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1. Weekly Hilites Submissions:

- (1) THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA CONTINUES ITS INFILTRATION OF THE COUNCIL OF CANADIANS - This hilite was drafted in response to a request from the Minister. This item will be held until the question of infiltration is more clear.
- (2) THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (CP OF C) IS USING THE CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS (CPC) AS A PLATFORM FOR THE NEXT FEDERAL ELECTION - This item is useful as a hilite. It will be a future DIR.

'86 Cabinet Put Trade Critics Under Surveillance: 'Creepy'

Cabinet secretly ordered spy surveillance of political opponents in 1985 on suspicions that Communists infiltrated an anti-free trade group, newly-released records show. The [Council of Canadians](#), founded by publisher Mel Hurtig, was placed under subversion watch.

"This is one of the most preposterous things I've ever heard," said Hurtig, 82, now a Vancouver author. "We were fighting against free trade, and we put up a hell of a fight, too; I guess this was the response. It's unbelievable."

Accounts of surveillance by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service are documented in weekly minutes of senior management. The records were released through *Access To Information* by Library & Archives Canada.

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

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1. Weekly Hilite Submissions

- a. Communist Party of Canada (CP of C) Controlled The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) Convention - To be resubmitted at next Hilite meeting.
- b. Communist Party of Canada (CP of C) Front Group Promotes and Supports The African National Congress (ANC) - Hilite, Director's Letterbook, DIR Brief Note and Memo to Revenu Canada.
- c. Suspected Threat to Eldorado Nuclear - Hilite, Director's Letterbook.

Can't Recall 1980s Spying On Unions, Says Former Minister

A Mulroney-era solicitor general says he can't remember ordering a federal spy agency to put political opponents under surveillance. Secret files indicate cabinet had agents spy on unions, peace groups and critics including the Council of Canadians in the 1980s.

Perrin Beatty, solicitor general from 1985 to '86, declined an interview. In a statement to *Blacklock's* Beatty said, "I don't have any specific recollection of the Council of Canadians from the period when I was solicitor general, including any request that they be placed under surveillance."

The disclosures are contained censored minutes of weekly *Counter Subversion Management Meetings*, a top-level gathering of staff at the [Canadian Security Intelligence Service](#). The minutes were released through *Access to Information*.

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