.

Colonel, GS
Director of Military Intelligence.

Encl.

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LABOUR PROGRESSIVE PARTY, [REDACTED], P.Q.
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A. R. V. NO.

SPECIAL BRANCH
 FEB 25
 R. C. M. P.

DIARY DATE

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1. With reference to the above and to Montreal memo dated January 27th, together with clipping from the Canadian Tribune, as well as [REDACTED] report dated February 3rd, the following is submitted for your information.

2. It has now been ascertained this Party is very active in this Area. In the Canadian Tribune clipping, reference is made to [REDACTED] having formed the Popular Unity Club. No information is yet available concerning this club. However, [REDACTED] has now been linked to [REDACTED]. Last week, [REDACTED], employed at [REDACTED] called Lawyer [REDACTED] asking him to call [REDACTED] at telephone number [REDACTED] concerning his conversation with her of that morning. It has been ascertained [REDACTED] telephone number is [REDACTED].

3. Reference is then made to the support received from the C.S.U., [REDACTED] was formerly the organizer of this Union but he has left for Montreal some six months ago. He was replaced by one [REDACTED] is very active in this Area and can be placed as the most dangerous communist in Quebec. His Union comprises some 100 members in Quebec with a few convinced followers. [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] and has [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] also reported to be from [REDACTED]. Information has been received that [REDACTED] organized a strike aboard a ship last Fall and the only reason the strike was cancelled was because he was refused shelter for the Seamen at the British Seamen's Institute.

4. Although [REDACTED] has been [REDACTED] for the past six months, he has succeeded [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] protestant sur la hausse des prix". In this article, [REDACTED] is reported as the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] representing the [REDACTED]. This Federated Council has been the subject of a lengthy investigation and it is now definite that it is affiliated to the American Federation of Labour. A very reliable contact has now been introduced in this Federated Council and there is no doubt whatsoever that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED].

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.....publication can now be obtained. All future publications will however be obtained in duplicate or more if possible, and one copy will be forwarded to Montreal.

7. [redacted] and [redacted] will be submitted in due course. Information has recently been obtained from the contact to the effect [redacted] has left [redacted] to proceed to Montreal and then to Toronto to attend the [redacted]. An article is published on Page 1 in "Search Light" dated January 26th, 1948, which is the Seamen's Publication in Montreal concerning this Convention. Here it is related how [redacted] and [redacted] are the organizers for Quebec and Gaspe. Information is also contained therein to the effect an invitation has been addressed to [redacted] from the United States. [redacted] answered that he would do his utmost to attend. At this Convention, it is [redacted] intention to try and have the Three-Rivers District annexed to his Area. He now has Rimouski, Riviere du Loup and Port-Arthur in his Area. During [redacted] absence, one [redacted] is replacing him at the [redacted]. [redacted] is the one who presided at the meeting of the Civil Liberties Association, mentioned in the Canadian Tribune, article forwarded by Montreal under the above caption dated January 27th. Very little is known about him to-date.

8. In the Canadian Tribune article, there is mentioned that the International Fur and Leather Workers Union was also supporting the Popular Unity Club. This group is apparently headed by [redacted] possibly assisted by [redacted] Architects, but was dismissed two years ago due to his communistic ideas. At that time, he was on the salary of \$50.00 a week. He has since been employed by [redacted]. It has lately been ascertained that [redacted] has made a remark that he was [redacted], due to his absence from work and that he was communistically inclined. For these reasons, he intends dismissing [redacted] in the near future. More information is now expected relative to [redacted] activities.

9. In para. 4 of [redacted] report, it will be noted that [redacted] reports that the Canadian Seamen's Union is doing the Organizational work for the Party in Quebec City. This has been explained above. As previously reported, "Le Combat" of January 31st contains the article protesting on the raise in Cost of Living supported by the Federated Council of Trades and Labour.

10. Most recent information obtained from confidential contact indicates there is a rumour now circulating in Union circles that an attempt will be made to have [redacted] elected to the Presidency of the Provincial Federation of Labour affiliated to the A.F. of L. at the annual Convention to be held in Quebec City or Grandby in May or June of this year. This is very much against the wish of Union Leaders at the Quebec Power at this Point..

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DIVISION [REDACTED] DIVISION FILE NO. [REDACTED]
SUB-DIVISION [REDACTED] DETACHMENT [REDACTED]
PROVINCE [REDACTED] DATE 28-8-68

RE: LABOUR PROGRESSIVE PARTY,
Quebec Generally

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A. R. V. No.

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1. The L.P.P. Provincial Committee held a meeting on the 20th instant at 5321 Park Avenue, Montreal. Were present:

[REDACTED] who came in around 10.00 P.M. just arriving from the Harbour where he had met some comrades who were working aboard a ship which had docked that day. I believe that [REDACTED] was not present because he was [REDACTED] was attending [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] was the first to speak. He reported on the activities of the Party which had taken place since the last convention was held. He passed in review the different attacks by the reaction against the Party. He mentioned the enforcement of the padlock law against the newspaper "Le Combat" and the Party offices of the French Section; the case of the Italian lottery tickets in which [REDACTED] the raid on Delavizier Street conducted by the Quebec Provincial Police and the frequent adjournments in the court case with a view to immobilize the members' money and also to create intimidation which has succeeded to a certain extent; the Incevic Bill presented in the House of Commons which will have two more readings before the end of the session. All these things added [REDACTED], have contributed to render the Party work much more difficult, however, the bourgeoisie is fracturing. It was proven, when a request was made by the Party to stage a May Day Parade on Phillips Square which request caused the total mobilization of the Montreal City Police on that day.

3. [REDACTED] then spoke on the future activities of the Party regarding the struggle for peace. He said, that the little bourgeoisie in this Province is forming a movement against war and conscription. The Catholic Syndicates have pronounced themselves against war through their President [REDACTED]. The Provincial Trades & Labour Congress will soon take place and our Party will see that this question is raised. He then stated that the Party will even support the Social Credit in Quebec on this question since these last mentioned have pronounced themselves against war. In resuming, he added that we would have to co-operate with all the associations or groups which will be opposed to war.

4. [REDACTED] said that a new association of civil rights would be formed since the present one does absolutely nothing and its purpose is to prevent the formation of another association which would raise the public opinion on the action against the Party. In this connection, he added, it will be in order to gather a group of open-minded persons who are not Party members and who will agree to do a certain work. We have the approbation of some Reverends, of [REDACTED] and of many other persons who have promised their support in an organization of the kind.

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5. The provincial leader then said that the working methods regarding the weekly Wednesday night meetings would be changed. From now on, we will endeavour to find out where it will be possible to hold a small meeting of some twelve persons every Wednesday night and our work will be for those present to go out and ring the doors in the vicinity and invite peoples to a meeting which would be held the next evening. The names and addresses of those who will accept to attend will be taken and on Thursday, we shall call upon at the same addresses telling the people that we are coming to bring them to the meeting. In this manner, we believe that we can force the people to attend our meetings. The subjects to be discussed will be: "Peace", "Against Conscription", "Lowering of Prices", "Raise in Salaries" and "Housing Conditions".

6. A report was then given by [redacted] on the political situation in the North-West of the Province. He declared that he had just arrived from the Abitibi district where he had visited the main localities of that region. The main political issue up there is said to be for the C.C.P. to gain the control of the labour movement in the mining regions of Ontario as well as of Quebec. It was a total defeat for the C.C.P. He added that the strongest Party at the present time in the mining regions, was the Social Credit. Our Party he declared, has implemented "l'Union des Electeurs" (Electors' Union), and today, we have to face the fact that the Social Credit have gained much influence in the mining area and have let themselves fooled by demagogic ideas and speeches of that Party.

7. [redacted] said that he had not very long ago returned to their homeland this summer. The field of action for the Party is wide and very promising in the mines. The National Executive has promised to send a full time organizer from Toronto. Apparently, this comrade has worked in the mines for a long period of time and he knows his business. Answering a question asked, [redacted] replied that the Party has presently sixty paid-up members in the Northern Province area and there is also a great number of sympathizers who have not been recruited to the Party due to that district being without an organizer. [redacted] has visited Rouyn, Val d'Or, Malartic and Gadillac.

THE COMMISSIONER, RCMP. - OTTAWA,

1. **FORWARDED**, together with original and copies of communication to the above meeting. You will note that most of this report deals with the organization of the political campaign of [redacted] in the constituency.

2. Paragraphs 6 and 7 above refer to the recent visit of [redacted] the provincial organizer, paid to the Quebec Provincial North area with a view to reorganize the Party in that district. It is important to note that the National Executive will appoint a full time organizer for that district.

3. Addition information is being sought in the above and you will be further advised.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Wtl. - 26-5-68
 SM/ha.

(N.M. Brady)

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DIVISION "C" SUB-DIVISION DETACHMENT Toronto Special Section.
PROVINCE Ontario DATE Sept. 29, 1948.

