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THE "FAID PIPERS" OF PORTLAND

TOM SLADDEN RIPS "THE MORNING OREGONIAN" UP THE BACK

(The managing editor of "The Oregonian" is named Piper.)
A short time ago in a Portland paper appeared the following in large headlines:

"MOYER AND HAYWOOD EN-
GAGED IN A CONSPIRACY
AGAINST SENATOR
BORAH."

Again in "The Oregonian" in two or three editorials were tirades against the Trades Union and their attempts (3) to defeat justice. That they were trying to sidetrack the issue by crying kidnapping.

Against the devilish machinations of the lack-lustres of Capitalist Society Labor must array itself if it hopes to win any recognition of the rights of its members.

Because in its final analysis only that is right which has behind it the ability to enforce, and Capitalist Society will justify any means that will or can be used to judiciously murder men who are in their way. In the sacred attempt of Capitalists to further accumulate the toll of others.

Let us look at the issue. Either I am a liar, and emphasis should be placed on the word liar, or the Capitalist editors in Portland and elsewhere are liars (with the same unprintable emphasis).

"The Labor Unions are trying to avoid a fair trial" So says "The Oregonian."

Let us see. When Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and St. John were railroaded out of Idaho, it was on warrants sworn out in Idaho at the behest of this prosecution and every warrant required perjury. It must have been sworn to by some one that each of these men were in Caldwell on this day. The man who swore to this, or the men, knew it was a lie and the editor of "The Oregonian" knew it was a lie, and when he withheld this information from the masses I claim he becomes a wholesale liar.

From this line of reasoning I maintain that there is no hope of a fair trial. If the power of the Missourians' Association and their newspaper tools can help it. For if that prosecution would perjure themselves to gain possession of those men, they would perjure themselves to hang them.

"The Oregonian" further states, "and other murderous crimes credited to the Western Federation of Miners."

The Western Federation is credited with being one of the finest organizations of working men in the country by every honest man. Every Trades Union in the United States credits them with that, and all have rallied to their defense. Every union in the United States has protested against this Idaho outrage and have done it in the face of all the influence of the President or the lying newspapers.

Trial of Walter Thomas Mills

Mills Afraid of the Evidence

Walter Thomas Mills Makes Motion to Adjourn Meeting of Local Seattle Called to Try Him on Charges of Fusion—Motion Made Just As Evidence Was to Be Presented—Mass Meeting Stamped and Turned Into Farce—Mills Leads His Followers Into Ridiculous Position of Refusing to Hear Evidence Against Him—Charges Remain in Hands of Local Seattle Not Averted On—Merest Technically Made an Excuse to Escape the Evidence.

In response to the following official notice, the largest mass meeting of Local Seattle ever held convened last Sunday in the Labor Temple:

Seattle, Wash., April 10, 1907.

DEAR COMRADE:

By order of the C. E. C., I am instructed to notify you that the time and place has been set for two mass meetings. The First One will be held at 10 a. m. Sunday, April 14, 1907, in Hall No. 2, Labor Temple, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention.

The Second One will be held Sunday, April 28, at 10 a. m. Hall No. 2, Labor Temple, to try Walter Thomas Mills on charges preferred by the Dominion Executive Committee.

J. T. BAILEY, Secretary.

The meeting was looked forward to by all Socialists as the place to settle beyond doubt whether Walter Thomas Mills was guilty of political compromise or was falsely charged by his enemies with such compromise.

The most astonishing thing happened. After spending four hours in getting ready to proceed with the trial, after the trial had actually begun, the charges read by J. G. Morgan, secretary of the Socialist Party of Canada, and Mills' plea of "not guilty" entered, just as the point was reached where Secretary Morgan was to make his statement and introduce his evidence, Walter Thomas Mills refused to go on to adjourn the meeting, and his followers carried it with whoops and shouts.

Mills is thus put in the worst possible position of being afraid to have the evidence against him heard by his own friends and sympathizers. No other explanation for this behavior, the majority in the mass meeting from the outset. He nominated and elected his own chairman, who suggested and rushed through the motion to adjourn.

