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Shipyard Companies Create Tie-up in Ship Repairs Here

OVER FOUR HUNDRED SHIPYARD WORKERS walked off the shipyard jobs in Vancouver and North Vancouver last week in a wage dispute.

At the end of four and a half months of negotiation the two shipyard companies had failed to offer one cent in wage increases, and had insisted continuing negotiations throught the medium of a private firm who had been saying no to the shipyard union negotiators for four months.

Six A. F. of L. Unions regotiating under the Metal Trades Council, and three C.C.L. unions asked to have their agreements opened at the end of May this year, thereby giving sixty days notice for new agreements. One meeting was held the first week in June, and no further word was heard from the companies until July.

Private Negotiators Fail

At that time the companies instructed Industrial Relations Bureau Limited to carry on the negotiations with the unions, but the firm failed to make any offer to the unions. This failure caused the unions to ask for a government conciliator, who also failed to get any offer from the representative of the companies, after seven meetings.

Conciliation Board Fails

A conciliation board was applied for on behalf of the nine unions and after four meetings, with no further offers from the companies representative, two members of the Board made an award of six cents increase, and the unions' member of the board recommended 15c in a minority report. The unions had been asking for 20c and other conditions.

All the unions turned down the award and applied for and recorded a vote of 93% in favor of a strike.

Unions Take Strong Stand

Negotiators made another effort to negotiate with company officials but after being informed that the Labor Relations Bureau Limited would continue to represent the company, the union officials called the men out of the jobs. Having taken a definite stand that they would only deal with company officials from now on, the union negotiators were able, through Mr. Smelts of the Labor Relations Board, to have a meeting with the officials of the companies and these negotiations are in progress.

JUBILEE CAMP TO HOLD ELECTION

The Annual Conference and Election of Officers of the Jubilee Summer Camp Association will be held Sunday, November 19th.

The meeting will be held in the Veterans Community Hall at 47th Avenue and Fraser, starting at 1:30 p.m.

All unions are urged to have their delegates attend. Secretaries are asked to notify their delegates so that there can be a thoroughly representative meeting.

Custer Solem

NICE CLEAN FIRE

Driver: "We had a big fire at the soap factory where I work."

Wife: "What happened?"

Driver: "The place went up in smoke. After all the floors gave way, the walls fell with a thickening sud."

The 2,000,000,000 People Question

"The atom bomb is here to stay,
Most scientists agree.
Oh, yes, the bomb is here to stay,
The question is, are we?"

—English Digest.

Wiremen Get Job To Job Welfare Plan

Union electrical contractors are now paying into a joint fund which will provide medical attention to their union employees and their families, irrespective of the union employer they work for.

Alex Dorland, assistant Business Manager of Electrical Workers Union, Local 213, says that the plan goes into operation on November 1st and through the medium of the Medical Services Association. Inside wiremen will receive $20 per week after the eighth day of illness, a $1,000 insurance against death through accident, or dismemberment, and a $500 life insurance policy. Medical services are provided for wives and children of the members.

Contractors pay 2 cents per hour per man and Inside Wiremen who desire to participate in the plan, pay $3.20 per month as their share.

The scheme will be administered by Mr. P. Wise of Mott Electric and Geo. Gee, Business Manager of the Electrical Workers Union.

Victoria Carpenters Awarded 8c Increase

A unanimous award of a conciliation board awarded the Victoria Carpenters Union, Local No. 1163 a wage increase of 8c bringing the wage up to $1.63 per hour from July 1st. The agreement is to expire April 1st, 1951. A union shop clause was also recommended by the Board, which provided that non-union men had to join the union within 30 days or be replaced. The union has turned down the award and wants $1.68, the Vancouver scale.

DIES IN JAIL

Kazimierz Puzak, one of 16 Polish labor leaders invited to Moscow for "negotiations" in 1945 and then jailed, died in a Polish prison.

Paint Makers Get Wages Increased

Brother Ed. Kennedy, Business Agent for the Painters Joint Council reports that, along with the negotiating committee from three plants, a new agreement embracing wage increases has been obtained.

