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B. C. Public Service Employees

British Columbia Civic and Municipal Employees Take Important Step

TWENTY UNIONS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, representing twenty-one hundred members, are now to become directly chartered and affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. These groups of organized city and municipal employees are employed by cities and municipalities in British Columbia.

This action was taken as a result of a convention recently held in North Vancouver, by the Joint Council of Public Employees. This Council was chartered by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and many of the unions were also chartered by Congress, but some of them had been chartered from Victoria, and later became part of the Joint Council.

Resolutions Passed

Delegates passed nine resolutions, the most important demanding removal of the negotiation time-limit of April 15 with city and municipal councils; abolition of the means test and lowering of pension age from 70 to 65 years; compulsory payroll deduction of Hospital Insurance premiums, and changes in the B. C. Superannuation Act.

William Black was returned for his eighth straight year as council president.

The Unions Affected

The following unions are part of the Joint Council of Public Employees (B. C. Division):

Greater Vancouver Water District and Vancouver and District Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board Employees' Union, Local No. 2.

North Vancouver Civic Employees' Association, Local No. 3.

Victoria City Hall Employees' Association, Local No. 4.

Saanich Municipal Employees' Association, Local No. 5.

Surrey Municipal Employees' Association, Local No. 6.

Vancouver Public Library Staff Association, Local No. 7.

Victoria Public Library Staff Association, Local No. 9.

Langley Municipal Employees' Association, Local No. 10.

Greater Victoria School Board Employees' Association. Local No. 11.

New Westminster Civic Employees' Union, Local No. 12.

West Vancouver Municipal Employees' Association, Local No. 13.

New Westminster School Maintenance Union, Local No. 13.

Vancouver City Hall Employees' Association, Local No. 15.

District of Coquitlam Civic Employees' Union, Local No. 16.

Oak Bay Municipal Employees' Association, Local No. 17.

Ladysmith Municipal Employees' Association, Local No. 18.

Richmond Municipal Employees' Union, Local No. 19.

Vancouver School Service Employees' Association, Local No. 20.

Burnaby Civic Employees' Union. Local No. 23.

Nanaimo Civic Employees' Association.

W. M. BLACK

Following are the Executive, Joint Council of Public Employees, elected at the convention:

Honorary President, W. M. Black, Vancouver City Hall Employees' Association.

First Vice-President, T. H. Lewis, Vancouver City Hall Employees' Association.

Second Vice-President, R. H. Wooten, Saanich Municipal Employees' Association.

Secretary-Treasurer, J. Robison, Vancouver City Hall Employees' Association.

Executive Members: R. Skinner, Vancouver City Hall Employees' Association; W. G. Frampton, Victoria City Hall Employees' Association; R. Mercer, New Westminster Civic Employees' Union.

Trustees: J. Fuller, Burnaby Civic Employees' Union; R. Smith, Oak Bay Municipal Employees' Association.

Regional Councils

Greater Vancouver and New Westminster Regional Council: Miss E. Sturdy, secretary-treasurer.

Vancouver Island Regional Council: Miss M. Koski, secretary-treasurer.

Cowman browsing in a Dallas department store, was asked by a young fluff clerk if she could help him. "No, ma'am, I reckon not. I ain't never seen so many things I could do without."

Canadian Window Bakeries Renew Pact

A new agreement was signed on May 25th between the Retail Grocery and Food Clerks Union, Local 1518, R.C.I.A. and Canadian Window Bakeries Ltd. (A Division of Picardy Ltd.)

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JACK PATTERSON

Business Agent—Retail Clerks Union

This agreement covers about 65 employees working in 25 retail bakery units operated by the Company in Vancouver and New Westminster. Many gains were made in the contract generally, including: 10c per hour premium for all work after 7:15 p.m.. provision for a definite daily starting time and a regular weekly pay day; a controlled apprenticeship ratio: only one third of the staff may receive less than the journeyman rate; improved rates of pay for relief work; guaranteed credit for previous experience; improved vacation pay for part time employees; improved holiday credit on termination; up to 4 weeks notice or pay in lieu thereof on lay-off and dismissal and several other changes.

Employees with no previous experience now start at $25.00 per week (all employees are female) and reach $29.00 per week after 12 months. Store managers will receive $32.00 and if they have two or more help they will receive $34.00 per week.

In addition to the gains in the contract the Company have now agreed to display the "Union Store" card of the Retail Clerks International Association in each store.

— D. A Wade.

Ironworkers Obtain Ten-Cent Wage Raise

Vancouver structural steel firms have signed with the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforced Ironworkers, Local 97, an agreement calling for an increase in the hourly rate of 10 cents. This brings the journeyman rate to $1.90 per hour.

In accepting this award of a conciliation board the union dropped its demand for paid statutory holidays. The old contract called for no paid statutory holidays but provided for one week's paid vacation.

The new agreement provides for a starting rate of $1.28 and increases to $1.41 an hour after six months. The apprenticeship period before advancing to the journeyman rate is two years.

Painters' Union Elect Officers For Term

Painters and Decorators Union No. 138 elected the following officers for the new term commencing July 1st:

President, B. Mitchell.
Vice-President, R. McLellan.
Recording Secretary, W. Eaton.
Treasurer, A. Rowland.
Conductor, H. Holmes.
Warden, Geo. Kassian.
Trustee, G. Hult.
Business Agent, Jack Eaves.
Business Agent for Joint Council, E. Kennedy.

Wage Negotiations

A special meeting of the union was called for Wednesday, June 28th, to consider the new offer made by the employers.

HOTEL EMPLOYEES HOLD MEET IN LETHBRIDGE

The Annual Convention of the Alberta Provincial Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees was held in Lethbridge, Alberta, recently. The Alberta Provincial Council represents 13 local unions with more than 1,400 members, and approximately 30 employees were in attendance.

Carpenters Donate $50,000 To Flood Relief

The largest single donation to date from a Trade Union, was made recently, when the headquarters of the U. B. of C. & J. of A., sent a cheque to the Manitoba Flood Relief for $50,000.

Other generous donations reported recently are: Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers International Union, $500; International Union of Operating Engineers, $500; Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, $1,000; Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 264, Toronto, $1,000; The Civil Service Association of Alberta, $2,000; and $5,000 from the ILGWU. In all it is estimated that more than $100,000 has been contributed directly from trade union funds so far.

Vancouver Donations

Among the donations made and reported through the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council were: B. C. Electric Employees, $1000; Building Material Truck Drivers, $25; Carpenters' Union No. 1251, $50; Hospital Employees' Union No. 180, $50; Pipefitters' Union No. 170, $100; Painters' Union No. 138, $25; United Garment Workers No. 232, $50; Granite Cutters' Union, $5; Civic Employees' Union No. 28, $67; Sign Painters' Union No. 726, $25; Taxi Drivers' Union No. 151, $10.

There were donations from other unions in Vancouver, but they have not been reported.

Flood Relief and Flood Control Projects

The following resolution was adopted by the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, after being presented by Delegate J. Phillips:

Resolved that the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council calls upon the Federal Government to take the full responsibility for the rehabilitation of the Manitoba flood victims; and

Be it resolved that the same government is hereby called upon to assure the victims full compensation for all real and personal property damage; also the full cost of transportation and other expenses involved in the evacuation of families and their return home; and

Be it resolved that this body calls upon our Federal Government to undertake flood control projects which will provide security for families in the flood danger areas.

Rogers Majestic Radios Now Bear Union Label

An event of historical importance took place recently at the plant of Rogers Majestic Ltd.. when the first "Union Made" label was affixed to the company's product.

Strong believers in close co-operation between management and responsible organized labor, Rogers Majestic Ltd., is the first Canadian radio manufacturer to label each set with a "Union Made" label. This applies to all products produced in the plant.

Speaking of the occasion, R. M. Brophy, president of the company, said, "It is a very real pleasure to speak of the cordial relations that exist between this company and the union. The label that goes onto merchandise is more than a seal of 'Union Made' manufacture: it is a seal and symbol of our mutual regard and respect."

Asked more about his views on the matter, Gordon Cochrane, international representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), AFL., made this comment: "It is really grand to work with a company whose management is keenly aware of the times and so anxious to 'play ball' with organized labor. We trust them to be honest with us, as we try to be with them!"

Blue Cabs Signed Up

Charlie Gower, Secretary of the Taxi Drivers' Union, reports that the Blue Cabs Ltd. have signed up the closed shop agreement of the union. He thanks the unions and union members for their co-operation in the matter which has resulted in the agreement.

Grievance: Near Winchester, Indiana, a bull plowed into the auto of Jack Townsend, who is the county's official artificial inseminator.

Agreement Signed With Superior Food Stores

On May 25th, a new agreement was signed between the Retail Grocery and Food Clerks Union, Local 1518, R.C.I.A. and Superior Food Stores, Ltd., covering about 70 grocery employees working in the Company's stores in Greater Vancouver, Greater Victoria and New Westminster.

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DAVID A. WADE

Office Secretary Retail Clerks Union

The agreement climaxed a long period of negotiations, complicated by the Company's refusal to bargain for their store managers, and their subsequent application to the Labor Relations Board (B.C.) to have these persons exempted from the bargaining unit, on the basis that they had been granted the right to "Hire and Fire".

Store Managers Covered

Since the Union has held agreements covering all employees, including the managers for as much as twelve years, the Union could not justify the Company's stand in that regard. Consequently, the Union requested the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council to place the Company on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Council, and the matter was referred to the Grievance Committee. Before any action could be taken, however, the Company completely reversed their position, and agreed to bargain and sign an agreement covering the store managers, providing that the contract was separate from the main agreement and that it be signed completely outside of the provisions of the I. C. & A. Act.

Such a contract has now been signed, it being understood that the Company would withdraw their petition to the board, therefore avoiding a dangerous precedent being set whereby the board might automatically remove any person from a certified bargaining unit simply on an employer's statement that they had been given the right to hire and fire.

Retroactive Wage Increase

The new agreements provide for wage increase of 5c per hour across the board for all employees effective April 17th, 1950, and for further increases of 3, 4 and 5c per hour additional at a later date during the contract year. The latter will bring the manager's rate to $56.76 per per week, male employees with three years experience to $49.28 per week and female employees in the same classification to $38.28 per week. Rates for beginners will be $30.80 for male employees and $26.40 per week for female employees. The contract expires on April 23rd, 1951.

The Union asks that all members of organized labor give their fullest support to the organized food clerks in British Columbia. This can be accomplished by patronizing the following firms, all of whom supply "Distinctive" Union Service only: Superior Food Stores. Canada Safeway Limited, B & K Economy Stores Ltd., Market Basket Ltd., Canadian Window Bakeries, Ewert's Groceteria (41st & Victoria) and Loo's Groceteria, (Marpole).. Make every week a "Union Buying Week" . . . spend your Union earned grocery dollars in 100% Union manned stores!

Calgary Plumbers Reach Agreement

Plumbers Local 496 have reached agreement with the Plumbing Association in Calgary, on wages and working conditions.

A five cent per hour increase was granted, bringing the hourly wage to $1.60. A union shop clause was also written into the agreement, whereby it is compulsory for all employees working in any of the shops to become members of the union.