The entire proceedings were in the hands of Mills and his friends. They are responsible for everything that occurred at the meeting.

Everybody now is asking why Mills did not go on with the trial and confront his enemies. He had every chance in the world to prove his innocence before a jury of his own followers. He had worked them up to a high pitch of enthusiasm and indignation. On the previous Sunday afternoon he had publicly denounced those opposed to him as "liars," "slanderees," "traitors," "conspirators." He had declared he was worse treated than Moyer and Haywood. He said he had been pronounced guilty without being heard in his own defense. He had been treated in the last two weeks that comrades attended who had not been seen at local meetings for months. The result was, Mills had 97 votes for his chairman, Humphrey, to 81 votes for Curtis. He thus had an overwhelming majority favorable to his acquittal, already believing him an innocent and persecuted man.

Why, then, did he stop the trial at the critical moment and rush through an adjournment at the very instant when the evidence was to begin?

His action leaves him in the attitude of an accused man afraid to have the evidence against him presented to a jury of his own selection, composed of his own warm partisans.

It is not to be wondered at that people who have listened to Mills' public statements since these charges were sent in, should believe him in-



nocent and the victim of a foul plot. He made an impassioned speech against fusion. How could such a speech be made by a man himself guilty of fusion?

He passionately denounced Titus and "The Socialist" for lying about him and seeking to ruin his projected party. He even intimated that the Dominion Committee were only the tools of Titus; that, in fact, that committee had never brought any charges; that the whole thing was trumped up in Washington and did not really start in British Columbia. In one word, Mills and his supporters have been spreading the report that this whole matter of "charges" is a trick of Titus to discredit and ruin Mills.

Last Sunday's Mass Meeting afforded Mills the chance of his life to vindicate himself and to ruin Titus. Everything was in his hands—IF HE WAS INNOCENT. An innocent man under these conditions would have fought his accusers and would have demanded that his accusers present their proofs or stand forever confounded, defeated and disgraced.

But he acted exactly as a guilty man would have acted, like a man who was deeply afraid to meet his accusers and their evidence, or to have his friends hear the evidence. Those who had believed him and trusted him had a right to hear that evidence. They are now left in the darkest doubt. The one question which haunts their minds and will not down is this: "Why did not Comrade Mills, instead of quibbling about technicalities and running away from the evidence, openly and defiantly, like a man and a Socialist, defy his accusers to bring on their evidence and challenge them to show any time or place where he ever supported compromise tactics or Fusion candidates?"

Now, in order to do justice to those of us who have been charged with conspiracy and falsehood, "The Socialist" presents herewith some of the evidence which would have been presented last Sunday, had Mills allowed it.

No injustice is done Comrade Mills by this publication, for he has had his chance and refused it. But in order to give him every opportunity possible, we are printing his own letter written to the Investigating Committee of Local Seattle, to whom the charges were originally referred and whose report it was presented last Sunday. It will be noticed by every careful reader that this letter does not contain a single explicit denial of the explicit facts alleged by the Dominion Executive Committee.

The Origin of the Charges

The Mills speech which is the basis of the charges occurred in Victoria, B. C., December 28, 1906. We in Seattle did not hear of it till some time early in February, 1907. Then Wagenknecht wrote to British Columbia for facts and particulars. His letter follows:

WAGENKNECHT'S LETTER.

One copy addressed to the Dominion Executive Committee, one to the Provincial Executive Committee, and one to the Local Vancouver, Socialist Party of Canada.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20, 1907.

Dear Comrade: Some of the Socialist Party members of Seattle have been told that Walter Thos. Mills, in a speech at Victoria, B. C., advocated the election of Labor Party candidates.

I write you to inquire if this is true, and if so, to ask for particulars.

Comrade Mills is a member of the Socialist Party of Seattle, Wash. Should it be true that he advocated fusion in Victoria, I hope you will see to it that proper complaint is made to D. Burgess, state secretary of the Socialist Party of Washington, 2209 1/2 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Wash.