A ten cent per hour increase was obtained for all the members of the Paint and Varnish Makers Union, and an additional six cents for packers, assistant shippers and receivers. This will make the starting wages 76c for packers, 93c for assistant shippers and receivers, with increases after six and twelve months. The wages of other categories range up to a top of $1.48 per hour.

One more statutory holiday with pay was obtained, making a total of seven paid statutory holidays, these days bein g selected by the union.

Two weeks holiday with pay will also be given to employees having had two years continuous employment, previous to July 1st of the current year, this being a reduction from the three years previously required.

An M. S. A. medical plan, approved by the employees and each company will be negotiated.

The companies coming under these negotiations were: Martin-Senour Paint Company, General Paint Corporation and the Brandram-Henderson Company.

NELSON ELECTRICIANS GET SEVEN CENTS INCREASE

Conciliation Officer A. C. A. Baker effected an agreement between the IBEW Local No. 1003 and the City of Nelson calling for seven cents per hour increase on the monthly wage, agreement to expire December, 1951.

Bride (proudly). "My first turkey."

Husband: "It looks swell, darling, what did you stuff it with?"

Bride: "Stuff it with? Why, honey, this one wasn't hollow."

WHAT THEY SAID . . .

Shelving Potential Working Force

It is obvious that if we arbitrarily put on the shelf a large section of our potential working force, we are reducing our production of goods and services. At the same time, by narrowing the number of wage-earners and consumers, we are saddling this narrowed group with the whole burden of taxation. The problem is a threat to our future economic structure for it promises to become more serious every year. In 1871, only 19 per cent of the population was made up of persons more than 40 years old. By 1941, the proportion had increased to 31 per cent and it is continuing to rise. At present, roughly, one out of every three males in Canada between the ages of 20 and 65 is in the over-45 age group.—Federal Department of Labor.

Marvel of the World

American workers have long had freedom to organize unions. They have used this freedom to create large and powerful organizations which have obtained for their members the highest real wages and best working conditions ever known. When American workers and their organizations team up with American managements, the result is astounding production, a range and volume of goods that is the marvel of the world.—Charles Sawyer, U. S. Secretary of Commerce.

Tremendous Undertaking For the Woman Worker

The woman worker is participating in a tremendous undertaking, Miss Miller stated. She has in this era recently developed economic responsibilities, as well as her long standing duties to the family and society. Today's pattern increases both her privileges and her responsibilities. In her economic role, she must participate in the world of the market place with all its intricacies and competition. In the more complicated civic and family life of today, she has perhaps the most important of all contributions to make. The strength of a nation resides in the character of its people. Today it is widely accepted that those "people" are the women as well as the men, who constitute the Nation. The woman who works will face her tasks today, as has been her wont, with understanding, courage, and tolerance.—Frieda S. Miller, Director of the Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor.

Oriental Wisdom

A man can enlarge his principles; principles do not enlarge the man. That is, man is greater than any system of thought.—Confucius.

Postal Workers Proud of A. F. of L.

We are proud that we led postal workers into the American Federation of Labor. Now, every craft in the postal service—from mail handler to supervisor—is represented in the American Federation of Labor. The results in wages, hours and working conditions have long since proven the wisdom of the Chicago pioneers of 1900 who wanted to be part and parcel of the great organized labor movement.—L. E. George, President of the U. S. Postal Workers' Union.

British Unions Undergoing Change

British trade union leaders have long realized that the changes in the industrial framework and in the country's needs must mean reconsideration of their functions and activities. The whole concept of trade unionism in Britain is undergoing much change. In the process the rank and file trade unionist and his leader are showing commendable restraint and judgment. Because of this change the British worker is keenly interested in every move made by the labor govrnment and he is not slow to make his opinion heard in local meetings.—Norman Burfitt, Labor Advisor.

