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CONGRESS EXECUTIVE PRESENTS BRIEF FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA LEGISLATION

Delegation Was Not Impressed by the Reception Given to Them -- Previous Demands Have Not Been Acted Upon

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZED LABOR were neither impressed by the reception, nor satisfied with the reaction extended to them by the Provincial Cabinet, when they presented the legislative demands of British Columbia unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, to the legislators. The union delegation went into considerable detail in asking for amendments to the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, as well as amendments, or new clauses, to other legislation, but came away with the conviction that the time allotted to them to deal with these important matters was far too short.

The delegation are now of the opinion that their demands will meet the same fate as were demands of other delegations during the past two or three years, that have not materialized, despite the imperative necessity of making the I.C.A. Act a clear cut workable code, understandable by the rank and file of the union labor movement, as well as other labor legislation.

The B.C. Provincial Executive met with the members of the Provincial Cabinet Friday, January 5th, 1951, to present the demands of the representatives of Trade Unions affiliated to the Congress as placed before them at the Provincial Conference in Victoria, November 15th, 16th and 17th, 1950, and the Annual Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Convention in Montreal, 1950.

Gentlemen:

The British Columbia Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada appreciate this opportunity of appearing before the Government to present requests for improvement in the Labor and Social laws of this province.

We do so on behalf of the officers and members of affiliated organizations situated in every city and community as well as the thousands of working men and women who have no organization through which to express their wishes.

Industrial, Conciliation and Arbitration Act

Labor is at a loss to understand the continual refusal of the Government to bring down a Labor Code which would be to citizens of the province a satisfactory method of conciliation that would lead to the conclusion of agreements between unions and employers.

The Act at present is cumbersome, contains sections that are impractical and of no value to either labor or industry, does not provide for union security, does not state what "unfair labor practices" are, nor provide means for redress to workers if employers are found guilty and on the whole hampers labor in organizing and assists organizations that are not affiliated or chartered by a recognized national or international trade union.

Further, in its present form the Act does not cover all of the working population of the province. We find, too, that the Labor Relations Board has brought down regulations and taken powers unto itself that was never contemplated when the Act was drafted. The Board must cease to give information to the press on the results of conciliation, arbitration or the taking of strike votes until such time as the union concerned has had an opportunity of placing such findings or reports before its membership.

Last year the Minister of Labor held meetings with representatives of unions and received their point of view on the operation of the Act as well as their recommendations for amendments. No action was taken to remedy the unsatisfactory conditions of which Labor complained at that time. The Minister has agreed to meet again with representatives of Labor to discuss our proposals for amendments. We will submit these to the Minister and strongly recommend that the following sections of the Act be amended in accordance with the proposals herewith submitted:

Section 2—Interpretation of "employee" 1(a) to be deleted and the following inserted: "A person holding a position of supervision or management or employed in a confidential capacity so long as the duties performed by him are entirely of a supervisory or managerial character and do not comprise any work or duty customarily performed by employees".

Sub-section (d) of Section 2—which excludes many workers from benefit under this Act should be entirely deleted.

Section 2, subsection (3)—Delete the first two lines and substitute the following: "For the purpose of this Act a 'unit' means an employee or group of employees. Appropriate for collective bargaining with".

Section 4, subsection (2) (c)—Delete the first three lines of this subsection and substitute the following: 'Seek by intimidation, by dismissal, by threat of dismissal or by any other kind of threat or by the imposition of a penalty or by a promise including wage increases or otherwise altering any other terms of employment or by any other".

Section 7, subsection (2)—Delete the last four lines and substitute the following: "If a Labor organization is doing or has done any of the acts prohibited by any section of this Act the Board shall make an order directing the employer or labor organization or person to cease doing the act prohibited and/or rectify the act so done".

Section 7—That a new subsection be added to read as follows: "In case of infraction of any provisions of this Act the Board may give consent to prosecute or shall have the power to prosecute the party against whom a complaint has been lodged."

Section 18—Under this section the length of time parties are required to bargain before a conciliation officer can be applied for should be changed from ten to five days with a provision that the bargaining time can be extended by mutual conset.

Section 20—Under this section the time allowed a conciliation officer to report to the Board should be reduced from ten to five days with an extension of time allowed by mutual consent.

A new section to be inserted following Section 25 to read as follows: "The decision of the employer or the employers if more than one employer is involved and the employees upon the acceptance or rejection of the report of the Conciliation Board shall be given to the Labor Relations Board not later than fourteen (14) days after the day upon which the Labor Relations Board cause copies of the report of the Conciliation Board to be transmitted to the said parties to the dispute provided that the Labor Relations Board may on the cause shown grant such further extension as it deems fit."

Section 29, subsection (2)—The following be added after the word "employees" in the last line: "excepting where an agreement has been violated."

Section 37—Add the word "four" following the word "sections" in the third line.

Section 75 (1)—In the second and third line delete the words "supervise the taking and counting of the vote" and replace with the following: "'scrutinze such vote."

Section 75, (2)—In the second line delete the words "establishing supervision pursuant to subsection (1)" and substitute the following: "scrutinize such votes."

The Act should contain a section that would require employers to include in a collective agreement the union security clause requested by the majority of the employees covered by the agreement.

We recommend the following as a subsection to be known as subsection (b) of Section 33:

Where a trade union or trade unions have in effect a standard form of agreement identical in terms with an association or association of employers or with an association of employers and individual employers, any vote taken on strike action shall be taken collectively by the membership of the Trade Union regardless of which employer, either individual or a member of an association of employers that may be involved.

Trade Union Act

Injunctions—We urge this Government to amend the Trade Union Act as follows: "No court in British Columbia shall have jurisdiction to issue any restraining order or temporary or permanent injunction in a case involving or eminating from a Labor dispute except where officers, directors, committees or authorized agents of the Trade Union directly engaged are committing, have committed or have concurred in unlawful acts arising from direct instructions officially issued by or on behalf of the Trade Union directly engaged in the dispute."