RE: National Film Board.

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SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

C.R.

No.

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1. With reference to the above and Headquarters memorandum of Sept. 11, 1948, the following is submitted.
2. The information regarding the [REDACTED] leads us to believe that the Civil Rights Union may have some interest to her case. In the event this supposition is correct and in view of the visit to Ottawa by [REDACTED] with a further [REDACTED] it is possible [REDACTED] could have been someone from that Organization who was in Ottawa Aug. 26th-27th.
3. It will be appreciated that there is little information from which we can base an investigation, other than to suggest probable motives for such a visit, and in this instance the motive centres around one of the purposes of the Civil Rights Union, namely to prevent communists from being dismissed from the Civil Service and the like.
4. For this reason it is suggested [REDACTED]
5. In the event these enquiries prove successful, it may then be possible to further our enquiries here in Toronto.

CONSIDERED HERE

JW.

(J. Dean) #12314, D/A/Cpl.

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REVIEWED
SPECIAL AG. HIGGINS
DATE 24-5-57 INITIAL JW

18-11-48
JEWISH language. Summarized by S.B. at RCMP Headquarters.

No. 1911

24-11-48.

"WOCHENBLAT"

(Canadian Jewish Weekly)

Thursday Nov. 18, 1948.

"FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.N. DECISION RE THE STATE OF ISRAEL WILL BE CELEBRATED AT LARGE MEETINGS IN TORONTO AND MONTREAL, Sunday, November 29".

TIM BUCK AND S. [REDACTED] WILL SPEAK IN TORONTO. GERSHMAN GUEST SPEAKER IN MONTREAL".

Under the above headlines there appears on page 1 a news item which says, in essence, that the council of Progressive Jewish organizations will celebrate Sunday Nov. 28 the anniversary of the U.N. decision re the partition of Palestine into a Jewish and Arab States.

Tim Buck, National Leader of the IPP and [REDACTED] National Secretary of the Council of the Jewish Progressive Organizations will speak. The meeting will take place at [REDACTED] under the chairmanship of [REDACTED]

In Montreal the speakers at the meeting will be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Details about the meetings in other cities in the subsequent issue.

"A. A. McLEOD WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION TO THE U.N."

"THE DELEGATION WILL PROTEST AGAINST THE WHITE-WASHING OF THE FRANCO REGIME"

17-5-49
This is another news item on page 1, which says that A.A. McLEOD M.P.P. and provincial leader of the IPP in Ontario, will be the Canadian representative in an international delegation to the U.N. which will meet in Paris from Dec. 1 to 8, the week for a "Free Spain". The delegation will ask to make an end to the attempts of whitewashing the bloody regime of Franco.

The delegation is being supported by prominent people like: [REDACTED] and others.

On the same page appears also the picture of [REDACTED]

m/b

"THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS - A FIGHT AGAINST
WARMONGERS"

On page 4 there is an article under the above title,
written by [REDACTED]

The writer says that the experience of the last few years has taught a lesson that curtailment of civil and trade union rights goes hand in hand with pro-fascist war preparations and friendship towards fascism in general. The writer makes reference to the deportation of trade union organizers (Mine Mill and Smelter workers in Northern Ontario), to the deportation of Jewish refugees to concentration camps in Germany, to the legalization of French war criminals who entered Canada illegally and to the admittance into Canada of thousands of Polish and Ukrainian fascists.

The writer speaks further of a Union for Civil Rights organized sometime ago which undertook a campaign for a "Bill of Rights" and he refers to some facts where civil rights are being violated: The Padlock Law as well as Anti-Labour Laws in Quebec; racial discrimination as tolerated by Justice Schroeder, the persecution of striking seamen and the violation of the Canada shipping Act etc.

The writer concludes by saying that a Bill of Rights is today a vital problem on the order of the day, so that we in Canada should not be plunged into a state of fascism, poverty and into an imperialistic war.

"FOR CANADA, FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY! AGAINST
WALL STREET, WAR AND FASCISM"

RESOLUTION PROPOSAL OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF
THE L.P.P.

The full text of this article appeared in the English version in the Canadian Tribune of Monday, November 1st, 1948.

The rest of the paper carries nothing of importance.

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS**

EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES' UNION

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION: PACIFIC TRIBUNE
14-1-49**

DATE: 14-1-49

RE: CLIPPING TAKEN FROM THE PACIFIC TRIBUNE 14-1-49

OLB BILL

SHORT JABS

The Department of External Affairs at Ottawa has taken on itself "personality" and according to the C.P., is now issuing statements. The first one to come to my attention, in the press last week, says it regards Cardinal Mindszenty as a "fighter for freedom!"

.....

The [REDACTED] case, as it has come to be known, was listed among the ten greatest news stories to break in B.C., during the past year by the editors of the Sun. It was not listed at the top as it should have been because of its long-term consequence to the civil rights of the Canadian people. It certainly is of more consequence than the change of ownership of a department store, the visit of a "groaner" or the birth of a royal baby.

The facts of the case are already well known to the readers of this column. The Civil Liberties' Union is going to fight it to the end so that no group of reactionary law benchers or parliamentary tricksters can take upon themselves to deny any Canadian citizens' rights and privileges that have been won at great sacrifice by our forbears.

'An what can we do to help? Well, money is needed, without which the CLU cannot successfully accomplish its tasks. How about the readers of this column undertaking to raise a couple of hundre dollars?

That would help. Send donations to me at this office and I will hand them over to the CLU treasurer who will send receipts to all donors. I'll start it myself with a five-spot.

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL RIGHTS UNION
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: PACIFIC TRIBUNE

H.Q. File: [REDACTED]

DATE: 4-2-49

Issue of 4-2-49

Ol' Bill

EVERY issue of our paper, almost without exception exposes in one way or another the enemies of the labor press. Such references however, are of a general nature, They do not describe specific instances, is practised by some of these enemies of labor so that definite steps can be taken to stop that discrimination.

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The excellent article on the [REDACTED] case and the whole question of civil liberties, by [REDACTED] in last week's Pacific Tribune, must have left a feeling with all who read it, of the need to take up the cudgels in defense of these threatened rights. There is no need for me to add anything to it.

A couple of weeks ago I made an appeal for the kind of assistance that we can give at this time--that is, for funds to carry on the legal part of the struggle. Still more money is needed and if you have not already done so remember that Ol' Bill is open to receive donations from his friends (or enemies) to be remitted to the Civil Liberties Union whose treasurer will acknowledge their receipt. We are still a long way from our \$200 objective yet.

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Source of information: Pacific Tribune

Clipping taken from the Pacific Tribune

STUDENTS PROTEST MOVE TO BAN PEACE COUNCIL

Action of the UBC Student Council this week in refusing to charter the newly formed Peace Council has drawn strong protest from other campus organizations which see the move as a threat to their own activities.

Attention was first focussed on the Peace Council, organized following an address to students given by [REDACTED] during his recent tour of the Coast, when a slanted story in the Vancouver Sun on Thursday last week attempted to portray it as having no popular support.

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This coming Monday, the Civil Liberties Union on the campus is sponsoring a discussion on the right of the UBC Peace Council to function on the campus, with [REDACTED] the Peace Council and others of its members participating.

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R.C.M.P.
"A" DIV.

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OTTAWA

REF: [REDACTED]

CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION.
Canada General.

11-5-49

RE: "CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS"

1. The following is in response to memorandum
Officer i/c Special Section, dated 16-4-49 in connection
the above.

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Other organizations represented at the C
Peace Congress were:

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CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION.

VANCOUVER CIVIL LIBERTIES LEAGUE.

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October 3, 1949.

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TO: The C.C. "D" Division,
RCMP - TORONTO, Ontario.

Re: International Conference on Human Rights

[REDACTED] the above noted
conference which was scheduled to be held in Karlovy Vary,
Czechoslovakia, from the 4th to 8th of September.
Listed among organizations invited to send delegates to
the Conference is the Civil Rights Union of Canada.

2. [REDACTED]

You may recall that the subject was referred to in a
Civil Rights Union bulletin published early this year, but
no information was given about a Canadian representative.

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(A.L. Parsons), Inspector,
per Officer i/c Special Branch.

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R.C.M.P.

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

25-1-50

Confidential

Dear [REDACTED]

I return herewith copy of telegram addressed to the Minister by [REDACTED] as forwarded with your note of January 23.

2. It seems to me that it would be best to disregard this telegram. The Civil Liberties Union is pretty well dominated by Communists though they endeavour to operate in the backfround. Entering into a lengthy discussion as to the relative responsibility of the Provincial Attorney-General and the Federal Government would be pointless as undoubtedly these people are fully posted on such matters. Their purpose in wiring the Minister is merely to try and exaggerate certain problems or questions for their own benefit and for propaganda purposes. There would seldom if ever be any ~~real~~ real basis for their complaints.

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Signed (S.T. Wood)
Commissioner.

