CLOSED

VOLUME

DO NOT PLACE ANY CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS FILE

FOR SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE SEE:

FILE NO. .......................... VOLUME NO. 3

PLEASE KEEP ATTACHED TO TOP OF FILE 001055
THE COMMISSIONER,
RCMP - OTTAWA.

Re: Rene LEVESQUE,
Montreal, Que.

1. FORWARDED along with
two (2) copies of Montreal
Star clipping dated 27-2-61
for your information and
record.

Encls.

(W. Milligan) Insp.
Officer i/c S.I.B.

REVIEWED by:—
T Directorate Records
Date: MAR 14 1961

RECEIPT ACK'D
MAR 8 1961
I/C CENTRAL REGISTRY

MAR - 8 1961
MAR - 9 1961

MAR 8 1961
001056
INFORMATION

worked for the liberal candidate Rene LEVESQUE as the Laurier District, Montreal, Que., during the Provincial elections of the 22-6-60.
INFORMATION

1. Please find hereto attached original and photostat copies of "Le Guide du Nord" dated November 5th, 1959 dealing with a conference given by Rene LEVESQUE to the members of the Northern Businessmen Association at the Restaurant "Chez Maxime". The writer of the article in "Le Guide du Nord" mentioned above, is Gaston HOULE

THE COMMISSIONER,
RCMP - OTTAWA.

1. FORWARDED for your information and records.

2. Attached hereto are two photostatic copies of the article referred to above.

MONTREAL
20-6-60

(J.E.M. Barrette) Insp.
Officer i/c S.I.B.

REVIEWED by-\
"T Directed to Records-
Date: JUL 13 1960

D.S.
JUN 21 1960
1/C CENTRAL REGISTRY

D.S.I.
JUN 27 1960

R.C.M.P.

JUN 22 1960
Rene LEVESQUE.

ATTACHED ARE DOCUMENTS MENTIONED IN PARA.
#1 OF REPORT DATED June 15th, 1960.
CARRIES 5 ADVERTISEMENTS OF VARIOUS BUSINESS CONCERNS.
AND ONE BIG HEAD-LINE:

"POINT DE MIRE" CHEZ MAXIM'S "(POINT DE MIRE" WAS A REGULAR TV PROGRAM OF RENE LEVESQUE ON THE WORLD'S SITUATION; WHICH STIRRED MANY CONTROVERSIES. IT WAS CANCELLED BUT RENE LEVESQUE HAD BECOME FAMOUS BECAUSE OF HIS CLEAN-CUT COMMENTS. IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO FORM AN OPINION ON THE MAN AS HE SWERVES A LITTLE TO THE LEFT AND THEN TURNS ABRUPTLY TO CENTER RIGHT. BUT HE DID MAKE DANGEROUS COMMENTS.)

THE TITLE OF THE ARTICLE APPEARING ON ANOTHER PAGE:

RENEW LEVESQUE INVITES BUSINESSMEN OF THE NORTH TO COOPERATE WITH RUSSIANS!

A LARGE PICTURE OF KHROUSHCHOV AND A SMALLER PICTURE OF RENE LEVESQUE APPEAR ON THE SAME PAGE.

------------------

PAGE ONE ALSO CARRIES THE TITLE OF ANOTHER ARTICLE WHICH IS OF LOCAL INTEREST ONLY:

"VIOLENT OUTBURST OF A COUNCILLOR AGAINST MUNICIPAL WASTE".

(READ ON PAGE 5).
Clipping from:
Le Guide du Nord
(The Guide of the North)

Thursday, November 5, 1959

RENE LEVESQUE INVITES BUSINESSMEN
OF THE NORTH TO COOPERATE WITH RUSSIA.

René Levesque, it is known, is a polite man, and following his lecture he begged excuses for having spoken too long at the luncheon organized by the businessmen of the North, Tuesday noon at Maxim's. For some forty-five minutes he really was the focus point of 200 guests who attended, but the general impression (stated under breath) after the luncheon was over can be summed up as follows: is it wise for a businessmen association, which claims to be neutral in politics, to allow a lecturer to spill his political bile and personal emancipation theories over the table of honour?

