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STOP PUSHING THE WORKERS AROUND

PUSHED AROUND FOR FIVE YEARS—TIME WORKERS PUSHED

Trades Council Delegates Hear Electricians' Delegate Outline Present Conditions — Plans Must be Made to Change Situation that Confronts Us

POINTING OUT THAT THE WORKERS have been pushed around by many government bodies during the past five years, a Trades Council speaker stated that it was about time that the workers did some of their own pushing. Post-war plans are not materializing and it looks as though unemployment is upon us.

Ernest Ingles, International Vice-President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was a visitor to the Trades and Labor Council meeting on Tuesday night. He is in Vancouver with a "back East" delegation who are contacting various communities with the objective of stirring up interest and plans for post-war construction work. He is also vice president of the National Construction Council and was the labor representative on the delegation.

Backlog of Ten Billions

He pointed out to the delegates that there is a backlog of some ten billion dollars worth of construction work in Canada, and that despite the fact that there were 1500 post-war committees operating in Canada there is no visible means of carrying out the plans.

There is a lot being said about reconstruction and rehabilitation but some of these advisors have a constipation of ideas and a diarrhea of words.

Construction is of tremendous importance to the post-war era, and there is no reason why that industry should not function for civil industry it it did for the war industry.

Importance of Construction

The labor content of construction is responsible for 80 per cent of the costs in wages and salaries. From the logger to the last daub of paint, labor is represented in the production of any building, and it spreads out to 60 per cent of other fields of endeavor.

Supplying of civil life products may take us over a couple of years, he said, but after that something else will have to take up the slack in production, if unemployment is to be avoided.

We have been given a lot of promises, but that will not provide food for hungry people. We have been pushed around for five years, and some of those who have been pushing us around have not the least idea of the situation, or the needs of the workers. Its time the workers did some of the pushing, he said.

Needs Careful Planning

There should be some immediate plans for post-war planning and construction. There is a lot of construction work to be done, but we don't want it to be rushed on us all at once. It should be so planned that it can cover a period of many years. The same thing should apply to other industries.

Ten thousand men and women are being released every month from active service and many workers are being released from war industries. What are we going to do with these and with the many hundreds of thousands who will be added to their ranks when the war is over?

Henry Ford said recently: "Money is just part of our transportation system to move goods from man to man; it breaks down so often that it is time our engineers developed a new model."

Steamfitters' Local 235 of Portland, Ore., has appropriated another $4000 for the serviceman's canteen at the Portland railroad station. The local union's USO contributions total $29,000.

Has Charter for Automotive Trades

The International Association of Machinists has issued a Charter for the automobile workers in this area. The new Lodge will be known as Vancouver Automotive Workers Union, Local 1857, and will accept into membership all employees in the garage business from front to back of the premises.

This group is getting off to a good start, with almost one hundred Charter members. Applications for membership are coming in satisfactorily.

It is expected that the Charter will be installed at a special meeting early in October.

The representatives of the I. A. of M. wish to express their appreciation for the assistance given by W. Wilson, R. K. Gervin and C. Herrett, in organising these garage workers and to the business agents of affiliates to the Trades and Labor Council for their support.—J. McMillan.

Steelworkers Tactics Here Are Questioned

The organization of the small machine shops is going ahead full-swing throughout the city, the only real menace to a 100 per cent organized machinist trade in Vancouver, is the disruptive tactics of the Steelworkers C.I.O., says Dick Osman, business agent of the Machinists' Union.

No matter where Lodge No. 692 start to organize, we find the steelworkers are also there within a few days. This in my estimation, he says, is disruptive tactics of the worst kind.

Local 692 can surmount most of the difficulties in its way, he says, and still organize the majority of contract shops in town.

When one thinks of the possibilities for industrial organization in this city, it makes a person wonder what is the motive behind the steelworkers' activities.

Electric Panel Mfg. Grants Wage Increases

Wage increases, ranging from two to eight cents per hour, and approved by the Regional War Labor Board, have been granted by the Electric Panel Manufacturing Co. to its employees, in renewing its agreement for another year.

The employees are members of the "p" section of Electrical Workers' Union No. 213.

At the recent election of officers of this section, A. J. Nett was elected chairman, O. Anderson, vice-chairman, and C. Crutchley was re-elected recording secretary. D. Robinson, J. Buck and Earl Rotan were elected to the grievance committee.

