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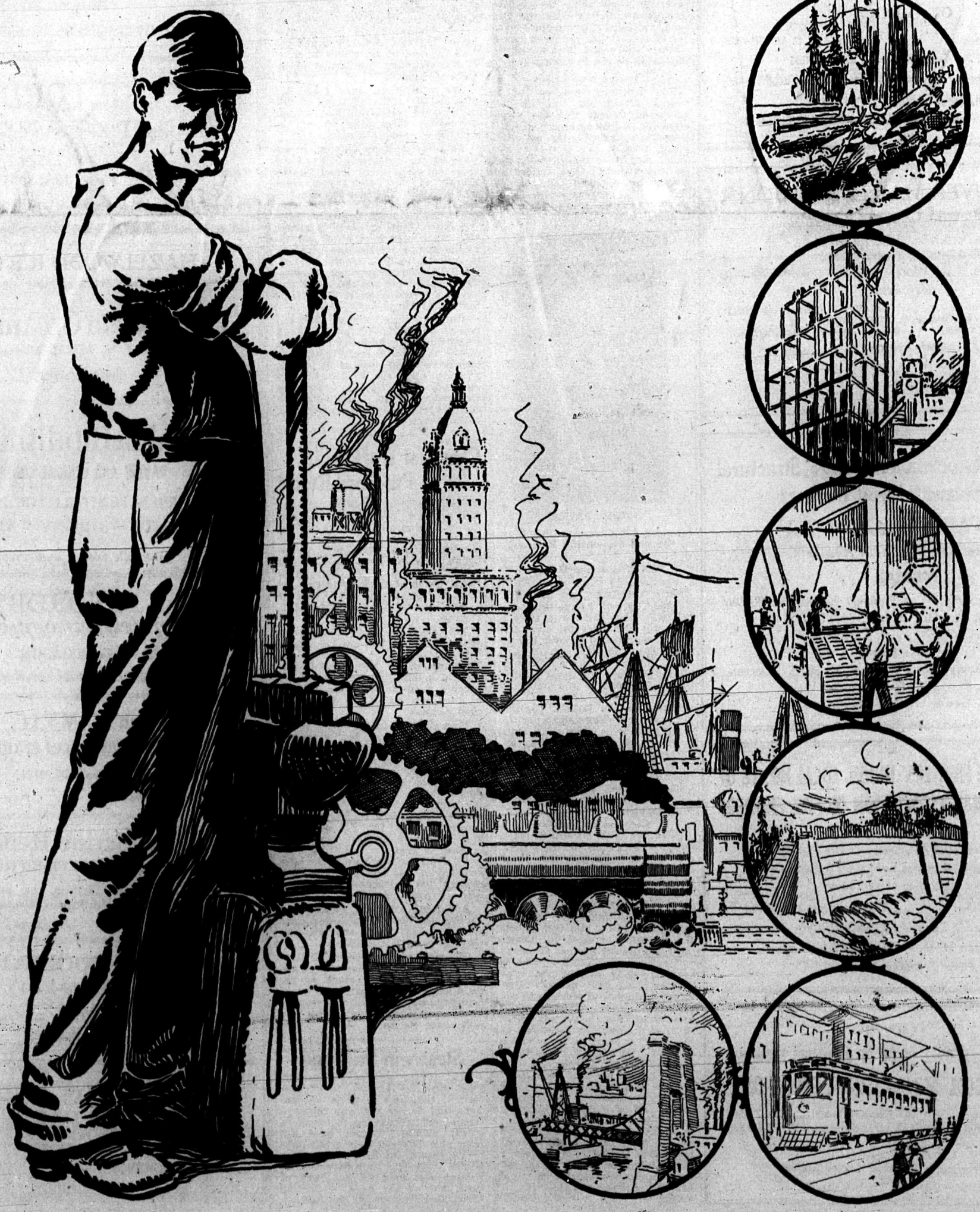

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Pipefitting Trades Ring Up Many Substantial Increases

AFTER SEVENTEEN DAYS ON STRIKE, Local Union 170, Plumbers, Steamfitters and General Pipefitters and Helpers, established a wage rate of $2.10 per hour. This increase of 35c per hours is practically the largest increase for any building trades—or other group—in Canada and makes a substantial contribution to the continued progress of the United Association.

General Organizer Bruce, who is well and favorably known, has been working in the British Columbia area and was able to participate in all these negotiations. A substantial gain was made in Victoria when Local Union 324 accepted an increase of 25c per hour, making their rate $2.00 per hour.

Spirit of Co-operation

The finest achievement was in the shipyards when the workers secured 25c an hour wage increase, and five statutory holidays. This, in addition to the three already established, now provides 8 statutory holidays with pay, and an additional 1 per cent to the 3 per cent vacation pay provides 4 per cent or 2 weeks' vacation, the whole increase totalling 32½c per hour. This all being accomplished through negotiation with the Company, reflects a splendid spirit of co-operation that has not been demonstrated before and it is hoped that this condition can be maintained.

Twelve New Locals

The continued progress of the United Association and its local unions in Canada and the success attending their organizing efforts is remarkable, as during the last several years, through the active work of Organizers Bruce and Connolly, there has been added 12 Local Unions, now making the splendid total of 56—practically a Local in every city and town in Canada—able to maintain a local union.

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2000 Convention Delegates

The coming convention of the United Association, to be held in Kansas City, will be the largest ever held when it is anticipated there will be nearly 2000 delegates, and Canada will be represented by over 100 delegates; 15 delegates representing 5 local unions in British Columbia. There has been no local union in Canada surrender a Charter and there is a steadily growing membership now of over 10,000. The splendid spirit prevailing among our membership has to be commended and the progress made is stimulating, as is demonstrated when Local Union 170 made a demand for equalization of rates with Seattle of $2.75 per hour, being $1.00 per hour, a differential that no one has been able to successfully explain.

Continental Equality

With this spirit prevailing, marked progress is going to be made in establishing equality within the industry on this continent and it is now proposed to increase the organizing staff so as to meet the growing demand for organization.

The great industrial expansion now taking place, and with material and scientific changes in industry, there is a greater demand for men of our various classifications and this provides many employment opportunities that we cannot ignore. Hence the desire of workers to come within the scope of our working agreements, that in Canada are the equal of the best conditions that prevail in any industry as far as working conditions are concerned and we feel proud of our accomplishments.

Our success has only been secured through organization and the loyalty of our membership. We face the future full of hope and encouragement with our faith strengthened in the United Association, the American Federation of Labor, and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in our onward march to a brighter and happier day—with a higher standard of living and more rest and relaxation. —JOHN BRUCE.

I.L.O. Favors Farm Minimum Wage

Geneva, Switzerland.—The International Labor Organization brought its 34th conference to a close with the approval of new international minimum standards on aspects of wage policy and industrial relations.

These standards were embodied in a new international labor convention governing equal remuneration for men and women workers for work of equal value, and in a convention calling for the setting up of minimum wage-fixing machinery for agricultural workers.

Each convention is supplemented by a recommendation. A third recommendation called for the creation of machinery to aid in collective bargaining, and a fourth urged the establishment of machinery to assist in the voluntary conciliation of industrial disputes.

The conference, June 6-29, was attended by a record total of 603 government, employer, and worker delegates, representing 60 of the I.L.O.'s 64-member countries.

As a result of preliminary discussions at the conference, it was decided to place three items on the agenda of next year's conference with a view to the adoption of international regulations. These are: (1) a proposed convention on minimum standards of social security; (2) a proposed convention and recommendation on holidays with pay in agriculture; (3) a proposed recommendation on co-operation between public authorities and employers' and workers' organizations at the level of the undertaking.

The conference increased the number of member countries to 64 by voting to admit the Federal Republic of Germany and to readmit Japan to membership, this decision to become effective upon the confirmation by Japanese Diet. Shortly before the conference began, Yugoslavia resumed membership after an absence of two years.

Chemical Workers Purchase Resort

President Percy R. Bengough has just returned well tanned and glowing in his praise of the new summer resort property just purchased by the International Chemical Workers' Union. He had been the guest of the Executive Board of the International Union at Club Whitesands on Lake Catchacoma in the Kawartha Lakes just north of Peterborough, Ontario.

The ICWU purchased the property for recreational and worker education purposes of its own members. The property is now open to the general public, but will eventually become available only for the use of the members of the union and their families.

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Straws in the Wind

One of the strongest arguments I've heard for stricter credit controls is the news in trade publications that finance company repossession of automobiles has increased in recent months. Buyers have not been able to meet their credit payments because of living costs. Buy if you must—car or refrigerator or freezer—but only on the basis of need, not on the basis of beating anticipated shortages of the future.

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"We control them pretty well," replied the husky.

"Suppose one of these people gets out of control, then what do you do?"

"Madam," he said, "I can take care of any trouble-maker in this institution."

"Yes, yes," continued the lady, "but suppose two or three of the lunatics start a rumpus at the same time what do you do?"

"Lady," he growled, "I can handle a dozen of these folks anytime." He looked as if he could.

"But suppose the whole crowd organized and began an attack, what would you do?"

"Lady," one more question and we will hold you for observation. If you had any sense you would know that nuts don't organize!"

The first sign of sanity is the recognition of the power of organization. Alone, no man or woman amounts to much. Five fingers are weak little instruments, but when you close them tightly you have a fist. And when you show a fist you mean business. In unity there is strength and power. Sawdust is unorganized wood. A cop's club is organized sawdust. Sand is pulverized rock and rocks are organized sand. Or look at a broom for example. The business end of a broom is straw. What a miserable thing is a single straw. How frail, how brittle! But the broom maker sews together a thousand weak straws and attaches them to a handle and lo, a miracle, a broom! With straws organized into a broom you can make the dust fly and the vermin scram.