I am told that the lecturers invited by the Association are not paid. I believe that as much as I believed in the honesty of Prof. Van Doren, the star of the 21 Quizz program... At any rate, one cannot blame René Levesque for having emptied his bag of "peanut politics". He had not submitted his text and no one was invited to reply. That formula has always guaranteed the success of "Point de Mire" and of Mr. Levesque, and in this respect, we are far from the communizing cells where comrades accept willynilly, the criticism of others...

René Levesque naturally spoke about "leftism" and we absolutely agree with him on one point, namely, that a man at certain times of his life is always more or less either at the right or at the left of someone or something. We also agree that Hon. Paul Sauvé, beloved disciple, may be placed somewhat at the left of his predecessor, as he seems more open to suggestions and new ideas.

But, to explain that, René Levesque, did not have to smear the memory of the late Hon. Maurice Duplessis. He showed a lack of tact, judgment and...accuracy. Thus, Mr. Levesque forgot to mention (and no one had the right to remind him of it) that if Hon. Sauvé can, at a moment's notice, flood his province with riches, through increases in wages, new constructions of roads, hospitals, etc., he does not take such money out of his own pockets, and he is able to act in such a way because his predecessor did accumulate the millions of a sound and intelligent administration. Another point in the smears of Mr. Levesque: if, in
the field of education and university grants, Mr. Sauvé is to-day, that is, at a moments notice, able to impose his views to the federal government while adopting a more subtle, a more conciliatory policy, nevertheless it is because the ground was prepared, because the Late Hon. Duplessis has held on (for a long time? I agree) so that we might gain our point some day without losing our autonomy in the matter of education.

Mr. Levesque also spoke about the Russians. He did not teach us anything when he stated that following the experiences on the moon and the accuracy of the projectiles, it was useless to deceive ourselves about the usefulness or the possibility of a world war. The Russians are strong, the Americans also. Agreed. But behind such truth of a general order why the streak of deceitful propaganda to inform us that under Stalin there was "forced labour" in Russia while now the great realizations of that people are achieved solely with the free labour of the people? On what authority does Mr. Levesque base himself to speak that way, and on whose behalf does he speak exactly? When Russia denounced Stalin the Communizing French Canadians (Guy Caron, Pierre Gelinas and others) found out that they were heading the wrong way and they left their illusions, but Mr. Levesque, just erases the name of Stalin from the (Russian) encyclopedia to fall directly in the trap of Nikita. It is his right, but why try to forge that down the throats of businessmen of the North?

Of course, trade exchanges shall expand one day or another in all the countries of the world, and we must be prepared, but in all the paragraphs of the lecture of Mr. Levesque there was not one mention of the "Plaza St. Hubert"! A simple invitation, hoarse but direct, to bow in the face of an accomplished fact: Russian power, and that ends that!

We believe (we have noted that on the spot) that businessmen of the North were taken by surprise. René Levesque came like a dog in a bowling alley. He made his strike. But if the businessmen look for a perfect game and strong emotions at their speech-luncheons, we recommend Gilda! No ambiguity, no politics and all is well.

The next lecturer of the "Association des hommes d'affaires du Nord": Hon. Lionel Chevrier, liberal M.P. for Laurier. Let us hope this time that Jacques Deserres, of "Montréal Matin" will not be placed in the embarrassing situation of thanking the lecturer.

Gaston HOULE.

P.S. - Why not choose a newspaperman who is "neutral" in politics.
LL GUIDE DU NORD
(GUIDE OF THE NORTH)

5707 Ch. Colomb   MONTREAL, Thursday   November 5, 1959

1st page

Carries 5 advertisements of various business concerns. And one big head-line:

"Point de mire" chez Maxim's "(Point de mire" was a regular TV program of René Levesque on the world's situation; which stirred many controversies. It was cancelled but René Levesque had become famous because of his clean-cut comments. It is not always easy to form an opinion on the man as he swerves a little to the left and then turns abruptly to center right. But he did make dangerous comments.)