Renting of Machinery Is Technological Development

A NEW PHASE of technological development and increased efficiency in production and transportation is the invasion of insurance companies and the organization of other companies to purchase and lease or rent on monthly rentals machinery to contractors and medium and small-sized manufacturers which can be utilized to reduce cost.

This means the establishment of regional rental agencies for labor-saving devices which will be available to contractors and manufacturers who could not afford the purchase of such devices and who heretofore had to depend upon manual labor to perform the work which these machines fill do.

WHAT THEY SAID . . .

The Means Test: Unjust and Indefensible

"As I said on Monday in another debate, we say—and I repeat it now—that the first thing to do is to get rid of the means test. I believe there is real significance in the way public sentiment has welled up against the means test the past few yaers. No one would stand up and defend it. The idea of saying to people who have saved a little, who have got their own homes together, who have paid taxes and helped contribute to the wealth of the country, that, whereas others in destitute circumstances can qualify, those people cannot qualify for the old age pensions—that just does not make sense at all."—Stanley Knowles in the House of Commons.

Union Agreement---A Good Faith Contract

When an agreement has been reached between a union and an employer, it becomes a good faith contract, binding on every member, and makes the workers an integral part of the employer's business. By a part of his business, I mean the success of that business—the expansion of it, the loyalty of the workers in rendering full and efficient service to discharge their obligations under the contract.

Once an agreement has been signed, such agreement fixes upon the employer the payment of wages, the observance of certain conditions of work and it likwise fixes upon the men involved the responsibility of rendering capable, thoughtful and competent services within the limits of reason and human endurance. However, it fixes upon both parties something much more vital and that is the recognition of the fact that they are both parties in bringing about the success, the growth and the expansion of the business, in order that good wages can be paid, working conditions improved and employment stabilized.—Charles J. MacGowan, President, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers.

Samuel Gompers Said:

"The labor movement voices the aspirations of the toiling masses as well as lays bare their wrongs. It is the means through which tyranny is held in check; it lives in their minds and hearts, and will not and cannot be crushed."

Striped Pants Diplomats

"The fight of American labor for the preservation of freedom in the world is worth a hundred divisions or all the striped pants diplomats that are to be found in the State Department."—United States Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin.

Toll of Construction Workers

"Each day industrial accidents take their toll of construction workers. Men are injured, lives are lost and untold suffering is endured by the workers' families. Many industrial accidents that involve construction machinery are preventable if proper care is exercised. Too much stress cannot be placed upon proper inspection, maintenance and safe and sound operating practices to insure safety.

"This is a machine age; the machine is capable of doing great things when properly controlled. It is the duty of our membership to control these machines and operate them in the safest manner possible.

"As an operator it is your duty to help make this a safe year in the construction industry."—William E. Maloney, President, International Union of Operating Engineers.

Coal Industry Not Out Yet

"Sellers will learn that oil and gas can be displaced in coal's logical markets.

"Synthetic fuels, the coal-fired gas-turbine locomotive, improved domestic heating equipment and increased use by electric utilities and others are all factors that will enlarge the volume of coal consumed. In the years ahead the industry will constantly push higher the quantity of carefully prepared coal it sends to market. It will keep its plants up to date and it will build new ones. The strength and vigor of the industry and a bright promise of things to come clearly show how well a basic industry can serve the greater good of all in the hands of progressive management."—John Battle, executive vice-president, National Coal Association.

Guarding Our Tongues

"The prime interest of all of us [illegible] I agree it would be a poor consolation to win another w[illegible] European civilization. Therefore, in all matters of defence [illegible] careful what words we use.

"Everybody knows this country does not want [illegible] do not believe any country wants war. But it is possible to get [illegible] a state of mind in the world where everybody begins to say that war is inevitable."—Prime Minister Atlee in a recent speech.

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Love, Beauty and Laughter

The worthwhile things in life do not come to us unsought. They come only in proportion as we clear the way for them. If we want love, beauty and laughter we must clear out the underbrush of selfishness and indifference that grows like a thicket around so many lives. At long last we get what we prepare for. All of us can make a place in our lives for beautiful things—thoughts, friends, happiness itself—and be sure they will come when that place is ready for them.—Author unknown.

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The Burning Question---Lumber Prices

WITH LUMBER PRICES INCREASING every few months and the costs now up over 300 per cent above pre-war prices, and local building contractors fighting to get good lumber—or even lumber—we, in British Columbia, are actually facing a crisis, even though we have a province full of timber.

Industrial and commercial construction prices are continuously increasing, housing costs are steadily climbing, public buildings are being cut down in the required size and construction work generally is being revamped in order to meet the ever-increasing prices. But even at that, building projects are increasing and the supply of building tradesmen is now short and jobs are getting hard to fill.

And that is what is happening in the United States and is the reason for the increase in the price of lumber. The demand for lumber is so terrific in the United States that competitive prices are being bid for it, and our price of lumber is being raised to meet the price that is being bid for it in the United States.

The building boom in the U. S. increases year by year and there is every evidence of it continuing for two or three years yet. In 1947 there was just over fourteen billion dollars worth of construction work, in 1948 it was increased to over eighteen and a half billion, and in 1949 it reached nearly nineteen and a half billion. This year it can easily go to the twenty billion dollar mark.

Housing is one of the big items in the building boom, and there is no end in sight, just as in British Columbia. It is expected that residential construction in the United States will pass the seven billion dollar figure this year and that the demand will not be met for several years. Rent control is still in effect in many States and when that is cancelled, the demand for houses will increase because rents will be given a tremendous boost.

The housing boom is powered by four, and four and a half per cent government money, and despite the price of houses—at least $1500 more in some parts of the United States than the prices in Vancouver—there does not appear to be any worry about assuming big mortgages, with payments spread over twenty or thirty years.

Two and a half million houses and apartments have been built in the United States during the past two and a half years, and the start made this year has been so great that it will easily pass the million mark, and there will still be a backlog of a million and a half houses. On top of that, there is expected to be about 500,000 new families getting into the housing market each year.

All efforts to speed up the supply of houses by mass production methods have not met with success. Prefabrication has not met the situation, only 35,000 units having been built in 1949 by this method. The best that any one firm did was 4,000 last year, in the State of New York. The thirty-seven million dollar plant that was built with a government loan to prefabricate enameled steel houses—Lustrom Corporation—went bankrupt last March, and the buildings are now in the hands of the government agency who loaned the money, but the plants are to be sold for other purposes.

Hence we must assume that, with the tremendous purchasing power still holding up in the United States, and the ever-increasing demand for houses that this purchasing power creates, there does not appear to be any possibility of lower timber or building prices in this locality.

Dispiriting Influence of Mass Production Labor

Canadian workers generally are fully alive to the importance, in the national interest, of turning out a good product and, by increasing individual productivity, making goods available at lower prices, according to M. M. Maclean, Chief of the Industrial Relations Branch of the Dominion Department of Labor.

Mr. Maclean makes this point in a review of the present labor situation in a radio broadcast heard throughout Canada.

Mr. Maclean maintains that is is "an almost universally expressed conviction that workers are definitely interested in their jobs and fully alive to the importance of their role in the production process." He states, "The output of workers (during recent months) is of a better quality and there are fewer 'rejects' per man. The big reduction which has taken place in labor turnover means that workers are not so readily changing jobs. Lateness and absenteeism have been substantially reduced."

He reports that some companies have embarked on definite programs to enlist the aid of their workers in getting better and lower-priced products. One large electrical manufacturer has arranged personal conferences with each and every employee with the result that the men do not think of themselves only as "mechanical cogs in a big operation."

Mr. Maclean says this is getting at a basic problem of modern industry —the dispiriting influence of mass production labor. "If the worker can be given a sense of belonging. a sense of having real value apart from that represented by his weekly pay cheque, benefits will accrue not only to him and to his employ[illegible] to the nation as a whole."

"Employers should also be quick to reward in a material manner, better performance, increased efficiency and increased production. That growing numbers in both management and labor seem to appreciate the responsibilities in these matters augurs well for Canada's future.

"There have been differences between labor and management, as was to be expected during our increasing industrial development, but with maturity has come a more friendly and co-operative attitude around the conference table. There is also a greater responsibility resting upon organized labor and management today than ever before for the welfare of industry and the workers engaged in it."

Congress Making Up-to-Date Survey of Injunction Use

Because of the increasing number of injunctions that have been issued against striking union members recently, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada is conducting a survey of recent injunctions granted with a view to making special representation to the Federal Department of Justice for amendments to the Criminal Code.

In certain parts of Canada injunctions have been issued without any consideration being given to legal position of the union, and in some cases without justification. At no time has the defendant union been given an opportunity of being heard or making representation before the injunction was granted. and in one case, which is a glaring example of the procedure followed, the judge that issued the injunction reversed his own decision after the union pressed for the opportunity of making representation. The damage, however, had been done and the union members on strike had been subjected to repeated threats that if they did not stop picketing the injunction would be used to throw them into jail.

For a number of years the Congress has urged the Federal Government to amend the Criminal Code so that the issuing of injunctions would be prohibited until all parties affected had been heard, but no notice has been paid to the Congress representation. It will now be necessary to make a special submission to the Government and Trades and Labor Councils have been asked to supply the Congress with specific information that could be used in preparing such a submission.

PHILLY CARPENTERS GET 7th BOOST

Philadelphia—A 12½-cent-an-hour wage increase went into effect for 9,000 union carpenters May 1 in the five-county Philadelphia area.

The new scale brings hourly wages to $2.52½.

In addition, the pact provides for another 12½-cent increase beginning Nov. 1, so that from Nov. 1 to April 30, 1952, the carpenters will be paid $2.65 an hour.

The general pay rise is the seventh won by the carpenters since the "wage freeze" at the beginning of the war. At that time union carpenters were receiving $1.50 an hour. Later they were raised to $1.57½, $1.65, $1.77½, $2 and $2.25 before the $2.40 rate went into effect last year.

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Continued Upward Trend

COPPER, lead, bronze, brass, zinc and aluminum have been engaged in a slow advance for weeks, while lumber has spurted from $20 to $100 per thousand feet. In fact, practically all of the materials that go into home building are on the upward march.

The gray market has returned for both labor and materials.

Price hikes for completed homes on an average range from 7 to 12 per cent above a year ago.

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics price index for raw materials (based on 1939 as 100) increased from 218.8 a month ago to 227 the week of May 13.

Gross national output reported by the United States Commerce Department for the first quarter of 1950 was at an annual rate of $264 billion—$7 billion above the 1949 rate.

The Commerce Department attributed much of the increase to a build-up in inventories, which during the like period in 1949 were being liquidated, as well as an increase of $3 billion in consumer purchases.

Price levels on fabricated products, including household wares, which are growing in tighter supply, will continue to go up.

The old evil escalator clauses are now being included in current supply contracts.

Despite the abundance of grains, meats and other foods, government price supports hold them at high levels and there seems to be little likelihood of any substantial reduction in the household grocery bill, textiles or anything else. The outlook is for a continued upward trend.

Pension Demands Not New

THE very big business leaders who are today shouting the loudest about a "welfare state" are themselves eligible to receive retirements and pensions from the corporations which employ them. There's nothing wrong with that: it is all to the good. It is progress and common sense. But, it simply points the way to pensions and other benefits for those who toil for these corporations. And why not?