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(CMNADA)

H.Q. File. [REDACTED]
Date: 6-2-50

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: CANADIAN TRIBUNE 6-2-50

Clipping taken from
the CANADIAN TRIBUNE
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HOW THOUGHT POLICE
RAIDED JEWISH SCHOOL
CULTURE CENTRE, HOME

By [REDACTED]

Montreal --- One man with a choleric complexion and a dictator complex, sitting in a luxurious office in Quebec City decided that a centre of opposition to his fascist policies would have to be wiped out. There was too much talk about culture and progress, about drama, about children's schools, about education. There was too much talk for rent control and against unemployment, there was too much talk for peace, there was too much talk. . . .

The little dictator lifted his pen and signed a sheet of paper (in duplicate).

Forty-eight hours later squad cars of provincial and municipal police carried out Dictator Duplessis' orders. They swooped down on the Cultural Centre of the United Jewish People's Order at 5101 Esplanade. They raided the Morris Winchevsky Jewish school for children at 30 Villeneuve. They descended on the home of [REDACTED]

\$125,000 CENTRE

With typical disregard for the truth the Duplessis police said the Cultural Centre had been used for so-called "Communist activities." Under this pretext, and without the need to produce any evidence in court of alleged wrong-doing, but acting by sole authority of Duplessis' Padlock Law, they carted off thousands of dollars worth of office equipment, typewriters, mimeograph machines, addressographs and stationery. Then they padlocked the \$125,000 centre for one year.

At the Jewish school they took the names of all the children, sent them home, and searched the building but failed to produce a scrap of proof to back up their charges. The school escaped padlocking.

The attack started Friday, Jan. 27 at 10:4 a.m. That very day and even while the new stormtroopers were still in the Cultural Centre, the people of Montreal were moving into action to give their reply.

At McGill 500 students heard [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] denounce the raids and the padlocking as "unChristian" and dictatorial. By a majority of 10 to 1 they passed a resolution condemning the use of the Padlock Law against the UJPO Centre and demanded that Duplessis repeal the evil law at once.

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The same day the Civil Liberties Union fired a broadside stating: "The padlocking of the Cultural Centre is clearly discrimination against a racial minority and without question will be regarded by French and English speaking Canadians alike as a shameful violation of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights."

"Mr. Duplessis' padlocking was taken without warning of any kind and follows the pattern which has already been well established of denying freedom of opinion, speech and assembly. The activities conducted at this centre were of a cultural and community nature and were of great benefit to the Jewish citizens of Montreal."

"It is regrettable that Mr. Duplessis seems not to have the slightest regard for the great tradition of freedom and tolerance which are held so dearly by the people of Quebec and is apparently determined to make our province notorious in the eyes of other Canadians for its suppression of human rights."

"A CRUEL ACT"

In a public statement issued immediately after the padlock order took effect, [REDACTED] said the raids were "entirely unwarranted and the most undemocratic act ever perpetrated in this province."

"The centre is a modern building, built by the contributions of thousands of Jewish citizens and supported by them as a cultural and social community centre," he declared. "These citizens will now be denied their most elementary and necessary rights of democracy. The Jewish citizens cannot but look with the greatest of alarm and concern on the matter and most consider it a blow to their rights as Jews."

The secretary of the UJPO said further that the arrival of police at the Morris Winchevsky parochial school was a "cruel act." He charged in addition that for some reason police had "planted" a sign in the centre advertising a purported meeting for Father Duffy. He denied the sign had been there before police arrived.

The 1,000 members of the UJPO, organized in 15 separate branches, also sprang quickly into the battle to preserve their centre and their civic rights. Early Sunday morning hundreds of canvassers began a systematic tour of every home in the Cartier district to obtain signatures to a petition protesting the brutal padlock action.

Addressed to Duplessis, the petition declared that the padlocking of the Cultural Centre

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is "a most serious and flagrant violation of human rights. This action is a denial of the right of a national minority to pursue democratic, cultural, and educational activities which enriched the life of the Canadian people."

"WON'T STOP"

After the first few hours of canvassing, several thousand citizens had signed the petition demanding that Duplessis order the immediate removal of the padlock and that he instruct the police to stop interfering with legally constituted associations. UJPO officials said they would not stop until tens of thousands of signatures were obtained.

They also indicated that their legal counsel would attempt to take the case into the courts in an action to have the padlock removed.

The United Jewish People's Order itself has a long established tradition of service in the Jewish community. Organized over 20 years ago it has gradually extended its cultural and community activities over a wide field.

The Cultural Centre was used for healthy youth activities, for dancing, dramatic and art classes, for social events and religious occasions, for lecture forums and public speeches. During the war against Hitler fascism the UJPO became a rallying point and earned favorable commendation from every quarter.

WILL HAVE TO BE MET

A national association of primarily working people, the UJPO, in Montreal has a record of struggle on behalf of the men and women who work for a living. Progressive to the core, the UJPO activities undoubtedly ran contrary to Dictator Duplessis' plan to bring fascism to Quebec as his service to big business in Canada.

There is no doubt that the UJPO and the entire labor and progressive movement of Canada will recognize in the padlocking of the Cultural Centre a challenge to freedom and human liberty, that will have to be met and snatched if Canada is to live.

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"C" DIV. REF. [REDACTED]

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

22-2-50

The Commissioner,
RCMP - OTTAWA.

Re: Labour Progressive Party, Quebec Generally.
"PARTY BULLETIN".

1. You will please find attached hereto two circulars issued by the English Section of the Labour Progressive Party in Montreal. They are as follows: -

1. - The February 1950 Bulletin dealing with the recent visit of [REDACTED] to Montreal.

2. - A circular dealing with the L.P.P. programme for peace.

2. Our Agents will continue to supply these Divisional Headquarters with future documents of this nature and they will be made available to you.

STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

R.J. Belec, Insp.,
I/C C.I.B.

- HOW THE MONTREAL PEACE COUNCIL WAS BORN -

It was the 9th of December, 1949, and the birthday of the Prince of Peace was approaching. In the Parish Hall of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, there assembled 250 persons, some representing organizations, some representing only their own desire that the world stay at peace.

Proceedings were carried on in French and English. [REDACTED] chaired the two general meetings. Addresses were made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

We are very much agitated concerning claims now current that the Provincial Police authorities are seeking to prevent the holding of a public meeting

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at which [REDACTED] is to speak. We urge you as Premier and Attorney General to give assurance that such is not the case and that the commonly recognized right of freedom of speech in Canada will be maintained in the province of Quebec and that Montreal citizens will not be deprived of their right to hear [REDACTED]

This - and other telegrams from the Civil Liberties Union, and a group of prominent Protestant clergy and laymen including Rev. Principal [REDACTED] of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and [REDACTED] chairman of the humanities group of the arts and science faculty of McGill University - did not bring any response from Premier Duplessis. They did not result in the Peace Council obtaining a hall for the public meeting, but we have no doubt that Duplessis now knows that he has opposition from the leaders of the people, and that the people are not succumbing to his power.

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 PROVINCE **Quebec** Special Branch,
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P.C.R.

A. R. V. No.

Bequith
[REDACTED]

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1. Advriting to the above and farther to previous correspondance in this connection, the following is respectfully submitted.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. Please find photostatic copies of aforementioned communications attached hereto. Any other material of this nature which becomes available to the writer, will be duly transmitted.

The Commissioner,
 RCMP - OTTAWA

G. Bequith
 G. Bequith #15290

[REDACTED]

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Special Branch

DATE 20-3-60.

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Inter-Provincial Pipe Line - Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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A. R. V. No.

1. May this report be read in conjunction with our file [redacted] Headquarters' No. [redacted] as such contains [redacted] Party activity in the above Pipe Line.

2. In the Regina district the contract for this Party is being handled by the American firm of Bechtel-Mannix, and our information is to the effect that this firm will, to commence operations, employ 500 persons in the Regina district and 300 at Rosetown, Sask. This number, however, to be increased should the contract progress too slowly. Information has been received from [redacted] that the L.P.P. have obtained an employment application of this firm and are now pursuing this with the idea of putting out propaganda that this firm is anti-Semitic. This stems from the part of their application form under heading of "Religion" in which the applicant states whether he is Protestant, Catholic or Hebrew. It is the Party's intention to bring this to light through a "front" organization, they having named the organization "The Civil Liberties League". [redacted] but no such organization is known to function in Regina. [redacted] the Party will make every attempt to infiltrate employees' ranks with staunch Party members and in due course foment much trouble.

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5. Further report in this regard may be expected.

(J. T. Blyth, 11748 Sgt.
i/c Special Branch.

The Commissioner, R.C.M.P.,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

1. Forwarded in duplicate for your information.
As the information continues to show that the Party
are particularly interested in this pipe line, the
above file has been opened. Conditions surrounding
the laying of this pipe line will be carefully watched
and all matters of interest will be duly reported.

S.U.I.

REGINA
21-3-50.