The title of the article appearing on another page:

RENE LEVESQUE INVITES BUSINESSMEN OF THE NORTH TO COOPERATE WITH RUSSIANS!

A large picture of Khroushchov and a smaller picture of René Levesque appear on the same page.

-------------

Page one also carries the title of another article which is of local interest only:

"Violent outburst of a councillor against municipal waste".

(Read on page 5).
Clipping from:
Le Guide du Nord
(The Guide of the North)

Thursday, November 5, 1959

RENE LEVESQUE INVITES BUSINESSMEN OF THE NORTH TO COOPERATE WITH RUSSIA.

René Levesque, it is known, is a polite man, and following his lecture he begged excuses for having spoken too long at the luncheon organized by the businessmen of the North, Tuesday noon at Maxim's. For some forty-five minutes he really was the focus point of 200 guests who attended, but the general impression (stated under breath) after the luncheon was over can be summed up as follows: is it wise for a businessmen association, which claims to be neutral in politics, to allow a lecturer to spill his political bile and personal emancipation theories over the table of honour?

I am told that the lecturers invited by the Association are not paid. I believe that as much as I believed in the honesty of Prof. Van Doren, the star of the 21 Quizz program... At any rate, one cannot blame René Levesque for having emptied his bag of "peanut politics". He had not submitted his text and no one was invited to reply. That formula has always guaranteed the success of "Point de Hire" and of "Mr. Levesque, and in this respect, we are far from the communizing cells where comrades accept willynilly, the criticism of others...

René Levesque naturally spoke about "leftism" and we absolutely agree with him on one point, namely, that a man at certain times of his life is always more or less either at the right or at the left of someone or something. We also agree that Hon. Paul Sauvé, beloved disciple, may be placed somewhat at the left of his predecessor, as he seems more open to suggestions and new ideas.

But, to explain that, René Levesque, did not have to smear the memory of the late Hon. Maurice Duplessis. He showed a lack of tact, judgment and...accuracy. Thus, Mr. Levesque forgot to mention (and no one had the right to remind him of it) that if Hon. Sauvé can, at a moment's notice, flood his province with riches, through increases in wages, new constructions of roads, hospitals, etc., he does not take such money out of his own pockets, and he is able to act in such a way because his predecessor did accumulate the millions of a sound and intelligent administration. Another point in the smears of Mr. Levesque: if, in
the field of education and university grants, Mr. Sauvé is to-day, that is, at a moment's notice, able to impose his views to the federal government while adopting a more subtle, a more conciliatory policy, nevertheless it is because the ground was prepared, because the late Hon. Duplessis has held on (for a long time? I agree) so that we might gain our point some day without losing our autonomy in the matter of education.

Mr. Levesque also spoke about the Russians. He did not teach us anything when he stated that following the experiences on the moon and the accuracy of the projectiles, it was useless to deceive ourselves about the usefulness or the possibility of a world war. The Russians are strong, the Americans also. Agreed. But behind such truth of a general order why the streak of deceitful propaganda to inform us that under Staline there was "forced labour" in Russia while now the great realizations of that people are achieved solely with the free labour of the people? On what authority does Mr. Levesque base himself to speak that way, and on whose behalf does he speak exactly? When Russia denounced Staline the Communistizing French Canadians (Guy Caron, Pierre Gélinas and others) found out that they were heading the wrong way and they left their illusions, but Mr. Levesque, just erases the name of Staline from the [Russian] encyclopedia to fall directly in the trap of Nikita. Is it his right, but why try to forge that down the throats of businessmen of the North?

Of course, trade exchanges shall expand one day or another in all the countries of the world, and we must be prepared, but in all the paragraphs of the lecture of Mr. Levesque there was not one mention of the "Plaza St. Hubert"! A simple invitation, harse but direct, to bow in the face of an accomplished fact: Russian power, and that ends that!

