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GOVERNMENT BACKS ORGANIZED LABOR'S DEFENCE EFFORTS

Ottawa, Can.—Labor, annoyed at what it termed "non-recognition of its policies" was assured by Prime Minister King that things would be different in the future.

Before a delegation of 50 members of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the premier said: "I want to say right here and now before my colleagues in the cabinet that anyone—including ministers of the crown—who fails to do his utmost to insure the carrying out of the government's labor policies, is not helping the government in its war effort".

Co-operative Support

Through President Tom Moore the Congress charged the government had failed to avoid labor unrest. He related how organized labor had offered its co-operative support since the war started and declared the government and its representatives had not responded in the right spirit and had failed to enforce the principles governing labor relations which the government, itself, had embodied in the order-in-council of last July.

Answering the charge, the Prime Minister admitted there was a basis for it, but explained that a number of men "with great industrial experience" had been allowed to carry on with an absence of government interference and that many of them had never before been connected with government departments.

His statement was interpreted as a polite way of saying that the "big business" men who had been drawn into the government have ignored labor regulations because they were not accustomed to observing them in their own affairs.

Exercise Restraint

President Moore of the Congress told the Premier and the 12 ministers present that despite many aggravations the workers have continued to exercise restraint. Strikes have been practically a minus quantity, although an "unhealthy situation" existed. He made it clear, however, that patience no longer was a virtue.

On behalf of the Congress, Moore submitted the following programme his members would like to see established:

(1) A maximum 8-hour day in war industries, and on construction projects, and employment of shifts, instead of increasing hours of labor, until all available labor is employed.

(2) Preference in placing government contracts to be given firms which operate under union labor agreements and insertion in all war contracts of a clause providing for union recognition and collective bargaining.

(3) Extension of policy of producing essential war materials through government-owned companies; "the strictest control" to prevent profiteering where private industry is employed; government monopoly in such natural resources as nickel, copper and radium.

(4) Immediate effect "to labor's request for recognition as an equal partner in industry" and consultation with organized labor in connection with appointments of representatives on boards and commissions.

(5) Steps to "guard against the misuse or wastage of foodstuffs and procure a proper use and distribution of foodstuffs in Canada".

(6) Amend the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act so as to make it unnecessary for a strike or lockout to occur when settlement is not secured.

(7) Abolition of the position of director of labor relations in the Department of Munitions and Supplies and the concentration of authority in the government over labor policies.

Insurance Extended

In addition to the foregoing, it was suggested that taxation be based on "ability to pay"; that unemployment insurance be extended to those earning $3000 a year or less in place of the present $2000 maximum; a realistic programme which will assure employment for members of the armed forces and civilians in defense industries after the war is over; a sports programme, sponsored by the government, if necessary, which will afford popular entertainment "with a view to relieving mental and nervous strain occasioned by the war".

Following the presentation of the prepared memorandum, Mr. Moore proceeded with a further analysis of wartime measures in the light of recent declarations made in Parliament. In so doing he was emphatic that the Trades and Labour Congress was not interested in any political party but that the observations he was about to make were for the purpose of "clarifying certain misconceptions" and of defining clearly the attitude of that section of the labour movement represented in the Congress.

Reaching Danger Line

Dealing first with the statement of the Minister of Labour two days previously in the House of Commons that there were no strikes in existence in Canada at that time, Mr. Moore stated that this was equally pleasing to officers of the Congress whose efforts were being directed to prevent stoppages on war work. "However", declared Mr. Moore, "I am not prepared to accept that this situation is because of government policy. It is due only to the restraint of the workers in the face of numerous aggravations and should not be regarded as indicative of satisfaction with conditions on war projects". He warned that "We are reaching the danger point across Canada and no one can tell when outbreaks may occur unless some steps are taken to treat labour differently than it has been treated in the last eighteen months".

He referred to the long established conditions which workers had given up voluntarily as part of their war contributions, particularly as regards working hours, and asked "What had employers given up?" Continuing on this point he said: "There are employers who are still carrying on their fight against labour organization. Those employers who were unfriendly to labour before the war are just as unfriendly today. Not all employers were inimical to labour, but by some strange coincidence most of the bad type of employers were getting government war contracts. If a firm can bid low enough, it can be the worst employer of labour, and yet get the contract".

Control by Labour Department

Freely acknowledging "the unfailing courtesy of the Minister of Labour," Mr. Moore stated: "We have found too often that we have not got results because frequently final decisions did not rest with the Minister of Labour. We often found that a contract was finished, the books closed and no records available on which to base claims for reimbursing workers". Reiterating that there had been too much interference in labour matters "with what were properly the functions of the Department of Labour", he asked that "this dual control of labour policy be stopped and all such control centralized in the Labour Department".

I.D.I. Act and P.C. 7440

Dealing with the Industrial Disputes Investigators Act, the Congress president was critical of delays in making known decisions of Boards. "Delays have occurred, perhaps legitimately in some cases, but too often employers had taken advantage of such a situation with no intention of facilitating settlement of a dispute" with the result that it had taken from two to five months for a decision to be made in some cases. "If the I.D.I. Act is to have value it has got to operate quickly", he added.

Stating that P.C. 7440 (the Order in Council maintaining wage levels in conformity with living costs) "has worked out in practice to prevent Boards operating impartially", he asserted: "You do not need 7440 to interpret the I.D.I. Act. True, it was approved by the National Labour Supply Council because it was taken as the least of two evils. This Order tries to lay down certain principles, but its interpretation was rejected by the National Labour Supply Council". Then he advised the Minister of Labour "to look to the ranks of labour in extending his Department rather than to the Universities".

National Labour Supply Council

In conclusion, Mr. Moore referred to the degree of consultation with labour on matters of labour policy, and said: "When the statement was made in the House of Commons that all labour policies had been approved by the National Labour Supply Council, the Minister's memory is at fault". He considered that this statement put the representatives of the Congress serving on the National Labour Supply Council "in an improper position". He doubted if the National Labour Supply Council had been consulted in the matter of overtime, and cited the abrogation of the eight-hour provisions of the Fair Wage Act by Order in Council 3947. He further asserted that the National Labour Supply Council had not been consulted on the change in policy in regard to payment for overtime and on many other matters of labour importance and concluded: "Of the National Labour Supply Council I would say that it has been consulted on matters already cooked up by the Inter-Departmental Committee on Labour Co-ordination, but the Council would be of greater use if it would be allowed to initiate action".