W. H. Williams, Insp.,
In charge - C.I.B.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
C A N A D A

Personal and Confidential.

OTTAWA, April 6, 1950.

The Honourable Stuart S. Garson,
Minister of Justice and Attorney General,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Garson:

I would greatly appreciate any
information you could let me have--confidentially,
if you so prefer--on the Civil Liberties Union,
whose material through the mails does not at all
favourably impress me. I would be better equipped
to deal with this material and to advise people
in my constituency how to deal with it if I knew
whether my suspicions of this concern were well
founded or not.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) E.T. APPLEWHAITE.

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OFFICE OF
THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Date April 8, 1950.

Forward to The Commissioner, R. C. M. Police:

Perusal and Return with Draft reply for my
Signature..... please, *****

Please see me re this.....

Attention.....

Information.....

Perusal and Return.....

Perusal and Return with File.....

Perusal and Return with Recommendation.....

Perusal and Return with Comments.....

Let me have material asked for herein.....

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April 19, 1950.

Dear Miss Vogel:

I am returning herewith the letter dated
April 6th. from Mr. E.T. Applewhite, M.P. to the
Minister asking for information about the Civil
Liberties Union. A draft reply is attached hereto
for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(S.T. Wood),
Commissioner.

Miss R. Vogel,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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April 19, 1960.

Dear Mr. Applewhite:

In reply to your enquiry of the 6th instant, I am glad to give you what information I can about the Civil Liberties Union. There are civil liberties groups in most of the larger Canadian cities but there is no central Dominion-wide organization. The Civil Liberties Union of Montreal is possibly the source of the material you refer to.

2. Although most groups contain a proportion of sincere disinterested reformers, the leadership is almost without exception communist or communist controlled. Furthermore, it will usually be found, that causes taken up are those of particular interest to the party. It is clear, moreover, from the manner of presentation and disregard of normal methods of approach to the problem, that the primary object is to stir up trouble rather than to right a wrong. The communists make every use they can of this means to advance their propaganda in the name of civil liberties.

3. If you require more specific information about any particular civil rights group, I will try to obtain it for you.

Yours sincerely,

(Stuart S. Carson),
 Minister of Justice.

The Hon. E.F. Applewhite, M.P.,
 House of Commons,
 OTTAWA, Ontario.

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EXTRACT RE: C.L.U. Canada Gen.

H.Q. FILE [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: 21-11-50

DIV. FILE No: ~~Quebec~~ [REDACTED] DETACHMENT Quebec, S/B.

RE: Civil Liberties Union, 3430 Park Ave., Room 37 Montreal, P.Q.

1. Referring to contents of our November 16th report, please be advised the Montreal Delegation to Quebec City has once again been cancelled, due to the early closing of the recent Provincial Session. [REDACTED]

2. Please find attached hereto available copies of C.L.U. propaganda, distributed by mail to Quebec residents,

1. C.L.U. letter addressed to "All Canadians who cherish freedom" signed by [REDACTED] together with attachment "The Story of the Padlock Law".
2. Call for the convocation of the Second World Congress signed by [REDACTED]

3. The above is self-explanatory and reveals the fact that C.L.U. propaganda continues to be distributed by mail. If and when a C.L.U. delegation proceeds to Quebec, you will be advised.

14121 - L.R. Parent Cpl.
i/c Quebec Special Branch,

The O.C. REMPolice
"C" Div. Montreal.

1. FORWARDED together with attachments referred to in para. 2. The Montreal delegation of the C.L.U. was cancelled due to the early closing of the Provincial Government Session. Further information obtained will be duly submitted.

S/Sgt.

J.A.L. Arsenault
for O.C. Quebec Sub-Division AOD

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(Cont'd) FOR SOCIAL REFORM, FOR the banning of the atomic bomb, bomb, for peace and against conscription to become subversive in Quebec?

Every Canadian who values his freedom has a stake in the fight to abolish the Padlock Law and to wipe out this dangerous judgment upholding it. What Canadians need and desire is a Federal Bill or Rights.

Your action is essential in this fight. Continue to send resolutions and personal letters to your member of Parliament and the Quebec Legislature, the Minister of Justice, the Provincial Attorney-General and the newspapers.

Contribute to the PADLOCK LAW DEFENSE FUND of the Civil Liberties Union which is appealing the Superior Court judgment to a higher court. Your dollars are vitally needed for success. Fill in the coupon now and help remove the padlock on freedom in our Province.

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
3430 PARK AVE., Rm. 37
MONTREAL, QUE.

Enclosed please find \$[REDACTED] as a contribution to the Padlock Law Defence Fund of the Civil Liberties Union (Please make cheques payable to the Civil Liberties Union).

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EXTRACT FORM 1.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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EXTRACT REC.L.U. Canadian Gen.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

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H.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

DATE: [REDACTED]

DIV. FILE No: [REDACTED]

DETACHMENT: Quebec, S/B.

RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, 3430 Park Ave., Room 37 Montreal, P.Q.

CLU civil liberties union
TO ALL CANADIANS WHO CHERISH FREEDOM

Do you know that in a recent judgment upholding the Padlock Law, a Superior Court judge declared, in effect, that a Canadian citizen has no rights whatsoever which cannot be taken away from him? Here are his words:

"The court has no duty in this case to wander into the abstract filed on the fundamental rights of a Canadian citizen — except to say, that in the absence of a Bill of Rights — there appears to be no right which a Canadian citizen may now possess which the Federal Parliament or any of the provincial legislatures acting within — their respective jurisdictions — could not enlarge upon, restrict or abrogate at any time by constitutional legislation".

Inspired by the Padlock Law, repression has steadily increased and widened. It started with a French language newspaper which Mr. Duplessis padlocked in 1948 on the grounds that it was communistic. We have seen what has followed.

Homes and halls raided
A private home and a Jewish cultural centre padlocked
Freedom of speech, press and assembly suppressed on a wide scale.
Police brutality against the Asbestos workers
Persecution of the French Catholic teachers
Canadians jailed for exercising their right to religious freedom
Social Crediters arrested for having peace posters in their car.
Supporters of the Canadian Peace Congress charged with disturbing the peace for exercising their right to petition.
Railway unions refused the use of market halls and the Champ de Mars
Railway workers forced by law to end their strike for decent wages and working conditions
Frequent denial of the right to join trade unions of one's own choice and the right to strike
Arrest of an independent candidate's canvassers in the Montreal - St. Mary by-election.

Behind all this is the Padlock Law and the atmosphere of repression which it has fostered. Now we have a court judgment which says that no one's rights are secure. Is the right to speak for freedom, for economic security, for social reform, for

(Cont'd on page 3.)

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EXTRACT Re: Civil Liberties Union

H.C. File No. [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: None

Date: 3-6-50.

Div. File No.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Ottawa, June 3, 1950.

To: The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA.
Attention: Inspector R.A.S. MacNeil.

You may be interested in the following list of organizations which have written [REDACTED] protesting at the introduction of the bill providing for the dissolution of the Communist Party in the Australian Parliament.

1. Harold Jeffery,
Rally Chairman,
International May Day Peace Rally at Windsor,
108 McDougall St.,
Windsor, Ont.
2. Mrs. Mary Jary, (on behalf of May Day rally
12 Alexandra St., of St. Catharines Workers)
St. Catharines, Ont.
3. Edmond Major,
President, Civil Liberties Union,
Montreal.
4. W.A. Kardosh, (Chairman, May Day meeting
703 Redwood Ave., at Winnipeg.)
Winnipeg, Man.
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8. A. Bernhardt,
Chairman,
London May Day Committee, LPP,
267 East Street,
London, Ont.
9. Arnold P. Broten,
Chairman,
Labor and Farm Conference,
Choiceland, Sask.
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Original on: [REDACTED]

3-6-50.

(sgd) A.D.P. Hickey
Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION H.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

Quebec
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: People's News

DATE: 12-7-47

VOL. 6, No. 28 of People's News ISSUE: 12-7-47
Language. Slovak Translated by GJH at R.C.M.P. Hdqrs.

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On the same page appears an article entitled: "Trade Unionists And Preachers Denounce The Truman Doctrine And Conscription" in which it is reported that the trade union leaders and certain preachers in Montreal had sharply protested against the presence of American troops on Canadian territory and the possibility of peace-time conscription in Canada.

.....
Rev. Alex. Cameron, secretary of the QUEBEC CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION (?), reportedly stated that peace-time conscription will lead to a new war. The speaker, it is said, had termed the Truman doctrine a violation of the Atlantic Charter and circumvention of the UNO.