We believe (we have noted that on the spot) that businessmen of the North were taken by surprise. René Levesque came like a dog in a bowling alley. He made his strike. But if the businessmen look for a perfect game and strong emotions at their speech-luncheons, we recommend Gilda! No ambiguity, no politics and all is well.

The next lecturer of the "Association des hommes d'affaires du Nord": Hon. Lionel Chevrier, liberal M.P. for Laurier. Let us hope this time that Jacques Desarres, of "Montreal Matin" will not be placed in the embarassing situation of thanking the lecturer.

Gaston HOULE.

P.S. - Why not choose a newspaperman who is "neutral" in politics.
Carries 5 advertisements of various business concerns. And one big headline:

"Point de mire" chez Maxima. "Point de mire" was a regular TV program of René Levesque on the world's situation; which stirred many controversies. It was cancelled but René Levesque had become famous because of his clean-cut comments. It is not always easy to form an opinion on the man as he swerves a little to the left and then turns abruptly to center right. But he did make dangerous comments.

The title of the article appearing on another page:

RENE LEVESQUE INVITES BUSINESSMEN OF THE NORTH TO COOPERATE WITH RUSSIANS

A large picture of Khroushchov and a smaller picture of René Levesque appear on the same page.

--------

Page one also carries the title of another article which is of local interest only:

"Violent outburst of a councillor against municipal waste".

(Read on page 5).
Clipping from:
Le Guide du Nord
(The Guide of the North)

Thursday, November 5, 1959

RENÉ LEVESQUE INVITES BUSINESSMEN
OF THE NORTH TO COOPERATE WITH RUSSIA.

René Levesque, it is known, is a polite man, and following his lecture he begged excuses for having spoken too long at the luncheon organized by the businessmen of the North, Tuesday noon at Maxim's. For some forty-five minutes he really was the focus point of 200 guests who attended, but the general impression (stated under breath) after the luncheon was over can be summed up as follows: is it wise for a businessmen association, which claims to be neutral in politics, to allow a lecturer to spill his political bile and personal emancipation theories over the table of honour?

I am told that the lecturers invited by the Association are not paid. I believe that as much as I believed in the honesty of Prof. Van Doren, the star of the 21 Quiz program... At any rate, one cannot blame René Levesque for having emptied his bag of "peanut politics". He had not submitted his text and no one was invited to reply. That formula has always guaranteed the success of "Point de Hare" and of "T. Levesque", and in this respect, we are far from the communizing cells where comrades accept wilfully, the criticism of others...

René Levesque naturally spoke about "leftism" and we absolutely agree with him on one point, namely, that a man at certain times of his life is always more or less either at the right or at the left of someone or something. We also agree that Hon. Paul Sauvé, beloved disciple, may be placed somewhat at the left of his predecessor, as he seems more open to suggestions and new ideas.

But, to explain that, René Levesque, did not have to smear the memory of the late Hon. Maurice Duplessis. He showed a lack of tact, judgment and...accuracy. Thus, Mr. Levesque forgot to mention (and no one had the right to remind him of it) that if Hon. Sauvé can, at a moment's notice, flood his province with riches, through increases in wages, new constructions of roads, hospitals, etc., he does not take such money out of his own pockets, and he is able to act in such a way because his predecessor did accumulate the millions of a sound and intelligent administration. Another point in the smears of Mr. Levesque: if, in
the field of education and university grants, Mr. Sauvé is to-day, that is, at a moments notice, able to impose his views to the federal government while adopting a more subtle, a more conciliatory policy, nevertheless it is because the ground was prepared, because the late Hon. Duplessis has held on (for a long time? I agree) so that we might gain our point some day without losing our autonomy in the matter of education.