Finally, American Labor is well aware of the fact that all of these things cost money. Most pension and welfare plans are in lieu of wages, the money to finance them coming right out of the workers' pockets. In some cases the Unions themselves have such plans, financed by substantially high dues structures.

What so many of those who are in positions of influence either fail or refuse to recognize is the fact that American Labor knows and discusses the cost factors in all pension and welfare plans and is fully cognizant of the position of industry. Nothing is free, but the air we breathe. We must pay for all benefits, and benefits which may bankrupt even a small section of industry are too dangerous to consider.

Knowing the facts produces light and it is more light we need, not more heat.—The Washington Teamster.

The Old, Old Story

The following very apt commentary on labor-employer relationships is contained in the minority report issued by Alfred J. Wickens, K.C., member of the Conciliation Board appointed to consider the railway employees' demands for the 40-hour week and an increase in wages:

There has never in all the history of labor relations been an application for any substantial redress by any substantial body of employees that has not been met by the blanket statement that the employer whoever he was, couldn't meet the requests and stay in business.

Child Labor

At the risk of being prolix, I feel it should be mentioned that about 200 years ago when the practice existed of recruiting children of both sexes down to six years of age from Foundling homes in London to work in the mines in the Northern midlands, their work being to care for the pit ponies, where they were taken underground, stayed there for the rest of their lives, slept with the ponies, worked 16 hours a day 7 days a week; when a public outcry arose and Parliament proposed to do something about it there went up the same stock cry, "if this is changed we cannot carry on."

Twelve-hour Day

The story continues unbroken, and [illegible] the most terrific opposition was met when it was proposed to impose regulations upon factories requiring that no apprentice should work more than 12 hours a day. that the bedrooms of male and female apprentices should be separate, that no more than two should sleep in one bed. All these advances were beset on all sides with bitter opposition, and the statement it would bankrupt business. It is almost incredible that it was not until 1842 that Shaftesbury managed to procure the passage of an Act through the House of Commons "to prevent women being employed as draft animals in mines." These last two astonishing facts can be found on pages 257 and 258 of a very interesting book called "Discoveries in the Statute Book" by Fay.

Fiction

While perhaps it is not the general thing to quote from a book of fiction in a matter of this kind it is my opinion that a large part of the objection to the men's railway employees application is founded on fiction in that it is imaginary estimates as to what would happen. I can't resist making a quotation from Dickens' "The Old Curiosity Shop," from Chapter 1 of the 2nd book dealing with labor relations: ". . . Coketown in the distance was suggestive of itself, though not a brick of it could be seen.

"The wonder was, it was there at all. It had been ruined so often, that it was amazing how it had borne so many shocks. Surely there never was such fragile chinaware as that of which the millers of Coketown were made. Handle them never so lightly, and they fell to pieces with such ease, that you might suspect them of having been flawed before. They were ruined, when they were required to send laboring children to school; they were ruined when inspectors were appointed. to look into their works; they were ruined, when such inspectors considered it doubtful whether they were quite justified in chopping people up with their machinery; they were utterly undone, when it was hinted that perhaps they need not always make quite so much smoke . . ."

These things illustrate perfectly the entire course of labor and employer negotiations. I have never heard of an application for wage increases or improvement of working conditions that the blanket statement has not been "it can't be done".

Leisure Well Spent

When the opponents of the shorter work week have exhausted every other foolish argument they sometimes tell us that it would be unwise to give the workers more time off for they would only spend their extra leisure hours in drinking, gambling and debaucheries of one kind and another. There is, of course, not a shred of evidence to support this silly charge. Going from a 16-hour to an 8-hour work day certainly hasn't resulted in any increase in drunkenness or debauchery of any kind. In fact, the evidence is all the other way. Whenever the workers have been given more time off from work they have on the whole used their leisure hours wisely.

The Spitalfields silkweavers in England were highly skilled workers and seemed to enjoy a preferred position among workers during the eighteenth century. Sidney Dark in his book "London" tells us that "From 1769 to 1824 the wages of the Spitalfields silkweavers were fixed by statute. Their earnings enabled them to live in decent comfort and, as is common with well-paid workers, they spent their leisure with admirable intelligence". He then goes on to list some of the numerous educational and cultural societies they formed and some of the other interests which absorbed the leisure hours of these workers. They formed the Spitalfield Mathematical Society, and a Historical Society. "There was a Floricultural Society, very numerously attended . . . The weavers were almost the only botanists of their day in the metropolis. They passed their leisure hours, and generally the whole family dined on Sundays, at the little gardens in the environs of London. . . . There was an Entomological Society, and they were the first entomologists in the Kingdom. . . . They had a Recitation Society for Shakespearean readings, as well as reading other authors. . . . They had a Musical Society. They had a Columbarian Society. They were great bird fanciers. . . ." These humble silkweavers certainly were no slouches when it came to developing their minds and furthering the spread of knowledge and culture in their community. No one will say that they didn't use their leisure hours wisely. Unfortunately. most of these societies passed out of existence, for Sidney Dark tells us "When the Act regulating wages was repealed (in 1824) long hours and bad payments again became the rule, and the many societies decayed."

The prospect of a future with more leisure and more pay should hold no terror for us.—Manitoba Commonwealth.

'Labor Monopoly'?

Washington—An answer to what AFL President William Green termed "loose talk about the power and monopoly exercised by organized labor today" was contained in some figures he cited to a Senate subcommittee studying a labor monoply bill. The Bureau of Internal Revenue figures show that the total receipts for all U. S. labor unions in 1948 amounted to only $477,701,000. Receipts for one corporation—General Motors—in 1948 were ten times that, or $4,700,000,000. The "wild calculation" by Business Week magazine that the net worth of all U. S. unions is about $1 billion, Green added, contrasts with the net worth of one U.S. corporation—American Telephone & Telegraph—in 1948, more than two and a half times the Business Week inflated figure for all unions.

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Unemployment Insurance Changes Effective July 3rd

Honorable Humphry Mitchell, Minister of Labor, has announced that July 3, 1950, has been set as the date on which certain changes in the Unemployment Insurance Act will go into effect.

Mr. Mitchell explained that the Act amending the Unemployment Insurance Act, which was passed February 28, included rates and benefits which were to become effective on a date to be proclaimed later. This date has now been set by Order-in-Council as July 3.

The provisions of the Act which will become effective on that date include new rates of unemployment insurance contributions by employers and employees, and new weekly rates of benefit payable to unemployed persons. The only provision still to go into effect is one dealing with the new rate for insured persons in the highest earning class. This new rate will not be payable until July 1, 1951. The contribution and benefit classes into which employees are grouped on the basis of their earnings are reduced in number, and the weekly contributions by employers and employees for each class are made equal.

At the same time, the ceiling on insurability for salaried employees is raised from $3,120 to $4,800 a year.

Most of the other sections of the new Act are already in effect. Among these is the provision for supplementary benefits, designed to give additional assistance to unemployed workers during the winter months.

Following are the new rates of contributions and benefits. The contribution table includes the additional cent per day for supplementary benefit.

Range of Weekly Earnings	Contributions Employer	Contributions Employee	Benefits Without Dependent	Benefits With Dependent
Less than $ 9.00	18c	18c	$ 4.20	$ 4.80
$ 9.00 to $14.99	24c	24c	6.00	7.50
$1500 to $20.99	30c	30c	8.10	10.20
$21.00 to $26.99	36c	36c	10.20	12.90
$27.00 to $33.99	42c	42c	12.30	15.60
$34.00 to $47.99	48c	48c	14.40	18.30
$48.00 or more	54c	54c	14.40	18.30
	(After July 1, 1951)		16.20	21.00

Trades Congress Wants Injunction Information

The following communication was reeeived by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, and the Council suggests that any union officials having information dealing with injunction experience, are urged to send it to Secretary Gordon Cushing at 172 McLaren Street, Ottawa.

To All Trades and Labor Councils:
Greetings:

During the past few months there has been an increasing tendency on the part of employers to take court action against unions on strike and in a number of instances injunctions have been granted to employers restraining workers from picketing.

In some of these cases the union has had no opportunity of being heard before the injunction was granted and in one instance, the judge who issued the injunction reversed his own decision after representation was made by the union.

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada have included in their annual memoranda to the Federal Government for the past number of years a request that the Criminal Code of Canada be amended to provide that injunctions be not granted until all parties have been heard. From recent developments it would appear more representation will have to be made to the Government on this matter.

So that a proper submission may be prepared which will include details and exact information it would be appreciated if your Trades and Labor Council would supply us with any information in respect to injunctions that might have been issued within the past year or two against any of your affiliates. When this information is received by us it is our intention to prepare a special submission to the Department of Justice of the Federal Government.

Gordon G. Cushing,
General Secretary-Treasurer.
Trades & Labor Congress of Canada.

S.F. Housing Pays!

For the seventh consecutive year the San Francisco City Treasury was enriched by one of its own agencies when Mayor Robinson was presented with a cheque for $372,386.55 by E. N. Ayer, Housing Commission chairman. This year's cheque raises the total Housing Authority payments to the City to more than $2¼ million, Mr. Ayer pointed out. (Ed. Note: This payment should well answer the foes of public housing who claim that it cuts city income, raises taxes).

Teamsters Hold 60,000 Cannery Workers

The five-year legal battle to establish the Teamsters' right to represent 60,000 cannery workers in California ended last month with complete victory for the Teamsters in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. The legal victory confirmed the fact of actual representation which the Teamsters had been exercising during the years of weird manoeuvering by the National Labor Relations Board; the court now placed a legal stamp of approval upon the Teamsters' position and buried in the cemetery of judicial ruling the mistaken theory of Mr. Denham and the Board. The court's decision is a cold tomb in which the Board's pet contention can now peacefully decay.

For years the Board complained the Teamsters could not represent the workers because the FTA-CIO had made a formal claim to represent them by filing a so-called petition for representation.

Name New School For Sam Gompers

Philadelphia.—The Board of Education announced that a new elementary school which has been under construction since last summer will be named after Samuel Gompers, the A. F. L.'s founder and first president.

The event is another in the series of tributes being paid Mr. Gompers during 1950, the centennial commemoration of his birth. According to information received by the A. F. L. Samuel Gompers Centennial Committee from the Philadelphia Central Labor Union, the school will be dedicated formally in September.

High school dancing etiquette: "My boy friend says, 'Come on Worm, let's wiggle."

Bank Teller: "Sorry, pal, your wife beat you to the draw."

What's Going On

In Washington, D. C., the Securities and Exchange Commission discovered just how much democracy there is in some corporations that scream about the lack of democracy in unions. The amazed SEC cracked down on a large company which recently sent out its dividend cheques to stockholders with management's proxy statement printed on the back. Thus, to cash his dividend cheque, the stockholder had to endorse it, and, when he endorsed it, he automatically signed over to the company his annual right to vote on the firm's policies.

In Pittsburgh a union truck driver found he had the year's worst income tax headache. He had held 34 different jobs during the year and had to fill out 34 different forms.

In Jasper, Indiana, the first lockout of its kind in the country was scheduled for August 1, when the city will fire all its garbage collectors. Jasper will become the first city in the U. S. to install individual kitchen sink garbage grinders in each home.