The Socialist Party of Washington has up to now, adhered to the principle of "No Compromise." No member of the Socialist Party, no matter how high his standing in the move-

The communication referred to was the charges, a copy of which will be found elsewhere. I forwarded the particulars sent me to the state office. As Article IV. Section 3, "Any member charged and act officially with the state and national offices only, not with local State Committee."

History of the Charges

The following letter, constituting the basis of the charges (where printed in facsimile), was received by the Washington State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its regular session at Tacoma, Sunday, March 10, 1907. This committee placed the charges on file and voted to defer action till they could receive proofs from the Canadian Executive Committee.

Sunday, March 24, the Washington Committee, having received sufficient proofs to justify further action, ordered its secretary to forward to Local Seattle a certified copy of the letter of charges received from the Dominion Committee. In all this, the State Committee of Washington was following the State Constitution, which says:

Article IV. Section 3. "Any member * * * advocating fusion with any party not representing Revolutionary Socialism * * * shall, upon sufficient evidence being presented to the entire State Committee, be expelled from the Socialist Party by a majority vote of the State Committee. Provided, however, that in case of members charged with the Revolutionary Principles of the Party or the tactics that are the outgrowth of these Revolutionary Principles, hereinafter designated as Party Treason, such members shall be tried by their respective Local Party first; but, if Local Party to try members charged with Party Treason, or if Locals exparte members so charged and found guilty, the Local itself shall be held responsible;"

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A Weighty Report

The Dominion Executive Committee, when asked for proofs by the Washington State Committee, requested their three Members of Parliament at Victoria to investigate as a Special Committee and report their findings.

We print an exact photographic reproduction of this report of Hawthornthwaite, Williams and McInnes. No more representative nor independent Socialists can be found in Canada. Their names and reputation are sufficient guarantee of impartiality. None of them live in Victoria or in Vancouver. This report alone is of enormous weight, coming from comrades so well known and responsible.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
VICTORIA

April 14, 1907

J. G. Morgan
Secretary Dominion Executive
Socialist Party of Canada
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Comrade,
As requested by the Executive we have investigated as fully as it was possible for us to do the charges made against Comrade Walter Thos. Mills of Seattle. We find that Walter Thos. Mills came to Victoria at the request of a capitalist Labor Party, spoke on the platform of said party, and appealed for the election of its representatives of said party.

We further appealed for a collision and obtained one, in which of the candidates nominated by said Labor Party, J. G. Morgan, was defeated by Walter Thos. Mills.

Trial of Water Thomas

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has told his dupes there are no charges authorized by the Dominion Executive Committee, although J. G. Morgan, the secretary of that committee, was present with credentials, properly signed and sealed, to conduct the trial of Mills in support of these same charges.

We give these details for the further reason that Mills claims the charges are not specific, but only an expression of opinion, and also because he further claims the charges are not properly before the court. All these petty objections and technical defenses might appeal to a potting lawyer, but the straightforward Socialist wants to know only one thing, namely: Is it true, as charged, that Mills is a traitor to the cause?

SPEAK IN THE INTERESTS OF CANDIDATES PUT UP BY A POLITICAL PARTY (CANADIAN LABOR PARTY) OPPOSED TO AND BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA AND ADVOCATE FUSION AND COMPROMISE?

Whether these charges are made by a Canadian or by an American makes no difference. ARE THEY TRUE? Yes or No?

Whether they are written on one piece of paper or on one hundred matters. ARE THEY TRUE? Answer that!

Whether these charges are called "charges" or "facts" cannot be essential. Whether the Secretary, Morgan, wrote "This Committee CHARGES" or Mr. Mills with speaking in the interests of the Canadian Labor Party, whether he wrote "This Committee ALLEGES that he so spoke," or "This Committee STATES THE FACT TO BE that he so spoke," can not possibly make any difference. What matters is that he never did so speak and who really never did so speak and who really never did so speak and who really never did so speak.

The Charges Themselves

(Written in reply to the Washington letter given above.)

DOMINION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA.

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 6, 1907.