Mr. Levesque also spoke about the Russians. He did not teach us anything when he stated that following the experiences on the moon and the accuracy of the projectiles, it was useless to deceive ourselves about the usefulness or the possibility of a world war. The Russians are strong, the Americans also. Agreed. But behind such truth of a general order why the streek of deceitful propaganda to inform us that under Staline there was "forced labour" in Russia while now the great realizations of that people are achieved solely with the free labour of the people? On what authority does Mr. Levesque base himself to speak that way, and on whose behalf does he speak exactly? When Russia denounced Staline the Communizing French Canadians (Guy Caron, Pierre Gelinas and others) found out that they were heading the wrong way and they left their illusions, but Mr. Levesque, just erases the name of Staline from the [Russian] encyclopedia to fall directly in the trap of Nkita. Is it his right, but why try to forte that down the throats of businessmen of the North?

Of course, trade exchanges shall expand one day or another in all the countries of the world, and we must be prepared, but in all the paragraphs of the lecture of Mr. Levesque there was not one mention of the "Plaza St. Hubert"! A simple invitation, hoarse but direct, to bow in the face of an accomplished fact: Russian power, and that ends that!

We believe (we have noted that on the spot) that businessmen of the North were taken by surprise. René Levesque came like a dog in a bowling alley. He made his strike. But if the businessmen look for a perfect game and strong emotions at their speech-luncheons, we recommend Gilda! No ambiguity, no politics and all is well.

The next lecturer of the "Association des hommes d'affaires du Nord"; Hon. Lionel Chavrier, liberal K.P. for Laurier. Let us hope this time that Jacques Deserres, of "Montreal Matin" will not be placed in the embarrassing situation of thanking the lecturer.

Gaston HOULE.

P.S. - Why not choose a newspaperman who is "neutral" in politics.
The text/image of this article/letter is not included because of copyright restrictions. Le texte/image de cet(te) article/lettre ne figure pas à cause de restrictions de droits d'auteur.
The text/image of this article/letter is not included because of copyright restrictions. Le texte/image de cet(te) article/lettre ne figure pas à cause de restrictions de droits d'auteur.
Montreal, Quebec  
June 10th, 1960.

THE COMMISSIONER,  
RCMP - OTTAWA.

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA  
(Activities in Provincial  
Elections) CANADA.

1. Nominations for the forthcoming  
Provincial Elections on June 22nd, 1960  
officially closed on June 8th, 1960. The  
Party nominated two candidates Camille  
DIONNE* and Frank BRANTON* who will be contestants in the Maisonneuve  
and Verdun ridings respectively.

2. I may mention also that Raymond  
MORDOR and Rene LEVESQUE* will be running on the National Union and Liberal  
ticket in the ridings of St. Henri and Laurier respectively.

3. Nomination papers of these candidates will be examined and appropriate report will be submitted in the near future.

(J.K.M. Barrette) Insp.  
Office 1/c S.I.B.

SEP 16 1960

SEP 13 1960
INFORMATION

1. Perusal of the April 29th issue of the French weekly "Le Progres du Golfe", published in Rimouski, Quebec revealed that subject of this file was a guest of the Board of Trade of Rimouski, Que. on April 27th, 1960.

INVESTIGATOR'S COMMENTS.

2. Please find attached hereto copies of subject's photograph taken upon his arrival at the Rimouski Airport, Rimouski, Quebec, together with copies of an article describing the main points of Rene LEVESQUE's conference.

THE COMMISSIONER,
RCMP - OTTAWA.

1. FORWARDED together with the documents referred to in paragraph #2.
RENÉ LEVESQUE À LA CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE

The text/image of this article/letter is not included because of copyright restrictions. Le texte/image de cet(te) article/lettre ne figure pas à cause de restrictions de droits d'auteur.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FILE NUMBERS</th>
<th>CHARGED TO</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>READERS REMARKS &amp; INITIALS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1) (16) (14-4-60)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2) (13-10-59)</td>
<td>16-10-59 61</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lescar, Lewis</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lescar, Lewis</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lescar, Lewis</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lescar, Lewis</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lescar, Lewis</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**MAY 11, 1960**

**REQUESTED BY**

**COMPLETE CHECK**

**DIR. OR BR.**

"I" DIR. INDEX ONLY

**SECTION**

"C" DIR. INDEX ONLY

**MICHELLE NEAL**

**NAME**

**ADDRESSES**

**CHECKER**

**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH**

**OCCUPATION**

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

**CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECK SHEET**

**PLEASE PRINT NEATLY**

**THIS CHECK SHEET MUST REMAIN ON FILE** 001097
The Canadian Committee for the Control of Radiation Hazards, Montreal, P.Q.

