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Compensation Act Inquiry Report Is Very Favorable

Commissioner Sloan Recommends Many Changes in Act Sought by Organized Labor — Exhaustive Study Given to Inquiry; Labor Must Assist in Enforcement

MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Organized Labor Movement for improvements in the Workmen's Compensation Act have been endorsed and recommended by Mr. Justice Gordon Sloan, who acted as commissioner at an inquiry into the Act which lasted 52 days in British Columbia, Delegate R. H. Neelands, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, informed the delegates at the last Council meeting. He urged, however, that organized labor must continue to put forth its efforts to have the amendments made to the Act and make those amendments effective.

Commissioner Sloan's report, which has been presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, comprised a comprehensive and detailed report covering 400 closely typed pages. One hundred and sixty witnesses were heard and the evidence recorded on over 5,000 pages.

The report reviewed the history of the Compensation Act and pointed out that under the common law prior to the Act only 20 to 30 per cent of the workmen injured in industrial accidents could hope to recover damages from their employers, and, in many instances, only after lengthy and protracted litigation.

It says that "A workmen's compensation statute, when stripped of its essentials, is nothing more than an insurance system devised to make good the loss of wages consequent upon a disabling or fatal industrial accident, and to make an equitable distribution of that economic loss over large public groups.

The report states that claims have increased from $665,000 in 1917 to $4,527,000 in 1940.

Very Few Complaints

In spite of the fact that 75,000,000 have been paid out in compensation claims and medical aid between 1917 and 1941, only one-tenth of one per cent of the many hundreds of thousands of persons involved ever made any complaint to the board.

The report recommends that it would be in the public interest to increase the maximum allowance from the present $2,000 to $2,500. The weekly minimum compensation should be increased from $10 per week to $12.50 per week. Allowances for dependent children should be continued to 18 years of age and the sum for each dependent child increased from $7.50 to $10 up to sixteen years of age.

A further recommendation made is to the effect that in order to provide some incentive for children between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years to remain at school, that, if at school, the allowance be increased during those two years to $12.50 per month.

Allowances for orphan children should be increased to $20 per month, and without qualification, continued to the age of eighteen years, or, if an invalid, until the child ceases to be an invalid. This rate, if adopted, would be the highest in Canada.

Widows and foster mothers should receive $100 in addition to first compensation cheque, to provide for extraordinary expenses.

Maximum allowances to widows of workmen killed in industry upon remarriage is increased to $960.

Average Earnings

The report recommends that the present method of computing claims to the average earnings be retained in permanent partial disability and total disability cases, but that in "time loss" claims for short periods in seasonal occupations, compensation might be based on the actual wage at the time of the accident. The Commissioner stated that he could find no evidence to justify an alternative method of computing claims or that the present method was to the detriment of the claimant.

Retention of the three-day waiting period is recommended, but claim forms should be amended to show clearly whether the three-day period covers three actual working days.

Hospitalization

The British Columbia Hospitals' Association objection to the statutory power of the Board to fix the amount payable to hospitals for services rendered compensation cases was not concurred in by the Commissioner, who felt that it would not be in the public interest to permit hospitals to have a free and unrestricted right to charge the Board whatever rates they deemed expedient.

Chiropractors

The report recommends that the Act be broadened to permit the Board to order and pay for chiropractic treatment to compensation cases.

In recommending a further study of the whole problem of neurotic compensation, the Commissioner feels that disabling neurosis which causes an accident is compensable and comes within the meaning of the Act.

A per diem allowance of $2.50 per day and travelling expenses and time loss compensation benefits should be allowed to men brought to Vancouver from other localities.

Workmen's Contributions

Representatives of industry asked the Commissioner to have the contributions made by workers to the Medical Aid Fund raised from one cent per day to 3 cents per day. The Commissioner points out in his report that the workmen's contributions in 1919 was 73.15 per cent of the Fund, but in 1941 their contribuion was only 35.98 per cent. He does not favor the 3 cent contribution but he says that in his opinion the Board should be empowered to adjust the contribution of the workmen to the fund from time to time to ensure the distribution of the cost between the workmen and industry on a basic and fair equality.

Hernia

In connection with hernia of a congenital nature, which the Board does not pay compensation for, the Commissioner says: "When a man is employed he takes with him into his employment the various physical impairments with which he is afflicted; and if his occupation results in a disabling incapacity because of the aggravation of these conditions by the occupation, then he is entitled to the benefits of he Act—at least that is my understanding of the law upon the subject, as it is interpreted by high authority". He recommends that compensation be paid for such proportion of the hernia disability as may reasonably be attributable to the injury upon which the claim is based. This may appear to be a compromise, he says, but if it is, I think it is a sound one.

Silicosis

After exhaustively reviewing the Silicosis problem in its many aspects the Commissioner recommends that "the Act be broadened to compensate silicotics incapacitated from silica dust in any industry in which the Board is satisfied the hazard exists". This would extend the benefits of the Act to coal miners and above-ground workers in the metalliferous mines where workers are exposed to silica dust.