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

H Q FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: CANADIAN TRIBUNE

DATE: 9-1-50

DIV. FILE NO:

DETACHMENT: Quebec City

RE: Paper Clipping Taken From The CANADIAN TRIBUNE

9-1-50

Quebec civil rights group wires McCallum on arrest of jobless

Quebec City—The Civil Liberties Association here last week wired Mayor McCallum of Toronto and the Ontario attorney-general protesting the arrest of six unemployed workers. Signed by secretary Pat Walsh, the wire read: Quebec City Civil Liberties Association energetically protest unwarranted arrest of Ray Collette and five other members of unemployed union. These arrests causing mounting indignation among local unemployed and labor unions. We demand the immediate and unconditional release of these six men. We believe that if this action is not taken the democratic liberties of other organizations will be curtailed leading to fascism.

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES LEAGUE
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Quebec, P.Q.

H.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]
DATE: 10-5-50

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE REPORT DATED 10-5-50

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL RIGHTS UNION

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: CANADIAN TRIBUNE

H.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

DATE: 30-1-50

DIV. FILE No.

DETACHMENT Montreal

RE: Paper Clipping Taken From The CANADIAN TRIBUNE 30-1-50

Padlock Law challenged in courts

By [REDACTED]

Montreal--Is Premier Duplessis pet Padlock Law constitutional or unconstitutional? Are the police acting unlawfully when they confiscate property under the notorious "thought" control" legislation, or are they "within their rights?"

These burning questions, of paramount importance to every trade union and left-wing organization in Quebec, as well as to the growing Communist movement, were thrown into court this week for legal debate.

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Judgment Reserved

In any case, [REDACTED] said, the provinces are sovereign in matters of property and civil rights and are entitled to confiscate property for acts declared to be illegal. He again failed to mention the question of "due process of law."

Mr. Justice F.R. Collins, who heard the case, reserved judgment. Legal circles point out that because of the amount involved, should the defense be faced with an adverse judgment, the case can be taken to the highest court of appeal. Since suit was initiated before appeals to the Privy Council, the test of the constitutionality of the Padlock Law may go as high as that court.

Costs of the defense and of [REDACTED] who are serving as legal counsel are being defrayed by the Civil Rights Union of Montreal which is campaigning against the Padlock Law.

ORIGINAL ON: [REDACTED]

30-1-50

EXTRACT MADE BY: [REDACTED]

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January 25, 1966

Dear Miss Vogel:

I return herewith copy of telegram addressed to the Minister by [redacted], as forwarded with your note of January 23.

2. It seems to me that it would be best to disregard this telegram. The Civil Liberties Union is pretty well dominated by Communists though they endeavour to operate in the background. Entering into a lengthy discussion as to the relative responsibility of the Provincial Attorney-General and the Federal Government would be pointless as undoubtedly these people are fully posted on such matters. Their purpose in wiring the Minister is merely to try and exaggerate certain problems or questions for their own benefit and for propaganda purposes. There would seldom if ever be any real basis for their complaints.

3. Some particulars as to Major's background and history were forwarded to you on January 1.

Yours truly,

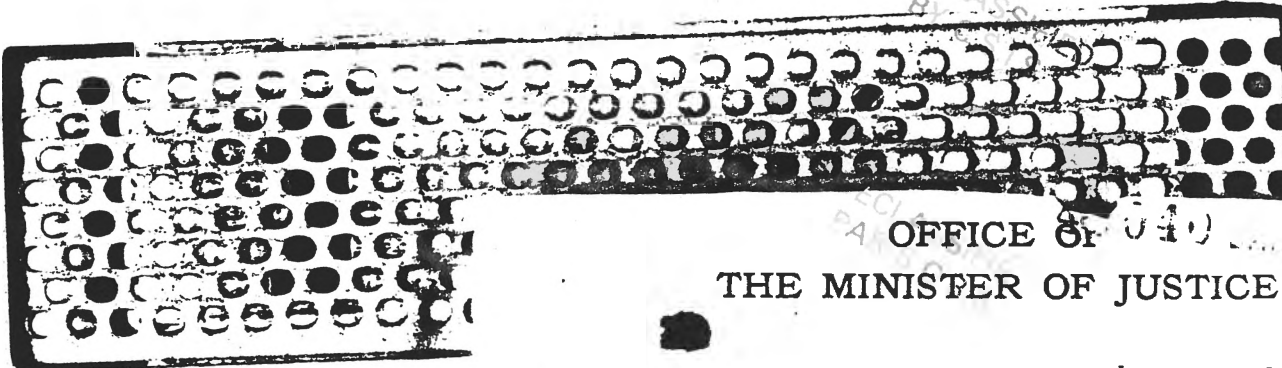
(S. T. Wood)
Commissioner.

Miss E. Vogel,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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OFFICE OF
THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Date January 23, 1977

Forward to The Commissioner, R. C. M. Police:

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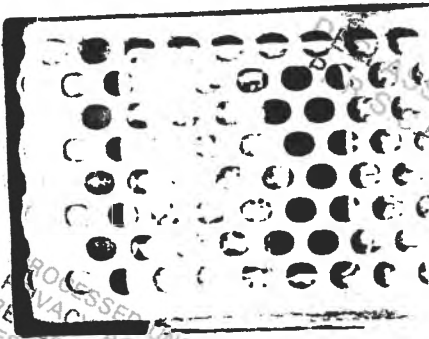
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CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION INFORMED BY MONTREAL PEACE COUNCIL
THAT PROVINCIAL POLICE ARE APPARENTLY ENDEAVOURING TO PREVENT
PUBLIC MEETING BEING HELD IN MONTREAL TO HEAR FATHER CLARENCE
DUFFY SPEAK ON SUBJECT OF MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE STOP
TWO HALLS RENTED FOR MEETING CANCELLED AFTER CONTRACT SIGNED
AND CASH DEPOSIT MADE EVIDENTLY BECAUSE POLICE ADVISED OWNERS
PROVISIONS OF QUEBEC PADLOCK LAW WOULD BE APPLIED AGAINST
THEM STOP REQUESTED TO PROVINCIAL ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ORDER
POLICE TO REFRAIN FROM SUCH INTIMIDATION AND ATTEMPTS TO DENY
FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS SUCH VITAL MATTER
AS WORLD PEACE HAVE OBTAINED NO ACTION STOP WE APPEAL TO
YOU TO USE YOUR AUTHORITY TO ASSURE PEOPLE OF QUEBEC SAME
RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY AS OTHER CANADIAN
CITIZENS ENJOY

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EXTRACT RE: Civil Liberties Committee,

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Canadian Tribune

DATE:

2-1-50

Newspaper Clipping

Canadian Tribune 2-1-50

DEMAND DUPLISSIS ACT ON JOLIETTE OUTRAGE

Montreal— The Kidnapping of two members of the Jehovah's Witnesses at Joliette will be the first issue pressed by the Civil Liberties Union, a new organization established here in response to a widespread demand for a public defence of civil liberties. The new organization was established by unanimous vote at a well attended meeting sponsored by the Montreal Civil Liberties Committee.

Provisional officers of the organization are [REDACTED]

a legal committee consisting of [REDACTED]

The Union has also established [REDACTED]

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

H. Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: CANADIAN TRIBUNE 2-1-50 DATE: 2-1-50

Newspaper clipping taken from: CANADIAN TRIBUNE

2-1-50

DEMAND DUPLESSIS ACT ON JOLIETTE KIDNAPING

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The union is pressing for an investigation into the Joliette kidnapping and is demanding the arrest of those responsible, the union points out, of giving all necessary assistance to local authorities in maintaining order and protecting the rights of all citizens. The Provincial police, it was emphasized, had shown themselves capable of immediate mobility when it was a case of interfering in the picket lines of the asbestos strikers.

Provincial officers of the new organization are [REDACTED]

The possibility of a jointly-sponsored meeting by the Montreal organization, the Civil Rights Union of Toronto and a similar body in Ottawa has been announced with a tentative date established for early January. The joint meeting, to be held at Ottawa, will coincide with the Dominion Provincial Conference which will be presented with a brief drawing attention to the need for a federal Bill of Rights guaranteeing the basic rights of free speech, press, association and religion to all Canadians regardless of race, creed or political beliefs.

A demand that Premier Maurice Duplessis immediately investigate the Joliette kidnapping of two members of the Jehovah Witnesses was made last week by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said the investigation should pay attention to the part that the police authorities played in protecting and perhaps inspiring the kidnappers."

The CNU president compared the Joliette kidnapping with the fact that striking seamen had been sent to jail in Ontario after being tried on kidnapping charges. Since kidnapping comes under the federal criminal code she said it might well be asked whether there is one federal law for seamen who are on strike and another for local authorities in cities."

OSHAWA--Racial bigotry at Dresden was cited here when Ald. Harvey successfully submitted a by-law to City Council which provides that if a public place will lose his license if he is found guilty of discrimination.