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ROBT. McCULLOCH
Gets Vice-Presidency of TLC.

TOM ALSBURY
Stepped up to Presidency of TLC

Laundry Workers' Union Signs Up Six More Shops

J. H. Irving, business agent for the Laundry Workers Union, Local No. 292 reports six more plants signed up with 100% union shops. These are:

Dobsin Cleaners, 2046 West 4th Ave.

Perfect Cleaners, 1287 East Hastings.

Prosperity Cleaners, 3750 Commercial.

Craft Cleaners, 621 Kingsway.

Fairview Cleaners, 706 West Broadway.

South Hill Cleaners, 6416 Main St.

Thesefirms are cleaners and dyers, and members of organized labor are requested to make a note of these firms, in order that such work shall be done by union men and women.

Accident-Prevention Regulations Book Free

The Workmen's Compensation Board of British Columbia has just issued a 52-page book containing the Accident Prevention Regulations covering Factories, Stores and Miscellaneous Industrial Operations in this province.

The book is a handy pocket edition and can be obtained free from the Workmen's Compensation Board. Arrangements have been made for the secretary of your union to obtain copies for the membership, so if you desire a copy of these regulations have the secretary obtain them from the board.

Coffee Shop Gets Restaurant Union Card

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union reports that the new Coffee Shop, opposite the Labor Temple, has been given a union card and is worthy of the support of organized labor.

Retail Clerks to Hold Northwest Conference

Secretary Wade reports that the Retail Clerks' International Association will hold an organization conference of their North West Division at the Hotel Georgia, Vancouver, between the 14th and 16th of February. Delegates will be in attendance from the States of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming and from British Columbia.

The meeting will be conducted by International Secretary James A. Suffridge and International President Vernon Housewright, and will be largely of an educational nature, with the most stress put on organization, legislation and collective bargaining. The meeting will be chaired by the North West Director of Organization, Mr. Paul W. Hansen of Seattle.

This occasion will mark the first time that this International Union has had such a meeting in Canada, and plans are now under way to provide entertainment for the delegates and guests.

Alderman R. K. Gervin, secretary of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council has been requested to address the delegates and welcome them on behalf of the Labor movement and the City of Vancouver.

The Vancouver Local of the Retail Clerks' International Association, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks' Union, Local 1518, has Union Shop agreements with Canada Safeway, B & K Economy Stores, certain Red and White and Super-Valu Stores (those display the Union Store Card), and Canadian Window Bakeries Ltd.

TLC Seats New Civic Employees' Union

Delegates from the new Civic Employees Union, Local No. 407 were seated by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, after being informed by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada that the Council could not refuse to seat the delegates, as it was unconstitutional. The six delegates from the union were therefore seated, upon vote of the Council.

600,000 Machinists Rejoin A.F.L. Ranks

In the most stirring step toward labor unity yet, the International Association of Machinists reaffiliated with the American Federation of Labor, adding nearly 600,000 to the AFL's ranks.

Formal action came January 4 when IAM President Al Hayes and Secretary-Treasurer Eric Peterson announced that rank-and-file Machinists had voted 3½ to 1 for reaffiliation in a union-wide referendum. Peterson then tendered a check for $15,135 to AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany to cover the IAM's per capita tax for January.

Reaffiliation marks the end of a long standing dispute between the IAM and the AFL Executive Council, Peterson explained. During the dispute the IAM withdrew from the AFL twice, once in 1943 and again in 1945 after returning in 1944.

Victoria Trades Council Election of Officers

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council meeting held January 17th, 1951.

For President: C. A. Peck, Electrical Workers, No. 230. H. Thayer declined.

For Vice-President: R. Barrie, Chemical and Explosive Workers Union; V. Baines, J. Driscoll, V. Midgley, C. Davis, T. Gooderham, R. Barrie declined.

Secretary-Treasurer: A. P. Rayment Carpenters Union. J. Driscoll declined.

Sergeant-at-Arms: E. Allen, Laborers Union. A. Bailey, A. Staley, S. Worboys, H. Klunch declined.

Chairmen of Committees:

Organizing: T. Gooderham, Bakery & Confectionery Workers. V. Midgley declined.

Publicity and Press: C. Davis, Carpenters Union. J. Finnerty, L. Sallaway declined.

Legislative: E. Callan, Operating Engineers. H. Thayer, C. McIlvride, R. Mortimer declined.

Halls Committee: Sister J. Jones, Office Employees Union.

Building Trades: J. Quigley, Sheet Metal Workers. J. Driscoll, E. Oliver declined.

Unemployment: J. Martin, Shipyard Workers Federal Union. E. Duncan, D. Pye, C. McIlvride, H. McNeill, H. Thayer declined.

Bricklayers Revert Back To 7-Hour Day

San Francisco bricklayers have reverted mack to seven-hour day work, at the request of the Master Builders' Association, who pointed out that the old six-hour day was causing a scarcity of mechanics and turning prospective brickwork to competing forms of construction.

The new agreement went into effect January 1st, 1951, and the new wage scale will be $3.25 per hour.

The six-hour rate was $3.00 per hour. Included in the new agreement is the proviso that if the 6-hour day is re-established the wage rate will be $3.50 per hour.

Trades Council Elects Officers For 1951 Term

JACK STEVENSON, PRESIDENT of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, declined renomination for that office, in the annual elections concluded this month. Brother Stevenson found that the position entailed work that interfered with his other work with which he earned his livelihood, and therefore regretfully declined the position.

Tom Alsbury, the vice-president, was nominated for the office and with no other nominations, was elected by acclamation to the office of president.

JACK STEVENSON
Declines re-election as TLC president

Other offices that were filled by acclamation were: R. K. Gervin for the office of General Secretary-Treasurer. A. Bevis of the Typographical Union and J. Barton of the Plumbers Union declined.