The Commissioner says that the bulk of labor organizations were opposed to appeals from Board decisions and he does not recommend the establishment of any form of appeal either on medical or legal grounds, but he does suggest that the Board be given the right to apply to a superior court for its opinion upon any question of law.

The above covers the most important questions that came before the Commissioner, many other little things, however, were suggested for adjustments or were found not in the best interests of all concerned.

Board Is Competent

Relative to complaints made by unions and representatives of industry concerning the administrative policy of the Board, the Commissioner said: "It is my duty to express my firm opinion founded on the evidence that the Board is carrying out its duties honestly, efficiently and wholly in the public interest. The members of the Board are thoroughly competent, diligent in their duties and fully aware of their responsibilities.

Quotes Percy R. Bengough

In conclusion, the Commissioner quotes Percy R. Bengough where he says: "I have always found them (the Board) able and fair in their judgment. . . . I think within the limitations of the Act they have carried out a difficult job". The Commissioner also quotes Mr. Pritchett of the C.I.O., and Harold Winch, M.L.A., and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

The Purple Heart, America's oldest military decoration, hereafter will be awarded to the nearest of kin of civilian personnel, as well as of military personnel, who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, die as a result of enemy action. The decoration was the first in history which had a general application to all ranks of soldiers.

Raise Question of Union Milk Deliveries

Delegate Atherton of the Plumbers' Union, No. 170, reported that through the activities of the union men in the North Vancouver Shipyard, milk was being obtained from a union dairy. Delegate McCulloch of the Milk Salesmen's Union thanked the local for its activities.

Delegate Gervin of the Street Railwaymen's Union requested information on the matter of non-union dairies accepting union dairy tickets. Delegate McCulloch stated that the union was not a party to any arrangements made by these dairies, but that inasmuch as some union firm delivered on practically every street in Vancouver, that milk could be obtained from a union firm if members of organized labor insisted upon it. The present zoning arrangements were voluntary, but it may eventually become compulsory.

Purchase Victory Bonds At Council Office

Arrangements have been made to have local unions and union members purchase the new Victory Bonds through the office of the Trades and Labor Council. This is being done in order that the Trades Union Movement can get some credit for the purchases made by unions and union members. The Council does not accept any commission on the sales.

The following unions have already made purchases. Some of them have already purchased bonds of former issues, which are not included.

Plumbers and Steamfitters, $5,000.

Fire Fighters, Local 256 (New Westminster) $2,000.

Machinists' Lodge, 692, $2,000.

Milk Salesmen, Local 464, $1,000.

Street Railway men, Division 101, $1,000.

Civic Employees' Union, No. 28, $1,000.

Musicians' Union, Local No. 145, $500.

Taxi Drivers Union, No. 151, $300.

Aeronautical Employees' Union, No. 756, reported that they have pledged themselves to raise $200,000. Last year their quota was $40,000 but they were able to raise $120,000 and they expect to go over the top this year.

Delegates from Local Unions to T. & L. C.

The following delegates from local unions were accepted by the Trades and Labor Council upon recommendation by the Credentials Committee; C. Jenkinson, Civic Employees' Local 28; S. L. Rogers, Machinists' Lodge 692, N. S. Cummings, Machinists' Lodge 692; E. L. V. Insley, Fire Fighters' Association 256.

D. Bradstreet, Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Local 468; Charles Martin, Frederick Alty, R. W. S. Brown, Harry Harris, Edward Easley, J. M. Moore for Gas Workers' Local 376; J. W. Burns, C. M. Stewart for Street Railwaymen Division 101; E. R. Hawken for Jewelry Workers' Local No. 42; J. Munn for Engineers' Local 963; James O'Reilly for Mailers Local 70; Fletcher L. Wheeley, J. B. Mitchell, University Workers' Local 116; Herts Osovsky, Ada Halloran, Margaret Eckland, Alvera Molin, Garment Workers' Local 232; Roy Palmer, Retail Clerks Local 279; J. Nichol, E. Berger, Engineers' Local 963; Robert J. Simmonds, Carpenters' Local 452.

The Credentials Committee also recommended that before a member can become a delegate to this council he shall have been a member of his union at least twelve months except in the case of new locals. On motion the recommendation was concurred in by the council.

Metal Trades Council Favor P.C.M.T.C. Pact

At the regular meeting of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Metal Trades Council, representatives of nine affiliated unions went on record as favoring continuance of negotiations for existing agreements with the shipyards, or the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council master agreement now in operation in all United States shipyards.

This recommendation will be presented to Mr. Justice Richards, by Vice-President George Sangster. The motion which was given unanimous endorsation reads:

"The Vancouver, New Westminster and District Metal Trades Council negotiate on the basis of the original agreements, but if the decree of the Government is for a seven-day work week, then we negotiate on the basis of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council agreement as adopted at the Chicago conference".