Remarks of Prime Minister

The Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, agreed at once that the Government's policy in regard to labour should be carried out entirely and he thought that his Ministers were endeavouring to do so. He further stated that if in any of the questions which had been raised there had been failure to carry out the Government's policy it was up to those responsible to rectify the matter. Continuing he said: "We in the Government have had our difficulties in carrying out policies. We have had to bring into the Service large numbers of men who had great industrial experience but who have not been in Government Departments before. These had been allowed a certain latitude in their desire to carry on with a minimum of Government interference. But I hope those gentlemen who are in that position will realize that every labour policy must be carried out to the letter whether they like it or not". He added that he "expected every member of the Government to see that those policies are complied with".

The Prime Minister then indicated some of the complexities of a wartime administration in dealing with various groups. He pointed out that in questions affecting labour, the Government was also confronted with the view of the farmer in regard to the cost of commodities, and with the consumer in regard to doing something about prices, and there was also the welfare of the taxpayer. "I point this out", observed the Prime Minister, "not to rebut anything that Mr. Moore has said but to indicate that labour is not the only entity in the community".

Paying tribute to labour on the manner in which it had played its part in the war, the Prime Minister stated: "While we are waging war we have industrial peace at least, and the war cannot be won without industrial peace. Every man, every administrator, who does not do his utmost to further those policies that make for industrial peace is not doing his part in the war effort".

The Prime Minister also praised the Trades and Labour Congress for the care indicated in the preparation of the memorandum and in the avoidance of extreme language. "Speaking generally", he said, "the Trades and Labour Congress had every reason to bring forward the representations it had made today", and that these "apply not to the Government alone but to all who are administering Government policy".

In regard to labour representation on Boards and Commissions, the Prime Minister declared "I am 100 per cent behind that representation and would ask my colleagues to particularly note that representation and see that effect is given to it". In this respect he pointed out that "this is a matter on which the Government of Great Britain has placed particular emphasis in this war".

The Prime Minister referred to another factor entering into the situation thus: "I suppose nothing creates enmity more than the ignoring of personality, and this arises not through intent so much as through oversight and taking things for granted. It can be remedied by exercising a willingness to confer. These questions after all are questions chiefly of human nature. You can't change human nature in a day. You can't take a big man out of one place and put him in another place and expect him to change. He carries on with his own ideas. But I think we are impressing on those new to the public service as well as the regular officers that in those matters affecting labour there should be a recognition to the full of labour's right to organize and to representation on Boards and Commissions".

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Non-Union Dairy Loses Milk Contract

The Milk Salesmen and Dairy Employees' Union reported to the Trades and Labor Council that the protest made by the union some time ago against the awarding of a milk contract by the Munitions and Supply Board to a non-union dairy has apparently been heeded. The new contract has been awarded to the Richmond Milk Producers' Association, a union firm. The contract is for supplying of milk to the troops around Vancouver.

Still Plenty Of Skilled Labor Here

Reporting as a delegate from the Council to the War Contracts Committee, Delegate Pritchard stated that there was some confusion over the setting up of another committee by the Government. The Local Committee, however, decided that it would carry on and turn over the data obtained to the Government body. Some members of the committee felt that there was not sufficient skilled labor available in Vancouver to fill new jobs, but Delegate Pritchard assured them that there was still plenty of labor available as he was in daily touch with this class of labor.

Hospital Employees Appeal Is Endorsed

Endorsation was given by the Trades Council to a further appeal being made by the Hospital Employees' Union for funds to complete their suit against the St. Paul's Hospital authorities in which they are charged with conspiracy with certain hospital employees to secure the wrongful dismissal of others.

Efforts were made to sidetrack this suit but were not successful, and now, having the right-of-way, the union feels that it should not be hampered by lack of funds. Another $150 is needed.

Teamsters Are Making Good Progress

A few months ago quite a furore was caused by the protests of the Milk Salesmen to the award of the military contract to non-union dairy. It was felt that in view of the large number of good union men who are in uniform it was very unfair to force them to use milk from so notoriously a non-union dairy. Through these activities on the part of Local 464, the dairy had to step up their wages to the prevailing rates for the duration of the contract at least. Undoubtedly, the fact that the new contract, commencing April 1st, was given to a union dairy may also be marked to the credit of Local 464.

Warehousemen Get Raise

The Warehousemen at McDonalds Consolidated again have benefitted by the fact that they are organized in a real trades union. At their March meeting the union decided to appoint a committee to interview the management and request a temporary increase in wages to offset the higher cost of living at present, until their agreement can be officially opened in November. Following their usual fair practice, the management gave the committee a sympathetic hearing and while being unable to agree to an increase on a percentage basis as requested, granted the employees a $5 a month increase all round. This new increase will illustrate to Warehousemen in company unions that a cheap organization and low wages go hand in hand.

Truck Drivers Increase

Progress continues in Local 31, General Truck Drivers, and Business Agent [illegible] Atkinson had his usual line-up of applicants for initiation at the last meeting. While we are not experiencing the rush of business we expected and hoped for, conditions in the industry continue steady, our members are suffering very little from slack time and the organization continues to steadily increase. Last month the Joint Council as a whole showed the largest membership it has ever enjoyed.

Taxi Drivers Negotiate

President McLeod of the Taxi Drivers is busy trying to get agreements signed by the various taxi operators employing the many new members they signed up recently. The indications at present are that the assistance of the Arbitration Act and the Department of Labor may be necessary. This also applies to Local 464 and the employees of the Richfield Farm Dairy Ltd. who recently were initiated into the Milk Salesmen's and Dairy Employees.

Bakery Drivers Sign Up

Ernie Holmes of the Bread Drivers signed up the employees of McGavin's, delivering out of Langley Prairie, so the membership of Local 189 now extends clear through the valley from New Westminster to Chilliwack.

—Teamsters' Joint Council.

Garage Men's Dispute Still In Arbitration

Arbitration of a dispute over wages and working conditions between the garage men, who are members of Street Railway Employees' Union, Division 101, and the B. C. Motor Transportation Company, got under way Tuesday.