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TO MEMBERS OF ORGANIZED LABOR

You will note what your committee believes to be some improvements in this issue of your Labor Statesman. These have been approved by the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council. The up-to-date lettering and the name itself are made up in color. This tends to improve the look of the paper and from time to time improvements will be made on the paper as a whole.

As Chairman of the Press Committee I believe the Labor Statesman can be improved to the extent that ALL unions will subscribe. Every Union should subscribe to the Labor Statesman. It is your paper, and the Press Committee will appreciate any suggestions put forward by the readers. The committee are few. You are many. It is our belief that there are more brains in the rank and file—and more suggestions will come from there—than there is in a small committee. Send in your suggestions. Your committee will carry out anything that will tend to improve the paper. If these ideas are carried out there is no reason why the paper sales cannot be trebled.

We would like to have our readers' suggestions and also reaction to the improvements already taking place. Let us all get together and write and work for a bigger and better Labor Statesman.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space this message will take up and assuring readers that more will follow.

J. H. IRVING,
Chairman, Press Committee.

Union Label Taken From Dubbell-Wear

The union label of the United Garment Workers Union, has been taken away from the Dubbell-Wear Company, because they violated a section of the union agreement that requires them to sew the union label into the garments made by the firm.

The firm has not being doing this and the owner of the firm has given unsatisfactory reasons for not having the label sewn into the garments.

It is pointed out that the firm still employs union workers, but inasmuch as the Union Label is one of the important items in the maintaining of union conditions, the union points out that union men and women should only purchase articles bearing the union label.

The matter was referred to the Union Label Trades by the Trades and Labor Council, and the firm's name removed from the union label board.

Deceased Workmen's Wages Act Aids Widows

Wages of workmen coming within the scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act, can be collected by widows of deceased husbands. This information was obtained by the Trades and Labor Council, and is embodied in a Provincial Government Act. It provides that the wages earned by a workman during the period of three months, and owing, or accrued to him, at the time of his death, shall be payable to the widow, free from debts of the deceased.

The wages of the deceased workman is not subject to the provisions of the laws relating to the administration of the estate or to provisions of his will.

The widow can claim the wages on production of a certificate of a Justice of the Peace, setting forth that he has satisfied himself that the person claiming to be the widow of the deceased is in fact his widow.

Teachers Desire Permanent Committee on Education

The British Columbia Teachers' Federation and the Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association is presenting a brief to the Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and asked the endorsation of the Trades and Labor Council to the following resolution, which is more fully explained in the brief. The Council endorsed the resolution and it will be supported by the Council's delegates. The resolution reads:

"Whereas the subject of education and particularly the extension and development of public education has down through the years always been a vital part of labor's programme; and,

"Whereas the interest in and support of organized labor in the promotion of our public education system is too little appreciated where it should be appreciated most; and,

"Whereas now and in the post-war period the interest of organized labor in the fields of post-war educational reconstruction, adult training, pre-employment courses, and in the equalization of educational opportunity and training for leisure, must be made manifest and influential; and,

"Whereas it is essential to labor that the curriculum of the public education system should be to the best interests of the great mass of the people; and,

"Whereas The American Federation of Labor has since 1933 found in its Permanent Committee on Education machinery for the support of and propagation of labor's views on education;

"Be it resolved by this Sixtieth Annual Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada that the Executive be instructed to set up a Permanent Committee on Education instructed to integrate and promote the interests of this body of organized labor in the field of public education."

MACHINIST MADE MINISTER OF LABOR

Quebec City.—Quebec's new minister of labor is J. Antonio Barrette, member of the International Association of Machinists (A. F. of L.).

The new minister served his apprenticeship in the Canadian National Shops at Joliette, Que., becoming a full-fledged machinist.

Creamland Dairy Signs With Union

The Creamland Crescent Dairy, 1255 Howe Street, has signed an agreement with the Milk Drivers' and Dairy Employees' Union No. 464. The union has practically 96 per cent of the dairies in Vancouver organized now, says Business Agent Bob McCulloch.

The other dairies are: Crystal Dairies, Associated Dairies, Empress Dairies, Gibson's Dairy, Glenburn Dairy, Jersey Farms Dairy, Melrose Dairy, Richmond Dairy, Twigg Island Dairy, and Turner's Dairy.

Aeronautical Workers Get Certification

The Aeronautical Workers' Union has obtained certification for the employees of aircraft plants in Vancouver, Victoria, Chilliwack and Nelson. The union is reopening negotiations for an agreement with the managements concerned.