1. October 2nd, 1959, a public meeting sponsored by the Canadian Committee for the Control of Radiation Hazards was held at the Gesu Hall, 1200 Bleury St., Montreal, P.Q. The meeting which was under the chairmanship of Rene Levesque was attended by a crowd of approximately 500 persons comprised of a large number of students as well as three priests.

2. The meeting started at 8:30 P.M. and terminated at 11:00 P.M. The guest speaker was Dr. Linus Pauling and the topic of his talk was "Fall Out and Radiation."

3. After the meeting, a collection was taken up at the entrance and several persons filled out membership application forms.

Cpl.
1. At 10.30 P.H. of the 12-5-59, the C.B.C. television program "Point de Mire" commented by Gene LEVESQUE was seen by the writer.

2. This half hour program is the French counterpart of the English program "Newsmagazine" and Gene LEVESQUE attempts to bring the viewers up to date on current events in the news of the time.

3. On the date mentioned above, the subject commented upon was "The Geneva Conference" of the East and West foreign ministers on the German reunification and the disarmament questions. LEVESQUE started by giving his views on the background for this conference. These views were as follows:

The Russians suffered a lot from German aggression on their country.

They liberated from the Germans the following countries: Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the part of Germany which is now East Germany.

At the end of the war none of the Western Powers had any troops in Berlin. It was only through the goodwill of the Russians that some of our troops were permitted to occupy part of Berlin in the first place.

4. On the point that the Russians depleted the economy of the countries they "liberated", LEVESQUE stated that the Russians started to do that only following the example France gave by starting to do just that in the part of Germany which they occupied after the war. According to him, it was only after the French had depleted her part of Germany that the Russians transferred some of the heavy industries from central Europe to Russia.

5. The Berlin Blockade was made by the Russians. One of the big reasons for this blockade was the trouble experienced with the money exchange as this was posing a tremendous problem.

6. The present Geneva Conference was made possible by Khrushchew's statement of last November when he said he would turn over the whole of East Germany including Berlin to the East German Administration.
This ultimatum has "forced the western powers to negotiate a lessening of tension".

7. Another point indicating that Khruschev wants a lessening of tension was the Moscow May Day Parade which this year was much smaller than the previous ones and included only small conventional arms. None of the modern weapons were seen in this parade.

INVESTIGATOR'S COMMENTS

8. You will note that LEVESQUE failed to mention Hungary in any part of his comments.

9. By listening to this program a person received the impression that the Russians are the real good fellows who always want to negotiate, on the other hand the western powers are forced to the conference table by the Russians. LEVESQUE, of course, never mentioned the treaties broken by the Russians or that at all previous conferences they never really negotiated but only used their position for propaganda purposes.

10. On the Berlin question it is the writer's belief that LEVESQUE wanted to put across the idea that the western powers have no real right to be in that city should the Russians decide so as it was only through the goodwill of the Russians that the western powers were permitted entry in the first place.

11. In my opinion this program could be interpreted as a phase in conditioning the thinking of the people to the fact that should the Geneva conference fail, it will not be the Russians' fault as all they want to do is withdraw their permission for the western powers to remain in Berlin.

FORWARDED for your information.