"Worst Element"

It is a common argument heard in every trade, that "you can't organize the element in our industry." Every industry thinks it has the worst element. This is an illusion. You can organize most anything and anybody. For example, take mud, slimy, sticky, dirty mud — is there anything looser than that? And yet mud is just what brickmakers take out of clay bank. They shape it and bake it, and presto, you have bricks. If anyone throws mud at you, oh well . . . But if bricks fly through the air you'd better duck! Now if we can organize mud why can't we organize the element in your industry?

Human beings are much different than wood, stone, straw or brick. Men and women are not bone, flesh and blood alone. They also possess spirit. When alone you are quite a different person than you are in a crowd. A crowd has a wonderful effect in transforming the individual. Just study your own behavior when you are with a crowd. Aren't you the devil! Alone you are a timid soul. In a union we have all our shop mates with us. In our local union there are hundreds of workers of other shops banded together with us. In our international union thousands upon thousands of workers like us, in many cities and states, are part of our great family. Our combined resources give us strength. Our solidarity gives us courage and militancy. The great size of our army gives us hope and inspiration to fight for our rights and the assurance that we can and must win.

Organization

Every intelligent person knows that modern progress depends on organization. Groups of people must deal with other groups. A group has little respect for an individual. An individual stands little chance against a group. Individuals can bargain with one another only if they face each other on a basis of equality. One employer may bargain with another employer. One worker may trade with another worker. But no worker can bargain fairly with an employer, much less a corporation. Workers must collectively face their employers. The bargain must be clinched for every worker in the plant to insure protection for one and protection for all.

THAT'S SETTLED

A man had a house located right on the border between the United States and Canada. Nobody knew whether the house was on the American side or the Canadian side. A committee was set up to investigate the situation. The decision was that the house was in the United States.

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GRABBING BRAKES—When the brake on one wheel of your car takes hold suddenly with slight pedal pressure, the cause may be grease leaking onto the brake lining. Oil or grease soaked brake lining should be replaced and new grease seals installed to prevent further damage.

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ROUGH DETOUR—Roughest of all detours is that which leads the erring motorist to the emergency hospital.

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IGNITION LEAK—Spark plugs improperly gapped or having cracked insulators allow electrical current to leak away before reaching the combustion chamber of an automobile.

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SAVE A LIFE—Under modern traffic conditions, it's the responsibility of every motorist and every pedestrian to be his own life guard.

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FOULED SPARK PLUGS — Misfiring of an automobile engine due to fouled spark plugs is often caused by use of a poor grade of lubricating oil in the crankcase. Fouled spark plugs waste fuel and power.

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INSPECTION DAYS — Frequent inspections of steering, lighting, ignition and other vital equipment of your car may forestall expensive repair bills.

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RELINE ALL BRAKES — When automobile brakes are being relined, all four wheels should be included. Otherwise uneven braking may result.

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PREPAREDNESS — Expect the unexpected when you drive in traffic. Keep alert; don't be caught unprepared.

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ACCELERATE SLOWLY — Slow, smooth acceleration and driving evenly saves gasoline and improves car performance.

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USE LOWER GEAR—The speed of the fan of an automobile engine is an important factor towards helping to keep the engine from overheating. On cars equipped with manual gear shift control, it is advisable to shift to a lower gear when the car begins to slow down on a grade. Shifting to a lower gear increases the fan and water pump speed.

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INSPECT BRAKE DRUMS — Automobile wheels should be removed for inspection of brake drums at least once each season, and oftener if the car is used extensively. Neglected brakes may operate, but scored brake drums result when the lining wears thin and rivets are allowed to cut grooves in the drums.

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After automobile brakes have been relined or when the car is new, it is advisable to avoid sudden or severe brake applications until the lining acquires a smooth finish. Brake lining, like other new parts, must be broken in slowly.

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Expert automobile driving, like golf, requires a high degree of driving skill and sportsmanship. But unlike golf, the element of competition should not become a part of automobile driving.

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Common cause of hard starting of an automobile motor include: worn or dirty spark plugs; burnt or badly worn distributor points; dirt in the carburetor jets; and defective coil or condenser.

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The Peak Has Been Reached

There is every indication that after Labor Day, the hectic cycle we have been passing through, will start to stabilize itself and a normal condition will take form in economic, political and industrial life.

While the business uptrend since the ending of the last Great War has been beneficial to both employer and employee, the ever-increasing cost of living and the cost of doing business has kept both sides in a state of chaos, because with every rise in the cost of living, a raise in wage scales has had to follow.

Organized labor was of the opinion that some form of price control may have acted as a brake to rising prices, but despite several years of effort on the part of our trades union officials, the government declined to take any action, and during the past year, the cost of living index has been jumping up as much as four points a month.

With the dollar having a purchasing value of less than 50 cents, organized labor has been compelled to seek ever higher wage increases, with the result that this year's increases have topped all previous increases, and both business and labor have been wondering where this hectic condition will land us, seeing that the government has refused to step into the picture.

There is one consolation, however, and that is the fact that such cycles that we have been going through must eventually come to an end. No uptrend can continue for ever, and this year's prices and wages having hit the high spots indicates that these are the peaks, and that by November the new trend will have become obvious.

There is no fear of a depression, however; there will only be a stabilization of conditions. The tremendous labor force now at work, will assist in maintaining a brisk purchasing power, but with the dollar cut in more than half, there will be more careful and selective buying. Competition will become keener, quality and price will be in greater demand. This will call for good workmanship and steady employment.

Workers In Greater Cities Granted More Paid Holidays

More workers are being paid for statutory holidays when not worked than formerly. This and other pertinent information concerning working conditions in manufacturing industry in the five Greater Cities of Canada is contained in an article appearing in the July issue of the Labour Gazette. The five Greater Cities are Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

There has been little change in the normal week since a similar review was made in 1949. The present figures, which were valid for October, 1950, show improvements in hours in Halifax and Winnipeg. The normal hours averaged 44.2 per week in Halifax, about 44 in Montreal, 42.5 in Toronto, 43 in Winnipeg, and 41 in Vancouver.

More than two-thirds of the employees in the plants reviewed in the five cities enjoyed one week's vacation with pay after one year's service. Nearly all others received two weeks' vacation with pay after one year. The proportion of workers in plants giving two weeks' vacation with pay after one year was 31 per cent in Halifax, 6 per cent in Montreal, 7 per cent in Toronto, 12 per cent in Winnipeg, and 10 per cent in Vancouver.

The number of statutory holidays federal, provincial and municipal, observed varied considerably from place to place. About 92 per cent of the workers in Halifax observed from 8 to 9 days holidays, 58 per cent in Montreal observed from 7 to 8 days, 82 per cent in Toronto observed 8 days, 85 per cent in Winnipeg observed from 7 to 10 days, and 76 per cent in Vancouver observed 8 or 9 statutory holidays.

The number of statutory holidays paid for if not worked, however, varied much more. In Halifax 40 per cent received pay for 8 or 9 holidays when these were not worked, 40 per cent in Montreal received pay for 7 to 9 days when not worked, 74 per cent in Toronto received pay for 7 to 9 days when not worked, 69 percent in Winnipeg received pay for 7 to 9 days when not worked, but in Vancouver only 29 per cent received pay for 7 to 9 days when these were not worked.

The number of establishments reviewed in this study of working conditions in the five Greater Cities was 2,700 employing 264,000 plant workers.

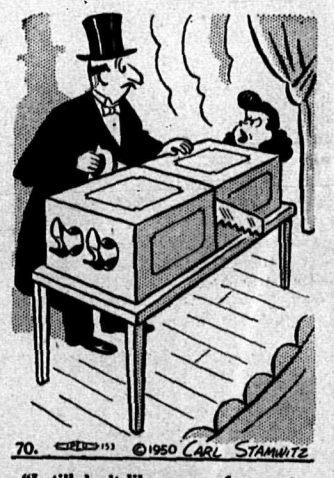
Living Index Still Climbs To Records

Jumping another 3.5 points, the official cost-of-living index reached an all-time high of 187.6 at the beginning of July. This further rise in prices was recorded in spite of governmental restrictions on consumer credit and other efforts to curb inflation.

While the increase was largely due to substantial boosts in food prices, it is significant that all components of the index showed some gains.

The immediate reaction of union members throughout the country was to renew the drive for the imposition of price controls.

Writing in the Congress Journal, President Percy R. Bengough has pointed out that the value of the dollar had now declined to 53 cents. "The Government had better get some new advisors before it drops to 25 cents," he wrote.



"I still don't like your reference to me as the 'Party of the second part' in our working agreement!"

Atom Electric Power Forecast in Britain

The first electricity generating station to use atomic power will begin building in Britain this year, according to a report from the United Kingdom Information Office.

The new generating station will cost about $22,000,000 or three times that of an ordinary steam generating plant. However, the fuel used by a coal-fired steam plant would cost about $45,000,000 over its life of 30 years. The atomic energy plant, of course, will operate without fuel costs saving, as a result, about $30,000,000 or one million dollars a year in operating costs.

The experimental plant to be built this year will consist of a pile operating at temperatures up to nearly 1,100 degrees. This heat will be transferred to a steam boiler and the steam thus raised will turn turbines and generate power in the usual way.

The outward appearance of the new atomic genertting station will be little changed from ordinary steam plants since the chimneys are needed to carry off excess heat and the need for heavy shielding to protect workers from the effects of radiation will mean that walls will have to be very thick concrete and lead.

Printing Trades Sign Contracts

Negotiations for agreements between Victoria printing trades unions and six Victoria printing and publishing firms have been successfully concluded.

Agreement provides a basic wage rate for male workers of $1.84 per hour, and $1.10 for females.

VERY HELPFUL HELPER

The driver and his helper decided to go hunting. In the deep woods, they were sprung on by a bobcat. The helper jumped for a tree and the bobcat and the driver went 'round and 'round. "Do you want me to come down and help you hold him?" he yelled from his perch. "No," yelled back the driver, "but you can come down and help me let go of him!"

WHAT'S GOING ON?

