

Files nomination papers; picked up

Local communist candidate arrested

A communist party candidate in the upcoming federal election has been arrested, two days after filing nomination papers.

October 4, Barbara Biley, Communist candidate of the CPC (M-L) (Communist Party of Canada Marxist-

Leninist) was arrested in connection with an incident during the War Measures Act period in 1970.

At 8:00 p.m. that evening, two detectives from the Halifax police force, alleged to be under RCMP instructions, burst into Barbara's home on Agricola St. When

Barbara, the mother of a young son, went into her bedroom to change and make final arrangements for her child, they refused to leave while she changed.

The Police waved an anonymous telegram which they called "an all-Canada-wide warrant to

pick up Barbara Biley." It was dated October 4.

Why did the RCMP wait from June 16 until October 4, 111 days, before giving the order to execute a warrant almost one-third of a year old?

The charge actually dates back to Barbara's conviction before the Supreme Court of Canada on June 16, 1972. She was then sentenced to nine months on charges of assault and obstruction of police during an RCMP raid on a Toronto bookstore, during the War Measures Act, December, 1970.

After this conviction no attempt was made to detain Barbara to serve this sentence. Since that time she has appeared as a speaker at well-publicized meetings on August 4 and September 27. In addition, on June 15 the RCMP had no problem locating her to deliver the Respondant Factum on behalf of the Supreme Court of

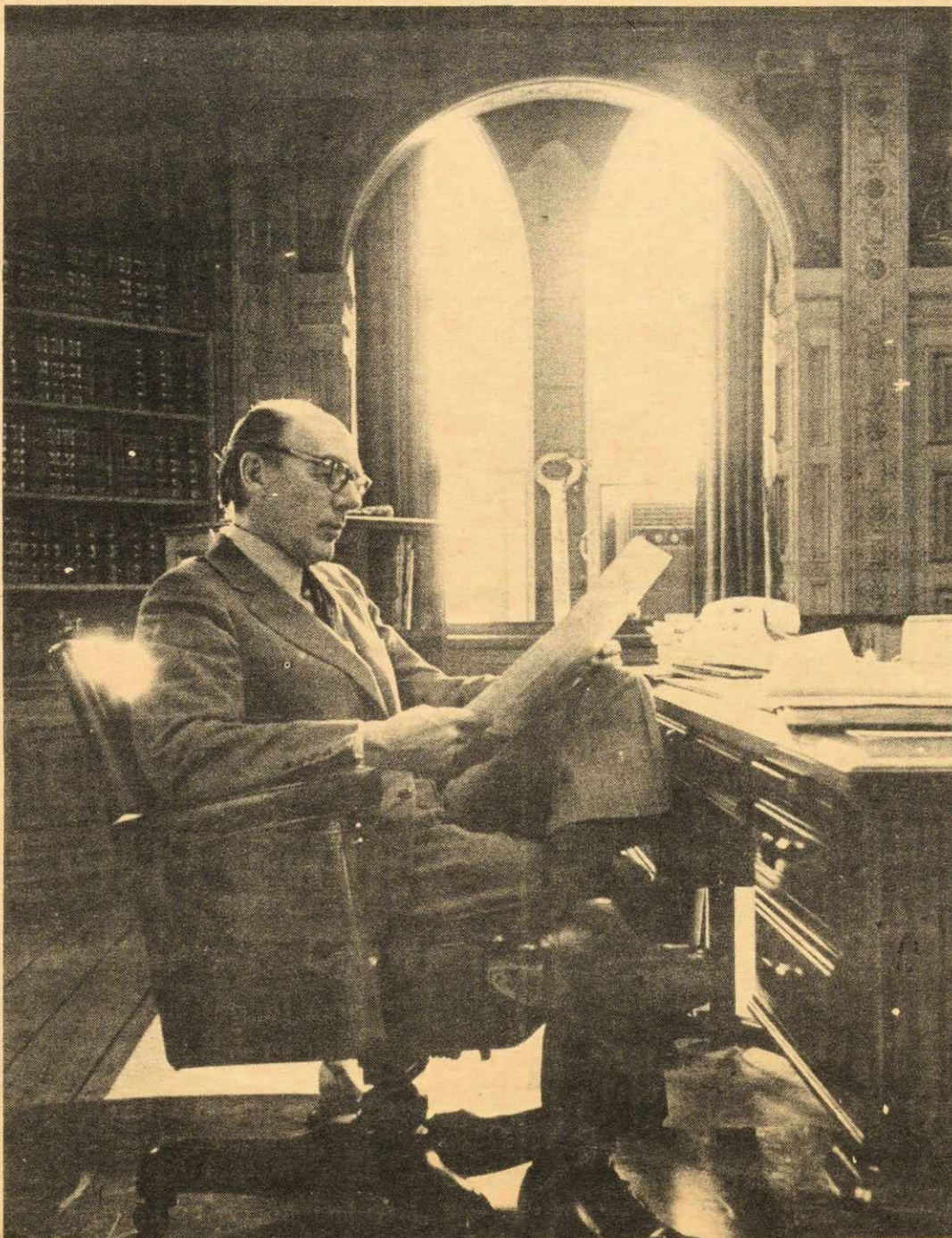
Canada. Barbara was clearly not trying to hide from her sentence.

On October 2, two days before her arrest, Barbara filed nomination papers with the returning officer of the Halifax East-Hants riding, and paid the \$200 nomination fee. Her nomination papers contained the signatures of 31 people, residents of the East Hants riding who personally agreed with the democratic right of a communist to stand up against the capitalist parties. The people came from all walks of life — workers, students, housewives, store clerks, store managers, surveyors and doctors.

It was not until Barbara went through the election nomination procedure that the warrant was dusted off and the order for its execution was given. At that point she was detained, and is now imprisoned in Toronto.

"Let me tell you about the Canada I would like to live in. I want to see Canada a Country where the very fact of life will be sanctified and celebrated: where every child will bring with him into this world the right of acceptance: the right to grow at his own pace: the right and the opportunity to satisfy his curiosity about things around him, the right to live up to his full capacity for understanding, and for learning, and the right to love. To be a country in which freedom of thought, freedom of expression, freedom of movement will be available to all citizens. It will be a country whose people are governed gently and responsively by those men and women who truly wish to serve the common good. A country in which to fulfill man's most profound aspirations and to live his finest dreams. A country where men and women can grow old without fear, a place to live your whole life. We have the chance to begin that kind of country — Robert Stanfield, February 1972"

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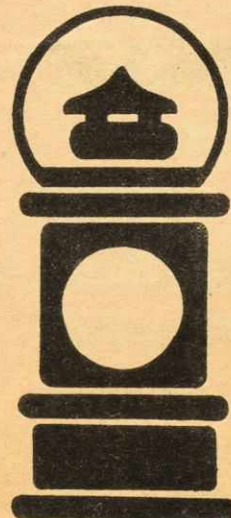
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