The objective of $10,000 for the Community Chest fund, established for the union, had reached $8,000 on Tuesday and is expected to be oversubscribed by at least $2,000.

Fishermen and Fish Cannery Workers Active

Del Rigby of the Fishermen's Union informed the Trades and Labor Council that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada had agreed to the Amalgamation of the Fish Cannery and Reduction Plant Workers' Union, with the Fishermen's Union No. 44.

Both organizations are well organized in each of their lines and Local 44 has already attended many fishermen's meetings that at one time or another operated in B. C.

Metal Trades Council Urges Post-War Shipbuilding Plan

The Vancouver Metal Trades Council has taken up with the government suggestions for the continuance of an active shipbuilding program, that will help provide employment in the yards and other industries in British Columbia in the post-war period.

In conjunction with the owners and the government, organized labor has also asked for representation in the discussions on this subject. The employers' brief is now in the hands of the Inter-departmental Committee on Merchant Shipping for study and report to the Cabinet. The Metal Trades Council has been invited by the government to present a brief and will be given an opportunity to discuss it with the government.

The Council's letter to the government says:

"The Vancouver, New Westminster and District Metal Trades Council, views with a great deal of apprehension the slow but steady depletion of manpower in the shipyards of this district and province.

"While it may be quite true that we cannot expect to maintain employment for the same number of workers in the post-war period that we have maintained during the war period, we feel that the shipyards could be assisted in finding employment for several thousand more shipyard workers than in the pre-war period.

"New yards have been constructed during this war period, and the old yards have been increased greatly in size. We would not like to see this industry and these resources left to struggle along on the old competitive basis, because this will entail a possible large slash in wages, as well as greatly curtailed production.

"All the shipyards in British Columbia are part of a necessary expansion of the trade and industry of the province, as well as an asset to the rest of Canada in the marketing of its products. Shipping companies transport Canadian products to the four corners of the earth and these products are increasing with the years. Neither do these ships arrive here in ballast for they bring an ever increasing supply of goods from other parts of the world.

"This Council is of the opinion that ships that are to be used to transport goods to and from Canada, should be built in Canada. We fail to see how any good argument can be made against that, and while we feel that any extra cost that might be entailed in having ships built in Canadian yards, as against competitive bids from other countries, should be borne by the shipping companies to whom this would apply, we could not oppose the subsidising of such a project by the government.

"This Council also favors the government having ships built for its own use in transportation enterprises, thereby assisting the shipbuilding industry on this coast. We urge that serious consideration be given by your government to the enactment of legislation that would assist in maintaining and obtaining the aforementioned subjects."

A.F.L. Unions Not Affected By Layoffs

Reporting to the Metal Trades Council, delegates report that the layoffs at the shipyards is adversely affecting some unions, but most of our unions are able to take care of the members by transferring them to other industries, Plumbers, painters, carpenters and machinists are doing this, and the machinists also expect to be able to take care of some by means of the automotive industry which they have recently issued a charter for, having organized employees in a number of firms. The Sheet Metal Workers' Union still has vacancies for shipyard work.

The Painters have obtained certification in the Star Shipyards, New Westminster.

Negotiations for adjustment of the holidays-with-pay plan has reached an impasse, but the unions are arranging for another conference on the subject, along with the Victoria unions, early next month.

Machinists reported that although their members have been employed in Vivian's Engine Works' plant for a great many years, the firm would not sign an agreement. This opened the way for the C.I.O. when the company went into war work, and there has been dissention in the plants ever since. A recent vote gave the Machinists 92 votes, the C.I.O. 103 votes, and 46 not voting. The Machinists have most of the mechanics, the remainder being what are known as specialists and improvers.

PAINTERS CERTIFY STAR SHIPYARDS

Painters' Union, No. 138, has obtained certification for the Star (Mercers) Shipyards in New Westminster.

The union is sending Jack Hayes, the Business Agent, to the Trades and Labor Congress Convention.

Union Seeks Action Against Anti-Union Undertaking Firm

The alleged anti-union attitude of Center and Manne, Funeral Directors, was scored by the Embalmers and Undertakers' Assistants Union, Local No. 22374, in a letter to the Trades and Labor Council asking that the firm be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Council. The union alleges that the firm fired the secretary of the union, who had worked for the firm for 13 years. The employees of this firm were among those of many other funeral directors who were organized last year. The secretary recently took an active part in a Board of Arbitration of the union in obtaining wage increases and better working conditions.

The request of the union took the regular course and was referred to the Council's Grievance Committee.