In **Trenton, N.J.**, the New Jersey Superior Court laid down a new precedent when it ruled that a worker who is injured while "going out for a smoke" is entitled to workmen's compensation.

In **Mexico City,** delegates to a manufacturers' convention were stunned when a dazzling brunette in a low cut evening gown strolled around their hotel lobby and passed out perfumed cards reading: "I'm in Room 317. Come on up and see me. Beatrix". What happened afterward will keep the manufacturers from ever forgetting the convention. They rushed to Room 317 and found —three officials of a machine workers' union passing out leaflets!

In **Scranton, Pa.,** a coal miner got the support of 90 of his brother union members and forced the company to pay for the cost of a new set of false teeth which were stolen from his coat pocket by a mine-rat while he was at work.

In **Boston, Mass.,** AFL and CIO leaders documented their case for pay raises by proving conclusively that only one thing in the entire city has not increased in price over recent years. The unique item is the old South Ferry which operates between Boston and East Boston and provides a ferryboat ride costing only 1c for passengers and 5c for vehicles. Run as a public service by the city since 1870, it is the only penny ferry left in the entire nation.

In **Kennebec, Maine,** 27 Canadian and U.S. hunting guides announced they were forming the country's first guides' union. Chief demand, they said, would be a contract with every hunter calling for an insurance policy which will give them triple-indemnity if they are gored by a moose.

In **Galveston, Texas,** an AFL union was picketting a large department store, but found after two weeks that the picketting wasn't having the desired results. So the union dreamed up an innovation. Two days later 18 high school students, all sons and daughters of the strikers, walked into the store with throngs of shoppers. Each carried a balloon on which had been painted such strike slogans as "Please Don't Buy Here" and "Employees Want a Living Wage." By the time the students got to the centre of the store, private detectives and floor managers converged on them from all sides. The first detective to reach them shouted, "You can't do that!" The leader of the youngsters asked, innocently, "Can't we?" That was the signal for each of them to release the string attached to the balloons. Before the detectives could move, the 18 balloons quickly soared to the ceiling, where every shopper on the first floor could read the strike slogans. For three days the balloons stayed there while the store's management tried to use higher and higher ladders, without success, and while business dropped off. On the fourth day the employer made three quick decisions: (1) He fired all the private detectives and floor managers; (2) Paid $75 to an expert marksman to shoot down the balloons with a B-B gun; and (3) called in the union and told negotiators that if they promised not to release any more balloons he would raise his wage offer by 5c an hour.

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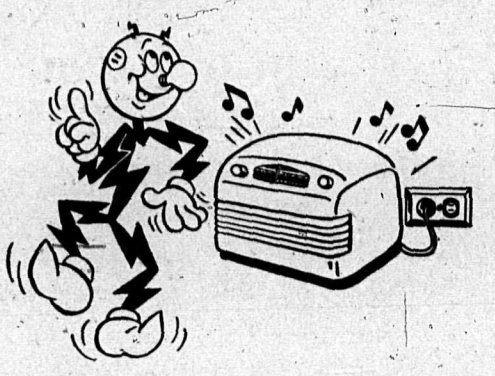

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Blood Clinic at the Labor Temple Friday

The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council has sponsored a "Labor Blood Clinic" and the Red Cross will set up their mobile clinic at the Labor Temple, 307 W. Broadway, Friday, August 31st from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

In a communication to the unions, Secretary Gervin says there is a tremendous need for blood donors at the present time. The need is so urgent that the Red Cross Blood Donors Committee is working day and night to contact every possible source. Only those who have known the need in an emergency can describe the excellent work the committee is doing and no one knows just when the time may arrive that someone in his own family or himself might, through an accident or emergency operation require the assistance we are now seeking from you.

We want you to have members of your family and friends between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five also sign pledge cards and attend the clinic. There is no pain, no dieting is necessary, there are no after effects and there is no charge made to the patient receiving the blood from the blood bank.

The Trades Council is putting up a shield which will be presented to the organization producing the largest percentage of donors from its membership.

This is the first time organized labor has undertaken a clinic. We would like to make it a success and only by your co-operation can this be done. Don't let your union down. Don't let the labor movement down. Contact your secretary or shop steward and help him organize. Get pledge cards from him or this office.

Printing Trades to Seek Higher Wages

Spiralling prices of the very necessities of life—plus government inaction and refusal to do anything about it—has left workers no alternative but to go out after more wages—and this very thing the members of the Allied Printing Trades in Vancouver and elsewhere all over British Columbia propose to do. Nearly all wage agreements in the printing industry expire before the end of 1951. Scale committees are now busy formulating new agreements and as soon as these are placed before the memberships and underwritten at respective headquarters, formal notices will be mailed to employers. Present wage scales are definitely out of line—and, relatively, printing tradesmen are not as well paid as they were say 10 years ago. Purchasing power is being reduced daily by advancing prices; cheque reductions are increasing and take-home pay becoming less and less. Publishers of daily newspapers may argue they are not responsible for the constantly soaring prices and profits of Big Business; but they unanimously support the government and the system that produces all this grief for wage-earners.—R. P. Pettipiece in the B.C. Typo Bulletin.

Executive Names A. F. of L. Delegate

Vice-President Bernard Shane of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union has been nominated by the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to represent the Congress as Fraternal Delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention in San Francisco in September.

Fruit and Vegetable Federation Officers

New officers of the Federation of Fruit and Vegetabe Workers' Unions elected at the fifth annual meeting held in Vernon, B. C., recently were: President, Brian Cooney of Okanagan Centre; Vice-President, J. H. Chadwick of Vernon, A. R. Hesford of Naramata and O. H. Misner of Oliver; and Secretary-Treasurer, D. R. Leckie of Kelowna.

Union Label Corner

Your Union Label Trades Council prides itself in being the most progressive in Canada. The officers and delegates are giving an unlimited amount of their time voluntarily to carry out the objects and principles in educating the union member and the citizen, that in patronizing and supporting union label made products and union services they are making secure the conditions they now have had to improve their standards of living in the future. The employer who makes an agreement with the union and willing to pay the wages and give the working conditions asked for is labor's friend and an asset to any community. He helps to build up industry by adding to the progress and welfare of the province, therefore he is entitled to every support that the worker can give him. In giving preference to the union made products and services that he has to offer the union member helps himself and his fellow worker. He is entitled to this co-operation which every member should give, and encourage his family and neighbors to do likewise. If you fail to do this you are not consistent and are letting your fellow worker down.

During the past winter and spring your council, with the co-operation of many of the International Headquarters, showed some movie films all dealing with organization and the "Union Label—what it means to Labor." About sixty showings were made to some thirty union meetings and other interested groups. Talks to some forty locals were made by our delegates, all educational and leading up to our annual "Buying Week Campaign." The response received by us was very encouraging and we felt well paid for our effort, but there is a deal of apathy among some of the locals who we are anxious to help, particularly to the new young members who wonder what it is all about. After joining his local he fails to attend his meetings, therefore is out of touch with all that would help him become a valuable member to his local. I appeal to these young members—especially if they are married—that in patronizing firms producing union made goods and those giving union services they will be making a real start in helping themselves and their union to maintain good working conditions and a good pay envelope. By window shopping during "Union Buying Week" they will find out those products that they should buy with their union earned dollars.

The committee is now making final arrangements for labor's big week, September 1st to 8th. We have tried to do our part, so we trust that you will do yours and become a Buy Union Booster, thank you.

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Over fifty years ago, after persistent struggle on the part of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the first Monday in September was made a statutory holiday to be known as Labor Day, the only legal holiday for the Canadian worker throughout Canada who celebrates on this day. This same persistency by the Congress and its many Trades and Labor Councils along with the many affiliated Councils, Building Trades, Metal Trades, Allied Printing Trades, and Union Label Trades, situated in all Canadian cities has made great strides for progress in enacting laws for the benefit of its members and the citizens throughout the Dominion. These advances, too numerous to mention here, have been the greatest medium in elevating the wages and living conditions. The shorter work week, holidays with pay, out of work protection, etc., all had to be fought for, step by step, down through the years by the consistent determined labor leaders whose untiring efforts are respected by the leaders of our government, business executives of our largest as well as the smallest concerns, and civic groups, as never before, for their sincerity and loyalty in building a Canada that all Canadians can be justly proud of. "BUY UNION."

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"PROGRESS"—SPEED-UP IN RED HUNGARY

Vienna—The Hungarian cabinet announced Sunday a plan to revise upward piece work standards for all kinds of work. This will mean a pay cut for Hungarian workers.

The new standards will be based on performance during April, when the production rate was jacked up by competitions. Workers who can't maintain the April pace will take home less pay.

The cabinet decision is the most striking example thus far of "speed-up" practiced in communist countries of eastern Europe. There's been no comment yet from the state-dominated Hungarian trade unions.

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It is the cause of sorrow;
It is the cause of happiness.
If the Government makes it, it's all right;
If you make it, it's all wrong.
As a rule, it is hard to get;
But when you get it, it is soft.
It talks:
To some it says, "I have come to stay;"
To others it whispers, "goodbye."
Some people go to the bank for it;
Some people go to jail for it.
The mint makes it first;
It's up to you to make it last.

Ed. Kennedy of the Building Trades says the atom bomb may bring peace, but our only hope is that it will leave some people to enjoy it.

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Taxicab Notes

Taxicab Drivers Local 151 wish to thank the many affiliates of the Trades and Labor Council for the support they are giving us with our Union Label Campaign. We hear through the grapevine quite a number of Cabs have been turned back by them because they did not have our Label on the door. Seems they have adopted a slogan "No Label, No Trip." Thanks, fellows, it's that kind of support that gets results.

Mr. Malley is still giving us considerable trouble in the down town area. He forgets Taxicab Drivers are wage earners like himself. He thinks, evidently, we earn so much money we should swell the city coffers, under the smallest pretext. Some day we will have to put on a "Be Kind to Taxicab Drivers' Week" which reminds us the Mayor is asking for donations to send the Police Pipe Band to Scotland.