Frank Carlisle of Plumbers Union No. 170 was re-elected to the office of Warden.

Jack Eaves of Painters Union No. 138 was re-elected to the office of Statistician.

Hugh Bird of Firefighters Union No. 18 was re-elected to the office of chairman of the Press Committee.

CONTESTS FOR OFFICES

Contests took place in the elections for the following offices:

For Vice-President: R. McCulloch of the Milksalemen's Union, Local No. 464 was elected to that office with 124 votes to 66 votes for H. Wright of the Firefighters Union.

Chairman of Organizing Committee: R. E. Guthrie of the Carpenters Union No. 452 was elected to that office by 140 votes to 51 votes for O. Braaten of the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Makers Union. Bro. D. Wade of the Retail Grocery and Food Clerks Union declined nomination.

Chairman of the Legislative Committee: George Johnston of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's Union Local No. 212 was elected to that office by a vote of 133 to 63 for Brother J. Barton of the Plumbers Union. Brother A. Bevis of the Typo's declined the office.

Chairman of Grievance Committee: D. Wade of the Retail Grocery and Food Clerks Union, Local No. 1518 was elected to this office by 139 votes to 47 votes for O. Braaten. The following declined nomination: A. Bevis, Typo's Union; A. O'Keefe, Electrical Workers; M. Kemmis, Bakery and Confectionery Workers; J. Morrison, Beverage Dispensers; G. Webb, B.C. Auto Works; R. Annala, Restaurant Employees.

Tellers were F. Templeton, Secondary School Teachers Asso., W. E. Eaton, Painters Union and J. Barton, Plumbers Union, with W. D. Wilson, Carpenters at the blackboard.

ALD. R. K. GERVIN
Re-elected General Secretary TLC

HUGH BIRD
Continues to Head TLC Press Committee

Plan Public Meeting On Price Controls

Following up the recommendation of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labor suggesting local action urging the Federal Government to curb price inflation, the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council has decided to act jointly with the Railway Brotherhoods and the Canadian Congress unions in Vancouver to plan for a public meeting to be held to obtain public support for price control.

Date and place of the meeting has been tentatively set for Friday, February 16th, at the King Edward Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Hux Cafe Signs Up For 10-Cent Increase

After being referred to a conciliation officer, the Hux Cafe finally signed up for a ten cents per hour wage increase and a five-day week, with Local No. 28 Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union.

Union Made Gloves

The International Glove Workers Union of America Local 104 has recently signed a Union Shop Agreement with the Treen Glove Company, 220 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.

The agreement is effective as from January 2nd, 1951. The working week is reduced from 44 hours to 40 hours with the same take-home pay plus 5c per hour. The employees will also receive an amount equal to 2¼% of their entire earnings as vacation pay.

This factory now has the use of the legitimate registered union label and is the only organized Union Label Glove factory west of Winnipeg.

The Treen Glove is worthy of the patronage of all members or organized labor and their friends.

—W. D. WILSON.

Battery Cables. — Automobile battery cables should be checked at regular intervals for wear and corrosion. If damaged or worn, the cables should be replaced immediately. Corroded material should be removed by scrubbing with a solution of baking soda and water or ammonia.

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Controls and the Chinese Conflict

With price controls going into effect in the United States there may be a little more sanity among the people, who for months have been going berserk in attempts to stock up on goods which they imagined might become short or much higher in price.

Actually there does not appear to be any shortage. The retailers in the larger cities may have had trouble—owing to the demand—in getting goods fast enough to their stores from the warehouses, but in the smaller towns, where there has not been any stampedes to buy goods, the supplies were in plentiful supply.

Some retailers in the larger cities took advantage of these rushes to increase the prices, but the people kept on buying, and prices kept going up, with the manufacturers getting in on the buying spree.

Now that controls have gone into effect, prices may again get adjusted and some stabilization effected. Of course, wage controls have also become part of the legislation, but this will create a great deal of dissention, because wages have not kept up with price increases. The administrators of these controls, however, state that they will authorize some adjustments in this respect.

This price and wage control legislation is bound to have some effect on Canadian economy. In spite of the fact that there was not the same degree of wild buying as there was in the United States, prices continue to rise faster than wages, hence if the workers are to be able to maintain a decent and ever-improving standard of living, there must continue to be adjustments in wage scales.

If U.S. price controls do operate as they are supposed to do, then it is possible for Canadian prices to become stabilized, without the necessity of controls, although organized labor has been demanding price control. The only trouble with that is, that wage controls will also go into effect, as in the U.S. because big business here will insist upon wage controls also.

It is quite possible that the controls will be in effect for a long time. There is no doubt that the United States is going to keep on fighting in Asia, or supply the goods for someone else to fight with. China has always been a huge potential market for American—and also Canadian— products. In spite of the fact that civil wars have kept China in a turmoil since the uprising against the Manchu regime in 1911, products from this continent have continued to find an ever-increasing market.

Communist control, however, has been steadily increasing in China during the past four years, and with that there has been a decrease in American trade. The present warlike preparations in the United States, may be just as much aimed at again getting fully into that Chinese market, as it is in preparing to meet an attack from Russia. It will probably be necessary for the U.S. to go it alone in that effort, but with the wealth and productivity of the American people available for another Chinese civil war, there can be no doubt of the results. Hence controls may have to be in effect for a considerable period, because with 500 million Chinese involved in a new war in 400,600 square miles of territory, it is going to be a long struggle. Heretofore, the Chinese have fought with clubs and pitchforks, this time they will be supplied with the latest and up-to-date fighting machinery. America will be supplying one side and Russia the other side, so the conflict will probably last for several years, and controls may have to remain in effect, for a year or two at least.