In the meantime, unions who have done any business with the firm, can assist in the case, by informing the firm that they may have to discontinue their patronage with the firm.

BCSU Negotiating With Union Steamship Co.

The British Columbia Seamen's Union, chartered by the Seamen's International Union (A. F. of L.) is negotiating for an agreement with the Union Steamship Co. Ltd. The Union was recently certified as the bargaining agent by a vote of 161 for the B.C.S.U. to 44 for the Inland Seamen's Union (C.I.O.).

The B.C.S.U. has also negotiated agreements with the Canadian National Steamships, Ltd., and the Canadian Steamship and Barge Co. Ltd. The latter is the first deep-water agreement ever signed by a shipping firm in B. C.

Other agreements are being negotiated by the union, which is affiliated with the Vancouver N. W. & D. Trades and Labor Council.

Council Favors City By-law Requiring Wrapping of Bread

Unwrapped bread, which is being handled over by dozens of people in many stores, was recently condemned by the Stereotypers, Typers, Bookbinders and Assistants Union, in a letter to the Trades and Labor Council, asking that the City Council be asked to pass a bylaw requiring that bread be wrapped before being offered for sale, in stores other than where it is served on the premises, be required to be wrapped, and bread which does not be wrapped be kept in a proper container.

Delegates speaking on the subject thought that the communication was opportune and spoke of the number of people who are continually handling the bread in efforts to obtain bread in various conditions.

The communication was endorsed by the delegates.

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Canadian CIO Chemical Locals Flock to New A.F.L. Union

Cleveland.—Every C.I.O. Chemical workers' union in Canada has come over in a body to the newly chartered A. F. of L. International Chemical Workers Union, it was announced at the organization's first international convention here. The C.I.O. unions were welcomed and their delegates attended the convention.

"These unions were in no way raided by the American Federation of Labor," President H. A. Bradley of the I.C.W.U. announced. "They came to us of their own volition because they felt they would be better served by our union."

The convention, which opened with the presentation of an A.F.L. charter by William Green, adopted a constitution and elected Mr. Bradley as President and R. E. Tomlinson as Secretary-Treasurer.

The union formerly functioned as a national council of local unions organized by the American Federation of Labor. Granting of an international charter was approved by the A. F. of L. Executive Council last August.

$1200 In Prizes At Union Carnival

Don't forget to take the whole family to the Street Railwaymen's Big Carnival, which is to be held in the B. C. Electric Show Rooms at Granville and Dunsmuir.

The dates for this big event are, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 12, 13 and 14. Make a note of it now, because if you are not there — or have not bought a ticket — you not only lose an opportunity to win one of the big Victory Bonds which will be drawn for, but you will not get an opportunity to win some of the prizes in the games of chance that the street railway boys and girls will have there for you.

Tickets for the event are 25c, which admits you to the carnival and gives you a chance in the $1200 in Victory Bond prizes that are being drawn for.

The Carnival, which is being put on by Division No. 101 is in aid of the union's War Comforts Fund, all of the proceeds going to help out in this worthy cause.

If you can find time to sell a book of tickets, call at the street Railwaymen's Union office, in the Lee Building, corner of Main and Broadway, and they will get you going.

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Fish Cannery Union Makes Big Gains

Great organizational gains have been registered by the Fish Cannery-Reduction Plant and Allied Workers' Federal Union Local 89 during the past six months. This increased organization comes as the result of a campaign embarked upon for the purpose of obtaining coverage over those sections of the fishing industry which previously were not a part of any trade union organisation. Chinese cannery workers constitute the major group upon which organisational work has commenced. There are approximately eight hundred Chinese employed during the canning season and to date 350 have been brought into Local 89. The Chinese organiser, Brother Chan Kwan, who was appointed in May of this year is at present organising in the Skenna River area and reports indicate that he has obtained very good results.

Women seasonal cannery workers are the second large group which have been in a completely unorganised state. The necessity of bringing this group into Local 89 was recognized by this year's Convention when a resolution was passed calling for the organization of all female workers in the industry. Brother George Coppin, Second Vice-president of Local 89 and Delegate to the Vancouver District Trades and Labor Council, has been appointed as Union organizer for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the Convention in this regard. He commenced his duties on September 1st, and after a short period of intensive work in Vancouver and vicinity, will leave for the West Coast of Vancouver Island, where he will organize all women workers in the herring canning operation. Many miscellaneous sections of this industry have been organized and have been certified. These are as follows: Vancouver Ice and Cold Storage, Namu Cold Storage Plant, Kildonan Cold Storage Plant, Ecoole Reduction Plant, United Fishermen's Co-op Liver Plant in Vancouver, and the filleting operation in the Canadian Fishing Company Home Plant. Some of these have already been covered by agreements and negotiations are at present proceeding on agreements to cover the remainder.