At a previous meeting the Council unanimously endorsed the minority report of Brother Chris Pritchard, who was a member of Shipyard Inquiry Commission, and which embodies the above suggestions.

Delegates do not like the way the shipyard situation is being handled by some unions, and feel that there are too many diversified opinions being expressed and not sufficient adherence to our original plans for stabilization in the shipyard industry.

Fishermen's Union Asks For Production Board

W. T. Burgess, secretary of the United Fishermen's Federal Union, Local 44, has sent a strong protest to the Salmon Canners' Operating Committee and to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board against the proposed freezing of fish prices and wages without consultation and agreement with the fishermen concerned.

In a letter sent to the Operators' Committee he stresses the point that to ensure the fullest participation by the fishing industry in the war effort the Government should establish a Joint Production Board, on which fishermen and operators would be adequately represented. Such a board would be in a position to review all questions connected with the war emergency, including those of wages and prices and make decisions best calculated to satisfy war needs.

Price-fixing by order-in-council and without consultation wih the fishermen would bring not stability, but confusion and dissatisfaction.

Trades Council Notes

Endorsation was given to the efforts of the Fire Fighters in Nelson, B. C., who are opposing the efforts of the City Council of Nelson to introduce a 65-hour work week which is contrary to British Columbia's Act which calls for 60 hours. A letter of protest was sent to the City Council.

President Showler informed the Council that his allegation that three dietitians were employed to care for the Japanese while in Hastings Park has been found to be correct, and he further remarked that it was absolutely astounding the way the Japanese were looked after, and the provisions made for their welfare while in the park.

United Fishermen's Union reported that the union had sent considerable number of cigarettes and supplies to soldiers in Britain and collected $2264 for Russian Medical Aid.

Endorsation was given to the efforts of the Automobile Association in their efforts to have the license fee reduced to $10. President Showler attended a delegation to Victoria on the subject.

Machinists' Lodge, No. 692, expressed condemnation of the National War Labor Board for allowing Americans to man vessels which Canadians had refused to sail because of the low pay. Council endorsed the action.

Bakery Wagon Drivers report a wage increase of $1.25 per week.

Truck Drivers Union report an increase of 5c per hour.

The Union Label and Defense Program

Every day definitely marks an advance in the steady progress of the organized labor movement in Canada. The rapid improvement in wages, hours, and working conditions is just one of the achievements accomplished by collective bargaining of labor unions.

It would be uncharitable even to compare the standards of Canadian workers with those of the enslaved toilers of the Old World. Except in England, Sweden, and Switzerland, dictatorships have destroyed trade unionism throughout Europe. That is why we believe it our sacred duty to preserve the great union between the United States and Canada—better known as America—because by preserving this greatest of all unions, we shall, in turn, preserve labor unions and the democratic institutions which make them possible.

While the military forces are being emphasized at this time, we must not overlook the essential factors of industrial and agricultural preparedness. Industry and transportation must be manned by well-paid workers so that the purchasing power will maintain an evenly balanced business economy. Any proposal to reduce the income of essential workers to the level of the soldier or sailor, who is furnished food, clothing, and shelter, would greatly jeopardize the prosperity of our nation. It would decrease the total income of workers to a point where it would reduce purchasing power to a depression level. Industry would not have sufficient income to pay sufficient taxes required for the huge cost of our total defense program.

The Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor has constantly urged that American consumers buy American-made and union label products. We believe this would create greater economic stability for our industries and at the same time sustain wage levels so there would be adequate buying power to maintain business and industry on an even keel of prosperity. If, on the other hand, all workers and farmers, for example, were paid at the same rate as the soldier in our Army, we would be thrown into a depression so panicky that it would endanger the economic security of the country.

Building Trades Get Despatching Authority

The Plasterers have been reorganized into an International Union through the efforts of the Building Trades Council. The charter has been applied for and is expected here shortly.

Forty-five members made application for the charter and elected officers who will be installed upon arrival of the charter.

The Shinglers' Union has affiliated with the Building Trades Council and delegates are now regular attenders.

Practically all the unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council have obtained authority from the National Selective Service Board to send their members to jobs, without having to go through the office of the Board. The union has to make daily reports of the men despatched.

The Regional War Labor Board has recommended to the National War Labor Board that board and lodging be paid for by the contractors on all jobs outside of Vancouver. In the case of some unions this is already in operation.

The Board of Business Agents will act for the Council on a proposed Joint Conference Board to be set up to include the Builders' Exchange, the General Contractors and the Building Trades Council to deal with matters affecting the building industry.

Practically all unions report membership fully employed. Lathers report $1.50 per week bonus from September 14th. Electricians report wages increased to $1.15 per hour. New Westminster Carpenters report steady increase in membership. The Shinglers' Union has voted to eliminate piece work.