Hopes of An Ideal Life

"That we are still far from the goal for which the human family have been for ages struggling is due to our own shortcomings. There is no reason why we should not realize the highest hopes of an ideal life, where man's worth shall be measured by his real utility to his fellows, where his generosity and sympathy, rather than his cupidity and rapacity, will receive the encomiums and rewards of a nobler manhood, a more beautiful womanhood and a happier childhood; where justice and fair dealing will redound to the advantage and the ennobling of all. To the attainment of that end we should bend our every energy."—Samuel Gompers.

Profits Rise as Production Drops

"Only a few weeks ago I saw an article in Business Week, which certainly cannot be challenged as a leftist publication, saying that corporate profits were increasing in many instances, although the corporations were producing less.

"In other words, corporate profits were increasing because prices were increasing, so that with reduced production and increased prices more profit was earned."—Joe O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) in a Senate speech on August 25th.

The Five-Day Week

. . . Some of you younger men, I believe, will see the time when the world's business can be done in five working days, and better done than in six, and when Saturday will be given up entirely to recreation, and Sunday to rest and worship."—The late Timothy Eaton, founder of The T. Eaton Company.

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Worst Collapse in History

Last week, when Douglas fir prices dropped from a previous high of $90 per thousand feet to $50 per thousand, in Washington and Oregon, the widely-read Pacific Coast Lumber Digest called it "the worst collapse in history."

The drop came because the United States Government has started restricting construction work, hence the lumber market has to fall back onto competitive prices if production is to be maintained.

Lumber prices have more than doubled those of World War II days and nearly trebled those of the pre-war days.

The collapse in the price of lumber goes to show, however, that if the price can be slashed nearly in half, that wages were not the cause of the high price and that all the ballyhoo against wage increases and high wages was just another way of making an excuse to boost prices, irrespective of the cost of production.

The same situation can also be applied to the recent boost in the price of newsprint. The daily papers are complaining about the ever-increasing price and have bluntly stated that there is no justifiable excuse for the price boost. Newsprint has more than doubled war-time prices, and, in fact, has increased more than lumber prices, hence the cost of printing is like having your papers printed on ten dollar bills.

The collapse in the United States lumber prices, however, is not having very much effect on prices here. The lumber market here is strong and the demand is not being curtailed, so Canadians will still continue to pay high prices for lumber unless the lower priced lumber in the United States finds its way into the Canadian market.

Organized Labor has contended right along that so-called high wages has not been the cause of the tremendous increase in commodity prices. Wages have had to follow prices, ever since prices started to rise during th war. If wages had failed to rise after prices were up, there would not have been enough money in the hands of the workers to purchase the higher priced goods, and the market would have collapsed. When the government passed legislation authorizing a cost of living bonus, after freezing wages, it saved the day for business. But prices continued to soar and wages have had to continue upward.

But while some prices here and there will collapse, ways and means will be found to maintain a good price structure, prices generally will remain high and if the purchasing power of the worker is also maintained, there will not be any collapse in business for many years.

Date of Birth

The problem of the older worker and employment is now generally recognized in Canada as a national problem, not to be resolved in the near future—in some ways likely to become more difficult of solution as the consistent advance of medical science increases longevity.

During the postwar years the Dominion Department of Labour, in cooperation with the National Employment Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs, has attempted an educational campaign designed only to bring the facts and effects of the problem before the greatest number of responsible citizens. No pat solution is available and the only important conclusion arrived at from studies made by the Department and others is that as many as possible older workers must continue in gainful employment as long as possible. From this must be concluded that the key lies with employers, and that discriminatory hiring practices, based on unreliable age standards, must be uncovered by employers themselves and eliminated.

To ensure that the problem is brought under serious study and consideration by as many community leaders in Canada as possible, the Department undertook to produce a short motion picture for general circulation throughout the Dominion. This film, "Date of Birth", has been filmed for the Department by the National Film Board and will be circulated by local office managers of the National Employment Service in cooperation with the field officers of the Board.

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The film will be available for showing at meetings of Service Clubs, Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, Trade Unions, and conventions, and to representative employer and employee groups in all major communities from August 15 to November 15, 1950.