The following plants are scheduled as next in line for organization: The Washington Laboratories Vitamin Oil Plant, Western Chemical Vitamin Oil Plant, the Great Northern Cannery in West Vancouver, the Empire Cannery in Esquimalt, the Sooke Salmon Traps at Sooke, B.C., and the Massette Co-op Cannery in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Considerable organizational work has been done in Prince Rupert where the Associated Fish Packers Union (C. C. of L.) has dropped its charter and has become port of Local 89. Federal Fish Packers No. 1, a Union which is organized in the Prince Rupert Plant of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., and which has been found to have no affiliation either with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada or the Canadian Congress of Labor and is, in essence, a company union is also listed as an organization which will be prevailed upon to enter the ranks of Local 89. Brother Alex Gordon, General Secretary will leave for Prince Rupert on September 12th for the purpose of furthering organisational work in the Prince Rupert area.

In line with Labor's policy of consolidation and strengthening of the Trade Union Movement, last year's Convention of Local 89 passed a resolution stating the desirability of amalgamation with the U.F.F.U. A similar resolution was passed by the U.F.F.U. Convention and as a result officials of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. The long range policy of both the Fish Cannery-Reduction Plant and Allied Workers' Federal Union Local 89 and the United Fishermen's Federal Union is to eventually become part of a larger organization embracing all fish workers both ashore and afloat on the Eastern Seaboard, the Great Lakes area and the West Coast.

—A. L. Gordon, Sec.

Laundry Workers Hard To Organize

For several months the organizing committee has been working hard and giving much time to organizing the laundries. This is a very low paid industry and it is hard to understand why some of those who work in the laundries hang back and do not join the union, in order to get better working conditions and wages.

The laundry workers' union expect in a few days to have a signed agreement with two laundries and one dry cleaner.

Good progress has been made at the Bartram paper plant, they are joining the Republic Convention; and a majority of the workers in this plant are now in the union.

We still need members of organized labor and our friends to assist the organizing committee the names and addresses of those we can contact to organize. Send in information to C. E. Herrett, or L. Gordon, Trades Council office, 138 Stanley Street.—C. E. Herrett.

The Incident . . .

A year or two back, a crowd of hundreds of people gathered around a dock and along the shoreline of a Pacific coast port, awaiting the arrival of one of the world's largest ocean liners, the Queen Elizabeth . . . The name of the vessel and the time of arrival were an official secret!

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS AND THEIR MALE EMPLOYEES

By an order signed on August 15th, 1944, by the undersigned Minister of Labour under authority of National Selective Service Mobilization Regulations:

1. Commencing August 22nd, 1944, every employer is required to check the documents held by each newly engaged male employee, within 7 days of the employee's engagement, to determine if such employee possess documents to show that he is in good standing under National Selective Service Mobilization Regulations (that is, in relation to the Military Call-up);

2. Every employer must report on Schedule 9 to the Registrar for his Mobilization Division, concerning any employee found not to possess documents as referred to;

3. Every employer is required similarly to check the documents held by each male employee newly engaged between May 1st, 1944, and August 22nd, 1944, and to report to the Registrar for his Mobilization Division by August 29th, 1944, on any such employee found not to possess documents as referred to;

4. Any male employee here referred to, is required by the Regulations to present his documents to his employer for purposes of inspection;

5. Penalties are provided for any employer or male employee who fails to comply with these Regulations.

By an earlier order, employers were required to check the documents held by their male employees, and to report by May 1st, 1944, on doubtful cases as well as cases where employees did not possess documents. The procedure for the primary document check, although being modified to conformity in "Notice to Employers and their Male Employees", which is now being mailed, is identical with that set forth in "Employers' Guide", which covered the check made before May 1st, 1944.

Employers are asked to remember that they do not report on men who do possess the necessary documents—only on those who fail to produce documents for examination, or where there is doubt that the documents produced actually prove good standing.

The employers of Canada co-operated very satisfactorily on the first check, made up to May 1st last. This co-operation was decidedly helpful, and is very much appreciated. Further co-operation is now earnestly requested.

Schedule 9 and details as to documents which prove good standing, are available through the Employment and Selective Service Offices.