D. Burgess, State Secretary, Socialist Party of Canada, and in compliance with a request made by Comrade A. Wagners, of Seattle, to send a statement of the facts in the matter of the actions of one Walter Thomas Mills while in the Province of British Columbia.

This Committee charges W. T. Mills with conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Socialist movement and to the policy of the Socialist Party of Canada, in whose territory he was speaking, in that he, at a meeting held in Victoria, B. C., prior to the recent elections, advocated fusion and compromise and spoke in the interests of candidates put up by a political party (Canadian Labor Party) opposed to and by the Socialist Party of Canada.

This Committee understands that W. T. Mills is a member of Local Socialists in Seattle and that he will be taken to discipline him.

Comrade Wagners has been supplied with full particulars and he will be glad to supply you with these if required.

Yours in the cause,
J. G. MORGAN,
Secretary Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada.

Mortimer's Affidavit

Vancouver, B. C., April 5, 1907.

TO THE COMRADES OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

As I am about to leave for the East, and as I understand that you are about to be laid against Walter Thomas Mills, a member of your party, I beg to submit for your consideration certain facts in the following letter, which have bearing on these charges, and to which I am about to make proper affidavit before a Notary Public, knowing well that this action of mine leaves me open to indictment for perjury if those statements of fact should not be wholly true.

I was invited by Ernest Burns, Jr., of Vancouver, under whose auspices Mills was speaking in Vancouver, to attend a meeting of members of the local Social S. P. of C., held at the close of a meeting addressed by Mills in Vancouver on February 28th. This meeting was called to listen to Mills' explanation of what took place at Victoria. While there I took place in the following series of questions and answers:

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There is good reason for insisting that all speakers come under the authority of the party organization. The fact that they are financially supported by the Executive, removes from them the temptation to condone any situation as existed in Victoria. But it is a further question, as to what an alliance kind find party discipline irksome, and as such wherever they go they destroy organization. Instead of promoting it. At any rate, we have a case on our hands in Vancouver as a result of our bourgeois Socialist "harmonizing" efforts, and the 3rd is not yet.

Facsimile of Charges

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in conclusion let me again assure you that all the actions of fact contained in the foregoing statement are made under oath, and that I am prepared to back them up at any time should Mills challenge their truthfulness.

Yours for the success of the proletarian.

JOHN T. MORTIMER.

State of Washington,

County of King, ss.

This is to certify that on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1907, before me, Dale W. Mortimer, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally came John T. Mortimer, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he signed and sealed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and declared upon oath that the facts stated above are to his personal knowledge true and correct.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

DALE W. MORTIMER,

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle.

Victoria Evidence

TO THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE S. P. OF C. J. C. MORGAN, SECRETARY.

Dear Comrade: On the 28th of December last, a lecture was announced by Professor Walter Mills under whose auspices it was not announced and I will endeavor to give you a graphical outline of that lecture from

an absolutely fair and impartial standpoint, as far as I can determine. The chair was occupied by Dr. Ernest Harper, one of the candidates at that time of the so-called Independent Labor Party. Mr. Mills started his lecture by pointing out that there is a conflict of interests in human society and that these conflicting interests are being won by human society in distinctly separate classes. Then he said the economic interests of those classes and

the natural outcome of conflicting interests is a civil war.

Professor Harper said that he was in this position. There is a man with a hog. I want that hog. But I find that I cannot have that hog all at once; then I begin asking for a piece of that hog. When I have one piece I start asking for another piece and I keep it up until

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The Charges Reiterated

To the Washington State Committee, Socialist Party:

In view of what took place on Sunday, April 29, in Seattle, this committee desires to reiterate the charges it made against Walter Thomas Mills and submitted to your committee on March 6 of this year: those charges being that the said W. T. Mills at a meeting held in Victoria, B. C., on the 25th of December, 1906, was guilty of "party treason," the facts being as follows:

That said meeting was held in the interest of the Canadian Labor Party, a political party opposed to and by the Socialist Party of Canada;

That W. T. Mills advocated the election of candidates put up by the said Canadian Labor Party;

That he advocated fusion and compromise by calling upon his hearers to vote a mixed Socialist and Labor ticket;

This committee submits that such conduct is opposed to the platform and policy of the Socialist Party of Canada and detrimental to the best interests of the Socialist movement.