Dept. of Labor

Visually Handicapped To Hold Bazaar

The Co-Operative Society of Visually Handicapped is holding a bazaar and dance in the Steelworkers Hall, 185 E. 10th Avenue, on Thursday, November 9th. Bazaar opens at 2:30 in the afternoon, dance commences at 9:00 p.m., music will be provided by the Vics Co-Op Orchestra of which half of the members are blind.

Articles made by sightless people in various parts of Canada will be for sale, also a complete display from the Civilian Handicapped Workshop at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

The Co-Op Society of Visually Handicapped is a newly chartered Co-Op for the purpose of acquiring and operating small manufacturing shops.

Come and see the variety of goods made by the visually handicapped people of Canada. By patronizing the Bazaar you will be giving encouragement and assistance to those hampered by the lack of eyesight in their valiant endeavor to do something on their own to become self-supporting through an enterprise owned and operated by themselves.

Magnus Eliason

"How do you keep your children out of the cookie jar?"

"I lock the pantry door and hide the key under the cake of soap in the bathroom."

The Tongue

"The boneless tongue, so small and weak,
Can crush and kill," declared the Greek.
"The tongue destroys a greater horde,"
The Turk asserts, "than does the sword."
A Persian proverb wisely saith,
"A lengthy tongue, an early death,"
Or sometimes takes this form instead
"Don't let your tongue cut off your head."
"The tongue can speak a word whose speed,"
Says the Chinese, "outstrips the steed."
While Arab sages this imparts
"The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."
From Hebrew wit the maxim sprung,
"Though feet should slip, ne'er let the tongue."
The sacred writer crowns the whole:
"Who keeps the tongue doth keep his soul."

—PHILIP BURROWS STRONG

"Grand Coulee!" yelled the modest gent as he hit his finger with a hammer.

"Grand Coulee? What do you mean, Grand Coulee?" asked his neighbour.

"That's the world's largest dam, isn't it."

Families Not As Large As in 1941

Ottawa.—In every region of Canada, a small decline in the size of families has taken place between 1941 and 1949. The average size of families in 1949 was 3.7 persons, as compared with 3.9 in 1941.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows that the average size of families in fishing, trapping and logging occupations in 1949 was the largest at 4.6 persons. The smallest families —3.4 persons, were those whose breadwinners were employed in clerical jobs.

Under the various occupational classifications, family averages are: transportation and communications, 3.8; managerial, 3.7; professional, 3.5; service, 3.6; agricultural, 4.4; fishing, trapping and logging, 4.6; manufacturing, including electricity, 3.8; mining, 4; construction, 3.9; laborers, 4; trade and financial, 3.5.

The size of families by provinces: Maritime, 4; Quebec, 4.3; Ontario, 3.4; Prairie, 3.7; British Columbia, 3.3.

TOBACCO WORKERS SIGN WITH IMPERIAL IN NEWFOUNDLAND

A new contract which became effective July 5th, 1950, was signed by representatives of the Imperial Tobacco Company (Newfoundland) Limited and Local 307 of the Tobacco Workers' International Union.

N. B. PHONE OPERATORS REACH A COMPROMISE

Members of Local 1472, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, in Saint John, N. B., have reached a compromise settlement with the New Brunswick Telephone Company. The 400 telephone workers had set a strike vote before the settlement was reached. No details of the final agreement have yet been announced.

The workers involved are employed in various offices and installations of the company throughout the province.

CORNWALL CIVICS STAGE REVIVAL

Federal Local 234 in Cornwall has been staging a revival as the result of the Labor Rally held in the city some weeks ago. Over 80 new members have responded to the drive and a meeting held early this month elected new officers for the local.

The new enthusiasm is gaining momentum. The membership meeting instructed the new officers to draw up recommendations for negotiations with the city.

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Mailers' Union, No. 70—Secretary, D. R. Durno, 3624 West 14th Avenue. Vancouver.

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Marine Engineers, National Association of, Council No. 7—Secretary, H. B. McKie, 319 West Pender Street. Phone: PAcific 8549.