Of the many letters we have received from local unions supporting our Union Label Campaign we got one from the Sign and Pictorial Painters. They drew our attention to the fact that some of the Taxicab Operators are not having the lettering on taxicabs done by members of Local 726. Let's get busy and correct this situation, fellows.

That lucky fellow, our President Albert Blais, is back on the job after his world tour. He has quite a number of interesting experiences to relate. As a matter of fact he has been keeping the executive members up late nights telling us stories, and what I mean some of them are really stories.

Harley Munroe has gone back to his first love—Marpole Cabs. He is back at the old stand in Marpole. Quite a number of the older members went along with him and our agreement goes along with the deal.

Our senior member, Charlie, is getting ready to start his annual holiday. He tells us he will enjoy it twice as much as the first holiday we were able to negotiate for him back in the 20's, because now it is twice as long. Happy holiday, Charlie, you deserve it.

Don't forget Forum Cabs have not settled their differences with us, they are still on the "We Do NOT Patronize List" of the Vancouver, New Westminster Trades and Labor Council.

Labor Minister Turns Back From Picket Line

British Columbia's Minister of Labor, Hon. John H. Cates, did not hesitate when he saw a picket line on a building he was about to enter in Kelowna.

He was to officially represent the B.C. Government at the annual water show, and drove up to the front of the half-finished Kelowna Yacht Club building when he noticed some carpenters acting as pickets outside the building.

He wheeled his car around and drove back to the hotel, apparently determined not to get mixed up in any union dispute.

(Ed. note: The strike was settled one week later, with a 32c per hour wage increase).

"When I sent you to get the dope at that strike, I didn't mean to bring back a scab!"

HOURS OF LABOR

One of the important demands of the Labor Movement today is the shorter work-day and work-week.

Economic, social and cultural benefits will follow the winning of this objective.

One of the conveniences of the capitalist system is that there usually are more workers than jobs. This works to the benefit of the bosses. The steady introduction of machinery and inproved methods of production contribute toward this generous over-supply of jobless workers. We mentioned that there is only one sensible solution and that is the fight for shorter hours and a shorter work-week, the abolition of the speed-up system and overtime, vacations with pay and gaining more holidays.

When the work-day and week are shortened and speed-up systems are controlled by the union this must result in a call for more workers. That means more jobs. More workers at work means less workers unemployed. Less workers looking for jobs means better bargaining power for those working. Less fellows hanging around looking for your job makes the boss less anxious to get rid of you.

More Production

There is another economic angle involved. Fewer workers competing with each other means a better chance for higher wages. Higher wages means more purchasing power. More buying means more goods sold and more sales means more production. More production means more jobs. We get into depressions when this parade is reversed. We can get out of depression when we start moving in the right direction, when we start moving towards shorter hours, more jobs, higher wages, more buying power and more production.

Work and Leisure

Shorter hours means more leisure, more leisure means more consumption and more business. Don't you eat more, drink more and raise more cain when you are on a holiday, on a vacation or when you are just plain loafing? Don't you start to make whoopee the moment you get out of the slave pen?

That's what some economists mean when they speak of the increased economic demands growing out of increased leisure. Loafing always creates more demands on life than working. More leisure (and by leisure we mean loafing with income) gives us more time for play and recreation, more time for the family and the kids, and more time for friends and neighbors.

For some of us, shorter hours also means more time for athletics, for education and for culture. And a healthier, happier and more enlightened working class makes for a better citizenship, better union members, better fighters and a forward-looking people.

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Families with a closet which can be set aside for storage only are in luck when it comes to protecting woolen garments from the clothes moth. Better yet is a closet in the attic, built large enough to hold not only clothing but also upholstered furniture not in use. Such closets should be well stocked with flake napthalene.

To control moths in a storage closet, brush all clothing thoroughly, clean the closet thoroughly, and seal all cracks in the plaster and about the baseboards with crack fillers. See that doorframes are equipped with rubber or moth-proofed felt gaskets, against which the door can be shut tight at all points.

On the top shelf of the closet, or in muslin bags hung from hooks, put one pound of either flake napthalene or paradichlorobenzene crystals to each 100 cubic feet of closet space. The fumes given off by the slow evaporation of the crystals quickly stop moth lavae from feeding, and ultimately kill the larvae, if the fumes are retained long enough in proper concentration. To maintain such concentration, make sure that the closet is perfectly tight, and that it has a tight-fitting door which is kept closed except for the brief times when clothing is being put in or taken out.

As for the use of paper garment bags in moth control, they have no value in themselves for killing moths. However, if clothing, free from moths, is put into an unbroken garment bag that is tightly closed and sealed, the paper will keep moths out indefinitely. Once the moths get in the bags, either with clothing, or through breaks in the paper or at the fastenings, of course damage will result. An added precaution is to put a cupful of paradichlorobenzene crystals in the bag before sealing it.

As the emologists remind us, the smell of cedar or pine oil in a garment bag does not trouble the clothes moth, nor does printer's ink on newspapers.

"At last," groaned the elderly diner, "total paralysis of the left leg. I've feared it for years."

"If it will relieve your mind any," whispered the sweet young thing on his left, "it's my leg you've been feeling."

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Sign and Pictorial Painters Progressing

Local Union No. 726 has just completed another successful year. We have maintained our membership and adding other firms to our list who have signed contracts with our local. Employment at the present is steady but during the fall and winter it falls off to a small degree.

The union has just accepted an interim increase of wages of 15c per hour for journeymen and a proportionate increase for other classifications in relation to the journeyman increase. The journeyman rate is now $1.70 per hour. Our present agreement terminates on March 31, 1952.

Our new slate of officers for the term 1951-52 was recently installed by Brother R. K. Gervin. They are as follows:

President, Fred Crewe; vice-president, Alfred Lacey; recording secretary, J. A. Middleton; financial secretary, R. W. Gambling; treasurer, W. O. Clarkson; warden, Aylmer Pratt; conductor, William Meikle; executive member, Arthur Robb; trustees: Aylmer Pratt, Arthur Robb, William McNey; business agent, Ed. Kennedy, FA. 9771.

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"With These Hands"

The movie, "With These Hands," of the International Ladies' Garment Workers is being shown at Vancouver Union meetings.

Produced as part of the ILGWU golden jubilee celebration by Promotional Films, the movie tells the story of the union as seen in the life of a cloakmaker who is shown at the outset applying for retirement under the union pension fund. Playing the part of the cloakmaker is a Broadway star who has appeared in Hollywood films, Sam Levene.

Shown as a series of flashbacks are the struggles to organize the union, the strikes, the picketting, the beatings, all climaxed by a re-enacted scene of the horrible 1911 Triangle fire in which 146 shirtwaist operators were burned to death in a windowless, door-barred factory. There is also the story of the Communist bid for power in the ILGWU back in 1926, how they almost wrecked the union and how it was saved.

One of the amusing, yet pointed, episodes in "With These Hands" is when the cloakmaker brings home his pay envelope minus a one-dollar union assessment to be used for organizational purposes. His wife complains about the assessment the month before, and this month. The cloakmaker breaks in with—

"I have news. Next month there'll be an assessment for the textile workers' drive." His wife asks:

"Who are you working for? Me or the labor movement?" He replies:

"How many suits or dresses does the family of a textile worker buy on $15 a week? Through the union you raise wages, improve conditions. People live like people instead of like an apple. Does an apple buy what I make in the shop? No. This stuff about the Canadian standard of living — know how to get it? Build the trade union movement."

The film shows how collective bargaining is conducted in the industry, the summer vacation resort owned by the ILG for its members in the Pennsylvania Pocono Mountains, the health centres. And all through the film are woven the episodes which show how a few thousand men and women fought determinedly to bring unionism to a cut-throat industry.

Love quickens all senses except the common one.

A specialist is one who has his patients trained to become ill during office hours. A general practitioner is likely to be called off the golf course at any time.

Carpenters Strike In Interior Is Settled

The month-old strike of carpenters in four Okanagan towns—Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon and Kamloops—has been settled on a basis of $1.85 per hour and a further increase of 5c per hour February 1st, 1952, making a total increase of 37c.

Settlement with the balance of the 30 contractors was made August 10th, but some of the contractors had signed up with the union previous to this date, and the employees—about 80—of these contractors were paying $2.50 per day into a strike fund.

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"Yes," she replied, sighing, "but we suppress them during working hours."

The following ordinance was passed by the city government of Waterloo, Neb., in 1910:

"It shall be illegal for any barber in this town to eat onions between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m."

Uncle Remus says: "Bright eyes indicate curiosity; black eyes indicate too much of it."

"Willie, please tell me what it is when I say 'I love, you love, he loves'," said the grammar class teacher.

"That's one of them triangles," replied Willie, "where somebody gets shot."

Gee-Gee, the office vamp, says: "Even the best family tree has its sap."

"Do you know the difference between a clothesline and a radio?"

"No, what's the difference?"

"A radio draws the waves, and a clothesline waves the drawers."

"Hey, look at that bunch of cows."

"Not a bunch, herd."

"Heard of what?"

"Herd of cows."

"Sure, I've heard of cows."

"I meant a cow herd."

"What do I care if a cow heard? I haven't said anything that I'm ashamed of!"

Best definition coming across our desk this year: Chaperone—An old maid who never got on the first team but who still wants to intercept a few passes.

This one's out of a joke book published in 1910 and got good belly laughs then. Here it is:

"You hammer nails like lightning," said the carpenter.

"You mean I'm fast?" asked the apprentice.

"No," answered the carpenter, "I mean you never strike twice in the same place."

"Your wife has been delirious all day," said the nurse, in a worried tone, "calling for you and crying for money."

"Hah!" snorted the husband. "Delirious, hell."

"Mother," said little John, bursting into the house, "there's going to be trouble at the druggist's. His wife has got a baby girl and he's had a 'Boy Wanted' sign in his window for a week."

"Was Henry nervous at the wedding?" asked a friend of the bride.