This committee further charges that W. T. Mills continued to speak in Vancouver for individuals who have formed an independent Socialist Democratic Party after having been suspended or resigning from Vancouver Local on account of insisting on bringing Mills here after the local had repudiated him.

(Signed)
J. G. MORGAN, Secretary,
E. T. KINGSLEY, Organizer,
JAMES PRITCHARD,
J. A. PETERSON,
S. P. PETERSON,
A. R. STEBBINGS.

Vancouver, B. C., April 30, 1907.

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I have the whole hog and by that I defy any man to come up on the platform and prove that I am not a Revolutionary Socialist. Professor Mills made a strong plea for a collection. He said that the others would pass everybody a small envelope and that he wished them to put their names and address on the envelope, but that they could carry this fight and place a Labor ticket in the field, money was necessary, so that every body could do so should put their contribution in the envelope and be as liberal as they could afford, and if there was anybody who could not contribute at that time he could put his name and address and prove to help. At this juncture a gentleman arose from the audience and asked the speaker if any part of that collection would go towards the Socialist Candidate. Professor Mills answered that it seemed to him that the gentleman was trying to cut the collection. Comrade McGregor then informed the audience that some of the money would go towards the Socialist Candidate. Professor Mills from the platform said that he wanted to know if the gentleman who just spoke did not want anyone to put money in the envelope.

Professor Mills then resumed his lecture, saying that there is no difference between the Republic and the Democratic Party of Canada, and the Liberal and Conservative Party of Canada. That they represent only the capitalist interests, and that it was stupid for the workers to be so afraid of doing anything while for the working class, that it was necessary to carry on the fight with the power of state, at their back and to carry on the fight with the power of state, at their back and to carry on the fight with the power of state, at their back.

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Mills' Letter of Defense--No Denial of Main Charge

The following letter was written by W. T. Mills to Chairman Winsor of the Investigating Committee, and was read to the Mass Meeting last Sunday as part of that Committee's report.

If, as the committee says, I did not go to the main charge, namely, THAT HE SPOKE IN THE INTERESTS OF CANADIAN LABOR PARTY CANDIDATES, A PARTY OPPOSED TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY, AND BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Not one of the numerous and numbered explanations in the following letter attempts to deny this one un-escapable fact. These explanations would be all unnecessary and superfluous, if he was able to say, "No, I did not do it." But that is exactly what he cannot say. Hence, all these pages of "explanations," the dragging in of international theory and Congresses and insinuations about being trapped into supporting Fusion.

By the way, many inaccuracies and groundless claims are contained in these paragraphs. But they have nothing to do with the case and need not be followed.

The Letter

Seattle, Wash., April 11, 1907.

MR. WINSTON WINSOR, SECRETARY. Dear Comrade: Replying to your letter of April 10, I have to say that I am not a member of the Canadian Labor Party, and I am not a member of the Canadian Labor Party, and I am not a member of the Canadian Labor Party.

(1) As to the general conclusion in regard to the "detestable character" of my conduct, this is clearly a matter of opinion, and all I can say is that I did not do it. On the occasion referred to, I was not at the meeting, nor at any other time or place, do you say anything which could be detrimental to the interests of the Socialist Movement.

(2) As to advocating "Compromise and Fusion" on the occasion mentioned, I have no recollection of having done so, and endeavored to refute the contrary, and length that there could be no two parties standing for the same cause, but supporting conflicting platforms.

(3) On the second occasion I engaged to support someone, but I did not speak for the same organization as before; the correspondence having been conducted by the same gentleman in both cases.

(4) As to speaking for "candidates" put up by a party (Canadian Labor) opposed to and by the Socialist Party of Canada, I have no recollection of having done so, and endeavored to refute the contrary, and length that there could be no two parties standing for the same cause, but supporting conflicting platforms.

(5) At the same time that this information was given me verbally, I was also handed a letter asking for a copy of my report, and I have been waiting for the final advertising for the meeting proposed.

