

# Cold War paranoia

FROM 1959 through the mid 1980s, the RCMP Security Service conducted surveillance on the BCTF and other unions. Activities such as a BCTF AGM motion to hear speakers from the Peace Education Institute, a motion to oppose the testing of nuclear weapons, and the creation of a strike fund were highlighted in an RCMP folder of 1,746 pages on suspected communist influence in the BCTF.

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INFORMATION

1. the 1962 B.C. TEACHERS' FEDERATION Annual Convention held from 23-4-62 to 26-4-62 at the Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver, B. C. the following topics which could be considered as of a political nature were raised:

2. On Monday 23-4-62 from the Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association moved that the Convention body be given ten to fifteen minutes of their time to hear speakers from the "Peace Research Institute". was very forceful for time to be allotted for these speakers. The motion was seconded by A wanted a definite time limit set for the speakers and a spoke against the motion, stating it was not convention business. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

3. on 26-4-62 the following were elected to the Executive of the B.C. Teachers' Federation

President:	Mr. H.M. PALSSON
First Vice-President:	Mr. F.J. CAIRNIE
Second Vice-President:	Mr. D.I.S. SMITH
Sec. Treasurer:	<u>Mr. I.A. CULL</u>

4. during discussion of new business on 26-4-62 approximately one-half hour prior to the conclusion of the Convention, it was decided that the B. C. TEACHERS' FEDERATION raise a \$500,000 sinking fund to bolster the B.C. TEACHERS' FEDERATION's position in regard to future salary negotiations. It was inferred that this fund could be used to pay teachers' salaries in the event of a strike.

5. Also, during discussion of new business and immediately prior to the conclusion of the Convention, of the Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association Salary Committee moved that the B.C.T.F. go on record as opposing the testing of nuclear weapons.

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"Mr." Cull is really Isobel Cull, BCTF President 1964-65.