"Considerably," she replied with a beam on her face. "He kissed the preacher and gave me $10."

As the young lovers lingered in the twilight, he asked anxiously:

"Darling, have your people agreed to our marriage?"

"Not yet," the girl replied, as she nestled closer to him, "father hasn't said anything and mother's waiting to contradict him."

She dressed up like the gals in books,
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But her boy-friend didn't care for looks,
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Lots of women complain they haven't a stitch to their backs. Judging from some of the gowns we see on television, they might well include their fronts also.

And what did mother's little girl do at the party?"

"I growed up."

Cupid boasts an unerring aim,
But to me he's no great shakes.
He's shooting at most willing game,
But look at the Mrs. he makes.

Marriage works like a drug on some of the Holloywood cuties—They go from one dope to another.

A hobo called at a farm home and asked for food.

"Would you like a chop?" inquired the housewife.

"That depends," said the hobo. "Do you mean lamb, pork or wood?"

"I'm worried. It is raining hard and my wife is downtown without an umbrella."

"Oh, she'll step into some store and shop until it's over."

"Yeah. That's what I'm worried about."

She's a man-hater, you know. She says all men are boasters and told me about one of them: "He not only lied to me about the size of his yacht, he made me row it."

Machinists' Obtain 45c And 35c Wage Increase

Dick Osman, business agent of the Machinists' Union, Local No. 692, reports that the membership voted to accept the $1.85 per hour offered by the contract shops in Vancouver and New Westminster.

This was a wage increase of 35c per hour, but further concessions obtained by the union included three more paid statutory holidays, making a total of eight, and two weeks holiday pay in the second year of employment.

James McMillan, International representative who assisted in the negotiations, also reported that the agreements with the fourteen biggest firms in Vancouver also contain the union shop clause.

Finnings Tractor Signs

Dick Osman also reports that the Finning Tractor and Equipment Company, employing 150 members of the union, has also signed an agreement which calls for a wage increase of 45c per hour for journeymen and a minimum of 25 per cent increase for all other classifications. Included in the agreement is the compulsory check-off.

Refrigeration Men Get 25c Wage Boost

Bob. Wintle, secretary of the Refrigeration Workers' Union, Local No. 516, reports that an agreement has been reached for a wage increase, with the firms employing members of the union.

An interim increase of 10c per hour is now in effect making the wage $1.80 per hour, and a further increase of 15c will go into effect December 15th making the wage $1.95 per hour.

"Daddy just told me about the bees and the flowers!.. The drones are in clover cause the workers ain't organized!"

Pile Drivers' Union Gets 32c Wage Boost

An agreement has been reached with the General Contractors Association for a 32c wage increase for members of the Pile Drivers' and Wooden Bridgemen's Union, Local No. 2404.

Stuart Allen, business agent of the union reports that the new wage of $2.05 per hour for the 575 members of the union, will be retroactive to July 1st, but a 20c per hour increase from the old wage of $1.73 will be retroactive to April 1st to July 1st.

The agreement covers all of British Columbia, with members operating out of the unions in Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert.

A.F.L. and Mexican Labor Problem

Galveston, Texas.—The A.F.L. began negotiations with the Mexican Federation of Labor "to establish understandings between the two major labor organizations with respect to interchange of workers between the two countries."

The State Federations of Labor of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California will join the conferences authoribed by A.F.L. President William Green.

The United States Government Departments of State, Justice and Labor have failed to enforce immigration laws. They have made treaties unfavorable to American and Mexican working men in behalf of the big factory, farm and employer interests, and otherwise contributed to a shameless system of worker exploitation that has been exposed and condemned by a presidential commission.

Headline in Galveston (Texas) newspaper: "Dog in Bed, Asks Divorce."

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Building Laborers Organized in Trail

A new local union has been set up in Trail, by the Building and Common Laborers' International, is the report made by Bill James, the Internationtl Organizer.

Previously work on union jobs in Trail has been carried on through Local No. 602, but with the start of the work on the Pend-d'Oreille dam by the Northern Construction Co. for the Cominco-Stone and Webster interests, it has been found necessary to install another union.

The union will be known as the Tunnel Construction and General Laborers' Union, Local No. 114.

Union Watermarked Paper Made in Canada

Some time ago, the affiliated Unions of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada made a request of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers to get some Canadian paper company to manufacture Union Watermarked Paper so that they could comply with a principle of the T.L.C. in using Union Labelled goods and materials and to avoid the excessive cost of import duties for paper coming from United States.

The International Brotherhood of Paper Makers have now negotiated a contract for the use of their registered water and rubber stamp marks with the Rolland Paper Company which can supply high grades of paper used by International, National, and Federal Unions and Trades and Labor Councils. The grades of paper that can be produced are bonds, mimeograph, onion skin, envelopes and covers for pamphlets.

This is in compliance with a resolution unanimously adopted by the Montreal Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada held September, 1950.

I.C.F.T.U. Opens Geneva Office

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has announced that it will open an office in Geneva, Switzerland, on February 1st. The address of this new office is: 15 rue Necker - lar etage, Geneva, Switzerland.

Brother J. H. Oldenbroek has expressed the hope that members of affiliated organizations, when visiting Geneva, will make a special point of calling in at the new office.

Congress Aims Are Outlined in Manitoba

Private industrial pensions schemes were criticised recently by Brother Andy Murphy, chairman of the Manitoba Provincial Executive Committe of Congress, on the grounds that they froze labor and made it difficult for older persons to get jobs.

He urged as an alternative a National coverage plan by which "everybody puts something in and everybody gets something out," as the fairest and most practical security scheme.

He was speaking during a review of social and economic effects of employee welfare programmes at a forum conducted by the Personnel Association of Greater Winnipeg.

Outlining the viewpoint of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada on social security, Brother Murphy said it desired an all embracive plan to include old age pensions, mothers' allowances, unemployment insurance and national health services.

The Congress advocated a basic minimum old age pension of $60 per month, at the age of 65 for men and 60 for women, with abolition of the means test, and on a contributory basis.

'Workers would rather make contributions to a security scheme," he said. "They would then feel that they were getting back something they had earned, instead of charity or a handout."

Head-hunt Non-union

In Seria, Borneo, skilled American unionists recruited to work in Borneo's newly discovered oil fields were appalled to discover that the natives they were working with were the famous head-hunting Dyaks. The Americans were only half-reassured when they were told that the Dyaks had abandoned their head-hunting practices quite sometime ago but had enthusiastically revived them during the Japanese occupation of Borneo. The government, however, grew worried that the Dyaks might lose too many of their ancient tribal customs, and ruled that the natives might work only six months of the year in the oil fields. During the other six months they must return to their villages, where the union men fear they may again pick up their old hobby of head-hunting.

115 Fastest Growing Union in the Province

Herb Flesher, Business Agent of Operating Engineers' Union, Local No. 115, claims that his union is the fastest growing union in British Columbia.

During the past few months new members have been enrolled in every section of the province and it is now reaching the twelve hundred mark. The members are employed on all the big construction and road building jobs in the province.

Besides Herb Flesher, the union has the assistance of Allan Scott who acts as business agent and financial secretary, and their efforts is keeping the office staff up to their necks in work.

"I know we're members of the same union, but can't you stop calling me 'Brother'?"

Longshoremen's Wages Increased

The 3,000 members of Local 375 of the International Longshoremen's Association in the Montreal District, will receive higher wages this season as a result of a new contract signed last month. The new agreement, signed by the 45 companies employing the union's members, covers all working conditions, and provides for an increase of 15 cents an hour. This will bring the basic hourly rate to $1.55.

The agreement also provides for overtime pay on Sundays and holidays.

Cleaning Linoleum

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Frequent waxing and even occasional oiling is recommended to keep linoleum in good shape. If it shows signs of scarring, scratching or drying, an application of boiled linseed oil helps. Apply the oil to clean, dry linoleum and let it stand for about 48 hours before washing and waxing.

Co-operative Action

The spirit of unionism emphasizes the importance of the human personality, human dignity and the personal equation. A union is a working example of democracy. Its foundation is the foundation on which this country was built and the principles which underlie it are the same as those for which our forefathers fought to make this country free.

The true spirit of unionism is a feeling of harmony with a common cause in which one believes, directed towards the betterment of all individuals of which the whole is made. A union man feels in harmony with a great tradition, feels a part of his union, feels he "belongs".

A strong union takes time to build. It does not spring up overnight without effort. A strong union is built upon the cooperative and concerted action of its members just as any effective team is built. A strong union must prove it can live through depressions as well as survive the counter effects attempted by employers' anti-union campaigns.

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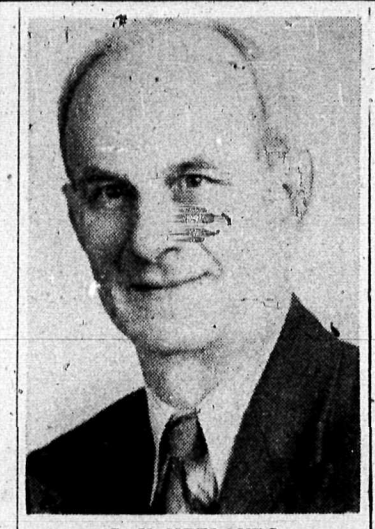

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Hospital insurance has done much to spare the citizens of British Columbia the financial worries so long associated with hospital and medical care.

Yet, in 1950, of 32,616 admissions, 1311 patients in the Vancouver General Hospital did not have any form of hospital insurance coverage and were unable to pay for their hospital care. Nearly 16,500 days of care went unpaid, at a cost to the hospital of $208,619.

Who were these 1311 non-pay patients? Sixty per cent, or 724 cases, resided in Vancouver. Twenty-seven per cent, or 375 cases, came from unorganized areas—parts of B.C. not within any municipality. The others came from all parts of the province and some outside points.

They all had two things in common: their need for acute medical care and their inability to pay for the care they received.