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Jobs For All

By E. J. Phelan, Acting Director of the International Labor Office

A dangerous illusion exists today many parts of the world with to post-war employment. "Jobs for all" is the most frequent successful of present-day rally-cries, but the three words harbor important fallacy. Jobs, central they may be in any blueprint tomorrow, are not an end in It is putting too much on one side of the familiar cycle to declare that jobs will answer virtually every and economic question.

would come closer to the mark should set our post-war sights "Jobs producing goods and ser-for all." This is a much clearer of the social objec-for which the United Nations war. What is a job if it does result in material benefit or service to the world? Our is close at hand in Nazi Ger-There the Labor Front boasts 100 per cent employment: for all. But the result is guns slaughter and not goods and

With the German example vivid his eyes, the worker in the nation today has exchanged the of unemployment for one more haunting: that of employ-in a slave state. If he is of his dignity, his achieve-through hundreds of painful he may properly feel that and sweat and tears have been expended in vain.

And it is equally fallacious to that employment nowadays be a matter of national concern We cannot quarantine the repercussions of unemployment national boundaries any more we can separate political reper-by national boundaries—is, without putting the world in again of global conflict.

What is at issue in this war is or freedom. We recognize the world cannot exist half slave half free. It is equally true that cannot exist, or cannot at all hope to have a peaceful exist-if it is half prosperous and half stricken. Thus, international concerning such matters employment is just as vital as in-national collaboration to provide and to free nations from the of external aggression.

It is as true today as it was years ago when the prin-was written into the Constitu-of the International Labor that "lasting peace can-be established unless it is based social justice." In addressing 1941 International Labor Con-at the White House President declared:

"We have learned too well that problems and economic prob-are not separate water-tight in the international than in the national sphere. international, as in national af-economic policy can no longer an end in itself. It is merely a for achieving social objectives. It is indeed true that not only are and social problems indis-linked, but that in the long political security and social are in fact different aspects a single fundamental security which is indivisible and to which the pursuit of social justice is key.

Political security will not be guar-in the long run by any pacts agreements unless the free demo-nations are strong enough to it certain that such pacts or cannot be violated with Ultimately. In the final analysis that resides in the people. warfare is no longer a strug-only between the armed forces of contending parties: the produc-line is an essential complement the firing line; sometimes one is factories become the target of enemy bombs; the risks run by merchant seamen are as great as encountered by the men of the and casualties are as heavy.

It is certainly safe to assert that workers of the world will never permit themselves to float on ebb and tide of inefficient econo-If they are fighting and work-for a people's peace, they will that this peace contain a against enforced idleness depressed living conditions. The of the democracies, indeed, that such a guarantee shall made effective.

The time has gone forever when and women able and anxious to are to find that no one has any for their services, that they are outcasts whom the com-will perhaps not allow to but who otherwise are con-to a hopeless and aimless in-and to the frustration of all legitimate hopes and ambitions. It will not be regarded as sufficient that the public authority should pro-them with some kind of mini-subsistence allowance or shep-them into relief works in an unsuccessful attempt to disguise unwantedness.

What they expect, and will indeed demand, is precisely the opposite. They want to be wanted. They want to feel that they have a real place in community and a real and accept-contribution to make to its productiveness and prosper-They want in short a position dignity and not of degradation, they want, too, to be able to feel the road of opportunity is open them; that they can aspire to such as their abilities justify, and they can lay the foundations of better prospects for their children.

Many nations are still struggling to discover the best way of utilizing their human resources. It is true that all the policies and practices affecting full employment are under study in every country. Several programmes looking toward full re-employment have already been laid before the various governments. But it is clear that there can be no single plan, no open sesame, no philosopher's stone which can solve this problem for every country in the same way.

Countries have different political and industrial histories, different equipment and different relations between government and industry. Each therefore must plan, and plan actively, for the solution of its own problems. But however effective national action may be, there must be international action also. There must be concerted effort to insure that all countries set out to achieve this same social objective of full employment for the production and distribution of goods and services.

Another principle laid down in the constitution of the International Labor Organization is still as true today as when it was first formulated twenty-five years ago: "The failure of any nation to adopt humane conditions of labor is an obstacle in the way of other nations which desire to improve the conditions in their own countries." It is indeed possible to state this principle equally effectively in its positive form—the success of any nation in securing for its workers full employment and rising standards of living is of direct assistance to other nations which attempt to secure for their workers the same objective.