"We don't want repetition here of the Dresden Affair, who is chairman of the General Motors Division of Local 222,

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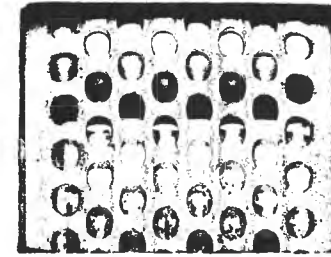
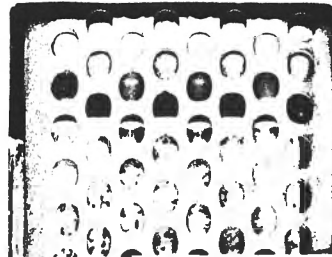
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CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

30-4-48

Clipping taken from the Toronto Daily Star.

UKRAINIAN CONCERT THANKS HELPERS IN FREEDOM FIGHT

Attired in brilliant national costume, 200 performers staged a colorful concert and demonstration of youth activities in the Ukrainian Labor Temple, 300 Bathurst St., Monday night.

.....
The concert marked the first annual celebration by the Toronto branch of the Association of Ukrainian Canadians of the return of the labor temple to the Ukrainian labor-Farmer Temple association.

"This concert is dedicated to all our friends in the Toronto Civil Liberties association. In the churches, the trade unions, the Y.M.C.A., the daily and weekly publications and to all the public spirited citizens who assisted us in our fight to preserve freedom of association and the restoration of our properties," said Michael Mutzak, chairman, in a brief address.

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R.C.M.P.

CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION [REDACTED]

25-1-47

VESTNIK

("The Herald")

Vol. VII, No. 532

Toronto, Jan. 18, 1947

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Another item from Ottawa entitled "FREDERICK POLAND - CIVIL
AT OTTAWA" states that Poland is the sixth accused to be acquitted.
Other follows a news item from Toronto that the CIVIL LIBERTIES
ASSOCIATION will hold a protest meeting on January 27 against
such attacks on the civil liberties of the population.

[REDACTED] 25-1-47

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DIVISION **" "** DIVISION FILE No. **[REDACTED]**
 SUB-DIVISION **[REDACTED]** DETACHMENT **Toronto Special**
 PROVINCE **ario** DATE **January 31st, 1947.**

RE: **Emergency Committee of Civil Rights, Toronto, Ont.**
CHANGED TO: Civil Rights Union - Toronto, Ont.

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23-12-46.

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1. A meeting sponsored by the above organization and the "Toronto Civil Liberties Association" was held in the Auditorium of Jarvis St. Collegiate, Jarvis St., Toronto, during the evening of January 27th, 1947.

2. Among the 14 persons seated on the platform were **[REDACTED]** Senator Arthur W. ROEBUCK, M.P.; **[REDACTED]**

It is estimated that approximately 500 persons were in attendance. A collection was taken up by young Japanese girls; the amount received was not announced. Joseph SALSBERG, M.P.P. **[REDACTED]** were noticed in the audience.

3. The under-mentioned attached press clippings adequately cover this meeting:

- (a) The Toronto Daily Star dated January 28, 1947.
- (b) The Globe & Mail dated January 28, 1947.
- (c) The Toronto Evening Telegram dated January 28, 1947.
- (d) The Varsity dated January 29th, 1947.

4. A resolution, covering points discussed by the speakers, was drawn up by **[REDACTED]** for presentation to the government.

5. The following constitution was passed and adopted at a general meeting of the "Emergency Committee for Civil Rights" on October 22nd, 1946:

CONSTITUTION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS UNION

Article 1. NAME - The name of this association shall be the Civil Rights Union.

Article 2. PURPOSES - The purposes of the association shall be: to set forth the basic civil rights of Canadians; to take steps to protect every Canadian from the arbitrary suspension of these rights; and to raise funds for the above purposes and for legal and technical assistance where needed.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP - (1) Membership in the association shall be open to all persons who subscribe to its purposes and pay the required fees.

(2) ORDINARY MEMBERS shall be those members able to take an active part in the association. They shall pay a minimum annual fee of \$3.00 and be entitled to receive notification and agenda of meetings and to vote.

(3) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall be those who are unable

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take active part in the work of the association. They shall pay a minimum annual fee of \$2.00, shall be entitled to vote but shall not be entitled to receive notification of meetings.

(4) AFFILIATED MEMBERS, as defined in Article 4, shall be entitled to receive notification and agenda of meetings and to vote.

Article 4. AFFILIATION - Affiliated organizations shall be entitled to nominate representatives to the association in such proportion to the membership of the affiliating body as the Executive of the Civil Rights Union may determine, and shall pay such fee as the Executive shall determine. The representatives of affiliated organizations shall be affiliated members.

Article 5. EXECUTIVE - (1) The executive shall consist of Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and from five to ten other members, all to be elected annually by the members at a general membership meeting.

(2) The executive may appoint an Executive Secretary from time to time.

(3) The executive shall carry out the policies of the association as set out in Article 2 and as determined at the general membership meetings, and shall have the responsibility for applying such policy when in the opinion of the executive, immediate action is required.

Article 6. MEETINGS - (1) There shall be a general membership meeting at least once every three months.

(2) On the request of 10 members of the association, deposited in writing with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman or Secretary, that officer shall have a general membership meeting called for a date not later than one week after the receipt of the request.

Article 7. AMENDMENTS - This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of those members present and voting at any general membership meeting.

Article 8. COMING INTO FORCE - (1) This constitution shall come into force when passed by a vote of two-thirds of those members of the Emergency Committee for Civil Rights present and voting at a general meeting.

(2) The Executive of the Emergency Committee for Civil Rights shall serve as the Executive of the Civil Rights Union under this Constitution until the first general membership meeting of the Civil Rights Union.

NOTE: It would appear from Article 8(2) of the above that the Executive of the "Emergency Committee for Civil Rights" will serve in the re-named "Civil Rights Union".

6. Activities of this organization are being kept in mind and as the information comes to hand, reports will be submitted.

S.F.I.

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(J.J. Cranney) Cst. #11091.

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(Emergency Committee of Civil
Rights, Toronto, Ontario,
CHANGED TO: Civil Rights Union,
Toronto, Ontario)

THE COMMISSIONER:

FORWARDED: together with the enclosures
referred to in Para. 3.

S.U.I.

Toronto
1-2-47.
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(T. W. Chard) Insp.
for O.C., "O" Division O.D.

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSO.
OF TORONTO.

H.Q. FILE# [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: 20-4-48

DIV. FILE: Not given.

DETACHMENT: WINDSOR. ONT.

RE: [REDACTED]

1. Referring to memo of the Officer I/C Special Section, the 24th. ult., appended to Toronto Special Section report of the 16th ult. covering [REDACTED] Toronto, Ont., "O" Div. file [REDACTED] requesting report concerning the captionally noted.

2. This subject so far as could be learned from enquiry made was born in Russia during June or July, 1912. So far as could be ascertained subject had come to Canada with his parents when about seven years of age, and is Naturalized.

3. Subject's father [REDACTED] one of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also is subject himself though the maiden name of subject's wife did not come to be disclosed during the present enquiry.

4. When here in Windsor subject who had been resident at [REDACTED] had been associated with the Russian-Ukrainian Committee to Aid the Fatherland and Democracy, "O" Div. File [REDACTED] the Asi-Slavic Alliance of Windsor dealt with in "O" Div. File [REDACTED] and the WINDSOR TOWN FORUM, "O" Div. file [REDACTED] the latter of which had definitely been recognized as set-up for "fronting" purposes insofar as the Communist Movement had been concerned.

5. Concerning the WINDSOR TOWN FORUM which is now longer existent as such it might be mentioned that [REDACTED] had addressed gatherings of this organization here in Windsor long before she had become openly acknowledged as holding actual membership in the Labor-Progressive Party.

6. Further regarding the Windsor TOWN FORUM reference is made [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] covering a gathering of this body which had been held 8-4-43 for the purpose of a farewell party to the subject of this report prior to his leaving for Ottawa, Ont., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is of some interest that on the occasion of this farewell party for subject by members of the WINDSOR TOWN FORUM when an estimated 25 persons of leftist leanings had then been present, with some known to hold actual membership in the L.P.P., petition forms had been handed out for restoration of U.L.F.T.A. property. These forms when completed were to be forwarded to the CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO, 211-1/2 St. W., Toronto, Ont., not later than May 10th. 1948. It is acknowledged fact that those of the L.P.P. had been the principal force seeking restoration of U.L.F.T.A. property.

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Cpl. W. Barratt, #10737.

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION H.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Financial Post
1-1-49

DATE: 1-1-49

Clipping taken from the Financial Post dated 1-1-49

Is This New Communist Front?

Communists Pull the Strings in New Group for Civil Rights
By Ronald Williams

An essential part of Communist activity, is, as Lenin ordered,
"...to utilize every grain of even rudimentary protests."

At year end, Moscow's disciples and their helpers, (whether they knew it or not) were doing their utmost to carry out Lenin's biddings through what looked like another Communist front -- the Civil Rights Union (no connection with the CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION).

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Original on [REDACTED] 1-1-49

Extract Made by R.H.