Brother W. James, former Business Agent of the Laborers' Union, has resigned from the job and taken on the job of Personnel Manager for the British Columbia Bridge and Dredging Company, with several large jobs in different parts of British Columbia.

Rod Holmes of the Elevator Constructors' Union, was elected vice-president of the Council to replace Brother James, resigned.

J. H. Burroughs is now Business Agent for the Building Laborers' Union, Local No. 602.

Electricians To Dine and Dance, Nov. 21st

Electrical Workers' Union No. 213 is holding a banquet and dance in the Georgia Hotel on Saturday, November 21st.

Frank Plantec, chairman of the committee of ten, promises a real treat for the members and their wives or friends. Arrangements have been made for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, several entertainers at intervals during the dancing, and Bill Tweedie's union orchestra to provide dance music for young and old.

Tickets at $1.50 each will be sold to union members only up to November 10th and if any tickets are left over they will be available to other than members of the union. Frank Plantec urges members to purchase their tickets before this date so that proper catering arrangements can be made.

White Rock and Haney Theatres Union Staffed

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to acquaint the theatre-going public with the fact that the White Rock and Haney theatres are operated by members of the B. C. Projectionists' Society. Through an oversight the names of these two theatres were not included in the list of Organized Theatres in British Columbia as published in the Labor Day Edition of "The Labor Statesman".

J. H. LESLIE, Secretary,
B. C. Projectionists' Society,
Local No. 348, Vancouver, B. C.

BRITISH PRODUCTION INCREASES

Jack Tanner, who was a fraternal delegate from the British Trades Union Congress to the American Federation of Labor Convention in Toronto, and who is head of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, the richest union in the world, said that in Britain joint management-labor production committees had brought production increases of as much as 80, 100 and 150 per cent.

Four More Unions Are Accepted Into Council

Upon recommendation of Delegate C. E. Herrett, Chairman of the Organization Committee of the Trades and Labor Council, four more unions having made application to affiliate with the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, have been admitted to the Council.

These are the Gas Workers' Union, No. 376, chartered by the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters; the Refrigeration Service Men and Installation Workers' Union No. 516, chartered by the above organization; the Railway Carmen of America, Local No. 58, and the Street Railway and Motor Coach Employees' Union, Local No. 134, of New Westminster.

Taxi Drivers' Union Signs 3 More Firms

Business Agent M. McIvor of the Taxi Drivers' Union, No. 151, reports the signing up of three more taxicab companies who have agreed to the working conditions and wages called for in the union agreements which are now being enjoyed by the members employed by other union firms in the city.

With the signing up of the United Taxi Cab Company, the Abbott Taxi Cab Company, and the Stanley Park Taxi Cab Company, the union now has twenty-one companies signed up on yearly agreements and three (largest) companies signed up for the duration.

The union is purchasing another $300 worth of Victory Bonds.

A.F.L. Hails Swedish Union Enrollment

William Green, A. F. of L. President, and Philip Murray, President of the C.I.O., recently short-waved congratulations to Swedish workers on learning that Sweden's trade unions have now reached an enrollment which includes one out of every four Swedes between the ages of 15 and 65.

Green told Swedish workers that "Organized labor in the United States heard with great pleasure of the long strides made by the unions of Sweden which now include in their membership every fourth Swede between the ages of 15 and 65—a total membership of more than 1,400,000.

"Swedish unionists will be happy that the American Federation of Labor has increased its membership by a million in the past few months—for Swedish trade unionists, like those in the United States, realize the social and economic gains that can and will be derived from the increased strength of the labor movement all over the world.

"The labor movements of Sweden and the United States stand strongly together in many common causes, and along with those of the other democracies, form great bulwarks of freedom for the whole world.

"Those of Swedish origin and descent in the United States labor movement rejoice particularly in the part their fellow-workers in Sweden are playing in the development of a formidable movement dedicated to defending the rights of workers everywhere".

OFFICERS OF BEVERAGE DISPENSERS' UNION, No. 676

Following is a corrected list of officers of Beverage Dispensers' Union,

President, W. G. Couper.
Vice-President, J. S. Jackson.
Inspector, Hector MacDonald.
Inner Guard, J. Sabblut.
Outer Guard, T. James.
Chaplain, Chas. Leer.
Trustees: C. Wilgress and G. Addison.
Financial Secretary and Business Agent, J. F. Moham.

MOLDERS' AGREEMENT

Tacoma. — After several weeks spent in an effort to negotiate an agreement covering all foundries in the Pacific Northwest, including Oregon and Western Washington Local Unions Nos. 139, 180, 158 and 311, the case was taken to the War Labor Board, which this week consummated a new agreement. The new agreement calls for a 12½ cents per hour increase for all molders, coremakers and machine operators, retroactive to April 1, with proportionate raises in other classifications.