The arbitrator, appointed by the Government, with the consent of the union and the company, is Mr. Justice Sidney Smith. The strike was called off by the union in order that it might be further arbitrated.

Endorsation of the strike was given by the Executive of the Trades and Labor Council after the whole matter of a letter from the union had been referred back to them by the delegates to the Trades and Labor Council.

Building Trades Are Negotiating Wages

Some of the unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council have accepted wage increases of 7½c per hour, based on the increased cost of living, but others are still negotiating for the amounts asked for prior to this cost-of-living recommendation made by the Government.

There has been a slight slackening off of work, but new jobs are getting under way again and prospects are still good for the future. New members are still being enrolled in the various unions and the [illegible] of Business Agents is still active in lining up new jobs for union members.

McDonald's Increase Warehousemen's Pay

Warehousemen's Union reported to the Trades and Labor Council that the members working for McDonalds Consolidated had been given a wage increase of $5 per month. This was obtained after a committee from the union had taken up the matter of an increase to offset the increased cost of living, with the management.

Building Laborers 602 Want Signed Agreement

Building Laborers' and Plasterers' Helpers' Union, Local No. 602, is still building up, having accepted another 28 members at the last meeting. Owing to this steady increase, the union has had to change its meeting night in order to obtain a hall large enough to accommodate the new members.

The new meeting night will be the third Friday in every month, commencing with May. All members are urged to make a note of this.

The union at its last meeting decided to accept the 55c an hour scale if the General Contractors' Association will sign an agreement with the union. Failing this the union will arbitrate for 60 cents.

Members are reminded that the initiation fee is now $3 for Building Laborers, and members who are three months in arrears will have to pay this fee and back dues to be reinstated.

Canadian Institute For Social Insurance

A communication from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informs the Vancouver Trades Council that the Canadian Institute for Social Insurance has no connection or endorsation by the Trades Union movement and that it is not a part of the Canadian Welfare Council, as alleged. This information was asked for by the Trades Council because funds were being solicited by a Mr. Tyler from trades unions.

Machinists' Arbitrate With Reliance Works

The Arbitration Board asked for by Machinists' Lodge No. 692 has brought in its findings. The majority findings are for 85c for mechanics and 60c for specialists. A minority report made by Percy R. Bengough, the men's member of the Board, asks for 90c for mechanics and 65c for specialists. This latter is the established rate in this locality. The union meeting to take action on these findings will take place shortly. The dispute, involving members of the Machinists' Union, was with the Reliance Motor and Machine Works of Vancouver.

Civic Employees Get Wage Increase

Civic Employees' Union, Local No. 28, reports that it has obtained one more day's holiday with pay, making a total of nine days holiday with pay during the year. The union tried to get two more days with pay, but not having been successful this year, hopes to get the extra day next year.

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Campaign Opened For More Union Readers

During the past three months unions have placed several hundred new members on our mailing list, but there are still some unions who do not subscribe for their members and there are others who have not increased their mailing list.

The Press Committee has now instituted another drive among these unions for subscriptions and union members and officers are urged to give this matter serious consideration as also every union member can obtain a copy of this paper through the mail every month.

The rate to unions is four cents per member per month. On the basis of 100 members, a copy will sent to the home of each one of these every month at a cost of $4 per month to the union.

INCREASE FOR PLUMBERS

Master Plumbers' Association of Ottawa, Ont. have signed a new agreement with Plumbers' Union No. 71 granting a wage increase to $1.05 per hour, May 1st, 1941. The agreement also includes a cost of living increase clause.

METAL TRADES OFFICERS, 1941

The Metal Trades Council of Vancouver and vicinity held its regular meeting Wednesday, April 16th, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing term.

Reports from local unions show continued activity in all trades, and a general increase in membership.

The following officers were elected:

President, Chris Pritchard (Plumbers and Steamfitters).

Vice-President, George Sangster (Machinists).

Secretary-Treasurer, Dan McPherson (Sheet Metal Workers).

Warden, John Browne (Molders).

Trustees: J. Flynn (Engineers), C. Pritchard, G. Sangster.

Vice-President, Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council: Dan McPherson.

Compensation Act In Need of Adjustments

Efforts will again be made by the Trades Union Movement of British Columbia to increase the scope and the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The Act came up for discussion on the floor of the Trades Council as a special order of the business, and after considerable discussion, amendments to the Act were favored by the delegates and will be turned over to the British Columbia Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to place before the Government.

It was pointed out that there is a certain amount of danger in having the Workmen's Compensation Act "opened" in order to amend or enlarge the scope of the Act. Once the Act is "opened" for this purpose, employers' associations and all other interested organizations, or persons, can present amendments, and these can reduce the benefits of the Act if accepted by the Government.

The delegates favor extension of the Act to cover all workers, which would include agricultural and domestic workers.

All occupational diseases to be included in the Act.

Age limit of dependent children to be raised from 16 to 18 years of age.

Burial benefits to be increased from $125 to $150.

Compensation to be based on wages being received at the time of the accident, instead of the average earnings over a period of three months to a year.

Assessment to be raised so that cost to employer will be the same for single men as for married men. Relative to this it was pointed out that in an industry where killings are numerous—such as the lumber industry—employers adopt a plan of hiring single men only, so that if these get killed the assessments to the industry will not be so high as they would be for the killing or maiming of married men.

There are many problem cases that come before the Board and these are often the cause of a great deal of criticism. It was pointed out, however, that one problem case could be fixed up in such a way that it would make it hard for a hundred others. The objective should be the greatest good for the greatest number.

In many instances the medical fraternity create a great deal of dissatisfaction and confusion. Oftimes a family doctor will tell a worker that he is not fit to work, and will report to the Compensation Board that the man is fit to work. He does this in order to continue as the "family" doctor. The Board has to base its actions on the doctor's report to them. Workers should get the doctor to put his statement to them in writing, then he would have to make a similar report to the Board.

If a worker cannot follow his usual occupation because of permanent partial disability, he should be better compensated, according to the views of the delegates. These men are usually told to get light work and are struck off the list, but if a man has been used to a certain kind of work it is oftimes hard for him to do some other kind of work and usually hard to get "light" work.