In 1950 the Vancouver General Hospital was able, from other sources of revenue, to absorb a part of the free work deficit, leaving an unpaid balance of $91,000. The hospital does not know where this money is to come from.

Prior to the introduction of the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service, free work was covered by any of four sources of revenue, none of which was specifically marked for free work. They were:

1. A deficit grant paid annually by the City of Vancouver;
2. A special $100,000 grant annually from the city;
3. Per capita grants from the Provincial Government, the City of Vancouver, and the municipalities;
4. Any surpluses from hospital services, such as pharmaceuticals or X-rays.

Since the advent of BCHIS, the per capita grants of the Provincial Government, the City of Vancouver, and the municipalities, have been paid directly to the Insurance Service, which pays the hospitals only for insured patients, and not for non-pay cases. Also, the city grants have been discontinued.

The hospital's public ward rate was recently increased from $13.00 to $13.60 a day, which we assume is to cover both increased costs of operation and free work. Also included in the rate are drugs, X-rays, laboratory tests, operating and case room services, surgical dressings and anesthetic supplies, as well as "room and meals."

But the 60-cent increase will by no means cover even the cost of free work, expected to approach $300,000 this year.

Free work still is the hospital's greatest financial problem. And, as before stated, free work cannot be charged to the unfortunate ones who need medical care but who cannot pay.

The problem must be solved. By whom? The City of Vancouver? The surrounding municipalities? The Provincial Government? Or those that subscribe to the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service?

BEVERAGE MEN GET WAGE HIKE

Toronto Local 280 of the International Beverage Dispensers' Union has successfully negotiated a new wage agreement with local hotels gaining an increase of $3.00 a week across the board.

Minimum wages set by the new agreement range from $37.00 weekly for waiters handling beverages to $63.00 a week for Bartenders on Service bars. Weekly rates for Tapmen and Bartenders are set at $48.00 and $58.00 respectively.

TAKE ME

One of John's best friends had died, so he called on the widow to express his sympathy.

"Jim and I were friends," he said. "Isn't there something I could have as a memento o f him?"

She raised her velvety brown eyes, which a few seconds before had been wet with tears. "How would I do?" she asked.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

In **Camden, Texas,** the NLRB slapped down the W. T. Carter Co., which obtained a state court injunction to prevent union meetings on its property. How in the name of heaven, asked the NLRB, could the union help but hold its meetings on company property when the W. T. Carter Co., owns not only the entire town of Camden but also all the land surrounding it.

In **Long Beach, Calif.,** union bus driver Kenneth Fahs is convinced the vast majority of citizens are thoroughly honest. In the midst of a rush hour Fahs dropped a roll of 100 nickels which scattered in every direction, some even out on the street. The passengers scrambled to pick them up, and when Fahs counted he discovered he had 104 instead of the 100.

In **New York City,** 39 union employees of a travel agency won a new contract which calls for completely-paid three-week vacations in Europe every five years.

In **Chicago,** AFL printing crafts chuckled over the experience of a big brokerage firm which insisted on placing its printing work with a non-union firm. Last week the company got 60,000 copies of a new stock agreement from its scab printers. At the bottom appeared the line, "Your legal and awful attorney."

In **Boston,** prisoners sent to jail to work out fines were handed a 100% pay raise. The Legislative Commission on Public Welfare approved a bill to increase the "wages" of prisoners from 50c to $1 a day.

In **Paris, France,** the Minister of Finance refused to meet with a delegation of striking musicians employed by the state-owned Paris Opera House. Remembering that their pay is fixed by government regulation, the musicians got the support of 11 other unions to sponsor legislation reducing the salary of the Minister of Finance by 40%.

In **Washington, D.C.,** the White House Secret Service detail and the FBI were shocked to discover that it was almost impossible to fingerprint the union bricklayers working on renovation of the White House. The bricklayers' fingertips were found to have worn smooth. "We have had to take three or four impressions in many cases," said one Secret Service agent, "and even then we aren't always too sure of what we have."

In **Kestiras, India,** a union of gem polishers protested unsuccessfully against a management decision to X-ray employees every night as they left for home. The humiliating practice was completely abandoned after three weeks. The union drove the bosses almost crazy by having everyone of its members swallow two or three pebbles just before closing time.

In **Caracas, Venezuela,** labor leaders had the last laugh at a judge who had ruled against them in several union cases. The judge was bounced when the Ministry of Interior discovered he could neither read nor write.

SHORTER HOURS

Shorter hours are the best answer to machinery and improved methods of production. After all, doesn't machinery, etc., turn out more goods in less time! Note—more goods in less time! Now, why should the boss alone benefit from the "less time?" Some say that machinery is "labor-saving."

Machines in the Home

There are machines that are a blessing and the relationship between them and us is perfect. We mean the new vacuum cleaner, washing machine, or refrigerator we purchase for our home. How these fine tools cut down the hours of back breaking drudgery and increase the time for leisure, loafing and everything else!

Now, imagine a fool husband saying to his machine-liberated spouse: "Madam, I have calculated that since the introduction of machinery into our domicile your working time has been cut to twenty hours a week. Considering the necessity for reorganization and reducing our overhead, I find that I can dispense with part of your services. Hereafter, madam, you need come in only three days a week!"

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Better Than One a Week Year's Record on Charters Issued to New Local Unions

THE CLOSE OF THE OFFICIAL CONGRESS year on June 30th showed a gain in both organizations and dues-paying membership in The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Of immediate significance were the fifty-eight charters issued by the Congress to newly organized Federal Local Unions during the year.

Despite the loss of one large local in British Columbia and other smaller ones, the net increase in directly chartered Federal Local Unions during the fiscal year was an even fifty. Other net increases included an additional International Union taken into affiliation, three Joint Councils or Federations of local unions and organizations, and two Trades and Labor Councils.

Dues paying membership also moved up during the year. The largest increase in average membership on which per capita tax was paid was in International Unions. This increase amounted to 26,000. A similar membership increase in Federal Local Unions was shown at 5,000 despite the loss of 1,600 in one expelled union: Local 28. Net increase in membership on which per capita was paid for the fourteen National and Provincial Organizations was 8,000.

There are now sixty-two Trades and Labor Councils in Canada that are chartered by The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. During the year three new Councils received charters but one was lifted until the Council can be re-organized and enabled to operate in accordance with the constitutional requirements of the Congress.

Seventy-one International Unions are affiliated to the Congress.

"Some people don't like unions, but I'm gonna make 'em eat those words!"

End of "Baloney" In Lucky Strike Ads

Washington (P.P.A.)—It just aint so, all those fancy claims Lucky Strike cigarettes have been making, the Federal Trade Commission has ruled. F.T.C. has ordered the American Tobacco Co. to stop claiming that:

Lucky Strikes contain less nicotine or less acid than other leading brands;

That Lucky Strikes are less irritating to the throat than other leading brands; are easier on the throat; provide protection against throat irritation or coughing;

That Luckies are preferred "2 to 1" by independent tobacco experts; that these experts prefer Luckies because they know the grades and quality of the tobacco bought for making Luckies.

The F.T.C. order declared scientific evidence showed "there is no significant difference in the acidity of the popular brands of cigarettes" and that actual tests showed the smoke from Luckies no less acid than that from other leading brands. Medical testimony, said F.T.C., showed that smoke from one brand is no less irritating than from other brands. The F.T.C. said flatly that smoke from Luckies "is not easy on one's throat" and smoking Luckies "will not afford one protection against throat irritation or against coughing."

As to the claim that independent experts prefer Luckies "2 to 1", F.T.C. said a survey of 2210 persons classified by American Tobacco Co. as "independent tobacco experts" showed that: A number of them had no connection with the tobacco business; of 440 of the 1184 persons the company claimed smoked Luckies exclusively, a number smoked other brand exclusively, a number could not recall ever having been interviewed by company representatives, and others got free cigarettes or money from the firm.

It is impossible, from just looking at a pile of tobacco leaves, to determine the actual nicotine content, said the F.T.C. and no manufacturer can "maintain a given level of nicotine."

The findings in the Lucky Strikes parallel those for Camels and Old Golds. A court has upheld the findings on Camels, and the Old Golds court appeal is still pending. Pending before the F.T.C. are the cases of Philip Morris and Pall Mall.

SILLY MAN

The woman motorist was trying to navigate a traffic jam. She rammed the car in front of her, then tried to back up and knocked down a pedestrian. Then she tried to move over to the curb and smacked into a hydrant. A policeman came up.

"Okay, lady, let's see your license," he demanded.

"Don't be silly," she grunted, "who'd give me a license?"

Coolness, and absence of heat and haste, indicate fine qualities. A gentleman makes no noise; a lady is serene.

Says Nation Lacks Political Leadership

Buffalo, N.Y.—A.F.L. Sec.-Treas. George Meany told the New York State Federation of Labor that "our country today is suffering from a vacuum of inspirational leadership."

"The Democratic Party has a majority in both houses of Congress, but again and again it has been shown that the President cannot control even the members of his own party in Congress," he said.

"The real leadership in Congress is the combination of the Byrd Dixiecrats and those reactionary Republicans who gladly do the bidding of Big Business under the guidance of Senator Taft.

"To picture Taft as a leader of the American people would overtax my imagination. He is a man utterly lacking in statesmanship and human sympathy. He is a spokesman for Big Business, first, last and all the time.

"When effectual leadership is lacking, in a crisis like the present, it is up to the American people themselves to take over. In a democracy like ours, it is sometimes imperative that the people show the way to their leaders. That time is now. It can be done."

BABY BOOM

Our country's still in the midst of a baby boom and the experts who make birth-rate figures their business, are not at all sure when—nor whether—it's going to stop.

It could be we're trending toward an average family of four or more children. Population men, however, do not believe it will go that high. They expect a tapering off next year.

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Who's been having all these children? The answer is just about everybody, but biggest gains percentagewise have been among college graduates and city people. As a group, college graduates are reproducing themselves for the first time in our history. Cities haven't been caught up with farms yet, but they are making headway.