In London, England, the city's street cleaners campaigned for nine months for a five-day week, and finally got it. Last week they went back to the authorities and asked to be put back on five-and-a-half days because their wives were making them do household work on Saturday mornings.

In Boston the crummiest argument yet heard against workmen's compensation was offered by Lawrence Locke, an attorney, who testified before the Committee on Labor and Industries against legislation to raise benefits for widows and children of workers killed in industrial accidents. Locke's thesis was that "widows take in boarders instead of husbands, and start living in sin."

In Washington one of the six theatres which striking members of the A. F. L. Operating Engineers left without heat was playing a motion picture called "Backfire."

In New York City the C.I.O. Textile Workers felt smugly virtuous. A state prison in Indiana wanted to start a woollen mill to keep the inmates busy, but found there were no experienced textile workers behind bars.

In Chicago a retail union brought a strikebreaking employer to his knees with the neatest trick in years. Picketing was having no effect and it looked as though the strike might be lost. Then the union's president heard that the store was having a lot of trouble with shop-lifters. That night he called a meeting of all employees who had recently made a purchase in the store. The next day a dozen of the strikers appeared in the store with large suspicious bulges under their coats. The bulges were rolled-up men's suits, dresses, desk sets and even small radios. The frantic store detective arrested all 12 of them, and they were carried off to jail. Exactly two hours later—to permit time to get the story into the newspapers—the union's attorney appeared at the police station with purchase receipts for each of the supposedly stolen articles. At the same time he announced he was filing damage suit amounting to $1,500,000 against the store for false arrests. The strike was settled within 24 hours with a 11-cent-an-hour pay raise.

Merlyn Pitzele, an editor of Business Week, recently told an American Management Association meeting that the stuff about union leaders "dictating" to union members who really love the Taft-Hartley Act is just a lot of bunk. Pitzele, who was one of Tom Dewey's labor advisors, learned the hard way.

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90,000 IN CHICAGO GAIN 10 CENTS HIKE

Chicago.—Of the 105,000 A. F. L. building tradesmen in Chicago, about 90,000 will earn a 10-cent hourly raise this summer, either in wages or in welfare fund equities, according to Earl J. McMahon, secretary-treasurer of the Chicago Building Trades Council.

H. Mayne Stanton, executive secretary of the Building Construction Employers' Association, said the increases were in line with pay raises in other industries and would mean only a slight increase in construction costs.

CLERKS' UNION PRAISED

New York.—Local 9 of the A.F.L. Retail Clerks' Union, representing 2,400 John Wanamaker store employees, was praised for furthering good relationships with management through its $27,000 advertising campaign in behalf of the New York store. The praise came from State Senator Francis J. Mahoney at a communion breakfast held by Wanamaker employees.

Profit Booster

Here's a further example of how Diesel locomotives are increasing the profits of the railroads:

The Denver & Rio Grande Western is buying five 6,000-horsepower freight giants and four switch engines.

According to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the use of these nine engines alone will save the carrier approximately $1,500,000 annually.

GAIN 10-CENT RAISE

Washington.—An agreement granting 1,200 Washington bakers represented by Local 118 of the A.F.L. Bakers and Confectionery Workers, a 10-cents-an-hour pay boost was signed with six bakeries, including Continental, Schneider, Holzbeierlein, Fairfax and Mayfair.

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Garment Workers Get Retirement Benefits

The Chicago Joint Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, A. F. L., entered into a three-year agreement with the Chicago Coat and Suit Manufacturers' Association, for the establishment of an employer financed retirement fund and health center.

Under the expired agreement the employers contributed 1 per cent based on the payroll towards a Health Fund, out of which the members of the Union received $[illegible] week sick benefit, $4 a day hospitalization benefit, $50 for surgery and free eye glasses. One week vacation was paid directly by the employers to the workers.

Benefits Listed

In the new contract the employers will pay this year's vacation directly to the workers as heretofore, vacation shall not be taken later than the first week of July, and following the vacation week the employers will contribute 5¼ per cent based on the payroll of which 1 per cent will go for health benefits as heretofore, ¼ per cent for the establishment and maintenence of a health center, 2 per cent for retirement fund and 2 per cent for vacation. A change was made in the vacation arrangements. Instead of the employers paying the vacation directly to the workers, they will receive such vacation payments out of a fund.

Street Railwaymen Get $1.70 Per Hour

A 5-cent hourly wage increase for 14.000 AFL street car and bus men has been agreed upon between the Chicago Transit Authority and the Amalgamated Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes, Division 241.

The raise, effective June 1, brings the pay rate for bus drivers and motormen of one-man cars to $1.70 an hour, the highest in the nation. The rate for motormen and conductors of two-man street cars will be $1.60.

Ralph Budd, chairman of the CTA, a municipally-owned corporation, said the increased wage could be paid without raising fares. The union negotiated another wage increase a year ago, and won a strong pension plan by arbitration, but fares were raised later to cover the higher wages and other costs.

UP IN SMOKES

Washington.—Americans will smoke a record 355,000,000,000 cigarettes in the year ending June 30, the Agriculture Department estimates.

That is equivalent to 120 packs per capita and is 3,000,000,000 more cigarettes than were consumed in the previous year.

In a night club a very pretty girl was wearing around her neck a thin chain from which hung a tiny golden airplane. One of the young men in the party stared at it so long that the girl finally asked him: "Do you like my little airplane?" He replied: "As a matter of fact, I wasn't looking at it. I was really admiring the landing field.

In the French Parliament, a Deputy making a speech on the legal status of women, cried: "After all, there is very little difference between men and women!" Thereupon the entire Chamber of Deputies rose and [illegible] "Vive la difference!"

"When I marry," boasted Mabel "a lot of men will feel wretched."

"My goodness," said Marie, "how many are you going to marry?"

In a crowded bus on Broadway, a lanky young man sat opposite a girl whose skimpy skirt kept creeping up over her knees. She fought a constant battle with it, pulling it down, but as soon as she released her hold up it crept.

After one hard yank, she looked up and met the gaze of her traveling companion.

'Don't stretch your calico, sister," he advised her. 'My weakness is liquor."

Young lady picking flowers in a field called excitedly to a farmer nearby, "Hey, is this bull over here safe?"

"Well," replied the farmer, "he's a dern sight safer'n you are."

Elderly woman shopping for a hat. Salesgirl kept showing her new types of headgear which didn't suit the old lady at all. Finally she said, "Listen, I wear a corset and I wear drawers, and I want a hat to match."

Entering a room in a Victoria hotel, a woman recognized a well-known government official pacing up and down and asked what he was doing there.

"I am going to deliver a speech," he told her.

"Do you usually get very nervous before addressing a large audience?"

"Nervous?" he replied. "No, I never get nervous."

"In that case," demanded the lady, "what are you doing in the ladies' room?"

The groom, just back from overseas, had hardly glimpsed his bride before the ceremony. So when the time came for the kiss it was a long one, lasting on and on until a child's voice rang out in the silence of the church: "Mummy, is he spreading the pollen on her now?"

First sure sign of a little boy's growing up is when he refuses to enter a ladies' rest-room.

Civic Employees Make Headway on Security

By Jack Phillips, Secretary, CEFLU, No. 28

Vancouver's Outside Civic Workers have won substantial gains this year. As a result of a unanimous award from a government conciliation board, we will receive:

5 cents across the board, back to January 1st.

Pension coverage for all those not eligible, under the Provincial plan for municipal employees. A substantial part of the cost to be met by the City.

Unemployment insurance coverage for all who want it.

The increase in wages will bring our rates for common labor up to $1.14 and $1.18 per hour. Truck drivers will receive $1.23 and $1.28. Tradesmen will receive $1.43 per hr. Under a long standing arrangement and by agreement with the union, all of our many tradesmen get the same pay. Thus, some are higher and some are lower, in wages, than men doing similar work elsewhere. (This is exclusive of holiday benefits, vacations, insurance and other benefits, which are considerable.)

New Pension Plan

The gain in pension coverage will close a big gap in our security front. Under the Municipal Superannuation Act, all of our men who complete one year's service before their fortieth birthday automatically come under the provisions of a pension scheme. The city pays a sum equal to 7% of a man's pay, and the man pays a minimum of 4%. But this left more than 50% of our staff not covered, because they started work too late in life, or because of broken time during the depression. The new plan, which will give them voluntary pension coverage through a private insurance company, is designed to close the gap between the retiring age of 65, and the minimum qualifying period for the old age pension.

Get Unemployment Insurance

The decision of the Conciliation Board on unemployment insurance should be of interest to civic workers across the country. According to the regulations, municipal employees, anywhere in Canada, can be exempted from unemployment insurance by their emyloyers, on one of the following grounds:

1. The employer is paying a regular contribution on their behalf towards a pension plan.
2. They have worked three years, and have a reasonable expectation of steady employment, that is, eight months work per year.

When the Unemployment Insurance Act first became law, a number of our workers were not covered. Then, in the fall of 1948, the City posted a notice that all men falling within the jurisdiction of the abovementioned clauses, would be exempted. This would have cut off the majority of our 1400 members. We protested at once, pointing out that our contract did not allow a condition of work to be arbitrarily changed. Further, we told the City we would call a meeting, and take whatever action we considered necessary, unless the order was cancelled. And so, an order which was posted after breakfast, was recalled by the City before supper.

Now, in 1950, we have won the right to have every man covered on an elective basis. The Executive Board of the Union will advise every member to make sure he is covered, and to stay covered.

Open Shop Council

While we didn't win the union shop, which we have been after for seven years, we raised the fight for union security to a higher level, and made a better union out of the local. Practically every job is 100% organized, and the few men who choose to be free riders are not very popular. Our city fathers now stand exposed as an open shop council. Up to this year, our Council has always maintained that their charter does not permit them to grant union security. So, we obtained a good lawyer through our Trades Council, and he showed them where the charter does permit union security.

Then the City's representative came right out and told us that the City Council is opposed to the union shop under any condition. While we do not believe that this is the position of all the Aldermen, we know it is the policy of the majority and the policy that is in effect now.

To quote the City's lawyer: "The union shop is a denial of freedom". "A City Council must be free to hire the best men for the least money."

Our union does not believe in this freedom. That's why we'll continue the fight for a union shop — and we'll win that fight too!

Garment Workers Sign Agreement

A Union agreement has been successfully negotiated between the Peerless Shirt Company and Toronto Local 253, United Garment Workers of America. The company agreed to pay for six public holidays and vacations with pay arrangements for workers range from 2½ per cent of earnings up to twelve days' pay for those with seniority.

Peerless Shirt workers under the Union agreement are also recipients of sick pay, hospitalization and surgical operations through a welfare fund operated by the Union and the manufacturers, on a non-contributory basis on the part of the workers.

EXPORTS IMPORTED.

Meat experts are suspicious that some of the 1,500,000 pounds of expensive "Polish ham" that enters the country every month actually is American and Canadian hams that are exported to Poland for curing and then shipped back for the fancy trade. Polish hams—one of the few items still imported in quantity from behind the Iron Curtain—bring premium prices here.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Bexley, England.—Street sweepers here have had their official title changed from "street scavengers" to "street orderlies."