There are measures which must be taken to provide that general framework of economic order without which national economic measures would fail of their effect. These measures are already being taken. The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has already been set up; the constitution of a World Food and Agricultural Agency is being examined by Governments; plans for machinery for the stabilization of currency are under consideration; a plan for an International Development Bank has already been drawn up. International arrangements concerning the expansion of trade, air transport and other subjects have become matters for international discussion.

The war has disrupted completely the economic life of the world. There can be no possibility that when the war ends that economic life will be automatically restored to its old channels. It is indeed not desirable that this should happen, for the growing economic disorganization so inter-war period was marked by complete as to amount almost to economic anarchy. The end of the war will therefore present an unprecedented opportunity for the establishment of orderly relations between the peoples of the world in which they can hope to make tremendous advances in social progress.

There will be no simple or easy path by which those advances can be made. The difficulties will be great, but they must be faced and solved, since they cannot be evaded. But though the difficulties are formidable, our assets are equally great. First of all, we do know definitely what we wish to achieve. Secondly, we realize as never before what miracles can be performed by man's intelligence and powers of organization. There is no reason why a fuller and broader utilization of the world's resources should not be successfully achieved and, therefore, no reason why concerted international action, accompanied by simultaneous and complementary national action, should not enable us to secure for mankind all the benefits which men and women hope for from a People's Peace.—Modern Digest.

Delegates Change Trade Council Bylaws

With one amendment, recommendations of a Trades and Labor Council Committee, appointed for the purpose, were adopted by the delegates, making changes in the Council's bylaws.

The changes require that a delegate, to be eligible for office, shall have at least 12 months previous experience, and attended at least 50 per cent of the meetings in the year prior to nomination.

Elections will be held in January, instead of July.

Statistician's report shall be on file for information of local unions as to the attendance of their delegates.

All committees shall meet at least once monthly, and report in writing.

Names of nominees shall be placed in alphabetical order on the blackboard.

Secretary shall report twice yearly to the local unions, the number of delegates attending.

Shelly Coffee Shop Being Organized

Business Agent May Ansell reports that the Shelly Coffee Shop is being organized and a card may be in the window in a short time. She stated that there had been some co-operation from union men, but there had also been some action that had not helped the situation there. She pointed out that the firm could not pay union wages on the five cent coffee and low priced meals, and efforts to raise these prices had been strenuously objected to by union people who work close by.

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Brick and Clay Workers Certified

Secretary Gorvin informed the Trades Council delegates that the Brick and Clay Workers Union at Kilgard had been certified as the bargaining agents for the employees of that plant. All but six are in the union. The plant was organized in 1938. Although the wages have been brought up by the union, the company refuses to sign an agreement. The union has been able to get holiday with pay from the firm, but the men had been working 48 hours. Just before the holiday plan went into effect the company reduced the hours to 44, and the holiday pay was for 44 hours.

HALIFAX INDUSTRIAL SHIPYARD UNION FLOPS

Three thousand shipyard workers in the Halifax shipyards have gone back to work without obtaining any concessions from the company. A majority of these were members of the Industrial Union of Shipyard Workers C.I.O.

Want Motorman's View Obstruction Removed

At the request of the Street Railwaymen's Union, the Trades and Labor Council made representations to the Minister of Railways for the Province of British Columbia, to make a law which will compel transportation companies to provide the operator of passenger vehicles with a clear view to the right. It is felt that many accidents can be avoided if the view was not obstructed, as is now the case.

Replying to the communication, the Minister of Railways states that he has been in touch with the B. C. Electric Railway Company and arrangements have been made to examine each different type of car to see if there is any practical method by which is can be carried out.

At the direction of the National Labor Relations Board, the Baltimore Transit Company has paid $8040 in back pay to six men unlawfully discharged in 1942 for union activities.

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To lead a company across an unbridged river against the concentrated fire of a pitiless enemy and to drive that enemy out of his trenches, is certainly an act of cool bravery.

To brace yourself for the inevitable counter charge and to shatter two such attacks is another.

To personally rescue a section of your force which has been pinned down by accurate and deadly fire is a third. And finally, to sling forward when thrice wounded and by word, deed and gesture inspire exhausted comrades to a fighting fury beyond their strength is truly the battle conduct of a hero.

All of this, and more, was achieved by Major John Keefer Mahony, a peace-time reporter, when his company of the New Westminster Regiment . . . his home town . . . crossed Italy's speedy Melfa River on the 24th of May.