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INVEST IN PROSPERITY

Visions of a New Order after this war is over have been popping up from various quarters during the past year, and promises of such an event are being made from political rostroms in ever increasing numbers. There is no gainsaying that a New Order is required, but having been connected with movements that have had those same visions for the past forty years, and having seen such visions fade out every few years, we feel that it is better for us not to let such a vision get too much of a hold upon us, to the detriment of our own welfare.

The human animal is so easily swayed by political claptrap, and financial magnates and industrial interests are so powerfully entrenched in the shaping of our destiny that we fail to see any great change in our economic structure, except that change which those interests feel will not in any way endanger or curtail the continuation of the present system of wealth production.

Intensified production is what they seek, and that appears to be also of special interest to the workers. Under that form of production the workers seem to lose interest in economic changes of a political nature, and New Orders are not as interesting as new homes, cars, clothes and gadgets. All over this continent today intensified production is taking place, and the war now in progress in many parts of the world is paving the way for a great many more years of intensified production.

Homes, factories, natural resources, and everything that we use, is being destroyed in huge quantities. Thousands of cities have been reduced to rubble in the war-torn lands of Europe, and when the war is finally over it will take many, many years to get them rebuilt. That one phase alone will spell work and prosperity for the people in those countries. Financiers are ready to lend the money to rebuild, and that is the kind of investments they look for. Idle money never made money, unemployment never helped them make money, idle factories never produced profits, so all these things are part of the plan being made ready to go into full operation when war ends.

On this continent factories have been changed from the making of peace-time commodities to war-time products, and shortages in many articles are already very pronounced. When the war is over, these factories will not be able to return to the machinery which they used before the war. It will be obsolete, because competition and progress will demand products in new forms, and this will not only involve a lot of new machinery, but it will also involve new factories and new equipment of all kinds.

Hence with the ending of the war it appears to be logical to expect a long period of intensified production in every form and a continuance of the prosperity which war production seems to have thrown in our way. Under these circumstances we feel that workers could not put their savings to any better use than in the purchase of Victory Bonds. It is an investment which those with oodles of money are readily putting their funds into, and if it is good for them it is good for the worker. But aside from that we feel that there will be many years of the present kind of prosperity, and the money will be safe and at the same time earning an interest which the workers are certainly entitled to.

POLITICAL PROMISES

We want to apologize for the article published in this issue which gives part of the speech made by Prime Minister Mackenzie King to the A. F. of L. convention in Toronto. It seems to us, however, that the speech is worth repeating to members of the organized labor movement in Canada to show to what lengths a politician can go in concocting a story for political advantage.

When he faced those delegates he assumed the role of a politician trying to sway his audience with grandiose promises, but in reality he was indulging simply in pure buncombe.

For sixteen years Prime Minister King has been handing out similar kinds of tripe and for sixteen years the workers have been battling for the things that Prime Minister King makes believe he thinks we should have.

Long before Mackenzie King assumed the leadership of his political fillibusters, the organized labor movement was asking for social legislation that would help correct the evils which he now slobbers about. We have asked for them again and again for the past fifteen years and we have been given the rubber stamp promise that they would be given careful consideration.

If they ever did get any careful consideration, the manufacturers and financiers had the final word and they never reached the statute books.

The workers, however, are long suffering and knowing how long they have had to fight for a five cent increase in wages, also look forward to many years of struggle for a single piece of labor legislation.

TO ORGANIZE CARPENTERS' UNION

Sydney, N. S.—An official tour of Cape Breton is being conducted by Andrew Cooper, Toronto, Canadian representative of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. From here he is scheduled to proceed to Digby and Yarmouth to organize unions there.

Russian Scorched Earth Policy Emptied the Ukrainian Larder

The wheatfields of the Soviet Ukraine would feed the Nazi army and give the slave labor of the Reich factories enough food to keep them on their feet, Hitler said. He proclaimed it in "Mein Kampf" and made it a part of all his later blueprints for invasion.

The 180,000,000 people in the great nation covering one-sixth of the earth have burned their Ukrainian earth and have burned Hitler's blueprints with it. The once tall fields of Ukrainian wheat are the left-over rubble of a proud flame. The earth in which the wheat had its roots is scorched. And the breadbasket is empty. The promises must be retracted at once. Instead of "Look to the Ukraine; it is your breadbasket," German papers now say "The country of miracles, yields nothing".

Last month, Hitler's "Neues Wiener Tagblatt", commenting on the failure of the Nazi invaders to exploit the occupied sections of Russia, said: "A mysterious, terrible curse haunts us in Byelorussia". For the scorched earth policy doesn't end after the Nazis "conquer" a section of Russia. The collective farmers are happy to scorch the earth of brutal German landlords to whom the invaders have given estates carved out of the Russian land.

In the Enditsa district of Russia, the German Karl Schnetz, a Nazi who was awarded 20,000 acres as his reward for helping Hitler, wrote from his home on his new holdings to his son in the German Army: "Ilyinsky must become a model estate. After the war we must have some pleasure. I shall take care of this".