The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes. — Bayard Taylor.

Resolutions For Trades Congress Convention

The following resolutions have been endorsed by the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council and have been forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, for presentation to the forthcoming convention, which is to be held in Montreal in September.

Amend Liquor Act

Whereas, Section 41 (Subsection 1) of the B. C. Liquor Control Act provides that an employee (i.e., waiter or tapman) is guilty of an offence, who serves in a licensed beverage room a person who is a minor; and

Whereas, it is most difficult, if not wholly impossible, for an employee to determine when a customer is a minor, or of sufficient age to be legally served, unless such a customer is obviously under age; and

Whereas, under the present law the employee can be found guilty even when it is established beyond doubt that they had not wilfully engaged in a violation of the Act; and

Whereas, in the year 1947 the operator or licensee was by amendment to the Act (i.e., Section 27, Subsection 11) protected against conviction unless he wilfully served a customer who was apparently a minor; therefore

Be it resolved that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in convention at Montreal, September, 1950, condemn this unfair imposition on the Beverage Room Employees of British Columbia, and instruct the British Columbia Executive Committee of the Congress to immediately seek the necessary amendments to the Liquor Control Act considered necessary to correct this most unfair section of the Act, which actually can be used almost to the extent of blackmail against a Beverage Room Employee.

Endorsed by Trades and Labor Council.

A Union Label Department

Whereas, the delegates assembled at the Calgary Convention of 1949 did, by a unanimous vote, give power to the incoming executive of the Congress to set up the machinery for the forming of a Union Label Trades Department in Canada, to be a branch of the Union Label Trades Department at Washington, U. S. A.; and

Whereas, in our opinion, the success of such a department can only be achieved by someone with the responsibility for the promotion of this department;

Therefore, the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council and its affiliated unions endorse and submit the following resolution:

(1) That one of the Vice-Presidents of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada shall be appointed in charge of the Union Label work in Canada. Or

(2) That a new Vice-Presidency be created by constitutional amendment, who will be known as General Vice-President in charge of the Union Label Department of the Congress.

Endorsed by the Trades and Labor Council.

To Relieve Unemployment

Whereas, unemployment throughout Canada is on the increase, causing the workers and small business people concern; and

Whereas, the Government refused to interest itself in the last winter's unemployed who were not eligible for unemployment insurance.

Therefore, be it resolved that this Congress again call upon the Federal Government to immediately undertake nation-wide much needed public works programme and the finding of new markets for Canadian products.

Insurance Benefits to Those Affected by Strikes

Whereas, Section 39 of the Unemployment Insurance Act disqualifies workers who may become unemployed by reason of a strike called by a union other than that of which the workers are members; and

Whereas, the effect of this section is to force a worker to cross a picket line.

Therefore be it resolved that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in convention urge upon the Federal Government that Section 39 of the Unemployment Insurance Act be amended whereby workers will not be disqualified from receiving benefits for refusing to cross a legal picket line.

The new Charter for the Federal Union of Taber Sugar Workers has been issued by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. This will be the third Charter issued in Southern Alberta covering the Sugar Plant employees, the others being at Raymond and Picture Butte.

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There must not be another depression! The safety of this nation, and in fact, of the entire free world, depends on the continued prosperity of the masses of the people.

Those views were expressed by President Truman in an address before a convention of business representatives in Washington. As he spoke, newspaper headlines were proclaiming a stock market "slump", but almost before he was through the stock market had snapped back.

He Remembers 1929

Of course, no sane person, least of all the President, takes the girations of the stock market too seriously. But a stock market crash in 1929 started this country on the toboggan. Hoover did little to avert catastrophe but President Truman made it clear he is not going to follow that course.

He declared that the Hoover depression weakened the faith of many men throughout the world in the ability of democratic institutions to meet the needs of the people.

That period in the history of the United States is the most persuasive argument the Communists have, he said, eclipsing anything Karl Marx or Lenin ever wrote, or anything Stalin ever did.

The real threat against democratic principles, he indicated, are the forces which charge the government is undermining "private enterprise" and bringing about "creeping Socialism."

"Nothing could be further from the truth," he said. "The record shows that government action in recent years has been the salvation of private enterprise."

As examples he cited loans to business, bank deposit insurance, regulation of securities markets, old-age and unemployment insurance, minimum wages, slum clearance and many others.

All this, he said, has been accomplished in the face of a propaganda campaign, backed by enormous sums of money, to make people believe that such policies would lead to disaster. This propaganda failed, he said, because it just isn't true.

It Sounds Foolish Now

"Yet the campaign of propaganda is being stepped up this year," he went on. "We are all being deluged with it. There are books, columns, advertisements, pamphlets, broadcasts, chain letters—all telling us that the republic is in peril, that we are on the last mile, that Socialism lies just ahead.

"The funny thing is that this has all been said before. The current campaign is almost exactly like the campaign of the old Liberty League. back in 1935 and 1936.

"It uses the same old slogans, the same old scare-words, the same old falsehoods. The only difference is that it sounds even more foolish now than it did 14 years ago."

Ungrateful Man!

In the early hours of the morning, the Duchess strode haughtily from the London hotel where a charity dance had been held. She was getting into her car when a beggar accosted her.

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Then when the doctor is finally through
We learn that he has enormous bills, too.

Official of Building Trades Council Quits

The Financial Secretary and Business Agent of the Vancouver, New Westminster, and District Building Trades Council is giving up the job, because he can't keep up with the growth and work of the Council.

Nearing sixty-seven years of age, H. W. (Bill) Watts finds that he needs more relaxation than a younger man would, but the ever-increasing tempo of the job provides no relaxation, not even evenings, Saturdays or Sunday's. There are many evening meetings to attend and phone calls to be made or answered when at home.

H. W. WATTS

When Bill Watts started in on the job in April, 1943, it was a part-time job and the Council was composed of 19 affiliates, who were doing business with about 160 contractors. In May, 1947, it was made a full-time job and today, there are 29 unions to be serviced and over 600 contractors to be dealt with. This work is not confined to the Vancouver districts, but covers jobs all over British Columbia.

There will be an election of officers in July, and at that time the position will be filled, so we are unable to name his successor. H. W. Watts is a delegate to the Council from the Electrical Workers' Union No. 213, having been a member of that local since 1926, and previously a member of Local 191 of Everett, Washington.

He was an executive member of the Building Trades Council for many years, until the office of Secretary was vacated by Brother W. D. Wilson who became an Organizer for the American Federation of Labor.

Building Trades Council Notes

Wage settlements have been concluded by some of the other trades who were not included in the first negotiations. These are: Floorlayers, 8c to $1.68; Shinglers, 8c to $1.68; Tile Setters, 8c to $1.88; helpers, 8c to $1.28; Plasterers, 10c to $1.85.

Vancouver's building permits are still hitting the high spots with a record of $5,317,000 for May. New Westminster also has been making records, as well as the North Shore districts.

Several new firms have signed agreements with the Carpenters' Union, the Building Trades Council and with sub-trade unions, which will be published in the new booklet now in the hands of the printer.

Among the new firms listed in the booklet will be Pedersen and Son, Bricklaying Contractors.

Signed up with the Electricians will be Advance Electric, Burrard Electric, Grant Electric and Douglas Pipe.

Added to the Flaarloyers' list will be R. K. Hussey and Fred West.

F. R. Peacock and Son have been added to the list of Lathers.

A new list under the heading of Millworkers are firms engaged in cabinet making, Sash and Door and other fixtures. These are: Aristocratic Plywoods Ltd.; Bell-Craft Fixtures; B. C. Millwork Products; Greenall Bros.; David Mitchell Company, and Quality Woodworks Ltd.

Included in the Painters' list are: K. Byberg of Vancouver, Greenall Bros. of Burnaby, Robt. Carruthers of Chilliwack, and J. Reimer, also of Chilliwack, E. P. Johansen of White Rock.

The Pile Drivers' Union have added Finlay White Construction and the J. Johnson Construction Co.

Added t othe Plasterers' Union list are: Gordon Bolger, C. C. Marfleet and Robert Peacock.

Listed with the Plumbing section are: A. & A. Plumbing and Heating; B. C. Radiant Limited; City Plumbing and Heating; Enterprise Plumbing and Heating; Kingsway Plumbing and Heating; Hollywood Plumbing; Hollyburn Plumbing and Heating.

The Sheet Metal Workers' list included Coast Neon Co. Ltd.; Jacobsen Roofing; Mack Kirk Roofing; Neolite Ltd.; Wallace Neon Ltd.

Under Shinglers and Roofers are Permanent Roofing and Insulation, and Mack Roofing Co.

The Sign and Pictorial Painters' list includes Sign Kraft; Designs; A-1 Signs; McBett Signs; Fred Armitage.

Building Material Truck Drivers now includes Budd's Cartage; Campbell Cartage Ltd., & Mielke Cartage.

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The Holiday Week starts July 3rd and most of the construction work will be closed down for that week.

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The Painters' Union has placed the H. V. Tournier, Chilliwack, on the "We Do Not Patronize" list, with the approval of the Building Trades Council. Also on the list is the David Hall Sign Co. and Sign Ads.

One Less Worry

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Children's Jubilee Summer Camp Assoc.

Report of Semi-Annual Convention held recently at Orlomah Beach

There were 87 delegates present, representing 42 different Organisations and Unions.

Reports were given by various delegates upon progress of Camp and various means used to obtain funds for the betterment of camp facilities. Bro. Knight of Local 213 of the B.C. E.R. Community Welfare fund was pleased to report that the Camp will benefit from their funds this year.

Organizations were invited to sponsor picnics on the odd week-end vacant during the Summer. Contact Cedar 4460 for information.

Much enthusiasm was shown by delegates on getting up of Proposed Building Fund for such things as Dinning Room and Future Recreation Facilities.

Speakers will be available to address organizations upon request.

Building and Camp Manager Custer Solem reported on support given by work parties on week-end and hoped that any one willing to work would contact him— Mr. Custer Solem at either Hastings 5610-L or Fairmont 8716.

It was also stressed that good rowboats were needed this coming season and if possible a small power boat.

The Social Committee under Mrs. Solem reported that Dances and Concerts were planned for the future and hoped the public would give moral support to the same.

All inquiries and communications to be addressed to Mrs. D. L. King, 1832 West 3rd Ave., Cedar 4460.

Metal Trades Plump For Shorter Work Day

San Francisco.—A 7-hour day is the major request of the A. F. L. Metal Trades Council in bargaining opened here recently. Other contract changes asked include a 10-cent an hour increase in pay, vacation improvements and additional holidays. The giant shipbuilding firms in the Golden Gate area are involved in the negotiations.

The shorter work day is also one of the top items in discussions between building tradesmen and contractors here.

Coast Painters Win 7 Hours, Same Pay

Los Angeles.—The 7-hour day with no cut in take-home pay is no longer a dream of the future for jubilant A. F. of L. painters here.

Provision for the shorter work-day goes into a new contract won by the painters after a 43-day strike that started May 1, anniversary of the Haymarket demonstrations for the 8-hour day.

Two other A. F. of L. unions, the Bakers and the Carpenters, have taken up the 7-hour day demand and pushed it to the point of taking strike votes to see them through Bakers struck early this week in 5 major coast cities.