Such a war will keep American munitions industry busy for a long time, and as the territory is again opened up to the American factories of consumer products, it will also become a market for greater quantities of Canadian goods.

GEORGE JOHNSTON
Gets New Post on TLC Executive

DAVE WADE
New Man for TLC Grievance Committee

Construction Trades Brief Govt. On Public Works Dept. Policy

THE FOLLOWING BRIEF has been presented to the Department of Public Works in Victoria, by the Vancouver Building Trades Council, in an effort to have the matters adjusted. The Council urges that the government should give all new projects to regularly licensed contractors, instead of doing work with low-paid government employees labor. The Council also draws attention to the work that has been given to Eastern contracting firms who bring out cheap labor to B.C., and when the job is finished leave them to flood the labor market.

The Council's Brief says:

The policy of the Department of Public Works should be the maintenance of existing buildings, roads, bridges, etc., and the construction of all new projects should be contracted to the regularly licensed contractors for this class of work. All replacement of buildings, roads, bridges, etc., amounting to over $5,000 should be contracted in the same manner.

At present a great amount of new building construction and highway construction work including bridge work is being done by directly employed public works employees.

This practice is not fair to the building contractors, highway construction contractors or the trade union. It is a contradiction of the principle of private enterprise and borders on state socialism.

The power house and other new construction work at Needles, B.C. was carried out by the B.C. Power Commission. A concrete bridge in the Fraser Valley west of Chilliwack is being built by the Department of Public Works. These are only some examples and there are many others where the work has not been given out by contract. On the Capilano River bridge job at the time of the flood the Department of Public Works employed extra carpenters and paid them $10 per day of eight hours or $1.25 per hour and time and one-half for Saturday afternoon and Sunday work when the union rate for carpenters recognized by the General Contractors' Association and the Federal Government Fair Wages Policy was $1.60 per hour and double time for Saturday afternoon and Sunday work.

Contracting firms, building tradesmen and laborers depend on construction work for a livelihood. When it is denied them, they suffer accordingly.

In addition to the Fair Wage Clause, a proper schedule of work classifications and wage rates should be attached to plans and specifications when tenders are being called and contracts are being let. If this policy was carried out the contractors would know the exact labor conditions they must meet and they would all be on an equal basis when figuring the job.

Wage rates should be union rates as established in the area. In cases where no union rate has been established in the area where the work is to be done, the closest union rate to the area should be recognized. In districts where insufficient men are available and they are brought from Vancouver, Victoria, or other large centres, then the union rates and working conditions as established for each trade in these large centres should apply.

This principle should apply to all building construction, Highway construction and bridge work.

The fact that the Provincial Government does not stipulate any specific labor policy when letting contracts has resulted in many abuses, particularly on highway construction work, some of which are as follows:

Eastern Canadian contractors being awarded contracts and bringing men from the East when plenty of men are available in B.C. to do the work. Paying them lower wages than B.C. contractors are paying on similar work. In many instances laying these men off for various reasons after a few days' work leaving them stranded in B.C., some of them being unable to speak English.

Some contractors on highway construction work and one in particular letting out hauling work to men with their own trucks on a mile yardage price basis, the rates being so low that the men actually only make wages with no return whatsoever for the use of the truck. This practice has resulted in many returned men losing their truck and capital investment. This practice has also been prevalent on P.G.E. work.

The policy of most highway construction contractors has been to pay any wage they wish, in practically all cases getting their own rates for the various classifications of work. This has resulted in many different rates for the same classification on the different jobs.

There has also been a tendency toward poor and unsanitary living conditions in highway construction camps, resulting in a terrific turnover in men which is at all times a costly proposition.

—Submitted by the Vancouver and New Westminster Building and Construction Trades Council.

Voluntary Increase Given by Employers

A twelve cents per hour interim wage increase was put into effect on January 15th voluntarily by shipyard employers on the Pacific Coast.

The wage increase affected 30,000 workers in about seventy yards in Washington, Oregon and California, and was an interim wage increase, the present Master agreement not expiring until June 21st of this year.

This is the report made by Delegate H. W. Watts of the Vancouver Metal Trades Council, who attended a convention in Santa Barbara, California of the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council. There were over 70 delegates present from the three Western States and the twelve cents increase went into effect on the day the convention opened.

New Scale $1.93 Per Hour

The shipyard scale in these yards for mechanics is now $1.93 per hour, with ranges above and below that for special trades and laborers. An effort was made last October to obtain an interim wage increase because the cost of living had been continually rising, but it was turned down by the employers. Another effort was launched early in January, but the employers offered a four-cent, and then a six-cent increase against the District Council's request for a nineteen cents increase. The Council's negotiating committee turned down the six cents and the meeting broke up. Two days before the convention opened, however, the Employers' Association notified the executive secretary of the District Council that effective Monday, January 15th they were voluntarily putting a twelve cents wage increase across the board into effect.

While the 12c was not satisfactory to all the unions concerned, there was no desire upon the part of the delegates to suggest refusal to accept the increase, so the Council will continue to try to get the 19c or to add the 7c balance to their demands at expiration of present agreement.

Navy Yards Busy

Work in the naval yards is picking up very fast in the re-activating of the ships that have been in mothballs. The navy yards have increased wages to $1.91 per hour and are seeking more mechanics.

Some 50 new merchant ships have been authorized by the U.S. government and ten or twelve of these are expected to be built on the Pacific Coast.

Uptown trades whose agreements are expiring within the next few months are expected to be asking about a 25c wage increase wage increase. Wages now range up to $2.75 per hour, with most of the trades above the $2.30 mark.

Union Labor Corner

Wishing Officers and Members of all A.F. of L. Unions "A Happy, Prosperous and Progressive 1951."

New Year Resolutions: To patronize and buy only Union Made Label products; support only Union services, and ask for the Union button.

Have you tried Story's Union Label pies? Mother Hubbard Bakery puts the Union Label on all their goods, the only Union Label bread in British Columbia.