In seeking changes in this legislation it was very important to realize that the lawyers would like to get in on the Compensation Act. There would be plenty of pickings for them if it were made possible for them to take cases to the courts, as in the old days. At that time the lawyers and the doctors used to get the money and the person who was injured was often in doubt as to whether he had been injured or not, for he received the short end of the deal.

Asks Repeal Of Order Pegging Wages

Immediate repeal of Order-in-Council P. C. 7440 was asked for by the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, in the endorsation of a communication relative to this from the Port Arthur Trades and Labor Council. This order-in-council hampers the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act and is a direct violation of the principles of collective bargaining.

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has already taken this up with the Government in its memorandum on labor legislation.

Railroad Workers Seek Higher Pay

Approximately 125,000 Canadian rail workers are involved in negotiations now under way between the vice-presidents of the Standard Railroad Labor Organizations, the Dominion government, and the railway companies.

If the efforts achieve success, they will mean that "cost of living" negotiations will increase the pay envelopes of workers by $8,000,000 per annum. A series of see-sawing conferences between the government here and railway executives in Montreal ar under way.

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ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

A good deal of the ill-will which exists between employers and employees is due to the fact that most employers have always tended to regard their workers as commodities to be rationalized along with machines and raw materials. The fact that workers insisted on being human beings first and chose to act in unison to obtain certain advantages for themselves ran contrary to this conception.

The result was usually discrimination and industrial strife. Of recent years, however, the more enlightened employer has learnt to meet his employees halfway by being ready at all times to adjust differences and, above all, to recognize the right of his employees to bargain collectively for improvements in wages and conditions of work.

This process of enlightenment has not been as rapid as it might be and every step in this direction must be hailed with satisfaction. It is gratifying, therefore, to quote from a report of a Board of Conciliation and Investigation which appeared in the "Labour Gazette":

"The abstract rights which it is now conceded belong to labour, can only be said to exist in a concrete sense if collective bargaining is practised and collective agreements concluded. It cannot be said too clearly that labor can no longer be regarded, if it ever was correct to do so, merely as a commodity. Labor is a partner in industry, and as such is entitled to have not only the right to organize but the corresponding right and opportunity to utilize its organization for collective negotiation and agreement with employers".

The unanimity of the members of the Board in this pronouncement and its progressive attitude on the question are to be commended. It is unfortunate, however, that statements such as the above do not receive wider publicity in the press. Every Board of Conciliation which deals with the question of collective bargaining with the same open-mindedness as the one from whose report the quotation was made will do much to ensure the industrial tranquility so essential both in war and peace.

TRADE UNIONISTS ARE LOYAL

One reason for the peace and order ruling in British industry since the war began is unquestionably the strong hold trade unions have upon the loyalty of their members.

Unofficial and subversive movements among the workers make no headway, because of the workers' attachments to their unions and the deep sense of discipline they feel. Attempts to promote rival and dual organizations to challenge the responsible leadership of the unions have failed.

This is shown rather strikingly in an investigation made by the General Council of the Scottish Trades Union Congress regarding the activities of an unofficial body known as the Shop Stewards Consultative Conference.

Reports Culled From The Labor Gazette

Prices.—In retail prices the official index of the cost of living calculated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and based upon average prices in 1935 to 1939 as 100 was 108.2 at the beginning of February as compared with 108.3 for January; 103.8 for February, 1940; and 100.8 at the beginning of August and September, 1939, pre-war.

Unemployment in Trade Unions.—At the beginning of February, 1941, the percentage of unemployment among local trade unions stood at 6.6 in contrast with percentages of 7.4 at the beginning of January, and 11.3 at the beginning of February, 1940. The percentage for February was based on returns compiled from 2032 labor organizations with a total membership of 274,912 persons.

General employment continues on the upgrade. Last month it was decidedly larger than for almost any other March of which there is a record. Employed workers totaled 776,708, an increase of 17,600. The biggest advance was in steel.

Strikes and Lockouts.—The number of strikes and lockouts recorded for February was eight, involving 1787 workers with time loss of 7514 man working days, as compared with 10 disputes during January, involving 1453 workers and causing time loss of 3238 days.

Business Statistics.—The index of the physical volume of business, on the base 1935 to 1939 as 100, was 130.5 for January, 1.7 per cent higher than in the previous month, and 15 per cent higher than in January, 1940.

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Building Trades Dept. Acts Constructively

Washington, D. C.—As evidence of their good faith and determination to co-operate in the national defense programme, the members of the Executive Council of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, meeting in special session, took constructive action on two important problems, as follows:—

1. Pledged that there will not be any stoppage of work on account of jurisdictional disputes between any of the building and construction trades unions on any building or construction project essential to speedy completion of the national defense programme.

2. Agreed that when the unions are unable to supply a full force of building tradesmen to contractors on defense projects who are recognized as being fair to organized labor;

(a) The contractor may employ non-union men until such time as the various unions can replace them with members of their own organizations.

(b) No permit or privilege monies shall be collected from these non-union men by the unions where such conditions exist.

(c) No initiation fees or other union obligations shall be collected from these non-union men except where they can qualify for membership and have been requested to join the appropriate union and have been accepted into membership.

(d) When such applications for membership are received, initiation fees shall be the minimum possible in view of the benefits extended by the union organizations and reasonable time will be granted for the payment of such initiation fees.

Herbert Rivers, secretary-treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, said:

"These policies were adopted at an all-day meeting of the Executive Council of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor.

"In addition, officers of the international unions involved will be asked to instruct all of their local unions to comply with these policies and our 512 local councils of the Building and Construction Trades Department will be similarly notified.

"The Building and Construction Trades unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and their 1,500,000 members are doing everything within their power to help the Government of the United States to build the strongest possible national defense".

Charge "Labor" Man Beats Down Wages

Ottawa.—Labor's sole representative on the war boards, H. B. Chase, "is used by the Government to beat down the wages and impair the conditions of employees instead of helping them", accused Angus MacInnis speaking on Labor Department estimates on April 3. He instanced a dispute between H. F. MacLean Ltd. and Local 144, United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters at Ile de Salaberry, Que. Here H. B. Chase, director general of labor relations in the Department of Munitions and Supply, made a submission in writing and appeared before the conciliation board, arguing that it would be illegal under order-in-council P. C. 7440 for the board to grant an increase of wages in the case. The majority findings of the board (chairman and employers' representative) carried out every suggestion made by Mr. Chase.