March 2nd, 1949.
Suite 308,
88 Richmond Street, West,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Friend,

For some time now many Toronto citizens have felt the need for establishing an organization in the City, as broad as the community itself, of people from all walks of life and from all religious, political and racial groups, dedicated to the defense and extension of the civil liberties of every person in our midst, regardless of race, colour, creed or opinion.

To this end, we, constituting ourselves an Ad. Hoc Committee, are calling a meeting to found this organization, to be held at the Royal Ontario Museum Theatre, Avenue Road and Bloor Street, on Friday, March 11th, at 8.00 p.m. The chairman of the meeting will be Mr. Joseph Seigwick, K.C., and it is expected that Mr. David Croll, M.P., Mr. E. B. Jolliffe, M.P.P. and Mr. John J. Robinette, K.C. will be in attendance to briefly address the meeting.

No one today can lay down his newspaper without feeling there are few things more important to the happiness of men than that they should live out their lives in freedom, in a country where civil liberties are recognized and respected.

We Canadians are fortunate that we live in a country which offers this promise to its people. But this promise can only be kept at a price. That price was set many years ago in these words: "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom" and more recently by the Dominion Parliamentary Committee of the Senate and House of Commons when it said "respect for and the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms depends in the last analysis upon the convictions, character and spirit of the people".

Today there are disturbing signs on the Canadian scene. These are but a few examples. Recently a Galt citizen was arrested on a charge of public mischief. On this charge he was held without bail for four weeks. On one occasion during that period he was subjected to seventeen hours of uninterrupted questioning by the police in connection with a woman's death. Only after six weeks was he allowed out on bail and then bail was set at the high sum of \$4,000.00 for an offence which is considered in law a misdemeanour. Finally the case was dropped against him and he was discharged.

Again only this month a Toronto police officer without a search warrant invaded the premises of a large number of Toronto Chinese citizens and proceeded to conduct searches therein over the protests of the occupants, and in an offensive manner.

Under an existing Order-in-Council, Canadians of Japanese race are not permitted to reside in British Columbia without first obtaining a government permit. The right to vote is denied to some Canadians on account of their racial origin. For some years, certain religious groups in Canada have been subjected to persecution and denied the right to practise their religion in accordance with democratic principles. We have only to refer to the recent case of mob action in Woodstock, N.B., during which four members of one of these groups, the Jehovah's Witnesses, were run out of town.

Films such as "Man-One Family" dealing with racial intolerance and produced by the British Information Service and "Every Man's World" and "Don't Be a Sucker" produced by the National Film Board and "Native Land" a trade union film, have been banned in some Canadian provinces.

In Prince Edward Island it is illegal for trade union members to belong to outside organizations such as the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labour.

The fact that we have enjoyed a large measure of freedom in the past is no guarantee that our civil rights are secure for the present or the future.

In Britain and in the United States civil liberties organizations have existed for many years, dedicated to the same purpose and among whose membership are to be found some of their most distinguished citizens. We look forward to the time when an organization similar to these will exist in Canada.

We earnestly invite and anticipate your attendance at this meeting, which is important to our community and each one of us.

Yours faithfully,

Ad. Hoc Committee.

F. Andrew Brewin

F. Andrew Brewin

Mrs. W. L. Grant

Mrs. W. L. Grant

Irving Himel

Irving Himel

Rev. Wm. P. Jenkins

Rev. Wm. P. Jenkins

Vivien Mahodd

Vivien Mahodd

Charles H. Millard

Charles H. Millard

B. K. Sandwell

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George Tatham

George Tatham

Malcolm Wallace

Malcolm Wallace.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION FILE No.
 DIVISION SUB-DIVISION DETACHMENT
 PROVINCE Ontario Toronto Special Branch
 DATE March 14th, 1949

RE: The Association for Civil Liberties (Toronto),
 Toronto, Ontario.

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11-3-49.

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A. R. V. B. BRANCH
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SET FOR 15-5-49

1. With reference to the above, please be advised
 a meeting held at the Royal Ontario Museum Theatre, Toronto,
 Ontario, speakers present during
 the election of a Committee to defend and uphold the civil
 rights of the citizens.

2. The meeting was opened by Chairman, and he introduced the first speaker, who briefly outlined the reason for holding the meeting, and the need for a Civil Rights Committee. The next speaker, further reiterated the statements of and elaborated quite fully on various sections of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as adopted by the United Nations, namely sections 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Copies of this Declaration were handed to everyone attending the meeting. illustrated his talk by quoting various incidences made by the Toronto City Police, which, he stated, had infringed on the rights and privileges of citizens. The next speaker was Mr. M.P.P. (CCF), who suggested the need for a Civil Rights Committee, especially in these times, when certain police forces are bull-doing citizens in the execution of their duties. briefly stated a case of racial discrimination in the Georgian Bay District of Ontario, and put forward the motion that the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights be adopted by the meeting. This motion was passed. Mr. David CROLL, Liberal M.P. for Spadina, spoke very briefly and stated that in the past, other committees had been formed, but they had axe to grind, and he hoped that this group would not be lost in the woods, but would stick to generalities and not get tied up with specific cases.

next put forward the resolution to call a new group, the Association for Civil Liberties (Toronto), and that the provisional committee would comprise of five (45) members, which could be increased to fifty and this group or Committee, would form the Executive body of six (6) from amongst themselves. There was no protest to this motion, which was ultimately passed by all assembled. read a list of forty-five (45) names which comprise the Provisional Committee. The names, stated, were selected by the Temporary Committee, of responsible persons, who have in the past been on similar committees for the betterment of human rights and welfare.

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3. The names of the persons on the Provisional Committee are as follows:-

David CROLL, M.P.

E.B. JOLLIFFE, M.P.P.

G. A. MARTIN, K.C.
Lamon PARK, M.P.P.

Lloyd FELL, M.P.

4. It should be noted at this time, that during the Meeting [redacted] of the Canadian Seamen's Union, Toronto, addressed the Chair, and enquired if the newly formed Committee would consider the case of fifty-five (55) seamen of the C.S.U. who were in gaol, at the present time, for seemingly no good reason. [redacted] stated that the Committee were more interested in generalities than in certain specific cases.

5. In all approximately 300 people attended this Meeting, which commenced about 8:00 p.m. and closed at 10:30 p.m. Some people in attendance were students, and others were of men and women. The announcement of this Meeting was made through a local newspaper, the Toronto Daily Star on the 10th instant, and through a mimeographed letter which was sent at random to people who belong to various civic clubs or groups. The mailing list was made up by the Temporary Committee which was instrumental in starting this Association, namely:-

6. Attached hereto is the pamphlet, entitled 'Submi
of Committee for a Bill of Rights in support of Statement
a Bill of Rights to the Special Joint Committee of the Sen
and the House of Commons on Human Rights and Fundamental
doms', copy of the United Nations' Declaration, and a press
clipping from the Telegram, Toronto, March 12th, 1949. It
should be added here, that the Canadian Tribune, March 14
1949, refers to this Committee on page 7, as a threat to the

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No. [REDACTED]

RE: The Association for Civil Liberties
Toronto) Toronto, Ontario.

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Labour Progressive Party.

7. Further report will be submitted, to concur with
Diary Date, giving the names of the persons elected to the
Executive body of this Association.

S.U.I.

(R.B. Hara) Reg. # 1981

THE COMMISSIONER:

1. FORWARDED for your information together with a
pamphlet entitled "Submission of Committee for a Bill of
Rights in Support of Statement for a Bill of Rights to
the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House
Commons on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms"; copy
the United Nations Declaration; one copy of the newspaper
clipping taken from the Toronto Telegram dated March 12,
1949 mentioned in para. 6.

2. The newspaper item in the Toronto Daily Star
dated 10-3-49 is not being forwarded in accordance with
instructions. The mimeographed letter referred to in
para. 5 is being photostated here and as soon as prints
are received from our photographer the original will be
forwarded to you.

3. Although at the moment there is no indication
that the Association for Civil Liberties (Toronto) is
Communist inspired or controlled, some of the individuals
comprising the Provisional Committee, as listed in para. 1
are mentioned in our subversive indices and in view of the
enquiries are being continued concerning this organization
and further reports may be expected.

S.U.I.

Toronto
24-3-49
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(K. Shakespeare) S/Insp
1/c Special Section

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(14-3-49)

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MEMORANDUM TO:

Inspector Leopold.

Re: The Association for Civil Liberties
(Toronto).

Report from Toronto Special Branch, dated March 14, herewith. This deals with a new civil liberties organization under the above name formed for the purpose of upholding civil rights and liberties in a general way without necessarily dealing with specific cases.

2. Names of the Committee members are given in paragraph 3. Some are mentioned in our subversive records as being party sympathisers, but in the main they are CCF followers and some of them were on the committee of the original Civil Liberties Association which was organized in Toronto in 1941 but has been practically inactive during the last few years having been forced into the background by the more aggressive communist dominated Civil Rights Union.

R. Barker

(R.H. Barker), Cpl.