(D.E. McLaren) - Insp.,
Officer 1/c S.I.B.
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
(Domestic Service,
Montreal)

1. With reference to the current strike of CBC producers in Montreal,

3.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

(3-2 69)
17. Gene LEVESQUE, noted as being the official co-ordinator of the striking unions, appeared at a press conference held in Montreal by Marcel CARTER and A.J. FRASER of the CBC. He claimed to be a journalist representing the over 1300 striking employees and proceeded to attack the press release given by CARTER. He was joined in this attack by Jean VINCENT and Andre LEGAIS of the publication "Vedettes" and by ROYCE RICHARDS of the Montreal Star.
Though it is appreciated that the information contained herein is not necessarily primarily of a subversive nature, it is felt that it will give an insight into the activities leading to some of the developments in the current strike of the seventy-four CBC producers in the Montreal area with particular emphasis on the known or suspected communist elements both in and out of the CBC.

26. At the present time the strikers, L'Association des Realisateurs (CCCL), are being supported by about 130 fellow employees members of the following unions:

- National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians.
- Union des Artistes.
- Societe des Auteurs.
- International Association of Theatrical and Scenery Employees.
- Association of Radio and Television Employees of Canada and the Canadian
To date there has been no further indication of a countrywide strike.

Any further information received in this connection will be forwarded as soon as possible.

W. Booth, 1526
The Commissioner,
R.C.M.P. - OTTAWA

Re: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation -
(Domestic Service) Montreal

1. In accordance with instructions received from Asst. Comr. Lemieux to the effect that the Security-Intelligence Branch attempt to cover the varied political activities involved in the current strike of C.B.C. producers, have been concentrated on the situation.

2. So far we have not become aware of any direct interest in this strike by the Party proper, that is, the L.P.P. as it presently exists here.

There is, however, some reason to believe that former Party members in intellectual circles close to the C.B.C., persons who may even yet be furthering the aims of the Party, are taking an active part in guiding the trend of events.

3. It is too soon to speculate on the real objective of the strike of the C.B.C. producers, as insufficient information has been obtained. Nevertheless, it would seem reasonable to assume that the concerted effort being made not only by the producers but those in support of them, is aimed at one thing, the erection of a defensive organization which would be in a position to withstand any criticism which may eventually come from the projected Parliamentary Committee to be established in the immediate future to look into C.B.C. programming. If the producers were successful in establishing an organization with bargaining rights, even if this were only in the French section of the C.B.C., this would provide a precedent which could well lead to the extension of such an organization throughout the country.

4. The situation has been somewhat complicated by the fact that the Canadian Labour Congress and the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labour have both been giving active support to the striking producers. At the same time, other organizations such as the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians (NABET),
Re: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Domestic Service) Montreal

To: The Commissioner (cont'd)

Association of Radio & Television Employees of Canada (ARTEC), Union of Radio and Television Artists (CLC), and the International Association of Television and Stage Employees are contributing their support and assistance. It is reported that Rene Levsky, a suspected Communist, is the co-ordinator between the strikers and the union bodies mentioned above.

6. The National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians has been engaged in negotiations with the C.B.C. for the renewal of a contract since last July. At the present moment it is understood that a Conciliation Board is dealing with the matter at Ottawa. The brief in support of NABLT was prepared by Research Associates in Montreal.

7. The Council of Socialist Clubs in Montreal which contains many former members of the L.P.P. has been reported actively supporting the strike.

8. At a meeting which took place in the Orpheum Theatre on the 21st inst. attended by a considerable number of the supporters referred to, a decision was taken that a march on Ottawa would be organized and should take place about Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Further details in this respect are anticipated.

9. During the noon hour on this 22nd inst. a demonstration of from 500 to 1000 supporters of this strike paraded through Montreal streets and after obstructing traffic in front of the C.B.C. building on Dorchester St., had to be dispersed by the City Police. There was no violence or threat of violence and no damage done to C.B.C. property.

10. This matter of the C.B.C. strike is being observed by the Security & Intelligence Branch in cooperation with the C.I.B., which in turn is in close touch with the Further reports will be submitted as circumstances warrant.

D. E. McLaren, Insp. Officer i/c S. I. B.