The C. C. F. member scored these tactics, advising the Government that it would be far more honest to tell the labor organizations directly that it was no use to apply for a board because under P. C. 7440 it is illegal for a board to grant wage increases. Labor Minister McLarty admitted that Mr. Chase had no business to appear before the board and stated it would not happen again. Mr. MacInnis said it had happened in the National Steel Car dispute in Hamilton where the men understood Mr. Chase had the granting of the request for a board with him. Instead he told employees that they could not get a board and even if they did they could not get an award because of P. C. 7440.

Mr. McLarty said Mr. Chase had not been sent to Hamilton by the Department of Labor and that he did not know what representations Mr. Chase had made there.

At this point Clarie Gillis and M. J. Coldwell joined in attacking Mr. Chase's activities as being opposed to the interests of organized labor and asked who recommended him. The Minister would not say but admitted that he had not been recommended for his position by organized labor.

JOB STABILIZER

A valuable "stabilizer" during the period of post-war reconstruction "which will facilitate the finding of work for workers employed in munitions plants and for demobilized soldiers".

This is one of the benefits which will result from the national unemployment insurance plan to go into operation shortly, J. S. Hodgsou, executive assistant to the insurance commission, declared.

"While all the workers are not now covered, there is reason to believe that the act is to be extended to give further coverage", he said.

UNION-MADE SHIRTS FOR CITY FIRE FIGHTERS

Through the efforts of the Union Label Trades Council, the Dubbel Wear Overall and Uniform Company were successful in getting half of the contract for shirts for the City Fire Fighters.

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Aeronautical Union in Seattle Suspended

Seattle, Wash.—Harvey W. Brown, general president of I. A. M., suspended the affiliated Boeing Aircraft Employees Aeronautical Mechanics' Union after months of factional strife, laid to Communistic activity within the union.

In suspending the local, which has jurisdiction over some 10,000 Boeing plant employees, Grand Lodge President Brown charged that disruptive groups had tried for five months to prevent a trial committee from functioning according to the lodge constitution. The trial body was set up to consider charges of Communistic activity against nearly a score of members.

Communist Strategy

Brown said the local union "has been a long-suffering victim of Communist strategy, character assassins and deliberate lying.

"Strife and turmoil within the union are but the by-products of Communist cells and units that during the past three years have been submarining both Lodge 751 and the Boeing Aircraft Company plants".

GOVERNMENT BACKS ORGANIZED LABOR

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In conclusion, the Prime Minister reiterated: "It is up to the Ministers to take up this matter with their officers and to impress upon them that the Government wishes its policy carried out to the letter and that we will endeavour to have the responsibility placed if that is not done".

Remarks of Minister of Labour

The Minister of Labour, Hon. Norman A. McLarty, stated that the subjects under review accorded the "Prime Minister and my colleagues some idea of the problems with which I have to deal". The Minister expressed surprise at the denial of Mr. Moore that the National Labour Supply Council had been consulted on all matters of labour policy. In regard to the action taken last August to extend the eight-hour day in an emergency situation, he pointed out that the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act of 1935 explicitly provided for such an emergency. "When I stated in the House of Commons", asserted the Minister, "that the National Iabour Supply Council was consulted on all major labour problems I did not think it applied to on emergency project of only six weeks' duration". He considered that this did not constitute any departure from policy.

Continuing, the Hon. Mr. McLarty reaffirmed his statement in the House of Commons that Canada was more free from labour difficulties than any other country in the British Commonwealth and he took that condition" as a tribute to the splendid co-operation of Canadian labour".

Regarding delays in the functioning of the I.D.I. Act, the Minister pointed out that to proceed immediately with a Board without giving opportunity for appraisal of the situation did not always tend to achieve the desired result. He indicated the value of prior investigation by stating that out of 97 applications for Boards since the war started, it was only necessary to set up 48 Boards as a result of conciliation "and giving time for tempers to become normal".

In regard to amending the Unemployment Insurance Act by raising the wage coverage $2,000 to $3,000 per year (as requested in the Congress' memorandum) the Minister considered that if it was inadvisable to extend the Act at present because it would upset the actuarial basis and thereby delay bringing the legislation into operation. He thought it more urgent that the Act should be brought into operation without any delay in its application.

The Minister of Pensions and National Health, Hon. Ian Mackenzie and the Minister of National Defence, Hon. J. L. Ralston, participated briefly in the discussion. The former stated that action had already been taken to co-ordinate the regular fire fighting services in any emergency, and as regards post war rehabilitation he referred to an Order in Council dealing with the general policy of re-construction. Hon. Mr. Ralston acknowledged the co-operation of labour in the hutment program, and stated that as soon as the emergency work was over orders were issued that the Order in Council under which it was executed no longer applied.—The Labour Gazette.

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Portland, Ore.—According to officials of the Milk Drivers' Union of this city, 56 dairy truck drivers were presented with one-year perfect-driving awards at a dinner in their honor at the Roosevelt Hotel.

PACKING HOUSES SIGN UNION AGREEMENT

Seattle.—Signing of union contracts with every packing house on Puget Sound was completed recently when Local 186, Packing House and Poultry Workers, signed a contract with Swift & Company, obtaining wage increases for every employee in the plant.

Gains ranged from 2½ cents to 10 cents an hour and created a minimum basic wage of 65 cents for men and 55 cents for women. Vacations with pay, forty-hour, five-day week and other concessions also were granted.

$300,000 PAY INCREASE WON BY A. F. OF L. AUTO WORKERS

Jackson, Mich.—Local 623, United Automobile Workers of America, an A. F. of L. affiliate, ratified the terms agreed on at the headquarters of the Office of Production Management in Washington for settling the union's controversy with the Frost Gear Division of the Clark Equipment Company of Jackson. The union members gained a wage increase totaling over $300,000 annually, based on 5 per cent increase on all piece work in the gear shop and a raise of 5 cents an hour for all yearly rated employees who had not received an increase since last November. There is also provision for vacations with pay.

The company will pay group insurance premiums of employees inducted into the military service as long as the country is not at war.