Younger mothers are doing their share, too. It's the girls under 25 (many under 20) who've been the busiest.

Most of the babies born during this boom have been first, second or third children. There's no noticeable return yet to the big family of a generation ago. Just many, many more families having children and more of them having two or three.

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That whoever's having the children, all of us are responsible for doing our share toward getting good housing, education, health facilities and future jobs for all of them. Not just because babies are wonderful, but because all of us will lose unless they grow up as intelligent, healthy and happy citizens.

LOVELY

"Have you ever appeared as a witness in a suit before?" asked the attorney.

"Why, of course!" replied the young lady on the witness stand.

"Wil you please tell the jury just what suit it was?" demanded the lawyer.

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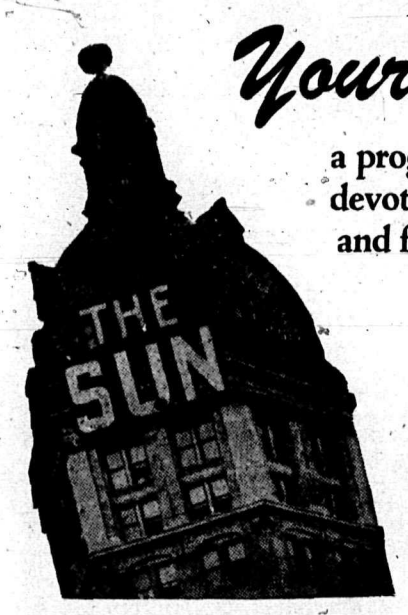

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Sterling Laundry Workers Organized

Business Agent J. H. Irving reports that the 45 employees of the Sterling Laundry have been signed up into the union, making it a 100 per cent. shop.

Negotiations are being carried on with the management for a union agreement, and satisfactory progress is being made.

The Valley Laundry in Chilliwack has also been visited and over 50 per cent ofthe employees have been signed up.

A conciliation board is sitting on the dispute with the Star Laundry, the union agreement having been turned down by this firm.

New Agreement Signed By Window Bakeries

The new agreement with the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union, Local No. 468 has been signed by the Canadian Window Bakeries, which calls for a $10.00 per week wage increase across the board and other improvements in working conditions.

This matter had to go to conciliation, but the award was not satisfactory to the union, who then proceeded to take a strike vote. The firm settled on the union's terms before the strike went into effect.

The National Biscuit Company has declined to make the wage increases asked for by the union, and the matter is in the hands of a conciliation board.

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The proper treatment of scalds and burns will often lesson the pain caused by them and will also result in early healing, the National Bureau of Standards says in its pamphlet on Safety for the Household.

Burns and scalds are serious and dangerous to life in proportion to the extent and depth of the injury. A burn covering a large area, although quite superficial, is as serious or more so than a much deeper burn in which a smaller skin area has been involved. Large or deep burns are not cases for household remedies, but slight or moderately severe burns and scalds may be handled by simple methods.

Among the remedies usually found in the household, ordinary baking soda is perhaps the most efficient. This should be made in a strong solution with water and applied to the burned area. The surface should not be permitted to dry, but should be kept moistened with water.

For minor burns a boric acid for vaseline dressing will suffice. Absorbent cotton should never be used as a dressing—use sterile gauze.

The simple blistering that follows minor first-degree burns is best treated by opening the blister, permitting the inclosed fluid to escape. However, the skin should not be removed.

The best method of handling minor burns about the eye—cases where the eyeball proper has not been burned—consists of applying dressing kept moist with boric acid solution. Of course if the eye is severely damaged, expert treatment is needed.

If a person has breathed flame or live steam, the condition is apt to be serious, even though it may not appear so at once. Complete rest and quiet, an ice bag on the chest, the giving of milk and cream, if swallowing is possible, should be employed.

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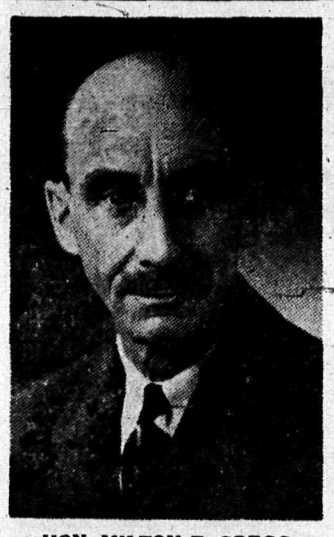

HON. MILTON F. GREGG
Federal Minister of Labor.

Labor Day Message Hon. Milton F. Gregg, Minister of Labor

Since last Labour Day, the world has experienced a period of grave uncertainty. We, of the free nations, have been forced to engage in a major defence effort at a time when we would prefer to direct our hopes, our moral and material energies, toward the establishment of a free and peaceful world. It is our fervent prayer that our efforts will help to avoid another World War.

In carrying out our defence program it is important that we maintain our standard of living at the highest possible level. Communism breeds and grows under conditions of depression and economic insecurity. It is, therefore, essential that we who are nurtured in freedom are not only strong in the military sense, but also morally and intellectually, in order to play our part in taking the world out of its morass of fear and insecurity.

There are sacrifices required of all Canadians to fulfill our obligations. These sacrifices must be based on a foundation of equality. Labour in the past has demonstrated its willingness to undertake its fair share of responsibility, and it is doing no less now.

One of our great problems at the moment is inflation. It may seem trite to repeat it, but the mounting evidence is inescapable that the surest method of combatting inflation is by increased production. At the present time, high production levels are essential, and the maintenance of these levels will require a high degree of labour-management co-operation. It is essential that the existing excellent relations between employee and employer groups be maintained. The good effects of this co-operation have been demonstrated time and time again, and the resulting benefits are shared by all.

The Canadian labour movement has been quick to recognize the tactics of divide and conquer, adopted by those who would destroy free life as we know it.

In the light of these facts, and the excellent record of the Canadian labour movement, the people of Canada can indeed be proud that organized labour has consistently exhibited a broad and rational approach to the problems not only of its own country, but of the world at large.

Tobacco Workers Sign Two Pacts

A general wage increase of 12½ per cent has been gained by Local 307, Tobacco Workers International Union in a new collective agreement signed in July with Imperial Tobacco Company (Newfoundland) Limited. All other benefits contained in the old agreement are carried forward and include ten paid holidays, one week's vacation after six months and two weeks' after one year.

Local 235, Tobacco Workers International Union, has just completed a new agreement with W. C. Macdonald Tobacco Inc., in which a general wage increase of five cents is included. The increase is retroactive to June 6th, and an additional five cents will become effective on June 9th, 1952. The contract will run for two years, expiring June 5th, 1953.

Congress Appoints J. Gagnon in N.B.

President J. A. Gagnon of the Moncton and District Trades and Labor Council has been appointed as a part-time Representative by The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Representative Gagnon has been active in voluntary organizing work in Moncton and the surroundingg district.

He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, and in recent months assisted in the organization of several locals of International Unions as well as reviving Federal Local Unions of the Congress.

Welland Steel Get Contract

Agreement has been reached between the United Steel Corporation Limited, Welland, Ontario, and the Welland United Steel Employees' Association No. 418, a Federal Union chartered by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

This is the first contract between these parties and covers approximately one hundred employees.

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More headlines: "Father of ten shot—mistaken for a rabbit." "June babies flood Ottawa hospital."

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Teddy: "It's father when he brings home his wages."

W. (BILL) D. WILSON.
Representative for Western Canada of the American Federation of Labor, member of Carpenters' Union, No.

Union Agreements At Aluminum Project

Each year when Labor Day rolls around it is a good time for organized labor to take stock as to what has been accomplished during the past year, and what we hope to gain during the coming year, not only in the way of wages and working conditions but also in the way of Social Legislation and assisting the unorganized to become organized and participate in the benefits derived through the process of collective bargaining.

When we consider the terrific struggle the organized worker has in obtaining wage increases to keep even with the rising cost of living, we can surely appreciate the plight of the unorganized worker who is always at the mercy of the boss and must accept whatever is handed to him in the way of wages and other working conditions.

All our A.F. of L. Unions have made gains during the past year both in wages and increased membership and a number of new locals have also been organized. In our organizing activities of course we have run into the problem of dual unions and their false perspective. These dual unions serve no useful purpose and only tend to split the workers into splinter groups and weaken their collective economic strength. The American Federation of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada are set up in such a manner that they can take care of the organizational requirements of the entire working force of Canada. Many of these small dual groups due to their inexperience and poor leadership get into trouble and immediately come screaming to us for help, whereas if they were in with us, where they rightfully belong, they would not go astray down blind alleys and cause us embarrassment in the extricating process.

During the past year there has been many lines in the press of Canada relative to the Aluminum project in Northern British Columbia. While this is a huge undertaking, requiring several years to construct and make ready for production, it can be manned to a great extent by B.C. labor. The publicity in the press has brought hundreds of men in from other provinces hoping to get work on the project and now find themselves on the bread line.

Our A.F. of L. union agreements covering the construction of the Aluminum Plant, including power project, smelter, docks, dams and townsite, etc., provides that all workers employed in connection with same, must be members of unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

W. D. WILSON,
Organizer,
American Federation of Labor.

NOW SHE KNOWS

"Is this the speedometer?" asked the pretty girl, tapping the glass with her finger.
"Yes, dear," he replied.
"And that's the clutch?"
"That's the clutch, darling," he said, jamming on his brakes to avoid a fast-approaching truck.
"But what on earth is this?" she inquired, at the same time giving the accelerator a vigorous push with her foot.
"This, dear," he said, in a soft celestial voice, "is Heaven." And picking up a harp he flew away.

Professor: "How old would a person born in 1894 be now?"
Student: "Man or woman?"