Special notice to all workers using Gloves. The Treen Glove Company Ltd., 220 West Broadway — now 100% Union—employes members of International Glove Workers Union of America Local 104. All Gloves bear the Union Label. Patronize local industries and tell your friends. The first firm in Canada to use the Label.

The first meeting of the Council this year made history in the showing of the International Ladies' Garment film "With These Hands". A real thriller made in Hollywood, running time 40 minutes the most outstanding picture ever shown. It's a real story of the struggle in the early days to organize workers in the needle trades. The strike and fight for conditions, the smashing of a strong union by the left wingers, the reorganizing which results in their being one of the largest and most successful unions of today. Every union member should see this and every union can benefit by their experiences.

Many of these Union Label films will be shown in this city during the coming months leading up to bigger and better "Union Buying Week" this year in Vancouver and district.

Many locals have requested showings at their future meetings. If you wish to be added to our list get in touch with Secretary Ed. Smith at once.

A committee will visit your meeting in the near future to outline the 1951 program of our Council. Please give them the courtesy of a few minutes to address your meeting. Thank you.

In unity there is strength. There is a seat in our Council for you. You should be represented. Why delay? Take action now and affiliate.

Why not strengthen your Union by organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary? They are an invaluable asset. Ask the Typos how they helped in their recent strike.

Pamphlets on how to form a Ladies' Auxiliary can be had from Secretary Smith.

Some of the films secured by our Council for future showing are "We Serve the Public", Hotel and Restaurant International Union; "Look for the Label," Bakery and Confectionery Workers; 'Pursuit of Happiness," Amalgamated Meat Cutters; "Keep It in the Family," Joint Council of Teamsters; "Labor's Challenge," American Federation of School Teachers.

We have requested the loan of the colored film of the 1950 Union Industries Show held last year in Philadelphia.

The Union Industries Show will be held in Chicago's Soldier Field from May 18th to 26th. Chicago, instead of St. Louis, this year.

Spend your dollars at home and help our city grow.

ED. SMITH, Secretary,
Box 6, Labor Temple.

Scale Of Minimum Wages Increased

Increases averaging about 20 per cent in the province of Quebec's scale of minimum wages will be brought into effect shortly by the proclamation of amendments to Quebec's labor ordinance number four, which fixes minimum wage scales and working conditions for unorganized employees.

Provincial Labor Minister Antonion Barrette said this week he will issue later details of the proposed revision of the ordinance and its effect on the pay of workers covered by this general regulation, rather than by special wage ordinances. He could not estimate at present, Barrette stated, how many employees will benefit from the general increase in minimum wage rates, nor the amout of money involved.

Ordinance number four fixes minimum pay rates and general working conditions for thousands of industrial and commercial establishments, office workers, carters and chauffeurs, messengers, bellboys, employees of public corporations and various other types of unorganized workers.

Barrette further announced 20 per cent wage increases for forest industry workers, numbering about 80,000. He said this will raise their pay by about $1,500,000 monthly. This increase will take effect by an amendment to labor ordinance number 39 to be proclaimed very soon.

TLC Backs Rights Of B. C. Teachers

The Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council has given its backing to the demands of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation for the right of teachers to hold municipal offices.

Council delegates endorsed a protest against the Municipal Act, asking amendment to permit teachers to serve on municipal bodies. The TLC provincial executive will discuss the issue with the government.

F. J. Templeton, of Secondary Teachers' Association, declared that teachers had for years endeavored to get a change in the act.

Victoria has stated there would be no change unless approved by the Union of B.C. Municipalities and UBCM consistently refuses to request an opening of the Act, said Templeton.

Vancouver teachers are not affected by the act and are allowed to run for public office under the city charter.

Molders Union Gets Holiday Adjustment

After having the matter referred to a conciliation officer, the Molders' Union, Local No. 281 agreed to accept a wage increase in lieu of statutory holidays. This adjustment was made with the McDonell Metal Manufacturing Co. and the Allard Engineering Ltd. A three cents per hour more for mechanics and two and a half cents per hour for all other classifications was agreed to in lieu of five statutory holidays.

WHO WON?

A team composed of military police was to play a soccer game with a team composed of buck privates. A soldier was outlining the principles of the game.

"If you can't kick the ball, he said, "kick one of the men on the other team. Now where's the ball?"

'Never mind the ball," shouted a husky young private. "Let's get on with the game."

HE GOT RELIGION!

The driver was up for negligent manslaughter. He had been in court seven times before. "This is your eighth offense," said the judge. "The court has been lenient before, but I hope you understand what your situation is now?"

"Yes, your honor," replied the driver meekly.

'Where's your lawyer?" asked the judge.

"I don't have one, your honor," replied the hapless driver. "This is so serious, I decided the best thing to do would be to tell the truth."

We have an acquaintance who lives out in the country where indoor plumbing ordinances do not apply. He describes his home as "four rooms and a path."

"Doesn't your wife miss you when you stay out till three in the morning?"

"Occasionally; but usually her aim is perfect."

Lank: "My doctor advised me to go on a diet."

Fink: "Did you do it?"

Lank: "After I paid his bill I had to."

A pink elephant, a green rat and a polka-dotted snake walked into a cocktail bar.

"You're a little early, boys," said the bartender. "He ain't here yet."

Typo's Wives Elect Officers For Term

Mrs. R. P. Pettipiece installed 1951 officers for Women's Auxiliary No. 75 to Vancouver Typographical Union.

Mrs. Frank Harrison is the new president; Mrs. L. F. Eisner, first vice-president; Mrs. M. R. Cumming, second vice-president; Mrs. Edith DeGear, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. R. P. Pettipiece, chaplain; Mrs. J. Rankin, guide; Mrs. William R. Foulds, telephone and Mrs. Harry Watson, press.