For the Major it meant the acclaim of his countrymen and the highest military award within the gift of a grateful Empire . . . the Victoria Cross.

In men, Mahony's company was outnumbered two to one. In guns he was outnumbered six to one, or more. In position there was no comparison because Mahony's men had to fight their way across open water in full view of confident and ruthless defenders.

Throughout the crossing, the digging-in and the counter-attack, Mahony ordered his men to focus their fire on enemy guns.

German soldiers were dangerous, of course. But guns were the real peril and every Nazi gun was eventually knocked out by lesser weapons in the hands of Canadian soldiers who couldn't be beaten, because they wouldn't be beaten.

They crossed the river, took the bank, dug defensive posts, stood off two strong attacks, then held for five hours alone, and when reinforced, moved forward to new triumphs.

Well done, Westminster; well done, Mahony!

FOUR FRONTS FOR THE FINISH:

"Fortuna Europa" faces attack from all directions as the Allied armies of liberation advance to smash the forces of Fascism. There can be no slackening of our home front effort in the glow of today's good news . . . now more than ever, the production of high-test alcohol is needed and the management and men of U.D.L. will continue its unceasing flow from this war-geared plant until the day of final victory.

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"We were amazed at the scope of the activities covered by your organization as we had no idea so much good work was being accomplished through the Community Chest. Other members of our tour party, as well as myself, were in complete ignorance of the immensity of your operations, our idea being that the Community Chest had a campaign once a year which, as a matter of public duty, we were expected to subscribe, trusting that we might get off with the least possible contribution. When, at the Crippled Children's Hospital we were shown a statement to the effect that 88% of the cost of operating the Hospital was born by the Chest, I felt my former attitude towards your organization was far from commendable.

In view of what we have learned about your work during our tour you may depend upon our 100% co-operation during the campaign."

"This is a time when all good citizens of this community have the opportunity to contribute their share to this great work.

We heartily endorse the Community Chest, as we know the value of the work of these Agencies. We urge that every worker give his rightful annual contribution."

ED. LEARY
President, Vancouver Labor Council.

BERT SHOWLER
President, Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council.

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Restaurant Workers Making Progress

We envisage and see the way opening up to a hundred per cent organization in our craftmanship in this city.

During the past year, our membership was tripled; the employees in North and South Burrard, La Point Pier, and West Coast Shipyards have been organized, with a closed shop agreement already signed in North Burrard. The Biltmore and Fraserdero Cafes have joined our ranks.

Even though it has been a tremendous struggle, due to the terrific turnover in staffs and many inexperienced help, now we see our craft beginning to settle down, and look to organized labor as a means of securing the future. Proprietors are beginning to recognize the advantages to themselves of a unionized staff, some to the extent of giving us active support. Where there is organization, there is co-operation and efficiency.

We are definitely looking forward to the post war period, planning and building, within our ranks as well as the vast field yet to be organized. We realize that only through unity, will we maintain our rights and build that future, of freedom from want and fear, the right to work with just compensation for our labors, that future for which our boys and girls are now fighting and dying. We dare not let them down! We must build that Peace that our sacrifices will not be in vain. We, as part of the vast Trade Union body, will do our part toward Victory and the Peace.

May Ansell,
Bus. Agent and Fin. Sec.

Taxi Drivers After Some New Agreements

The Taxi Drivers' Union, No. 151, is endeavoring to organize the employees of two more companies, with the objective of getting new agreements, says C. Gower, business agent of the union.

The wages of the Star Cab company has been brought up to those of other union companies and a joint application is being made to the Regional War Labor Board for its approval.

Brother A. Blais will be the union's delegate to the Trades and Labor Congress Convention.

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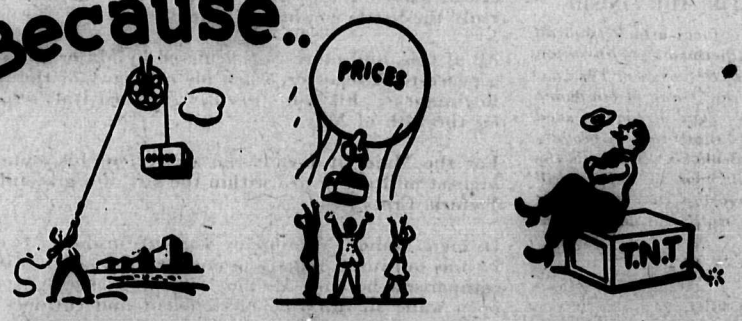

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