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Nine Lines for Safe Lives

Since even one serious accident in a family can be expensive in money, time, and loss of labor, farm families as well as others may well give special attention to safety rules, according to safety advisors. Here are some simple but important rules suggested by the National Safety Council:

1. Keep passage ways and stairs in good repair, unobstructed, and well lighted.
2. Keep ladders in good repair and easy to get at in emergencies.
3. Don't wear loose or floppy clothes around machinery, or when doing cooking or housework.
4. Keep your back straight and lift heavy loads with leg muscles. Don't try to lift anything that is too heavy for you.
5. Use the right tools for the job, keep them in good condition, and in a safe place.
6. Don't use kerosene to start fires.
7. Always stop a machine before starting to repair it. Disconnect electrical appliances or equipment before working on them.
8. Give prompt attention to even small injuries.
9. Never swim alone. Never dive into water without first determining the depth. Be careful around any boat and never stand up in small boats.

Obvious as these rules may seem, studies of accidents each year show how often they are overlooked, forgotten, or never thought of until after the accident happened.

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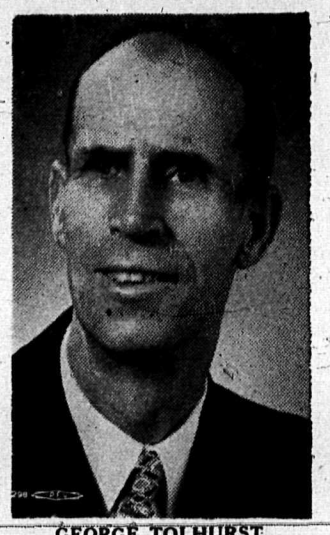

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First Section of IBEW 20-Million Dollar Housing Plan

THE FIRST TENANTS MOVED INTO Electchester August 1. This long awaited day was announced by Business Manager Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3 in New York. Construction of Local 3's $20,000,000 co-operative housing project, largest of its type ever planned, in Flushing, Queens, ultimately to house 2,141 families, was started in September, 1950.

Covers 60 Acres

The first section of the project, consisting of 383 apartments, was built by Paul Tishman Company, Inc.

Site of the development covers 60 acres of what was once the Pomonok Country Club.

Architectural plans for the second section have been completed and excavation for foundations is slated to start this month.

That was the news brought to the membership by Business Manager Van Arsdale, who said, that barring unforeseen contingencies, the steel would be delivered this month for the next section.

$1,100,000

The report also disclosed that 3,000 members had purchased $100 interest-bearing sponsor's notes to make possible the financing of Local 3's housing project. The contractors have purchased $300,000 worth, the Joint Industry Board of the Electrical Industry $200,000 worth and the Joint Board's Pension Fund $300,000 worth making available for financing the first section of $1,100,000.

He pointed out that since the Korean War last June costs had zoomed way out of line and further financing was necessary, for other sections. A special meeting of advisory boards, their chairmen and secretaries from other divisions in the union last week with 120 members present voted to help finance the fourth housing section. In one shop with 76 members, 67 pledged to purchase the $100 sponsor's notes.

Will Price Cuts Last?

Does the present slackening of demand and comparative abundance of goods mean a general reduction in prices is in sight? Not necessarily. Most experts say it's happening because rearmament orders have not taken full hold yet. Also, manufacturers have learned how to control production to make sure prices don't go down sharply.

But every family can help keep prices down to some extent by careful buying. Buying only for real and immediate needs; buying only durable quality without extra gadgets and trimmings; buying at as low a price as possible.

It may be wise to take advantage of special sales now in goods you know you will need this Fall. Wool blankets and suits are two examples.

There have been no significant price cuts yet in cotton goods, but wholesale prices are beginning to soften a bit in anticipation of a big cotton crop next year and some better values in shirts, sheets, etc., may be available soon.

NYLONS: Prices of hosiery are faltering a bit. Manufacturers of unbranded hose have cut prices. Makers of branded lines are keeping official prices up but are offering more and more so-called "irregulars" with nothing actually wrong with them but the maker's reluctance to frankly reduce prices.

Do's and Don't's for On-the-Job Eye Care

1. Wear glasses, if needed. Wear safety glasses at hazardous jobs.
2. On continuous close-up work, rest your eyes frequently.
4. Insist on good lighting and avoid working in shadows.
4. Seek competent care for tired eyes, blurred vision, headaches.

* * *

1. Don't rub eyes with soiled hands. Never rub eyelid to remove a speck. Use water to wash it out.
2. Don't work with unshaded light.
3. Don't hold reading or instruction matter more than 14 inches from the eyes.

Don't neglect failing vision.

Two glaring DON'T's for on-the-job eye care—don't neglect to wear those safety goggles and don't work with unshaded light.

KEEP HIM IN THE DARK

Mother with three children, all on the way to a movie, found a bus seat for the smallest child next to a nun. He gazed at the nun open-mouthed, but was soon chatting away.

When they reached their destination Mother thanked the Sister for her patience, and hoped Johnny had not been a nuisance.

"Not at all," the nun replied, smiling. "But, please, never tell him I'm not really a penguin!"

Seems as if some people grow with responsibility . . . others just swell.

"Which are you now? Chairman of the bargaining or grievance committee?"

Electrical Workers Have Steady Growth

Electrical Workers Union No. 213 continues its upward march, with more members, more contractors, more wages and better working conditions.

Several new contractors have been added to the list of electrical firms employing union members, embracing nearly 500 members employed by the 60 inside wiring firms.

Line transmission firms have also added to the number of men permanently employed, and the B. C. Electric Railway and Power Company and B.C. Power Commission also continues to increase in size and scope.

Added to the growing number of union members have been the employees of motor winder shops, with practically all shops organized.

Manufacturers of electrical parts are also covered in agreements with the union, so the growing family of electrical trades, continues to keep pace with those of other trades.

In the recent election of officers, the following were elected to office by referendum ballot for two years.

Among those missing from the list is Claude Hill, who has retired on pension after holding down the office of treasurer of the union for the past 25 years. George Tolhurst, one of the old-time members takes over the office of president of the union with over 1400 members.

Business manager, George Gee; president, George Tolhurst (acclamation); vice-president, John Waplington; recording secretary, Bill Daley (acclamation); treasurer, E. A. Knight; executive board: Jack McSorley, Art O'Keefe, V. Shuttleworth, A. Dorland, Al. McDiarmid.

Fringe Benefits?

New Zealand is noted in the British Commonwealth of Nations as one of the most highly unionized areas of the world. Because of this fact, we are inclined to believe the following story concerning extra pay:

An Auckland newspaper cited the experience of an industrialist who told of the extra pay demanded by "wharfies," the New Zealand term for longshoremen. One gang was unloading cases of whisky from the hold of a ship and they asked for "temptation money."

But the payoff came when the gang working another hold in the same ship heard about the bonus and sought one, too. They were unloading bright new bedpans, so for this work they received an extra fourpence as "embarrassment money."

Our only comment is in the form of a question: Would this extra "temptation" and "embarrassment" pay come under the heading of a fringe benefit or not?

CARPENTERS UP MOOSE JAW RATE

Local 1804, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, in recent negotiations here with the building contractors, has reached an agreement covering wages and working conditions for the ensuing year.

The following are some of the clauses agreed upon: (a) Wage rate of $1.55 per hour; (b) Jurisdictional area, the City of Moose Jaw and a radius of ten miles; (c) Effective as from May 1, 1951, for one year, unless changed through mutual consent of the parties concerned.

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News of the Month

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA

By GEO. R. BENGOUGH

Wealthy Lumber Monopolies Using Cheap Labor to Build New Mills

THE UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS along with the other Building Trades Unions of Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria, note extending use of this cheap labor.

The lumber operators boast yearly of enormous profits, made out of the natural resources of British Columbia.

Undoubtedly every move they make is calculated to obtain an extra dollar—plus a dollar saved is a dollar earned. That maxim is being realistically applied to their construction program wherever possible.

For years under the guise of maintenance, these lumber operators have rebuilt and added new buildings on their property at less than the construction industry rates of wages.

Today it is even more glaring. Over at Victoria, one of the largest lumber companies is putting up what will eventually be a two million dollar plywood plant, and paying their construction men sawmill maintenance wages, and applying sawmill maintenance conditions.

True, some of the sub-trade work was allocated to shops fair to the building trades unions for this particular job.

Job Is Picketted

At the present time the Victoria Building Trades Council has a picket at this construction job.

This is a good fight and they are using the best methods to tell the world that this manner of constructing is unfair to building trades unions.

The men on jobs of this nature are most certainly misguided. Misguided to allow themselves to be employed under such conditions. Misguided to assist the lumber operators to break down established construction practice.

But what is most appalling to any reasonable thinking union man is that another organization insists these men join their union, thereby continuing this practice. That is the part that meets favor with the lumber bosses.

Must Join Dual Unions

It is not difficult for the I.W.A. to insist these construction men join their union, for, in most instances, this construction work takes place within the property of the lumber operator.

It is understandable that there is rivalry between the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and the International Woodworkers of America in the province of British Columbia for both have membership in the same field.

No one anticipates one union saying many kind words about the other when they are both in the same field; but this practice of the **I.W.A. manning construction jobs at maintenance wages and conditions is an eye-opener for all**—including the bosses.

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Unions and Agreements

Union agreements are now completed for most Locals on the Lower Mainland. Below are set out the wages and conditions for each Local, along with the names of the officers and mailing address of the Local Union:

Local 452, Vancouver Carpenters
Rate: $2.00; 40-hour week; Union shop; Saturday work, double time.
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Meeting: 2nd and 4th Monday, Labor Temple.
Address: Room 100, Labor Temple, 307 West Broadway.
Telephone, FA. 2396.

Local 506, Shipwrights, Joiners and Caulkers
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President, James Best.
Secretary, Phil. Perchenski.
Financial Secretary, Jack Evans.
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Meeting: 3rd Friday in the Labor Temple.
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Secretary, Hazel Hart.
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Address, 307 West Broadway.
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Local 2534, Furniture & Millworkers, New Westminster
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