The Russians "took care" of part of it. For Karl Schnetz, Jr., Nazi soldier to whom the elder landholder had written, was killed by the Red Army. And the Russian guerrillas are pledged to end the elder Schnetz's "pleasure".

They know what that "pleasure" is. The names of the German barons—Adolph Beck, Von Bildering, Baron Schauer—are marked by the guerrillas who will not wait until the war ends to avenge the infamies of the Reich serfmasters. The old tales of war-time atrocities have been recounted so often as to lose some of their horror in the eyes of those not at the front. The cynical are even apt to doubt that the foulest acts committed by the German landholders can actually have happened.

Russia's guerrilla warriors have no time for such teacup speculation. In the Don district of the Leningrad region, in the Luga area, in the Poltava sector, German landholders flog their serfs and torture and foully humiliate the Russian women. Landowners and their estate managers ride across the fields seeking to win obedience with rifles and whips. Murder is the punishment fr the question of a German estate manager's order.

Under the German law in the occupied territories, a peasant is compelled to work for the Reich landholder from 3 to 5 days a week. The other days are supposedly his to use in tilling the tiny plots left to him. Actually, all the work done is exploited by the Germans, for whatever the peasants can harvest from "their" soil becomes the property of the Nazis.

If any payment is made to the peasants for their enforced toil on Nazi estates, that "remuneration" comes in the form of rotten potatoes. Tractors, fuel, oxen, horses—all of those are gone, and the Nazis hitch peasant women, old men, and children to the plows, harrows, and harvesting machines. The Germans are gleeful in observing the enslavement and torture of the peasants in the occupied area, and take pictures of the atrocities with which to regale their fellow Nazis in other areas, just as pictures of mass shootings or hangings are snapped by delighted German soldiers.

But none of this has given the Nazis a willing or cowed labor force. The manors of the German barons light many a sky as Soviet guerrillas invade the estates and fire the landlords' homes. The crops are spoiled. The lives of the landholders are endless days of dread.

"A mysterious, terrible curse haunts us in Byelorussia", Hitler's papers have said. True, it is terrible—but there is nothing "mysterious" about it. It is merely people who are brave and who have not been beaten. It is courage and devotion, and the love of freedom that is "mysterious" only to those who can understand nothing but slavery.

Green Tells Business Heads To Bury Hatchet

Toronto.—Canada's leading business men and public officials gave A. F. of L. President Green a rousing reception when he told a luncheon gathering at the Empire Club that labor is ready and willing to join hands with industry for the winning of the war.

"Management and labor standing together", Mr. Green said, "have much to give to the nation. The success of the war effort depends very largely on their service. If we fail to meet the challenge, we don't deserve any better fate than that which awaits us at Hitler's merciless hands.

"If we succeed in our efforts, the world will always remember and freely acknowledge that we have earned our freedom and are entitled to continue to enjoy it in the future. Faced with these alternatives is there any doubt in your mind how management and labor will respond? I have no doubts. As the representative of six million American and Canadian workers, I hereby give you my solemn pledge that labor will meet management more than half way.

"We are ready to work with you and serve with you and sacrifice with you, come what may, for democracy's eventual and inevitable victory".

Mr. Green told the large gathering of businessmen that the A.F.L. and C.I.O. have been meeting together with representatives of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers in Washington to devise ways and means by which management and labor on their own initiative can take action to aid the successful prosecution of the war and increase war production.

"It is too early to predict how much can be accomplished and in what particular direction we act first", Mr. Green said. "However, I have no hesitation in saying that I look for highly constructive results from these conferences. In fact, they have already resulted in the establishment of good will and a better understanding among organizations that before the war were aligned against each other on many important issues".

Frisco Shipyard Unions Adopt Freezing Plan

San Francisco.— American Federation of Labor unions affiliated with the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council set another precedent recently when they signed a mutual agreement with the shipyards of this area which voluntarily "froze" their members to their jobs.

Realizing the necessity of keeping their men on the job at full production capacity and the need to prevent migration of workers from shipyard to shipyard, and to eliminate "pirating" of labor by rival yards, the unions willingly entered into the agreement for the "duration."

A. T. Wynn, secretary of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, said: "We believe this is a thoroughly workable plan. It is much better for everyone, the workers, government and the employers, to adopt a job "freezing" plan than to have it forced upon them. Both the officers and the members of the unions are, for the most part, well pleased".

Both new construction work and repair work are covered by the agreement which affects some 200,000 shipyard workers already employed in the bay area yards. Thousands of other workers whose efforts are expected to be enlisted in shipbuilding within the next year also will be included.

Canada Year Book Has New Features

The 1942 edition of the Canada Year Book, published by authorisation of the Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The Canada Year Book is the official statistical annual of the country and contains a thoroughly up-to-date account of the natural resources of the Dominion and their development, the history of the country, its institutions, its demography, the different branches of production, trade, transportation, finance, education, etc.—in brief, a comprehensive study within the limits of a single volume of the social and economic condition of the Dominion. This new edition has been thoroughly revised throughout, and includes in all its chapters the latest information available up to the date of going to press.