BUILDING TRADES BAR DEFENSE WORK STRIKES

White Plains, N. Y.—The Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester County, with a membership of 10,000 in seventy A. F. of L. unions, announced that it will not sanction strikes on any projects in the county involving national defense.

William J. McGeory, president of the council, said that "the uninterrupted completion of the national defense programme is absolutely essential to the preservation of our democratic system of government".

D. C. PAINTERS, LATHERS, GAIN WAGE BOOST PACTS

Washington, D.C.—Approximately 1000 members of the A. F. of L. Painters' and Lathers' Unions of the District of Columbia will receive higher wages according to new agreements negotiated with employers.

John Locher, secretary of the Washington Building and Construction Trades Council, said the painters will be paid $1.71 3-7 per hour instead of $1.57 1-7, an increase of 14 2-7 cents. Their work day will remain at 7 hours. Under the new provisions the lathers will receive $14 instead of $13 per day on all work on which bids are awarded after March 31.

HEINZ SIGNS A. F. OF L. PACT; COVERS 1800 EMPLOYEES

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The H. J. Heinz Company signed an agreement with the American Federation of Labor Local Union covering 1800 of the 2300 employees at the plant here. It was the first labor agreement with an "outside" union signed by the firm since it was established in 1869. The action of the company was in accordance with a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court upholding a National Labor Relations Board order requiring a company to put into writing an oral agreement it had reached with the union.

A. F. OF L. AUTO WORKERS' PACT PROVIDES INCREASES

Grand Haven, Mich.—A closed shop contract was signed here between Local 600, A. F. of L. United Auto Workers' and the Wolverine Pressed Steel Company of Grand Haven. All employees of more than 30 working days service are required to take out union cards.

The contract also provides wage increases of 10 to 12½ cents an hour for all employees, a week's vacation with pay, the steward system, and plant-wide seniority.

5000 BLANKETS TO AID BRITISH LABOR

New York, S. Y.—The Kansas City branch of the American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor is the first labor body in the country to establish a goal for their Aid British Labor Campaign scheduled to start nationally about the middle of April, Matthew Woll, A. F. of L. vice-president and chairman of the committee, announced.

"Organized labor in Kansas City set itself a quota of 5000 blankets, plus funds", Mr. Woll said.

PHELPS-DODGE WORKERS WIN INCREASED WAGES

New York, N. Y.—Local No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, A. F. of L. affiliate, voted to accept an agreement providing for wage increases and vacations with pay at the Yonkers plant of the Phelps-Dodge Copper Products Corporation, which holds $30,000,000 in direct defense contracts.

WAREHOUSEMEN HANG UP RECORD IN INITIATIONS

San Francisco.—Local 860 Warehousemen's Union has established a record in the past two years when it comes to counting up their members.

At the last meeting of the warehousemen 65 candidates were accepted for membership. The average initiation class has been 30 new members at each meeting.

No unemployment exists among the warehousemen.

URGES USE OF CANADIAN FRUITS IN LUMBER CAMPS

At the annual convention of Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union (Thunder Bay District), members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, a resolution was unanimously adopted calling upon the timber operators to refrain from using imported dried fruits, and instead, purchase Canadian fresh, canned or dried fruits for use in the lumber camps. By this means, it was felt, a considerable amount of Canadian currency would be conserved for carrying on Canada's war effort.

During discussion of the resolution it was revealed that the lumber workers of the district had contributed over $10,000 to war charity work, in addition to purchasing large numbers of War Savings Certificates.

The highlight of the recent ball in Detroit of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance was the selection of a new "Queen of Waitresses." From among 50 girls who wait on tables for a living the judges chose Natasha Arika, 22. Her sister won the title three years ago. The prize was $50.

Bakery Drivers Donate Iron Lung

Los Angeles.—Desirous of promoting the cause of humanity, the Bakery Drivers' Union, Local No. 276, donated a portable iron lung to the General Hospital of this city.

This was merely another side of unionism which the general public never becomes too well acquainted with, due to the fact that the anti-union press usually plays up strikes and walk-outs far more than it does the benefits which unionism brings, not alone to the workers but to many others in the community.

The Bakery Drivers' Union, nearly 1000 strong, for some months has made a March of Dimes contribution to a central fund, and when a certain amount had been reached, the membership in session, by unanimous vote, went on record to buy an "iron lung" and present it to the hospital which could best use it for patients stricken with infantile paralysis.

Great Construction Job At Remington Plant

Denver, Col.—Harmonious relations exist between organized labor and employer contractors here in connection with the construction of the new $31,000,000 Remington Arms plant.

More than 3000 workers will be employed at the peak of the Remington Arms construction job, and the 21 crafts affiliated with the Denver Building and Construction Trades Council are supplying the skilled artisans needed for such a mighty undertaking.

$35,000,000 FOR TRADES UNION

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Building and construction projects totalling over $35,000,000 in the past year in this city were handled by members of building and construction trades unions of this city.

AUTO MECHANICS GET INCREASES AT SEATTLE

Seattle.—Wage increases for approximately 500 auto mechanics in Seattle and vicinity were gained recently when Local 289, Auto Mechanics' Union, I. A. M. affiliate, negotiated a new agreement with the Seattle Automobile Dealers' Association.

The new contract, effective April 1, grants all regularly-employed mechanics $45 a week, thus also providing them with full pay for holidays, which are days off.

On an hourly basis, this represents a raise of 7½ cents, the former hourly rate being $1.05 and the new rate $1.12½.

TEAMSTERS GET NEW TRIAL IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles.—Ruling that they had not been given a fair trial, the United States District Court of Appeals reversed the Superior Court conviction of four members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, who were brought to trial in October, 1938, on alleged strong-arm methods and ordered that a new case be prepared.

DRY BATTERY WORKERS GET AN AGREEMENT

Dubuque, Iowa.—A joint agreement covering 1100 employees of General Dry Battery Company's two plants was signed here recently after the 600 Dubuque plant employees ratified the pact, which also covers the local in Cleveland, Ohio.

The contract provides a 10 per cent wage increase, with further adjustments to equalize wage levels of persons doing similar work.

Walt Disney Studios Agree To Negotiate

Hollywood, Cal.—Negotiations have opened between union officials of the American Federation of Labor and executives of the Walt Disney Studios, looking toward the establishment of contracts for the various craftsmen's union members at the present time working in the studios.