OTTAWA, 30-3-49
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BY C.S.I.S.

*This is a
new attempt
and has
been condemned
by the Committee*

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

DIV. FILE NO. [REDACTED]

TORONTO, Ont. April 6, 1949.

H. Q. FILE NO. _____
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The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: The Association For Civil Liberties
Toronto, Ontario.

With reference to the latter part of

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W. Shakespeare
W. Shakespeare) S/Insp.,
I/C Special Section.

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EXTRACT
R.C.M.P.

"K" Division - File No. [REDACTED]
Edmonton, Alta.

CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION
OF TORONTO

15-7-49

Re: [REDACTED]
Edmonton, Alta.

1. Reference the above and further to P.C.Rs,
in this connection. It is now advised that [REDACTED]

3. It is understood from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that the actual reason for
he has used [REDACTED]

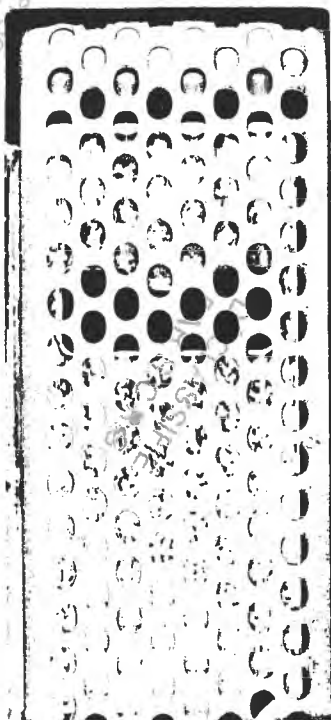
It is understood that [REDACTED] also
that the CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO is
taking up his cause.

(Sgd.) R. C. Francis (Cst.) 13344

15-7-49

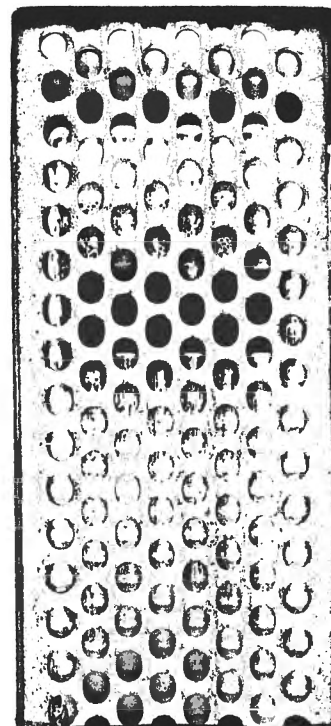
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"O" Division

"O" DIV. REF. [REDACTED]

Toronto, Ont. Oct. 19/49

H. Q. REF.

TO: THE N.C.C. I / TORONTO SPECIAL SECTION
ATTN: COMM. HANA

RE: Association for Civil Liberties

Report in the above connection is awaited.
Please, as Diary Date has now expired.

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K. Shakespeare
(K. Shakespeare) S/Insp.,
I/C Special Section

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DIVISION "0" DIVISION FILE No. [REDACTED]
 SUB-DIVISION - SUB-DIVISION
 DETACHMENT Toronto Special Section
 PROVINCE Ontario DATE December 21st, 1949.

RE: Association for Civil Liberties...Toronto, Ontar-G.

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DETACHMENT

P.C.R.

14-3-49

A. R. V. No.

1. With reference to the above, and further to PCR of 14-3-49, please be advised that there have been no public or open meetings of this group in Toronto in the past few months. There have been no new pamphlets issued by this group.

[REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]. A full list of all officers of the Association appeared in a press release of the Toronto Telegram, dated 19-5-49, which was forwarded under separate cover.

2. In view of above, should any pertinent information come to light in Toronto on the activities of this Association, same will be duly reported on, to concur with the undernoted Diary Date.

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(R.B. Hara) Reg. #1284. Ost.

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2. [REDACTED]

Toronto
 24-12-49
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(H. Shakespeare) i/c Insp.
 i/c Special Section.

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Toronto Special Section

Ontario

DATE May 9th, 1950.

Association of Civil Liberties,
Toronto, Ontario.

1 MAY 1950

1. With reference to the above,
please be advised that this group has been inactive
during the past few months. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a report will be immediately submitted
on any new activity or movement in Toronto.

S.U.I.

(R.B. Hara) Reg. #12847. Cst.

THE COMMISSIONER

1. FORWARDED for your information.

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i/c Special Section.

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EXTRACT RE: A ssociation of Civil Liberties. FILE NO. [REDACTED]
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED] DATE: 18-5-50
DIV. FILE NO. [REDACTED] DETACHMENT: Special Branch
Re: UNITED JEWISH PEOPLES' ORDER.

1. The above organization in Vancouver following the pattern established in other UJPO organizations throughout Canada, have affiliated themselves with the National Peace Congress. The local UJPO organization are participating in the Vancouver Peace Assembly "Peace Week" which commences with a speech by the [REDACTED] at the Exhibition Gardens on Sunday, 21st inst.

1.

4. At a meeting of the UJPO in Vancouver held this week, the group commented on the fact that they are receiving considerable support from the Peace Congress in its protest against the Padlock Law. The following organizations were also mentioned as supporting the UJPO in this fight:-

Labour Council in Vancouver and Montreal
Civil Liberties Union, of Montreal and Toronto
Association of Civil Liberties, Toronto and the Toronto Civil Rights Union as well as 43 Protestant clergymen of Montreal.

5. Further support from a source which is unexpected, is the support now being given the UJPO by Senator J.G. Turgeon of British Columbia. It is reported that he told the Senate Committee on Human Rights during the presentations of the UJPO briefs that he could not agree with Senator Gouin that the UJPO is making a tirade against the Province of Quebec. He stated that he, himself, was a Roman Catholic and that he hated the principles of the Padlock Law. He further stated that he was not a Communist, but that he was not a Communist, but that he was a bitter anti-Communist but he would not support legislation banning the Communists.

8. Plans have been made to cover the visit of [REDACTED] and also the activities of the UJPO during the "Peace Week" and further report will be submitted in due course.

(sgd) A.E. Thomas, A/Cpl.
Reg. No. 11708.

Donor:

Forwarded for your information.
Further reports concerning this organization and details quoted in current report may be anticipated.

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COORDONNATEUR DE L'ACCÈS À
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(sgd) G.J. Archer, Insp
Officer I/C CIB.

ORIGINAL ON: [REDACTED] 18-5-50. - Extract by: E.M. -

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSO- H.Q. FILE
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SOURCE: Document

DATE: 30-5-50

DIV. FILE [REDACTED] DETACHMENT: Toronto Special Section

Re: United Jewish People's Order, Toronto, Ontario.

1. In the above connection attached please find a letter dated May 18, 1950 on the letterhead of the United Jewish Peoples Order and signed by [REDACTED] together with the enclosures mentioned therein.

3. The attached material deals mainly with the Quebec Padlock Law and the action taken by the Quebec authorities against the U.J.P.O. Hall in Montreal.

(J. H. Lumb) Cpl. #12851.

THE COMMISSIONER: -

1 FORWARDED for your information, together with the letter and the brief mentioned above.

(K. Shakespeare) Insp.,
i/c Special Section.

EXHIBIT "D"

Partial list of organizations who have protested the padlock of the U.J.P.O. Cultural Centre.

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CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION of Toronto

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EXTRACT RE: Civil Liberties Assoc.

H.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

DATE: 6-9-50

To: The C.C. "O" Division
RCMP - ~~At~~ Toronto, Ont.

Re: [REDACTED]

The past activities of [REDACTED] may well be considered to reflect sympathy, if not active support, for the Communist movement.

2. In [REDACTED] At the same time [REDACTED] the CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION and the NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS.

3. According to your report of February 27th, 1950 re: [REDACTED] it is noted that mention is made of [REDACTED] and it is assumed, therefore, that he may still be [REDACTED] In view of this, please have enquiries conducted for the purpose of ascertaining the present status of this associations and his activities generally.

R.N.S. MacNeil, Inspector
for Officer i/c Special Branch

ORIGINAL ON: [REDACTED] 6-9-50 EXTRACT MADE BY:

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EXTRACT RE: CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

H.Q. FILE: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: [REDACTED]

DATE: OCT. 6, 1950

October 6, 1950.

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TO: The O.C. "O" Division,
R.C.M.P. - Toronto, Ontario

Re: [REDACTED]

The attached form which is to be returned when it has served its purpose embodies all the information made available to us concerning the above individual who has applied to the Passport Office for a Certificate of Identity.

2. We have numerous references to a person [REDACTED]

3. Kindly ascertain if the above reference refer to
Tonia Catharina LISZEKI and, if so, [REDACTED]

R.A.C. MacNeil, Inspector
for Officer i/c Special Branch

ORIGINAL ON: [REDACTED] 6-10-50 EXTRACT MADE BY: DEL