

MOUNTED POLICE SEEK EVIDENCE OF SEDITION

Homes of Socialist and O. B. U. Leaders in Edmonton Are Raided

RAID AT BRULE MINES

The move of the Royal North West Mounted Police in its raid upon the homes and environs of agitators in Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary and Brandon was also participated in by the Edmonton detachment of mounties which raided local socialist centres and hang-outs shortly after midnight on June 30th.

The residence of Carl E. Berg, Joseph Knight, John F. McQuire and other leaders of socialist and one big union propaganda, were visited by the police and documents of alleged seditious and revolutionary character were seized. Superintendent Wroughton, head of the Royal North West Mounted Police here, declares that no arrests were made, their instructions not extending to the limit of arresting strike leaders.

Brule Mines, in the neighborhood of which live many alien workers who participated in the recent strike and who have caused to be issued much seditious literature, were also swooped upon by the police who seized all publications and documents.

It was stated that the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council had been visited but that nothing was found apart from literature having to do with clean trade unionism. As a labor man remarked Wednesday morning: "The Trades and Labor Council only gave our headquarters to the strike leaders under sufferance and I cannot see in the first place, that is after the strike leaders and one big union men had left, where any hope could be entertained of getting propaganda from us that would implicate any of the members of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council."

It is explained that the seizure of documentary evidence was for the purpose of ringing in the men responsible for revolutionary unrest now prevalent in the west. By correspondence from one agitator to another, evidence will be pieced together by which it is expected that sufficient reason for the arrest of revolutionary leaders will be provided.

The police remark that Joseph A. Knight is out of town.

Homes of various Ukrainians were also raided by the police as well as socialist headquarters and dens where leaders of socialist propaganda congregate.

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It is understood that agitators in various parts of the west possess facilities whereby general information is circulated without much loss of time. The Vancouver raid was effected some hours before those in other cities and it is affirmed that agitators in other cities were given word almost immediately as to what had taken place.

What significance can be attached to the actions of Carl E. Berg can only be presumed, but it is stated that he made a hurried visit to old strike headquarters a few hours before the local raid was pulled off, taking with him the minutes of meetings held in connection with the recent strikes.

More Raids in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, July 2—Federal authorities continuing their intensive campaign against the spread of revolutionary propaganda in Canada, Tuesday morning raided the Winnipeg Labor temple and the homes of 30 Radical Socialists and seized large quantities of documents, pamphlets and letters alleged to be of a revolutionary character. It is believed that as a result of the evidence discovered, further arrests will be made locally.

It was stated by a federal officer today that the authorities are now more than ever convinced that revolution was planned by the radicals to have its birth in Winnipeg some time this summer. It was also announced that full facts concerning the plotted revolution would be given the public in due course in order that the loyal mass of the working classes should appreciate the uses to which their striking power it is alleged was being controverted.