(6) In order to guard against any complications, I requested Mr. Hutchins, who had undertaken the management of the meeting, to have this appointment was made by myself, and I am sure that the Secretary of the group which, as he had told me, was claiming to be the regular or-

ganization, with instructions to turn it over to the person who had engaged me, provided it was in order for me to keep the appointment. The letter was so sent. I saw the letter, acknowledging its receipt. The letter stated that the cut had been received and delivered, and that I was expected.

(7) On arriving in Victoria, I conferred with Comrades in both groups. While they criticized each other, no one suggested that I should not speak, nor did anyone claim that the members of both groups did not themselves claim to be Socialists.

(8) I was shown the advertisement for my meeting, and it contained much reading matter, with constant allusions to a defense of Socialism. The words "Socialist" and "Socialism" occurred several times in the advertisement, always favorably mentioned, and no other party was in any way referred to in the advertisement shown me.

(9) I was told that the Socialists were so badly split that neither faction could nominate a full ticket; it costing one hundred dollars (\$100) for each name on the ticket.

(10) I was told that the group claiming to be the "regular organization" was not recognized by the Provincial Committee; that neither group had a charter from that Committee.

(11) I was shown a resolution said to have been adopted by the group for whom I was to speak, denouncing the Labor Party of Canada, and commending the Socialists in the Provincial Parliament.

(12) Under these circumstances I delivered the address, in which I alluded at great length that Socialism is the only possible practicable program for the emancipation of the working class, and that a party contending for Socialism must be a Socialist party.

(13) After the address was over, I was congratulated by all present, and especially by the officers and members of the group claiming to be the regular organization. There was a single exception, and this man, publicly accused me of saying things which everybody present agreed with me that I had not said. He further claimed, in the most public way, that his organization was chartered, and accused me of having ignored their charter rights. These statements were at once denied by the Secretary of the group claiming to be the regular organization, and thus the statements of fact which had been before presented to me were confirmed in the most public manner.

(14) I did not go to Vancouver the next day. Interviewed members of the Executive Committee of the Province, explained the unfortunate situation, and said that a charter be granted, and that future speakers and campaigns be saved this confusion and embarrassment. I am told that a charter was forwarded immediately.

(15) This same committee afterwards engaged me to speak through the Victoria branch, and at my meeting at Vancouver, twenty days later, on the same platform, and with members of the Committee were speakers from the same platform, and on the same occasion.

(16) The group afterwards chartered by this Committee have since then made me to speak for them twenty times in Victoria.

(17) The Speaker's Committee in Vancouver for the Socialist Local also engaged me to speak twenty times under its auspices, and no complaint was raised so far as I am informed until after I had been informed that correspondence had been opened by A. Wagenknecht, of Seattle, who had been making for facts about me, and threatening me with discipline.

(18) I will not go into much of the above that I could only accept what was told me, and act accordingly. In no case have I acted with any other understanding than as here stated. You will readily see that I have taken all reasonable precautions. If, on investigation, it should be found that I have been misled at any point, no one can be any more anxious than I to see that the guilty parties shall be properly dealt with; and I promise to do so.

(19) I have asked permission to meet with the only Local in British Columbia which has taken any action in any way unfavorable to myself (I canceled my engagements after the Wagenknecht correspondence), for as opportunity to meet with them, that we might come to an understanding, and my request has been entirely ignored.

(20) Personally, I shall be glad to know whether I was really betrayed by the enemy at Victoria, or whether the whole trouble comes from Washington to British Columbia, instead of from British Columbia to Washington.

(21) In this connection I would suggest the following lines of inquiry on the part of your Committee:

(a) In the above, have I been misled by the facts as they were presented to me?

(b) Was I in any way responsible for the division among the Socialists in Victoria which existed there prior to my visit in October last?

(c) Did I take any wrongful action in October which could have caused the division in January?

(d) Did the Dominion Committee ever prefer charges against me, and if so, what were they? I am told that the Committee that it did not, and the only charges I have ever heard of are those which I have just stated.

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