The 1942 Canada Year Book extends to over 1000 pages, dealing with all phases of the national life and more especially with those susceptible of statistical measurement. A statistical summary of the progress of Canada is included in the introductory matter.

Other new features include an extended article on the Evolution of the Constitution down to Confederation and under the heading of Labour, the account of the set-up of the administrative organization of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Persons requiring the Year Book may obtain it from the King's Printer, Ottawa, as long as the supply lasts, at the price of $1.50 per copy. Applications for special paper-bound copies set aside for ministers of religion, bona fide students and school teachers, at 50 cents each should be directed to: The Dominion Statistician, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

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Bakery Union, Local 468—Business Agent, J. Humphreys, 16 East Hastings St. Phone PAcific 4741.

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AFL Offers "Immediate Armistice" To the CIO

Toronto.—The American Federation of Labor offered an "immediate armistice" to the C.I.O. pending the conclusion of peace negotiations as a major step toward united labor support of the war effort.

By unanimous vote the delegates to the 62nd annual convention of the federation adopted a report of the Resolutions Committee which said:

"We are convinced that if peace negotiations are to be successful, bitterness of feeling must be eliminated and hostilities come to an end. It would be difficult, indeed, for the unity committee to make satisfactory progress if, in the meantime, hostile raiding tactics continue. We, therefore, urgently recommend that this convention approve of an immediate armistice as an essential evidence of good faith and sincerity."

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Lewis told the delegates that if they failed to pull out of the C. I. O., they "wanted a man with more rabbit than I've got" to run the union. This was interpreted as a threat to resign if his appeal was denied.

When the voting showdown came, only a handful of delegates failed to go along with Lewis.

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"When the letter did come, old Mac brought it down to the shop, showed it around. You see, dozens of us have lads overseas—many of us were there ourselves last time—so we wanted to hear first hand details. That letter opened our eyes to what our boys went through that day. But they had a job to do, and all the world knows how they did it.

"Yes, that letter made all of us stop and wonder if we at home are doing everything in our power to help our fighting men do the jobs they will be called upon to do many, many times before final victory is won.

"Our country is asking for the loan of $750,000,000—asking everyone to do his share by investing in Victory Bonds. This will mean self-denial—we or our families won't be able to spend much except for actual living expenses. But the little we are asked to do is nothing compared to the sacrifice our fighting sons are willing to make.

"Besides, we're not giving our money—only lending it. When I buy Victory Bonds, I am laying up for myself the best of all investments. Victory Bonds are backed by all the resources of the Dominion of Canada; they yield a fair rate of interest; I can borrow against them; and they are readily saleable when you need the cash."

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Prime Minister Tells AFL New Order To Follow Victory

Toronto.—Prime Minister Mackenzie King, speaking for the Dominion Government, told the 62nd annual convention of the American Federation of Labor that a "new order" will follow this war.

To the resounding cheers of the delegates, the prime minister said that the minimum requirements of this new order must include:

"Useful employment for all who are willing to work; standards of nutrition and housing adequate to insure the health of the whole population; social insurance against the privations resulting from unemployment, from accident, from the death of the breadwinner, from ill health and from old age."

The war has taught democracies the lesson that the interests of the community and the nation must be placed before those of individuals or groups, the prime minister stated. He added:

"The war has shown us that the way of monopoly, of unrestricted power, is a way that leads to destruction, desolation and death.

"The only path of prosperity and of peace is, I believe, the path of equality, of co-operation and of human brotherhood.

"The era of freedom will be achieved only as social security and human welfare become the main concern of men and nations."

The prime minister praised the contribution of workers to ultimate victory. He said:

"The key to victory is a partnership unbroken and unbreakable by the warrior and the worker. The warrior cannot fight without weapons, munitions, supplies and food produced by the worker. The worker of today cannot escape a return to serfdom save by the might of the armed forces. The freedom of the world depends upon the combined efforts of the fighting brotherhood of warriors and the producing brotherhood of workers."

The prime minister extended a

Water Chlorination Is Strongly Opposed

Several unions have protested the proposed chlorination of the Greater Vancouver water supply and the matter has been taken up with the Minister of Pensions and National Health.

Delegates have wondered why Ottawa took a sudden interest in our water supply and some of them thought that it was because chlorination would help some big timber interests to open up and operate on some big stands of timber. Others felt that mining interests might be trying to operate a lead and zinc property which is supposed to be within the boundaries of the watershed.

Delegate Smylie of the Plumbers' Union pointed out that if the water is chlorinated it will take a lot of machinery to dechlorinate the water for various industrial purposes. He also pointed out that corrosion in water pipes takes from ten to fifteen years, but if the water is chlorinated they can be made useless in from three to five years. Copper, he said, will not stand up against it.