Mrs. R. H. Neelands, Mrs. J. Blakely, Mrs. A. Hunt, and Mrs. J. G. Yule are on the Union Label committee; Mrs. L. F. Eisner, Mrs. J. Chambers, and Mrs. A. Bergman, the social; and Mrs. L. Cam, sunshine.

A social evening has been arranged for Saturday, April 7, at Odd Fellows Hall, Kamloops and Hastings.

Building Trades Go to Washington Confab

Delegates from the Vancouver Building Trades Council attended the annual meeting of the Building Trades section of the Washington State Federation of Labor, held in Wenatchee.

They found that Building Trades work, about in the same condition as in British Columbia, and that despite controls going into effect that there was still a great deal of work in the offing.

The unions were having similar difficulties with the Public Works Department as in B.C., wages and working conditions being lower than that obtained in the private contracting field.

The delegation was composed of President Carlisle, Secretary Souter and Delegates J. Stevenson, Ernie Cook, Jack Eaves, Bill Wilson and Herb Flesher.

Billy Pilling of the Musicians says: "A harp always reminds me of a piano with its clothes off."

'Did the picture have a happy ending?"

"Yeah, everybody was glad it was finished."

Adoring mother: "Just fancy, he's only 17 months old and he's been walking for nearly nine months!"

Weary visitor: "Really? Don't you think it's about time he sat down?"

Hospital Workers Get Wage Increases

Vancouver General Hospital workers have accepted the latest offer from hospital officials, and the 1951 pact will grant wage increases ranging from $8 to $16 a month.

The settlement affects about 1400 lay workers.

Under the new salary scales, average female laundry worker will get $140 a month, nurse pay ranges from $185 to $215.

Male orderlies were given a $14 to $16 monthly boost, and X-ray technicians a $10 increase.

William Black, business manager for Hospital Employees' Federal Union, Local 180, said contract settlement has been approved by the members.

Glaziers Get 22-Cent Per Hour Increase

A wage increase of 22 cents an hour for members of Glaziers' locals in San Francisco and Oakland was negotiated and has been accepted by members of San Francisco Local 718, and was to be voted upon by members of the Oakland local, where acceptance was expected.

The increase will be effective on January 8th and will bring the current scale for journeymen up to $2.30 per hour.

Dougherty Heads Policemen's Union

Detective Fred Dougherty was returned recently for his sixth term as president of the City Police Federal Labor Union Local 12, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, at its annual meeting.

Sgt. George Stiles was elected as vice-president; Const. Dan Brown secretary-treasurer. Sgt. Fred Spencer, recording secretary; Const. Joe Molley, sergeant-at-arms; and Prowler Officer Joseph Cotter, trustee.

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Hospital Insurance

We recommend that Section 7 of the Act be amended to include any citizen of this province who may be in receipt of an income of less than $100 per month.

That provision be made under the Act that when a citizen is ordered into hospital by a proper medical authority and space is not available in public wards and it is necessary to place the patient in a private or semi-private ward the extra cost be met from the Insurance funds and not passed back to the patient.

We are opposel to any increase in premium rate.

We urge upon the Government the necessity of building more hospital facilities and enlarging present hospitals where required.

Annual Holidays Act

The Act should be amended to require the employer to contribute an amount equal to 4% of the employees wages to provide for two weeks annual vacation with pay. A stamp system similar to that in effect in other provinces should be instituted.

We object to farming, horticultural and domestic workers being excluded from benefit under this Act.

Old Age Pensions

We again call the attention of this Government to the plight of our elderly citizens who are dependent on the niggardly old age pension. We hope your Government will press for amendments to the Act that will provide a decent living allowance to all citizens on a contributory basis. The "means" test must be abolished.

Hours of Work Act

Section 3—Should be amended to provide for an eight-hour day and a maximum forty-hour week.

Section 4—Should be eliminated. This section simply provides a means for employers to evade the Act by stating that employees are in a supervisory or managerial position.

Provincial Plumbing Code

When one considers the resultant danger to our citizens' health from disease, the need for this legislation becomes doubly imperative. Throughout this province there are many cases of improper standards of plumbing, both with respect to materials and installations as well as inspection and maintenance. Numerous cases may be cited wherein the medical authorities, sanitary engineers and other publicly concerned groups have urged that a more rigid control over the standard of plumbing in our province be exercised by up-to-date legislation and regulations as a means of protecting the health and welfare of our citizens. Moreover, the urgency of this legislation has been recognized elsewhere in Canada as reflected by their effective plumbing codes and the rigid control exercised by frequent regulations made pursuant thereto.

We, therefore, recommend the enactment of a British Columbia Plumbing Code to provide proper standards, maintenance and control of sanitary installations both for the unorganized areas of this province and for those organized areas where the present regulations do not meet proper standards.

Plumbers and Steamfitters

In other responsible well-organized trades and professions in this province the need for legislation to provide for their regulation and control has been recognized. Such legislation with respect to plumbers and steamfitters throughout British Columbia is long overdue. Many cases may be cited where, due to improper methods of installation, grave danger to the public has resulted.

We strongly recommend therefore, that as a means of attaining a proper standard in these trades, that a committee be formed with a view to governing the examination and licensing of steamfitters and plumbers in the manner presently required of plumbers in the City of Vancouver.

Automatic Sprinklers

We recommend the necessary legislation providing for the compulsory installation and use of automatic sprinkler systems in public and private schools, hospitals, institutions, and other public buildings. The merits and safety advantages of this system, both with respect to life and property, is a matter of proven record over the past fifty years, and we feel that the advantages to be gained by such compulsory legislation, measured by increased public safety, would far outweigh any objection which may arise.

Civic Workers

Under the Municipal Act all agreements must be negotiated with each Council of the city or municipality before April 15th of each year. In cases where negotiations are prolonged beyond this date with no conclusion of awards, the Civic Employees are left without an agreement for the forthcoming year. This, in effect, amounts to the exclusion of these workers from the bargaining benefits provided for other clauses of workers.