Historic Victory

Back to work June 13 went the last of almost 8,000 members of the Brotherhood of Painters after capitulation to their demands by the last 100 holdouts and most powerful members of the Painting and Decorating Contractors' Association. All but about 1,000 painters had been steadily returning to work as most of the area's 600 contractors succumbed one by one to the union demands. Several hundred had signed up immediately when the strike was called.

The painters had been demanding the 7-hour day with a 30c hourly increase to $2.38 to preserve their take-home pay. Contractors held out for the 8-hour day at $2.20 an hour. The strike-ending contract was a compromise.

Other Gains

The painters will work the 8-hour day at $2.20 until October 1, when they get the decreased work-day at the increased rate of $2.38. The interim period was agreed upon to allow contractors to finish work already arranged for.

Another first for the painters, if not for this entire area, was a contract provision guaranteeing members against any employer discrimination because of age, race, creed or color. Other provisions prevent lay-offs before completion of the job and paid time for stewards to police the new contract.

Shipyard Workers Open Negotiations

Six shipyard unions have opened negotiations for amendments to the 1950-51 agreements. The negotiations are being carried on through the medium of the Vancouver and District Metal Trades Council.

The amendments being asked for include wage increase of 15c per hour across the board (Journeymen's wage now is $1.45); payment for all statutory holidays; payment for these holidays to be made to employees who work within a pay period in which the holdiay occurs; Annual Holiday pay shall be 4 per cent of the gross earnings of the employee.

One meeting has already been held with the representatives of the employers and another is expected to be held this week.

Negotiations are with the Burrard Dry Dock Company and the Pacific Dry Dock Company. Some other shipyards in Vancouver usually abide by the award.

The six A. F. of L. unions involved are: Machinists No. 692; Engineers No. 115; Painters No. 138; Pipefitters No. 170; Sheet Metal Workers No. 280; and Shipwrights No. 506. The Patternmakers' Association, another affiliate of the Council, will also be affected by the agreement.

Three C.C.L. unions are also involved in the negotiations.

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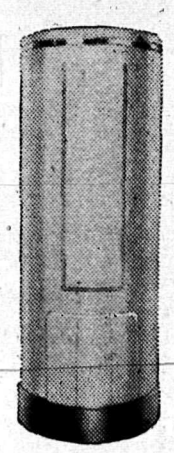

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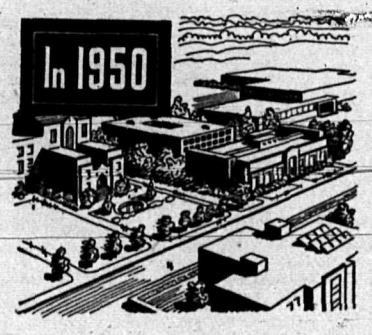

Today, nearly a thousand schools carry the torch of learning to approximately 165,000 young B.C. citizens. High school training is now widely available. Technical and Vocational schools combine with a great University to produce skilled craftsmen, engineers, scientists—trained men and women eager to apply new and better methods to the development of our natural and industrial resources. As educational horizons expand, so too does our general prosperity and individual opportunity.

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But we, in this enlightened age,
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Union Label Trades Council—Secretary, Ed. Smith, 307 W. Broadway.

Vancouver Carpenters' Union 60th Anniversary Celebrated

FROM A DOZEN CARPENTERS IN 1890 who organized the Vancouver local of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, to over three thousand now having membership in the Vancouver local unions, is the progress made by organized carpenters during the past sixty years.

The occasion was celebrated by a banquet in the Commodore Cabaret, and it was also an opportunity to present long-membership buttons to twenty-seven of the oldtimers who have had 25 years or more continuous membership in the union.

750,000 Membership

Greetings from the International Office at Indianapolis were brought to the banquet by General Vice-President John R. Stevenson, who presented the buttons to the members, and who, in his short talk, pointed out had grown since 1881 to the present membership of 750,000, with 31,000 of these being in Canada and with assets of over twelve million dollars.

Among those receiving the 25-year membership buttons, were six union officials: Bill Page, general representative since 1939, Jack Stevenson, business agent for 11 years, Jimmy Smith, financial secretary for ten years and executive members Robert Hatley, Harry Cunliffe and R. J. Thompson.

To the Old Brigade

Replying to the toast to the Old Members, Jimmy Smith said:

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JIMMY SMITH

Mr. President, Mayor and Mrs. Thompson and distinguished guest General Vice-President Stevenson, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the senior members, I wish to thank you for your kindly gesture.

May we take you back in thought to the year 1890. A few men gathering together in order that through their efforts their way of life may be improved. While there are none of these brothers present, many of us at the senior tables remember some of them and know of their struggle, and have received advice and guidance from them. When I came here 43 years ago, I met brothers who are with us tonight, and I can safely say that one of the most cherished things that we have tonight are the friendships we made over 40 years ago. Like those oldtimers before us, we have had our struggles. It seems just a few years ago when Local 452 had a membership of 23, and one of our main worries was finance—rent this month, per capita next. Today, built on a good foundation like all good structures, we are one of the largest locals on the Pacific Coast, and there are not many unions in the whole of our organization with a larger membership.

Don't let those grey hairs or those quiet faces fool you, I have been in strikes with these brothers and, believe me, they don't make them any tougher today. Like good liquor, they have mellowed with age.

Members In High Places

May I point out (and with justifiable pride), that members of our local have taken their part in business, civic and governmental affairs. To name a few are Brother Bowman, architect for many schools, Dixon & Murray, whose firm is still doing business. Mr. Baynes who was a Park Commissioner for many years. We have had members on Civic Councils in Burnaby, South Vancouver and Point Grey. The late Senator Crowe was one of our members. Present with us tonight is Mr. J. Thompson, Deputy Minister of Labor, who is a member of the United Brotherhood.

Time is too short to go into the many achievements of our Brotherhood, but I can say that we can look back with pride to the work we have accomplished and so we say to our younger brothers: Here is your heritage—hold what has been given to you and endeavour through your organization to make our city and our country a better place to live in.

NYLON STOCKINGS

Women will be very smart to handle their nylon stockings with great care. Don't try to hoard; that's always a losing game for moderate-income families. But whatever nylons you do buy the rest of this year, make sure they're the sturdy 30-denier, either 45 or 51 gauge, and not the fragile 15's. Otherwise your stocking bill for 1950 is going to be very high. Be sure, too, to get several pairs in the same shade, so you can match odd stockings.

GAS PIPELINES GROWING

Every major city in the United States is expected to have natural gas supplies within the next two or three years. Pipelines now total 260,000 miles.

Calgary Carpenters Union Growing Fast

The carpenters in Calgary have shown some good organizing in the last few months. From reports of initiation of Local 1779 it is noted that 32 members were initiated at the last two regular meetings and with the construction program opening up in Calgary and also with the weather staying as dry as it is, Local 1779 will no doubt show a large increase in membership in the future.

The volume of construction that is in progress this early in the season is by far larger than any other previous year.

Lethbridge carpenters' local has signed an agreement for $1.52 per hour for 1950. We now see the value of the Provincial Council of Carpenters of Alberta. This is the first time in several years that the rate has been approximately the same level. In Edmonton the rate is $1.52½ per hour; in Calgary and Lethbridge $1.52, with contents of agreement nearly identical. The object of the Provincial Council of Carpenters is to have one agreement and one rate for the Province of Alberta. —The Call.

British Construct Sixth Atomic Energy Plant

Britain has begun construction of a sixth atomic energy establishment at Aldermaston, near Reading, 45 miles from London, the Ministry of Supply announced recently.

The site, being taken over from the Air Ministry, was a bomber field during the war and has since been used by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

"Construction work is now beginning," the Ministry said in a terse statement. "It will be spread over a period of several years and a substantial labor force will be employed."

A Ministry spokesman declined to give further details except to recall that Britain already has four atomic energy stations in operation and a fifth under construction.

Unofficial reports said the new installation would be used mainly as a storage center for the increasing quantity of materials being used in the Harwell plant ten miles away.

Office Employees Get Pension Plan

Portland, Ore.—Signing of renewal working agreements featuring a noncontributory pension plan was announced jointly by the Portland Gas & Coke Co. and the two employee unions involved, the Office Employees International Union, Local 11, and the International Chemical Workers Union, Local 133.

The pension plan became effective May 1 and will cover approximately 1,130 employees of the Portland utility. For a worker retiring at age 65 after 30 years of accredited service, the minimum monthly benefit will be $100, including social security benefits.

A.F.L. Auto Workers Win $150 Pensions

Decatur, O.—A. E. Staley Manufacturing company and the United Automobile Workers, A.F.L., have agreed on a pension plan which provides up to $150 monthly in some cases.

The plan, which revises a pension system established by the company in 1941, provides for a minimum pension of $100 for employees retiring at 65 with 30 years' experience.

Based on prevailing earnings, however, officials of both management of the corn and soybean processing firm and the union estimate that more than 80 per cent of the employees will receive more than the minimum.

The plan, including primary social security benefits, is financed entirely by the company.

Brands Wage-Hour Violator 'Liar, Cheat'

Camden, N. J.—An Atlantic City, N. J., sweater manufacturer and retailer was fined $500 and severely reprimanded in the United States District Court for New Jersey for criminal contempt of court in connection with flagrant violations of the federal wage-hour law. The defendant, Avalon G. Paxson, had previously been compelled to pay $4,277 in illegally withheld back wages to her employees.

Federal Judge Thomas F. Madden called Miss Paxson a "plain, ordinary liar and cheat." He said that only her age and physical ailments saved her from a stiff jail sentence for defrauding her employees and submitting false wage receipts to the court.

Miss Paxson has been found in violation of wage-hour provisions on four separate occasions.

80 PER CENT RAISE IN 10 YEARS 280% RAISE IN 10 YEARS

Cleveland, O.—Wage hikes ranging up to $4 a week will become effective for 3,700 food store employees in the Cleveland area in a new pact signed by Retail Clerks Local 880 and the Cleveland Food Industry Committee.

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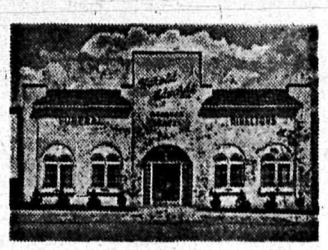

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The "Union Buying Week" committee reports the campaign is well under way. Replies to appeal for contributions are coming in daily. It will help considerably if secretaries of Locals that have not yet taken action, yet will see that some action is taken at their next meeting, as progress of committee's work is being held up pending returns.

Replies from city firms and merchants to co-operate with window display's etc., are coming in steady. Gault Bros., Woodwards Ltd., Window Bakeries, and many others have signified their full support.

The City Councils of Vancouver, New Westminster, Burnaby and North Vancouver have all agreed to proclaim September 4th to 9th "Union Buying Week". This year also marks the centennial celebration of the birth of Samuel Gompers, the founder of the American Federation of Labor, who was an ardent advocate of the Union Label, Shopcard and Union buttons.

The film entitled "Democracy in the making" (colored) taken at the Union Industries Show at Cleveland, U.S.A., last year was shown at the June 6th meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, also at the special meeting of the Union Label Trades Council, June 16th and the Retail Grocery Clerks June 8th meeting. It certainly gave those who saw it a great thrill as never before did members of organized Labor learn so much in the short time of 30 minutes.