Millworkers (Sash, Door and Fixture) Local No. 1928—Secretary, D. McLeod. 2134 Yew St.

Milk Salesmen and Dairy Employees, Local 464 — Secretary, Birt Showler, 200 Labor Temple; FA. 8716.

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Motion Picture Projectionists, Local 348, Business Manager. T. E. Foley; Secretary, Frank M. Smith, P. O. Box 345; Phone MArine 3043.

Musicians' Union, Local 145—Business Manager, Geo. E. Leach, Suite 51, 553 Granville St. PAcific 7842.

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Papermakers' Int. Brotherhood, Local No. 456 (New Westminster) — Secretary, Helen Ganton, 227 6th Street, New Westminster.

Patternmakers, Local No. 1260—Secretary, E. Westmoreland, 4295 Dunbar Street. Vancouver.

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Union Certifications

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B. C. Auto Workers Lodge 1857, A.F.L., for employees of Pacific Parts Limited, employed in the machine shop at 1181 Seymour St., Vancouver.

Beverage Dispensers and Culinary Workers Local 835, A.F.L., for employees of Ocean Beach Hotel Ltd., employed as bartenders, waiters, desk clerks, chambermaids and porters at White Rock.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Jointers of America. Local 1735, A.F.L., for employees of Northwest Construction Ltd., employed as carpenters at Prince Rupert.

Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, Local 464, A.F.L., for employees of Gold Seal Milk Distributors Ltd., employed as inside dairy workers and driver salesmen at 1601 Hjorth and Trans Canada, Whalley.

Vancouver City Hall Employees Association, Local 180, T.L.C., for employees of The Vancouver General Hospital employed by it at Vancouver.

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 115, A.F.L., for employees of E. S. Livsey and Co. Ltd., employed at shovel and dozer operations in British Columbia.

Courtenay and District Automotive Maintenance Workers Federal Union, Local 385, T.L.C., for employees of Totem Auto Service employed by it at Cliff Ave., Courtenay.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 513, A.F.L., for employees of Findlay-White Construction Co. Ltd., employed as carpenters at Port Alberni.

Beverage Dispensers Union, Local 676, A.F.L., for employees of Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, No. 68, employed in the Club Room, day and night operation, dispensing and cleaning at 1837 Main Street.

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Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, Local 464. A.F.L., for employees of Royal City Laundry and Dry Cleaners Ltd., employed as route salesmen at 815 Royal Ave., New Westminster.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1598, A.F.L., for employees of McKinty and Sons, employed as carpenters at Victoria.

Beverage Dispensers and Culinary Workers Union, Local 835, A.F.L., for employees of Todd Spicor (Todd's Ocean Beach Diner) employed by him at White Rock.

Building Material, Construction and Fuel Truck Drivers, Local 213, A.F.L., for employees of Arrow Bus Lines Ltd., employed as bus drivers at Prince Rupert.

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 882, A.F.L., for employees of British Aeroplane Engines Limited employed as steam engineers engaged in the operation and maintenance of the steam generating plant and repair plant at Sea Island.

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An American resident in China remonstrated with her houseboy for taking her linen into her bedroom without knocking.

"That's all right, Missy," said the native. "Every time come, lookee through keyhole. Nothing on, no come in."

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Sheriff (something of a wag)—"I would but it's awful hard to get anything on them."

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"Young lady, how did the accident happen?"

"Your honor, he refused to release his clutch, that's all."

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Irate voter leaving polls—"What are you arresting me for, officer?"

Cop—"You are charged with voting six times."

Irate voter—"Charged, eh, why they told me they'd pay for all of them."

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Dr.—"I'd like to have a quart of blood for a transfusion; can you give it?"

Recruit—"I can only give you a pint. I gotta shave tomorrow."

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The inspector of tenement houses found four families living in one room. Chalk marks quartered the room for each family.

"How've you been getting along here?" he asked.

"Pretty good," was the reply, "until the old lady in the far corner began to take in boarders."