Unions represented in the negotiations at the Walt Disney Studios which employ approximately 1200 persons are the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, whose jurisdiction covers cameramen and assistants, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Wallpaper Hangers, whose jurisdiction covers the Cartoonists and Scene Painters; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, whose jurisdiction takes in all Electrical Workers' Assistants; the International Hod Carriers' and Common Laborers' Union of America; the Plasterers' Union, and the American Federated Union of Musicians.

LONGER BASIC WORK WEEK IS OPPOSED BY FLEMING

Washington, D. C.—Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Wage-Hour Administrator, denied that requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act are impeding production of defense material and declared he saw no reason for extending the basic 40-hour work week.

He pointed out that studies recently made at his request by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that payment of overtime wages "is more than counterbalanced by the increased utilization of plant facilities and the absorption of fixed overhead expenses in a larger volume of production".

3-DAY STRIKE BRINGS VICTORY IN DENVER

Denver, Col.—A 3-day strike was successfully terminated here when a satisfactory agreement was reached by Local 13, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, with the management of the Western Auto Transport Company of Denver.

Poor working conditions was the principal reason for the strike.

The company employs approximately 100 men and operates between Denver, Detroit, Mich., Twin Falls, Idaho, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles.

Teamster's Joint Council No. 36

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President Green Attacks Anti-Strike Bills

Philadelphia, Pa.—Assailing proposed anti-labor legislation, President William Green declared in an address before the Rotary Club that the no-strike policy of the American Federation of Labor on national defense projects "has been carried out by its affiliated unions to the extent of more than 99 per cent".

"I cannot recall any time in the sixty-year history of the American Federation of Labor, during war or peace", said Mr. Green, "when a smaller percentage of the membership of the American Federation of Labor has been out on strike during a period comparable to the past few months".

Mr. Green denounced Communist-inspired strikes and minority organizational strikes but made it clear that American Federation of Labor unions have not been responsible for such unwarranted interruptions of defense production.

Strikes of any and all kinds can be reduced to a minimum, Mr. Green said, by applying the principles of mediation, conciliation and voluntary arbitration in the settlement of industrial disputes.

In defending the A. F. of L. record in the national defense programme, Mr. Green said:

"The chief charge made against labor today is that it is causing delay in the execution of the nation's defense policies by resorting to strikes.

"Speaking for the American Federation of Labor—and for the American Federation of Labor only—I deny the charge. I assert it is unjustifiable for it does not square with the facts. The American Federation of Labor has done everything in its power to promote and expedite national defense production and the record shows it has succeeded far beyond expectations.

"Behold the picture! All can see for themselves. In almost every State huge new army cantonments have been constructed, most of them on schedule or ahead of schedule. New airports, new naval stations, new munitions plants, new factories have sprung up by the hundreds, most of them on schedule or ahead of schedule. In every seaport along our coasts, warships of all kinds are being constructed in navy yards and in private shipyards—most of them on schedule or ahead of schedule.

"How was all this accomplished? By magic? By some superman wearing an army or navy uniform? Not a bit of it. It was accomplished by the sweat, the untiring skill, the willing sacrifice and the loyal devotion of millions of men in overalls, American workers who are members of the American Federation of Labor and are proud of it.

"I am proud of them and their leaders. I think they deserve the everlasting thanks of the American people and the American Government".

Portland Contractors Sign New Agreement

Portland, Ore.—American Federation of Labor officials announced the signing of new agreements with representatives of the Portland chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.

Eight Classifications

The new agreements cover union workers in heavy construction and highway projects involving eight different general classifications of unions in counties in the State of Washington.

As announced by union representatives of Oregon and Washington, the new hourly base wage scales involving a number of men ranging from 3000 at the presentt ime to a summer-time peak of approximately 10,000 are as follows:

New Scale

Bridge and structural iron workers, $1.45; reinforcing rod setters, $1.20; operating enginers, $1 to $1.40; teamsters, 85 cents to $1.25; Columbia River laborers' district council (comprising some twenty local laborers' unions) 67½ cents; plasterers and cement finishers, $1.10; painters, $1.17½; and pile drivers, $1.32½ per hour.

Cannery Unions In Washington Negotiate

Seattle.—Organized on a better and firmer basis than ever, A. F. of L. cannery unions launched their programmes to increase wages recently by opening negotiations with the entire fruit and vegetable cannery industry in Western Washington, on an industry-wide basis.

Negotiations were opened by the Northwest Council of Cannery Workers' Unions on behalf of approximately 16,000 employees with the Associated Producers and Packers of Washington, representing approximately thirty canneries.

In Eastern Washington, the A. F. of L's. organization drive in the canning industry made further progress when some 800 workers met, invited Charles C. Hughes, international A.F. of L. representative, to address them, and requested a charter.

The group at the Yakima meetings, anxious to organize the entire area, reported that some 30,000 workers would be in the union when the season's peak is reached.

Increases For 40,000 In Garment Industry

New York, N. Y.—Former Mayor James J. Walker granted wage increases affecting approximately 40,000 workers in his first decision as impartial chairman of the cloak and suit industry.

Mr. Walker's award was made following seven weeks of study and hearings on proposals by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, A. F. of L. affiliate, and the employers' groups to settle a controversy which threatened to paralyze the industry last July.

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Aeronautical Union Has House Cleaning

Seattle.—Rank and file tempers boiled over with resentment of Communist attempts to control Local 751, Aeronautical Mechanics' Union, recently, and members took things into their own hands to deal with a member who was found guilty of Communist activity within the union.

Incensed when they learned that Harvey Jackins, the Communist Party's floor leader at union meetings, was actually a leading Communist, in spite of his denials, several rank-and-file members "worked him over" as he left the union meeting.

Expelled and Fined

Jackins had been convicted by the union's trial committee of Communist activity, and the committee had recommended that he be expelled from the union and fined $5000.

Cullen Bates, trial committee chairman, explained that reason for the high fine was that the committee's investigations had revealed that in many cases the Communist Party pays the fines of exposed members "so it might as well pay plenty".

Another development at the meeting was the suspension of Barney Bader, deposed local president, as a member, which bars him from attending further union meetings.

