

STATEMENT BY CANADIAN LPP ON RESIGNATION OF 4

Following is the statement of the national executive committee of the Canadian Labor-Progressive Party on the resignations from the LPP of J. B. Salsberg, Stewart Smith, Harry Binder and Sam Lipshitz:

The announcement in the Toronto Globe & Mail of the resignations from the Labor-Progressive Party of J. B. Salsberg, Stewart Smith, Harry Binder and Sam Lipshitz was the first news that the national executive committee and members of the LPP had of this matter.

They did not see fit to tell the Party of their decision before giving it to the press and appearing, in J. B. Salsberg's case on television.

This is a measure of the motives behind their decisions. Only a few days prior to this announcement, the National Executive Committee had issued a statement deploring J. B. Salsberg's interview in the Globe & Mail on party matters; and a few days later the secretariat of the N.E.C. had interviewed J. B. Salsberg to urge him to desist from activities which were outside the normal and constitutional boundaries of party discussions. While he did not agree to do this, but only to consider it, he gave no intimation that he was preparing, with his colleagues, to use the capitalist press, radio and television as a vehicle for announcing the resignations.

This action is another stage in the effort of this group to disrupt our party by flouting the decisions of the sixth national convention and doing everything possible to hinder the unity of our party.

In effect, they, who claim to fight against the "cult of the individual," set themselves as individuals above the collective will and opinions of the majority of our members.

Our membership rejects the actions of this group and their charges that the LPP does not provide a medium for debate. All of the four concerned took ample advantage of their democratic right over the past year to voice their views—although they gave little sign of listening to others' opinions. In pre-convention articles, committee meetings, club meetings and at the national convention, they freely and fully stated their position and were patiently listened to.

The convention rejected their

views, which would have dissolved the LPP and under the thin disguise of "combatting Stalinism" would have revised and repudiated the fundamental principles of our party—the Leninist concepts of a Communist party, working-class rule and working-class internationalism.

Instead of accepting the majority decision they set their own views above the party and refused to accept the continuing ample opportunity for the expression of their minority opinions within the party, simultaneously carrying out the decisions of the party as decided upon by majority vote.

Failing to get their way within the party, failing to disrupt it and break it up from within, they demonstratively and immodestly resigned from the party in the hope that they could take members with them.

This they will not do. Our membership is outraged by the actions of this group, and their reply will be to rally more unitedly than ever around the party, and the decisions of the 6th convention.

The four who have resigned are flying false flags of "democracy" and "anti-Stalinism." What they really have raised is the banner of the revision and distortion of Marxism-Leninism. Were they truly interested in the correction of error and the enrichment of Marxism in Canada, as might be expected after their long years of party membership, they would have stayed in the party. That is the acid test, for Marxism cannot exist as a force for progressive social change without a Marxist party.

Long experience of the labor movement with such groups or to form an anti-Marxist political party under the guise of a "movement," the content of their action will be a disservice to the working class. They have an alternative—it is, to recognize their errors and ask to return to the party.

Find 4 Lost in Cave

EASTON, Pa., May 27—John Pfeiffer, 42, a science writer and three 11-year-old boys were rescued from a cave in Raubsville near here today nearly 24 hours after they had entered it on an exploring trip and become lost.