It showed the rapid strides and progress made in our Labor movement in the work of the Union Label, reviewing the value of management and labor committees working in harmony for the good of all.

What has been accomplished on the other side of the line can certainly be done in Canada. Let us all get behind our Union Label groups in Canada in having a Union Label Trades Dept. in our Congress and who knows how soon we shall also have a Union Industries Show . . .

The co-operation of Projectionists Local 348, who provided a union projectionist to show the film is worthy of mention.

Union members with automobiles willing to use bumper cards or firms with trucks who will co-operate, can be supplied with them by notifying the Secretary.

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TAXI DRIVERS SETTLE

The new agreement, approved by the Tacoma cab drivers, calls for $8.00 for an eight-hour day, plus time and one half for overtime and 10 per cent of all reveune over $8.00 each shift. The old agreement was for $7.00 for a nine-hour day and 10 per cent.

ANOTHER WELFARE FUND

NEWARK—James W. Lowe, president of the North Jersey AFL District Council of Iron Workers, announced signing of a 2-year contract with employer groups, providing a 3 per cent welfare fund.

The happiness of love is in action; its test is what one is willing to do for others.—Lew Wallace

Men and women, in marrying, make a vow to love one another. Would it not be better for their happiness if they made a vow to please one another.—Stanislaus Leszcynski.

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Anti-Histamine Pills Fare Badly in Test

Chicago.—Two University of Minnesota physicians reported that scientific tests indicate the widely-used anti-histamine drugs are no more effective in treating the common cold than sugar pills.

In their tests of 367 students who volunteered for the research project, some were given anti-histamine pills, while others got pills of similar appearance made of starch and sugar, with no medicinal value.

Many of the students thought they were helped by the pills, the doctors said, but it turned out that "some of the most glowing testimonials" came from students who took the drugless pills.

The doctors found that the group which had anti-histamine pills fared no better in warding off colds than those who took starch and sugar.

Settle 11 Disputes; Time Loss Declines

Time loss from industrial disputes in Canada during April was the lowest for any month so far this year.

Work stoppages causing the greatest time loss were those of plumbers, steamfitters and helpers at Ottawa; hotel employees at Cornwall, Ont.; and worsted textile factory workers at Trenton, Ont.

Altogether there were 20 strikes and lockouts involving 2,585 workers, with a time loss of 14,640 man-working days. Eleven were settled during the month.

The time lost was only .02 per cent of the estimated total working time.

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Boilermakers Score Victory In Big Shipyard Election

Camden, N. J.—A smashing victory was won recently by the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers at the big shipyard here of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation.

In a National Labor Relations Board election, the Boilermakers rolled up 60 per cent of over 4,000 votes cast, defeating the C. I. O.-Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, which held bargaining rights at the yard.

Members of the C. I. O. union, up in arms over "mismanagement" by that organization, had previously voted to transfer to the Boilermakers. This election made the switch "official" and binding.

This is the second major C. I. O. yard on the East Coast which has gone over to the A. F. of L. fold.. The first to do so was the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company at Chester, Pa. That brought 5,000 employees into the Boilermakers' ranks.

James Brownlow to Succeed Frey as Metal Trades Chief

Washington.—James A. Brownlow, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. L. Metal Trades Department, has been named to succeed President John P. Frey when Mr. Lrey became president emeritus on June 1, 1950.

The department's executive council took the action at its meeting in Philadelphia.

Robert Gritta, Galveston, Texas, was named secretary-treasurer.

37-Year Record

Mr. Frey's retirement as the active head of the department culminates a 37-year record of continuous service. A long-time intimate associate of Samuel Gompers, founder and president of the A. F. L., Mr. Frey was one of the founders of the department in 1907.

He became secretary-treasurer of the department in 1927 and its president in 1934 upon the retirement of James O'Connell. Under his presidency the department has expanded to its greatest strength and influence.

Member of Plumbers' Union

Mr. Brownlow, his successor, brings an impressive record of trade union service and political leadership. He was born in Naugatuck. Conn., on May 20, 1897. He has been a member of the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers for more than 35 years and served as business manager of Local 3 in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Brownlow was twice elected to the Colorado state house of representatives on the Democratic ticket. He served from 1932 to 1936. He was secretary of the Colorado Democratic Party, secretary to Gov. Teller Ammons and house floor leader under Gov. Edwin C. Johnson, now U. S. Senator from Colorado. He was a member of the Denver Housing Authority. He is a veteran of World War I and member of the American Legion.

The president-designate came to Washington as A. F. L. member of the War Labor Board. He was elected secretary-treasurer of the Metal Trades Department in January 1946, after serving for a time as assistant to Mr. Frey.

Shipbuilding Interest

Mr. Brownlow has been notably active in behalf of the nation's shipyard workers and in pressing home with President Truman and the Department of Defence the national defense necessity for maintaining the skilled workers in this country's shipbuilding centers. He believes that every worker in the country ought to be organized in a craft union.

Mr. Brownlow is married to the former Louise Doyle of Denver and they have one son, Tom.

Mr. Gritta is a member of the Sheet Metal Workers. He served as president of the Galveston Metal and Building Trades Councils and for the past 18 months has been general representative of the Metal Trades Department.

Long Membership Pins To 2,832 Electricians

Chicago.—More than 10,000 members of Electrical Workers Local 134 and their families jammed the Chicago Coliseum to celebrate the union's 50th birthday.

President Daniel Tracy and Secretary J. Scott Milne of the I.B.E.W. distributed 2,832 pins and scrolls to veteran members of the local, having from 25 to 58 years membership.

Membership Booms

Growth in membership—from 485 in 1906 to 12,000 today—was reflected in improved wages and working conditions. From 56¼ cents an hour to $2.50—that's only part of the economic progress made by electricians. Pensions, a seniority system, insurance and welfare funds, improved safety regulations—all of these were won through union membership.

Nice Birthday Gift-- 12½ Cents Hour Hike

More than 6,000 electricians in the building and construction field in Chicago will get a wage hike of 12½ cents an hour, effective August 7. The new rate, $2.65 an hour, will be the highest in the building industry in the Chicago area.

J. Walter Collins, secretary-treasurer of the arbitration board, said one per cent of payroll will be deducted by the employer from wages to support the Employees Benefit Fund, one of the oldest welfare programs in existence in organized labor.

Another one per cent of payroll is paid into the fund directly by the electricians when they pay their quarterly dues. The fund supports a pension plan, a $1,000 death benefit, hospitalization and surgical plans, disability insurance, unemployment assistance and other provisions.

Garment Workers Have $110 Million in Assets

Atlantic City, N. J.—Assets and reserves of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union total $110,000,000, according to a report submitted to the ILGWU golden jubilee convention by President David Dubinsky.

Of this amount, $19,365,137 is in the treasuries of locals and joint board of the union.

Oldtimers at the 50th anniversary convention of the union recalled that they secretly paid five cents a month in dues to keep the organization going at the turn of the century.

Delegates reported that practically all ILGWU members are now covered by health and welfare plans.

Annual Convention of Trades Congress Has Been Called

The sixty-fifth Annual Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will open in the Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal on Monday, September 11th, and continue daily thereafter until the business of the convention is completed. So reads the official Convention Call now being mailed to all affiliated organizations of the Congress.

Stressing the importance of this year's convention and the need for wide attendance from all organizations, the Convention Call says: "The forthcoming convention will have many vital and important matters to be dealt with and policies to establish in relation thereto. The serious unemployment problem during the past winter and the peril in many forms which confronts us, call for the widest possible representation of organizations affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada."

July 21st is the last day on which resolutions may reach Congress headquarters in Ottawa. Resolutions received after that date cannot be placed before the convention. Resolutions are restricted to 150 words.

Says the Convention Call: "In preparation for the convention. resolutions must be classified, translated and printed in both English and French languages. It is therefore desirable that resolutions for consideration of the convention be received in the Congress office at the earliest possible date."

Representation at this year's Convention will be on a rather different basis from former years. In accordance with the constitutional changes made at the 1949 convention, local unions with 199 members or less will be entitled to one delegate; with 200 to 399 members, two delegates; with 400 to 599 members. three delegates; and for each additional 500 members local unions, branches and lodges in Canada of International, National, Provincial and directly chartered local unions will be entitled to one additional delegate.

Provincial Federations are entitled to three delegates.

Trades and Labor Councils are entitled to one delegate where they have 49 delegates or less seated; and to two convention delgates where the seated delegates range from 50 to 99. Councils seating 100 delegates or more are entitled to three convention delegates.

All delegates from Federations of Labor and Trades and Labor Councils must be members of Canadian local unions.

Where the entire Canadian membership in International, National. and Provincial organizations is affiliated direct from their headquarters, the organization is entitled to an additional delegate to be nominated from the Canadian membership.

Arrangements have been made for reduced railway fares for delegates and their families as in prior years.

Teachers Should Call Nation-Wide Strike

Ottawa.—"Teachers should call a nationwide strike. The profession needs a good organizer," declares the Veterans' Advocate editorially in its May issue.

After reviewing the most recent figures on low salary ranges for teachers, the Advocate adds:

"The lot of the teacher is not a particularly happy one. For being an expensively educated and technically trained combination of instructor, diplomat, psychologist, athletic coach, public relations counsellor, and father confessor, who must not drink, should not smoke and may not swear, who should be seen in church regularly, at the theatre not too frequently and out late at night only when properly accompanied, who is a target for all criticism, who must be willing at all times to donate services and money to any and all community enterprises, for being a paragon of all the virtues and an uncompromising foe of all wrong doing, a teacher is given an inadequate salary, a questionable social position and a three line death notice on the obituary page.

In a world where many things don't make sense, this makes even less sense than most things."

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Labor Participation In Red Feather Work

A special committee on labor participation has been set up by the Public Relations Committee of the Community Chest and Council. Chairman of the committee is Frank Carlisle, Business Manager, Local 170, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union.

Mr. Carlisle is emphatic in his statement that "organized labor should have a broader knowledge of the welfare work carried on by the 40 Red Feather Services." He points out that last year 1,641 families received skilled counselling services from the Family Welfare Bureau while the Children's Aid Society and the Catholic Children's Aid cared for more than 8,500 youngsters.

Acknowledging the opinion held by many working people that the government should be responsible for all health and welfare services, Mr. Carlisle believes that certain types of social and group work must remain as the responsibility of private agencies supported by voluntary subscriptions. He cites the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., Salvation Army and the skilled counselling services, etc., as examples.

Referring to the work of the Victorian Order of Nurses, he shows how the government hospitalization plan has thrown a tremendous extra load on this Red Feather service. Many chronic invalids formerly cared for in hospitals have been moved to private homes where they are cared for by the V.O.N. nurses. Last year, 22 V.O.N. nurses made a total of 59,000 sick calls at a cost of $2,700 per nurse.

It is the aim of Mr. Carlisle and his committee to encourage working people to get a first-hand knowledge of Community Chest and Council agencies. Already more than 140 employees from 25 business firms have made personal tours of Red Feather agencies.

Mr. Carlisle believes that labor can do much to point out to employers the mutual responsibilities of labor and management in building a better community for all to live in.