We recommend the elimination of this mandatory time limit and that the cities and municipalities return to their formerly satisfactory practice of allowing for, in their annual budget estimates, possible wage increases in agreements with Civic Employees.

Municipal Act

We recommend that the Municipal Act be amended to remove restrictions prohibiting the right of Civic or School Board employees to hold office on a Municipal Council or School Board.

Tax on Meals

Many workers in our basic industries are required to live in bunkhouses as a condition of their employment. These bunkhouses or restaurants are in effect their temporary homes, yet they are required to pay a 3% tax on their meals; while at the same time those workers living in their own homes or boarding houses are exempted from this burden. We fail to see the equity in this situation which actually amounts to the imposition of a penalty and we recommend that the 3% tax on meals be eliminated entirely.

Tradesmen's Qualification Act

This committee feels there is need for a Tradesmen's Qualification Act in this province covering automotive workers if the public are to be protected from inferior workmanship, such workers to be examined and certified according to ability.

Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspecion Act

Section 55 of this Act should be amended whereby it will be the duty of an inspector to inspect a complete heating system rather than only the steam plants as presently required, and that the Act be extended to provide for the examination and certification of operators of refrigeration plants, and the examination of refrigeration plants as to construction, installation and operation.

Liquor Control Act

At present under this Act an employee in a licensed beverage room is guilty of an offence should he serve a person who is a minor. This is a most unfair imposition upon the operator or the employee of a licensed beverage room and we urge that the Act be amended whereby the operator or beverage room employee would be guilty of an offence only if he wilfully served a customer who was apparently a minor. The minor should be the party guilty of the offence not the operator or waiter.

New Legislation

Education—We strongly recommend that all school curricula include a study of the Trade Union Movement, commencing with its inception in England, and its subsequent development and spread in the United States and Canada.

As a result of a series of accidents and mishaps, the need of an Act providing for the inspection of hoisting and portable plants and the examination and licensing of operators of these plants is in our opinion essential.

Costly equipment has been damaged, injuries in some cases fatal to workmen have occurred due to inadequate knowledge and experience of operators of hoisting plants.

We would ask therefore, that Legislation be brought down providing for an Act which would bring about the Inspection of Hoisting and Portable Plants and the examination and licensing of the operators of those plants in the interests of safety and the protection of life and property.

We would also suggest that this Act would be best administered by the Boiler Inspection Department.

In order to protect the public against the tactics of some used car dealers we recommend that legislation be brought down requiring that all dealers or agents trading in used cars be bonded.

While we realize that at the present time Chief Justice Sloan, acting as an enquiry commissioner, is studying the operation and suggested amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act, we nevertheless feel that the present maximum amount of compensation payable to injured workers is insufficient to provide adequate living standards. The present amount as set by the Act was established some time ago under a different set of economic conditions.

We would respectfully urge the Government to request the Commissioner to submit an interim report on this matter in time to permit this amendment to be dealt with at the coming session to increase the present totally inadequate allowance.

Respectively submitted,
R. K. GERVIN, Chairman
Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Members of the Provincial Executive present were: R. K. Gervin, chairman, Vancouver; W. Sands, Kelowna, C. Peck, Victoria; S. Holgate, Ocean Falls; R. McCulloch, Vancouver; Birt Showler, vice-president, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Also accompany the delegation were: J. Stevenson, president, Trades and Labor Council, Vancouver; W. Page, International representative, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; V. Midgely, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; A. Scott, International Union of Operating Engineers.

Members of the Cabinet present were: Hon. H. Anscomb, acting premier; Hon. G. S. Wismer, K.C., attorney-general; Hon. E. C. Carson, minister of public works; Hon. R. C. MacDonald, minister of mines and municipal affairs; Hon. J. H. Cates, minister of labor; Hon. A. D. Turnbull, Minister of health and welfare; Hon. Leslie H. Eyres, minister of Railways, trade and industry and minister of fisheries; Hon. E. T. Kenney.

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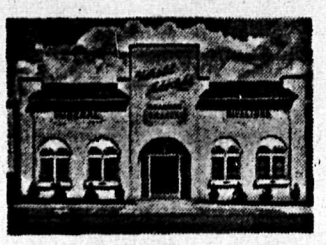

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News of the Month

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA

By GEO. R. BENGOUGH

United Brotherhood of Carpenters Locals Support Leadership of District Council of Carpenters in New Wage Drive

THE 32 CENTS HOURLY INCREASE has now become the uniform demand of fourteen local unions of the Brotherhood on the lower mainland.

All available statistics indicate that if such an increase was in effect tomorrow that this increase would barely be in keeping with the unprecedented high living costs as existing today.

The hourly wage earner has never taken such a beating on his pay check as he is taking just now.

Our Federal Government removed price controls back in April, 1946, and the people have suffered ever since. The dollar has dropped so low that the wage earner can obtain very little for his money; so little that the membership of our locals are determined to offset their declining living standards.

The attendance at the meetings of all the locals has never been greater, the membership are attending the meetings in force, and insisting their officers take whatever action is necessary to obtain proper living standards.

In order to assist the locals as much as possible the District Council is channeling all available information to the secretaries and making preparations to assist them further if any difficulties are encountered in obtaining the wage increase on the new agreement.

Local unions of the District Council are all inserting the following on the top of the 1951 agreements:

"Which are affiliated with the Vancouver, New Westminster and Fraser Valley District Council of Carpenters, chartered by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, American Federation of Labor, whose affiliated local unions in this area cover the following branches of the carpenter trade: Construction and House Carpenters, including application of gyproc and other composition sheets, insulation material and acoustic tile; Shinglers, including red cedar shingles and composition shingles; Pile Drivers, including Bridge, Dock and Wharf Carpenters; Shipwrights, Boat Builders, Joiners and Caulkers; Floorlayers, including the laying of hardwood, linoleum, composition floor materials and carpets; Millworkers, including sash and door workers, cabinet makers and benchmen."