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A veteran Washington reporter recalls a press conference called by the Director of the Budget to explain the annual budget. During the rather involved exposition which followed, there developed between the director and his associates a discrepancy of about $15 million in comparing the tables.

It was discovered, after some hurried checking, that two different comparisons had been employed and that this accounted for about $15 million of the discrepancy.

This did not quite satisfy one persistent reporter, who quietly inquired—"But what about the other million dollars?"

"Well," came the impatient rejoinder of one of the budget experts, "what do you want us to do—explain it down to the last penny."

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Something good from Florida: they have adopted a slogan to help prevent forest fires — "Chaperone your cigarettes, don't let them go out alone."

Vancouver's First Hospital in 1887, on Beatty near Pender

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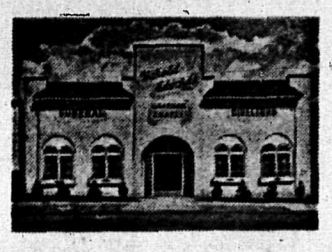

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News of the Month

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA

By GEO. R. BENGOUGH

RUSKIN PEACE

There is an Electric Power Project in progress at Ruskin, B. C.

Gather around all you carpenters and listen to this story on how it is possible for the large companies to put it over on the carpenters (if you and I let them).

For years the Carpenters have endeavored to have written into their Union Agreement a clause to provide for Room and Board. Several Local Unions of the United Brotherhood in the Province now have a clause in their Union Agreement whereby room and board is paid. One of these Local Unions is located at Mission City.

Local No. 2213 of Mission City and Local No. 1843, Chilliwack, have a joint agreement and it embraces the Fraser Valley from East of New Westminster to Hope, inclusive. Some twelve contracting firms have signed this agreement, these firms carrying out the major construction work in the Valley. Some are local contractors and some are contractors from Vancouver, one firm a member of the General Contractors Association.

Local No. 2213 in good faith presented their agreement to Northern Construction Company and J. W. Stewart Ltd. for the Carpenters employed on the Ruskin Power project job. Presented an agreement that had already been signed by the majority of construction firms in the Fraser Valley; the Northern Construction Company and J. W. Stewart Ltd. refused to sign because the agreement had a clause providing for Room and Board.

After an unduly length of time a Conciliation Board was set up comprising of Mr. A. J. Cowan, Chairman, Mr. Percy Jones, Union nominee and J. P. McKenzie, Employer nominee. A majority decision of this Conciliation Board, after hearing representations from both Local No. 2213 and Northern Construction and J. W. Stewart Ltd., concluded that it was not in the best interests for the Northern Construction Company and J. W. Stewart Ltd. to sign such an agreement.

Mr. Percy Jones, Union Member, contended otherwise, which contention was fit and proper considering that the agreement signed by all the other contractors was the identical agreement.

We would be interested to know how any fair minded person sitting on a Conciliation Board could decide. that when twelve firms had signed the Union Agreement that the thirteenth firm should be exempt. The Board concluded that it was not in the best interests for the Northern Construction Company and J. W. Stewart Ltd. to sign such an agreement containing a Room and Board clause.

Mr. Percy Jones, Union Member on the Board, contended otherwise, which contention was fit and proper considering that this same agreement was signed by some twelve contractors in the Fraser Valley and should be acceptable on that basis.

How anyone could have the audacity to say that this firm, coming in from Vancouver, should be exempted from the conditions established by the Carpenters and their employers in the Fraser Valley, is beyond comprehension.

Imagine, Brothers, what the picture would be like if the carpenters in the Valley had a lesser agreement; say 44-hour week or wages below the standard, and Local No. 2213 was asking this contractor to sign an agreement. say equal to Vancouver.

My, wouldn't they be quick to point out that the local firms had not signed such an agreement and until such time as the local firms had, not to bother them.

Now it is the other way around, the local contractors have got along admirably well with their carpenters. The wages are the standard wage in force, the hours are 40 per week and among other similar features have in addition a clause for Room and Board.