Members of the special committee on Labor Participation are: Alderman Roland K. Gervin, Mr. George Johnston, Mr. James Bury and Mr. J. Lucas.

Limited Range

"Oh, doctor, I'm so upset," said the woman. "My husband seems to be wandering in his mind."

"Don't let that worry you," replied the doctor. "I know your husband—he can't go far."

Discipline

A British officer was arguing with an American officer as to which army had the better discipline.

As the American was talking, one of his men came in.

"Cap," said the private, "can I have your jeep tonight? Iv'e got to take out a dame."

"Sure," replied the officer. Then, turning to the Briton, he said: "There's proof of our discipline. He needn't have asked me."

Privilege in Moscow

A certain Moscow citizen stood in so well with the party that he was granted a permit which, among other things, allowed him to buy a railroad ticket without having to stand in line for it. One day he went to the railroad station and presented his precious permit.

"Get in that line over there," he was told.

"But, protested the privileged citizen, "this permit allows me to buy a ticket without standing in line!"

"I know that, comrade," rejoined the station agent, "and that is the line for people who don't have to stand in line to buy tickets."

His Turn

"Say 'ah'."

"But, doc, I didn't come in to be examined. I want to pay my bill."

"Ahhhhhhhhh!"

One Way To Look At It

Visitor: I see you raise more hogs down here than anything else. Do they pay better than corn and potatoes?"

Native: Well, they don't. But hogs don't need no hoein'.

Bombs Away!

"Now, children," said the primary teacher, 'I want you to remain still. So still you can hear a pin drop."

For a moment silence reigned, then suddenly, a boy in the back of the room sang out: "O.K. Let'er drop."

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UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA

By GEO. R. BENGOUGH

Carpenters No. 1843, Chilliwack, No. 2213, Mission

This year for the first time the two Fraser Valley locals presented a joint agreement to the contractors for their signatures.

This procedure of a joint agreement is in line with the method adopted by Vancouver No. 452 and New Westminster No. 1251, many years ago and proved very successful in both cases.

Mission carpenters and Chilliwack carpenters now have the same wages as Vancouver-New Westminster of $1.68 per hour. With the Fraser Valley rapidly developing, the commercial zones are building to keep pace with the steady growth of population. This continued activity in the building field creates a condition where contractors from any of the centres of Chilliwack, Mission, New Westminster or Vancouver undertake work everywhere and uniform wages are the only answer, for there are no boundaries in the construction world.

The Carpenters of Mission City Local No. 2213 elected their officers on June 8, 1950, and the following brothers were elected:

President, Perry Jones.
Vice-President, P. A. Giesbrecht.
Recording Sec.. J. J. Anutooshkin.
Financial Secretary, Don J. Sewell.
Conductor, G. C. Currie.
Trustee, L. Sieverson.
Business Agent, W. E. Deckard.

We have not the names of the newly elected officers of Chilliwack No. 1843 but we should have them for next time.

Lumber and Sawmill Local No. 2968, Vancouver

Last meeting of the union instructed the officers and the wage committee at Sweeney Cooperage to meet with the employer under the provisions in the agreement to discuss wages any time after three months.

The date was set for the meeting and the committee did a good job in arriving at an adjustment. The committee was composed of W. Wadden, R. Champagne, W. Goodwin and G. Bengough.

The committee was persistent in their demands and after four hours of discussion and one hour of the next day. the following was offered:

Six categories to be increased 25c per hour and all others to receive $1 per day increase.

The wage committee feels that the requests of the June 14th meeting have been met on all points.

While the committee was carrying out the work of the meeting, the I. W. A. organizers put on a campaign to try and stampede the members of Local No. 2968 into the I. W. A. We believe the majority of the members at Sweeney Cooperage are behind their officers and committees and realize that nothing is to be gained by transferring to the I. W. A.

Carpenters Local No. 452, Vancouver

It is a matter of record now, the celebration of the 60th Anniversary on June 2, 1950, but it was a gala event and a great success. The following was sent to the editor of the "Carpenter" and tells the story in brief form:

Vancouver, B. C.. Carpenters Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Sixty years ago on June 19, 1890, the Carpenters of Vancouver held first meeting under a charter with the United Brotherhood. On Friday, June 2, 1950, 60 years of activity was celebrated by Local No. 452 in a manner becoming to real builders of Vancouver.

The largest accommodation possible was obtained for the occasion, serving everybody simultaneously to a full course dinner, followed later by an entertaining floor show and dance.

John R. Stevenson, second General Vice-President, was guest of honor, bringing the good wishes of General President Wm. L. Hutcheson to the members of Local No. 452.

His Worship Mayor Chas. Thompson of Vancouver, James Thompson, Deputy Minister of Labor for the Province of British Columbia, Chris Pritchard, member of the Workmen's Compensation Board, R. K. Gervin, General Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, and H. W. Watts, Secretary of the Building Trades Council, were among the head table guests introduced by Brother Stan Garrett, President of Local No. 452.

The high point of the evening was the presentation of the 25-year lapel pins to the members of Local No. 452 with 25 or more years membership in the United Brotherhood. This presentation was made by John R. Stevenson to the following brothers:

H. Cunliffe, F. Chaisson, E. Carlyle, J. W. Dickieson, J. W. Forsyth, A. Fletcher, W. Forret, F. Gathercole, G. H. Geary, J. C. Graham, R. W. Hatley, W. Harvey, W. Kellaway, Geo. McClelland, J. McGlashan, M. McKenzie, R. Murray, F. G. Millin, F. Platt, W. Page, A. Powers, J. Stevenson, J. G. Smith, J. Spouler, R. J. Thompson, J. Wilson, C. H. Wilcox.

The total years membership of these brothers is close to 1000 years, averaging some 34 years in our Brotherhood.

As a mark of courtesy and a token of appreciation in attending the 60th Anniversary of Local 452, General Representative Wm. Page was called upon to present a 25-year lapel pin to John R. Stevenson.

The wonderful success of this affair was due to the good work of the Banquet Committee, headed by President S. Garrett, and composed of the following brothers: J. G. Smith, R. E. Guthrie, J. Stevenson, H. P. Hamilton, R. Dodson, P. Deplissey, Wm. Broatch, R. J. Thompson, A. Zimmer, E. Bott and A. Caravan. —G. R. B.

Millworkers Local No. 1928, Vancouver

This is a new local of the United Brotherhood that is rapidly growing with every meeting. The meeting of June 15, 1950, was election night for the new officers and the following brothers were elected to office:

President, V. "Wally" Fedak.
Vice-President, John Thoreson.
Recording Sec'y.. Stan Haylock.
Financial Sec'y., Charles Bennett.
Conductor, Steve Morris.
Warden, Ed. Normand.
Trustees: Bros. Normand, Campbell. and Jackson.
Building Trades Delegates: Bros. Fedak, Berg, and Thoreson.
District Council Delegates: Bros. Normand, Campbell, Jorgenson and Forrester.

21-Cent Hourly Increase For Electrical Linemen

Vancouver Island and lower mainland electrical workers, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, have signed a new agreement with two firms, providing for an increase of 21 cents an hour after July 29th. This will bring the hourly rate for journeymen linemen to $1.78. Groundmen will receive $1.39, and laborers' rate will be $1.25.

About four hundred men are involved in the new agreements with a little more than seventy of these on Vancouver Island.

"Now the boss is trying a new angle to hoodwink the Child Labor investigators!"

JOCKEY ELECTRICIANS?

Business Agent Boyle of the Chicago electricians organized the parimutuel machine men at the race tracks.

"When we asked for negotiations with the state racing commission. they objected that we would try to organize the jockeys next. But I told them only 10 per cent of the jockeys were eligible—just those who used batteries to steam up the horses. So, they negotiated."

Very Frank

Sign in a Colorado restaurant: 'If our steak is too tough for you, get out; this is no place for weaklings."

$50,000 Donated To Winnipeg Flood Relief

Fifty thousand dollars given to the Winnipeg Flood Fund by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners' International head office is still big news. No other organization has equalled it as yet.

This large donation by the United Brotherhood was made upon receiving a letter sent from Business Agent James Graham of Winnipeg. setting out the seriousness of the flood. to General President Hutcheson and asking him if he would authorize an appeal to the local unions in Canada.

The General Executive Board held a meeting and considered that the situation in Winnipeg was so serious, as outlined in Brother Graham's letter, that the sum of $50,000 was contributed to the Flood Fund to help the citizens of Winnipeg and vicinity.

In addition, local unions of the Brotherhood in Canada have made donations to help the people of Winnipeg.

The following locals have contributed to date:

Ontario Provincial Council of Carpenters	$100.00
Local 93, Ottawa	100.00
Local 1244, Montreal	10.00
Local 1325, Edmonton	200.00
Local 1386, St. Johns, N. B.	25.00
Local 1940, Kitchener	50.00
Local 343, Winnipeg	300.00
Local 249, Kingston	25.00
Local 2508, Calgary	100.00
Local 1696, Penticton	25.00
Local 527, Nanaimo	25.00
Local 498, Brantford	25.00
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BILOXI, Miss.—Oysters won't be in season again until September, but 4,000 members of the Oyster Shuckers Association paid no attention to the calendar when they voted unanimously to affiliate with the Seafarers International Union.

Earlier 4,000 shrimpers voted to join the AFL Seafarers.

Frank Grancha, our pressman, is working out a way to cross canaries and carrier pigeons to deliver singing telegrams.

Civic Employees Get Wage Boost

A pay raise of 10 cents an hour for 3,000 AFL laborers, cement mixers, hoisting engineers, painters and scow men employed by the city of Chicago was put into effect June 1.

The raises, ordained by the City Council, brought the city's pay rates into line with those obtained by the unions in new contracts with private contractors.

New wage rates for an eight-hour day are $12.80 for paving laborers in the streets department, $14.40 for laborers in the bureau of electricity; $19 for painters, $14.40 to $17.20 for laborers in the water pipe extension division, $14.40 for cement mixers, $19.60 for hoisting engineers and $13.93 for scow workers.

Wage increases for about 1,000 more city workers, including electricians and building craftsmen have been recommended by a City Council committee, and probably will be approved at the council meeting.

The electricians recently negotiated a 12½ cent hourly raise in the Chicago building industry. Most of the building trades have negotiated raises averaging about 10 cents recently.

STEEL MILLS STILL BUSY

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Doreen Gets Her Man

Doreen Eaves, who for seven years has been stenographer and bookkeeper for the Painters and Decorators Union, will swear to love, honor and obey Mr. Bill Hughes for the rest of her life, on Friday. June 30th, when she faces the preacher in her wedding clothes.

She is leaving her job in the Painters' office and will reside in Victoria, where Bill Hughes is employed.

Members of the Office Employees' Union, to which she belonged, and officers of other unions in the Labor Temple, made a presentation to her on Monday. This was a beautiful crystal vase and a pair of lovely blankets. Everybody wishes her lots of luck and happiness.

COMPANY EARNINGS UP

The Wall Street Journal's report of the first-quarter earnings of 745 companies show earnings up on an average of three percent for industry as a whole—while those of food products, which include meat, stood at 43.1 per cent, only exceeded by aircraft and television.

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