Bader and Karl Palm, his father-in-law and a local trustee, were suspended by Harvey W. Brown, international president of the International Association of Machinists, for conduct unbecoming a member of the I. A. M.

Attempts to Disrupt

These involved particularly Bader's and Palm's attempts to disrupt the local, in line with the Communist programme, by distributing pamphlets defaming the characters of grand lodge officers, and holding "rump meetings" in attempts to start a secession movement from the I. A. M.

A few weeks ago Hugo Lindquist, business agent, and D. Keppler, vice-president, had been suspended by the international office for Communist activities.

A.F.L. Lumber Workers Get New Increases

Mineral, Wash.—Completion of successful negotiations between the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union and the Pacific National Lumber Company, near here, places the Puget Sound territory in line with the rest of the area where sound union standards are established.

In the woods crew, 40 cents per day is the lowest wage increase. Added to the 40 cents per day negotiated at the first of the year, it means the loggers at Pacific National now are getting 80 cents or more per day in wage increases through their organization with the LSWU.

Employs 300 Men

Pacific National employs between 300 and 400 men in the mill and camps. For a long period it was the only good sized operation in the Puget Sound area not organized under the banner of the LSWU. As a result the wage scales were below those prevailing in organized plants.

Machinists In New Organizing Drive

The International Association of Machinists put in high gear an organizing drive recently to bring six plants of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation in northern New Jersey under the banner of bona fide unionism.

Three of the factories are in Paterson, and the others are in Fairlawn, Clifton and Caldwell. Together they employ nearly 20,000 workers.

A crew of organizers and local business representatives have been assigned to the campaign, under the direction of Adam Yockel, international representative.

The Machinists have organized and established union conditions in most of the major airplane plants in the United States, with agreements covering more than 50,000 of these workers, Peterson pointed out.

Among the corporations signed up are the Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Wash.; Lockheed and Vega in Burbank, Calif.; Consolidated Aircraft in San Diego, Calif.; Beech Aircraft, Wichita, Kan.; Vultee Aircraft, Nashville, Tenn.; and Curtiss-Wright, St. Louis, Mo.

At all of these plants, substantial pay increases were won. Most of the rates, under these pacts, run up to $1.25 an hour, and in some instances higher.

Boilermakers' Rolls Are Highest in 20 Years

Kansas City, Kans.—A skyrocketing advance in membership of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers since the first of the year was revealed recently at the Brotherhood's headquarters here.

Rolls are now at the highest level in two decades and officials predict that the post-World War peak of 1920 will soon be surpassed. The rapid gains have swamped the office and new clerks have had to be hired to take care of the flood.

Many charters for new lodges have been issued since January 1, particularly in shipyards and industrial plants. New collective bargaining contracts are pouring in every day. Reports from field men and organizers show record progress being made in all parts of the country, Brotherhood officials disclosed.

Another Group Of Employees Organized

The Trades and Labor Council Organization Committee reports that another group of workers have been organized and charter installed. It is not deemed advisable to name this group at the present time, but the Council and the union will continue its organizing activities until the union is strong enough to meet opposition.

Supreme Court Ends Suits Against Unions

Washington, D. C.—The Supreme Court upheld lower court rulings in three cases constituting a further setback for the Justice Department in its efforts to prosecute labor unions for alleged violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

The labor cases involved prosecutions against A. F. of L. organizations in the building trades. The Building and Construction Trades Council of New Orleans, composed of 21 locals and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners in Chicago were accused of conspiracies under the Sherman Act. The International Hod Carriers Building and Common Laborers District Council of Chicago and vicinity and a local of the International Union of Operating Engineers were accused of unlawful acts in efforts to combat the mixing of cement in trucks during its transportation.

Contracts Let For Another Sixty Ships

Los Angeles.—The Maritime Commission presented contracts totaling $46,500,000 for certain phases of the shipbuilding programme in the Los Angeles Harbor District, to the California Shipbuilding Corporation in a memorandum confirmation of an agreement which early this year commenced construction of an 86-acre shipyard on land leased from the Los Angeles Harbor Commission. As a result, prospects for further employment of building and construction trades' workers, sheet metal workers and kindred crafts, all affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, received considerable impetus, according to union officials.

Thirty-one boats of the "ugly duckling" variety will be constructed at the yards of the California Shipbuilding Corporation within the next three to four years as part of the nation's attempt to build up its national marine deficiency.

Expectations were that the work would be started on the first of these ships around July or August of the present year.

The Maritime Commission expects to construct 200 of the standardized boats, and contracts for all but 38 have now been allotted.

A similar contract for 31 ships, costing $46,500,000, went to the Oregon Shipbuilding Company, where it is expected that American Federatio nof Labor labor will also be employed on this huge construction project.

Trades Congress Issues More Charters

Each month for some time past new charters have been issued by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to groups of workers not eligible to membership in affiliated national or international unions. During February charter were granted by the Executive Council to Civic Employees of Campbellton, N. B.; Sugar Refinery Workers at Saint John, N. B., and a group of factory workers in London, Ontario. The various international unions in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., also established a Trades and Labor oCuncil, under charter from the Congress.

Bakery Drivers Win Anti-Trust Law Suit

Washington, D. C.—Following recent United States Supreme Court decisions exempting labor unions from the operations of the anti-trust laws, the United States Court of Appeals here affirmed the dismissal of a $300,000 suit brought by a Washington bakery against four A. F. of L. affiliates and 137 union officials and members.

The suit alleged that the Bakery Workers' International Union, the Teamsters' International Brotherhood, the Bakery Salesmen's and Drivers' Local Union, and the Bakery Workers' Local Union, together with their officers and certain members, were in a conspiracy in restraint of trade against the bakery because of a strike allegedly declared to enforce a demand that the bakery cease importing cakes from Philadelphia for re-sale here.

SHIPBUILDING ON CANADIAN GREAT LAKES

The Great Lakes, with the centre of them providing the invisible boundary line between Canada and the United States, are to become the "Little Clyde" of Great Britain.

Building on the shores of Canada and the United States is now permitted of cruisers, 6000-ton destroyers and also ocean-going vessels.

These are the major results agreed upon by the two neighboring North American nations as a "modern interpretation" of the 120-year-old Rush-Bagot treaty which barred ships of war from the boundary waters.

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