Along with the above heading, local unions are in the main setting out the same clauses in their agreements, particularly clauses:

(1) Object.
(2) Hours of labor.
(3) Overtime.
(4) Shift work.
(5) Out-of-town jobs.
(6) Holidays.
(7) Vacations with pay.
(8) Payment of wages.
(9) Union shop.
(10) Apprentices.
(11) Job stewards.
(12) Wages.
(13) Working conditions.

(Each branch of the trade inserts their particular working conditions).

(14) Accident Prevention.
(15) Grievance procedure.
(16) Duration of agreement.
(17) Copy filed with.

Undoubtedly it has been the decided drop in the living standards that has knitted the locals more closely together and which has now resulted in a proposed uniform agreement for the Lower Mainland covering 5000 of our members.

VANCOUVER CARPENTERS, 452

Local No. 452 at their last regular meeting endorsed the stand being taken by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada on the need for Price and Rent Control. They also set up a committee to work with the Trades and Labor Council on their proposed joint public meeting with the C.C.L. Labor Council. This committee is also to study the material issued by the Trades and Labor Congress on "Facts About Prices" and report to the meeting. The committee is composed of George Bengough, James Gordon, Wm. Page and Dave Jenzen.

We do not propose here to review all the "Facts About Prices" but the following is most interesting:

"During the war when we had controls—December, 1941, to April, 1946—the index rose only five points. But between the time controls were taken off—April, 1946, to November, 1950—the index shot up 50 point—from 120.8 to 170.7".

Another part of the "Facts About Prices" that is most interesting is the table on weekly earnings and real weekly earnings as at April, 1946, and August, 1950.

Note: Building construction shows a decrease for the wage earner for his real average weekly wage of 60 cents.

There you have it, brothers, in cold facts. Instead of improving your living standard you have not even kept abreast but dropped by 60 cents.

VANCOUVER MILLWORKERS, No. 1928

This ever-growing local signed up another firm last week and the employees are now all union members. The firm is Imperial Manufacturers on Clark Drive.

The trade is good with all members working. They, too, are going along with the District Council of Carpenters in their wage demands.

WESTMINSTER FURNITURE AND MILLWORKERS, No. 2534

Dodd & Steele, furniture manufacturers, have signed the No. 2534 Furniture Agreement. The contract has provision for 40-hour week, overtime, rest periods, union shop and, this year, the wages were increased 20 cents across the board.

Anyone wanting home furniture should keep this firm in mind; they are paying top rates, making a fine product and competing with all the other manufacturers on their prices. Their products have the Union Label of the United Brotherhood.

VANCOUVER RESILIENT, 1541

One more firm signed up this week, King Flooring Limited, 379 West Broadway, and also the employees of Vancouver Floor and Supply are making application to join No. 1541, Floorlayers Resilient Section.

They, too, are going along with the District Council on their wage demands for 1951.

Certifications Issued

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1252 and Local 452, A.F.L., for employees of Timbersteel Structures Ltd., employed as journeymen carpenters at Vancouver.

Resilient Floorlayers Union, Local 1541, A.F.L., for employees of A. B. Floor Sanders Ltd., employed as floorlayers, sandermen and finishers at 170 Powell St., Vancouver.

International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, Local 105, A.F.L., for employees of Gehrke Stationery and Printing Co. Ltd., employed as bindery workers in the bindery department at 566 Seymour St., Vancouver.

Building Service Employees Union, Local 244, A.F.L., for employees of Granville Window Cleaning Ltd, 836 Bidwell St., and Excelsior Window Cleaning Co., 18 West Hastings St.; B.C. Window Cleaning Co., 1024 Harwood St., Pacific Window Cleaning Service, 2704 24th Ave., Vancouver.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees & Bartenders International Union, Local 619, A.F.L., for employees of Nanaimo Terminal Hotel, Nanaimo.

Trail Civic Employees Federal Union, Local 343, T.L.C., for employees of the Corporation of the City of Rossland, employed as outside staff at Rossland, except firefighters.

Building Material, Construction and Fuel Truck Drivers and Helpers Union, Local 213, A.F.L., for employees of General Construction Co. Ltd., employed as truck drivers, and loadermobile operators in B.C.

Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, Local 1163, A.F.L., for employees of Mort Brown Limited, employed as brush and spray painters at Victoria.

General Truck Drivers and Helpers Union, Local 31, A.F.L., for employees of Coleman Trucking Co. Led., employed as truck drivers and helpers at Ladner.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1696 A.F.L., for employees of T. C. Robertson, employed as carpenters at Penticton.

Urges Certification of B. C. Steamfitters

Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, Local No. 170 sent a delegation of three of its members to Victoria with a brief, urging the government to enact legislation for the certification of all steamfitters in B.C.

This move was made because of several accidents which have resulted from improperly constructed steamfitting jobs, which have endangered life, limb and property.

The legislation is supported by the Workmen's Compensation Board, and the delegation were informed by the government that if the committee would draw up a plan of this legislation and present same to the Government Boiler Inspector, the matter would be gone into again by the Hon. E. C. Carson, Minister of Public Works.

The delegation from the union was composed of P. Smith, W. J. Roberton and A. Matheson.

Office Employees Elect Officers for Term

Election of officers for the ensuing term took place at the last regular meeting of Office Employees International Union, Local No. 15.

The new officers are:

President, Vera Hughes.
Vice-president, Clare Jones.
Fin. Sec. Treasurer, G. Muriel Springett.
Recording Secretary, John Graham.
Sergeant-at-Arms, Luck Slack.
Trustees: Muriel Moropito, Bernice Gibson, Margaret McGowan.

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