Delegate Gerrard reported telling this to a man who owned some office buildings, but who was in favor of chlorination. When he heard about the life of the pipes he began to cool off on the subject.

TEXTILE WORKERS' UNION CHARTERS 18 NEW LOCALS

Washington, D. C.—Anthony Valente, secretary-treasurer of the United Textile Workers of America, A. F. of L. affiliate, reported to the executive council of the union in session here that the organization has chartered 18 new locals in the last quarter, representing an approximate new membership of 13,000 members. Ten of these new locals are situated in New England, two in the Middle Atlantic States, and six in the South.

Mr. Valente's report showed that the membership of the U. T. W. A. has more than doubled in the last year, and that out of the 119 international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor the U. T. W. A. is now in the 38th place with only 37 international unions reporting a larger membership.

McNaughton's Staff Replies To Union

Vancouver Aeronautical Lodge 756
October 21, 1942.

Editor, Labor Statesman:

I have been instructed by the membership of the above union, all members of which are engaged in vital war work, to inform you of the recent reply we have received from the staff of Lieut.-Gen. McNaughton, thanking us for the resolution despatched to the Canadian Army Overseas on its magnificent attack on Dieppe.

The reply to the resolution is as follows:

H.Q. First Canadian Army,
September 2, 1942.

Your message of 22nd August, 1942, to Lieut.-Gen. McNaughton is being transmitted to those formations and units which participated in the Dieppe operation. All concerned greatly appreciate your very kind congratulations. It will be of interest to your Lodge to realize that the close support provided by the Air Force greatly helped to make the operation such a great success.

Yours sincerely,
N. C. Rodget, Lt.-Col.,
(P.A. to G.O.C.-in-C.,
First Canadian Army).

We also received a letter of thanks from Prime Minister Churchill in reply to a similar resolution and pledge.

Trusting that you may find this of interest to your paper for possible publication.

Yours truly,
BILL TURNER,
Acting Recording Secretary.

Fish Cannery Union Continues Progress

Fish Cannery and Reduction Plant Workers' Union, Local 89, continues to enroll new members at a rapid pace. The latest addition to our membership is 32 women members employed at Edmunds and Walker Cold Storage Plant, New Westminster. At a meeting held there last week the women showed exceptional enthusiasm for Trade Union organization, and pledged themselves to support their fellow workers in the plant in their efforts to control working hours and for the recognition of overtime pay. Three representatives of the women were elected to the plant committee.

After long delay notification has been received that cannery negotiations commenced Wednesday, October 21st.

Victoria Trades and Labor Council Notes

Truck Drivers' Local No. 101 has been disbanded and the members have become a sub-local of the General Truck Drivers' and Helpers' Union, No. 31, of Vancouver. The sub-local has affiliated with the Victoria Council.

A local of the International Fire Fighters' Union has been organized in Victoria with the assistance of the Organizing Committee of the Council.

Electrical Workers announce organization of electricians in shipyards being carried on.

Carpenters report organization work continuing. Fourteen new members initiated at last meeting.

Painters report International Office supplying an organizer to assist local in organizing campaign.

The Canadian chemical and Explosive Workers' Union reported that the management of the James Island plant was opposed to the 15 guardsmen at the plant becoming members of the union. The Council will take the matter up with the Attorney-General.

Brother C. Chivers was elected to act as Council representative on Victoria District Employment Committee.

G. A. Wilkinson, organizer for the Council, assisted in the organization of the Dockyard Employees' Union and the Canadian Chemical and Explosive Workers' Industrial Union. The Council has set aside the sum of $250 for further organization work.

Giant Building Boom After War

An unprecedented building boom after the war is predicted by Dr. Leopold Arnoud, dean of School of Architecture of Columbia University.

The problem, as he sees it, "includes the replanning of townships, the rearrangement of urban areas, the erection of countless buildings of every kind, the renovation, alteration and re-equipment of outmoded or over-age structures, the conversion of industrial plants from production for war to production for peace, and the housing of the large percentage of the population which will change its mode and place of residence".

Union Label Group Names Executives

E. Holmes, of the Bakery Salesmen's Local, was elected president of the Union Label Committee of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council at a meting on Friday.

The committee promotes purchase of union-made goods.

Elected with Mr. Holmes were J. Harnett, Electricians, vice-president; E. Smith, Painters, secretary-treasurer; G. Gibson, Teamsters, sergeant-at-arms; J. Guthrie, Barbers, G. Kyster, Garment Workers, and Miss B. Gouthro, Stenographers, trustees.

OFFICERS OF MUSICIANS' LOCAL UNION. No. 145

Following is a corrected list of officers of Musicians' Union, No. 145:

President, William Pilling.
Vice-President, Frank Mulgrew.
General Secretary and Business Manager, Edward A. Jamieson.
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