Maybe there are no profits to be had in an electric power plant and the carpenters have to subsidize the project by paying their own Room and Board.

Maybe the B. C. Electric Company or B. C. Power and Light or whatever subsidary is footing the bill at Ruskin cannot afford to pay the Northern Construction Co. and J. W. Stewart Limited, enough to pay the carpenters their Room and Board.

It is certainly the limit when the people in the Fraser Valley and their employers arrive at a workable understanding and then a Company the size of Northern Construction Company and J. W. Stewart Ltd. say the agreement is too good for them. Later contesting the signing of the Agreement all the way down the line, and win a Majority decision of a Conciliation Board to say that the large company is right in not signing local No. 2213 agreement.

The actual wording of this Majority of Board of Conciliation was as follows:

1. In view of the fact that the work of the Northern Construction Company in the area under the jurisdiction of Local 2213 will be finished within a few weeks, the majority of the Board as above mentioned, is of the opinion that the Company should not be required to sign an agreement differing from the agreement signed on April 1st, 1950. between the General Contractors' Association and Locals 452 and 1251 of the Union and recommend that the above clause be left out.

2. The Board are unanimously of the opinion that in the future when the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America are negotiating agreements, an attempt should be made to have a standard agreement so that when a contractor takes a contract in any area of the Province, the agreement which it will make with the Local in that area will correspond with the agreement it has with other Locals."

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

DATED this 5th day of October, A.D. 1950, at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia.

A. J. Cowan, Chairman
J. P. Mackenzie

I, PERCY JONES, do not agree with Paragraph 1 of the above recommendations but concurr in Paragraph 2.

Percy Jones.

This Board to be of the opinion that the Carpenters should have a standard agreement are only expressing the objective of the Carpenters of British Columbia. and the only people stopping the carpenters from obtaining this Standard agreement are large construction firms. The large construction firms would have it that the agreement, with the least benefits in it for carpenters be the standard agreement.

MILLWORKERS

Locals No. 1928 and No. 2534 report all members working; Vancouver Local has had a problem to keep pace with their orders for benchmen. Any member of the Brotherhood who knows of a Benchman not working, ask him to contact the Office, Room 101, Labor Temple, Vancouver.

FURNITURE WORKERS

These members start negotiations again shortly with their employers. This year they are seeking the following:

1. Union Shop.
2. Both rest periods be paid.
3. Wages increased 20 cents.

All Furniture agreements expire on October 31st, and the employers have been so notified along with the proposed changes.

Officers' Reports, Weighty Volume of Year's Activities

The Officers' Report submitted to the Convention delegates and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports is a large volume running to more than 160 pages. The Convention, with only five and a half days in which to complete all of its lengthy agenda, has been working long hours to deal with the great extent and significance of these Reports of the activities of the Executive Council during the last year.

The Officers' Report deals with the work of the Executive Council on such matters as rent control, and unemployment in the national field, and the formation and activities of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and the International Labor Organization in the international situation.

In addition, the Report contain the Memorandum of Legislative Policies as presented to the Federal Government in March, and the reports from the Federations of Labor and Provincial Executive Committees of similar actitvities within their respective provinces. All provinces are included except Prince Edward Island.

Dealt with in the Reports are the submissions made by the Congress to the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters, and Sciences, to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security, and the Special Committee of the Senate on Human Rights.

Internal Operations of the Congress are reported under such headinigs as Organizing Activities, Research and Education, Trades and Labor Congress Journal, and National Appeals.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES WIN NEWFOUNDLAND VOTE

A vote taken among the office employees of Bowater's Newfoundland Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd. in Corner Brook in July resulted in local 254 of the Office Employees' International Union winning recognition as the bargaining agency for the employees.

In Grand Falls a cross check of membership cards is likely to result in local 255 of the Office Employees' International Union obtaining bargaining rights at the A.N.D. Co. This local comprises 120 members, and was organized through the efforts of Vice-President Arthur Rowe of the Newfoundland Federation of Labor.

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