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# INJUNCTION ISSUED AGAINST PICKETING OF DAILY PROVINCE

**Members and Officers of Union Involved in the Injunction—Picketing Taken Over By Members of Other Unions In Vancouver**

EIGHTY-FIVE LIFE-LONG EMPLOYEES of the Vancouver Daily Province and eleven officers of the International Typographical Union, have been served with an injunction, which prohibits them from picketing or creating a nuisance around the premises of The Southam Company Limited, plaintiffs for the injunction.

With the issuance of this injunction, members of the International Typographical Union are prohibited from acting as pickets around the premises of the Vancouver Daily Province, in which they were formerly employed.

This injunction covers a wide enough ground that no members of the union may act in a way that can be construed as contempt of the order of the court, without incurring further claims for damages against the members and the union. To disregard this order would make the person or persons liable to arrest.

The plaintiffs are also making a claim for damages against the defendants for alleged unlawful acts committed against the plaintiff, their patrons, tenants of the building, officers, servants and agents of the company, and they are also making a claim against the named defendants for the costs of the court action.

**Picketing Continues**

Although members of the Typographical Union are bound to recognize the order issued by the court, or find themselves in contempt of the order, picketing is being carried on by members of other unions and by friends of the unions. How far this can be carried out is still a matter of cenjecture, because it stands to reason that the company will have to seek other means of having this new group of pickets removed, if it can be done by legal means.

Neither the union nor its members can offer any advice or seek assistance in connection with picketing because that becomes part of the injunction. If the injunction can be beaten by the union when it comes before the court on July 29th, then picketing may be properly resumed by the union, but inasmuch as there was some violence displayed prior to the issuance of the injunction, it may not be an easy matter to convince the court that the injunction should not be continued.

**Must Avoid Violence**

It must also be borne in mind that any violence displayed between now and July 29th will also have a bearing on the matter when brought to the attention of the court by the lawyers of the plaintiff company.

Under these circumstances it seems advisable to point out that no matter what the average union man or woman thinks should be done to "scabs" or "strike breakers" around the premises of the company, to commit any acts of violence in such a locality only interferes with the further actions that can be taken by the Typographical Union.

**Future Events**

It is too early yet to state what and how the actions of other printing trades union members working for the Daily Province will affect the progress in the printing and continuation of the printing of the paper. These unions have contracts to live up to, and it has been one of the outstanding features of the printing trades unions to live up to the terms and conditions embodied in their agreements. It should be noted that the Typographical Union in Vancouver continued to live up to its agreement with the Southam Company until that agreement expired. When the agreement expired they refused to have it renewed, in order to register their protest against the action of the company in Winnipeg although the company was willing to renew it.

## Attack On Molders Quickly Squelched

An unwarranted attack on two officials of the A. F. of L. Molders' Union was made in the Trades and Labor Council meeting by Charles Stewart, a member of the Street Railwaymen's Union in Vancouver. The The attack was quickly squelched, and the delegates endorsed the Council's Executive recommendation to turn another communication from the Street Railwaymen's Union dealing with the molders situation from the CCL (Dual) Molders Union, over to the A. F. of L. Molders' Union.

Later in the evening, under reports from unions, Delegate Dave McCormack of the A. F. of L. Molders' Union, showed that Delegate Stewart either did not know what he was talking about or deliberately took sides with the tactics of a dual union.

Delegate McCormack pointed out that his union had been operating in Vancouver for 55 years, and had its ups and downs with the good and bad times in the city. At the beginning of the war the union launched an organizing campaign, but soon found that a dual union was being organized to take advantage of the war work.

When the time came for negotiating an agreement, the dual union proposed the drawing up of a similar agreement, each union to have these signed in whatever plants they each had a majority of members in. This was agreed to by the A. F. of L. union, in order that there should be no stoppage in war work, over a jurisdictional dispute.

It was not long, however, before this joint agreement was sabotaged by the CCL union, so the A. F. of L. union cut loose from such an arrangement and decided to negotiate its own agreements.

This year while the A. F. of L. Molders' Union were negotiating their agreements, the CCL called a strike in their own plants, and went and put pickets around the A. F. of L. plants.

During the negotiations, said Delegate McCormack, the employers offered a 5-cent an hour increase, which the union turned down, but continued the negotiations for a higher scale.

During the strike of the CCL and while the A. F. of L. molders were out of work because of the CCL pickets, the union continued its negotiations and eventually accepted a 10-cent per hour increase which the employers offered. The union signed up 13 foundries on this basis and a 40-hour week. The CCL continue to picket A. F. of L. shops, and he said some legal means must be found so that the A. F. of L. molders can go back to work.

## Building Contractors To Pay Increases

Wage increases recently negotiated by the Carpenters' Unions, No. 452 of Vancouver and No. 1251 of New Westminster, with the General Contractors' Association, has now been extended to the members of the Building Contractors' Association, adding another hundred contractors to the $1.25 wage scale.

The G. C. A. is composed of most of the larger contracting firms, who have been doing business with the Carpenters' Union for a number of years. The unions recently negotiated a wage increase of 13 cents, and it was endorsed by the Regional War Labor Board.

Last October the Building Trades Council negotiated an agreement with the Building Contractors' Association, which is composed mostly of house builders and smaller commercial construction firms. In order to put the new wage scale into effect among the members of the Association, they made a joint agreement with the Carpenters' Union to get authorization to pay the $1.25, and the R.W.L.B. has now issued a "Finding and Direction" to 102 general contractors who are members of the Building Contractors' Association to pay that scale as from July 1st.

In the agreement with the Building Trades Council, the Building Contractors' Association also agrees to use sub-trade contractors who employ members of unions affiliated with the Council. Hence when these affiliated unions have concluded their negotiations for wage increases, the firms agreeing to those wage increases will be the only ones considered as fair contractors.

There are still some general contractors who are not members of either of the above mentioned associations. Many of these are signed up with the Building Trades Council and they are being issued "Directions" to pay the new scale, hence the $1.25 wage scale for carpenters will soon be in effect on all construction work.

## Hudson's Bay Signs Agreement

Twenty-four months ago the Retail Clerks' Union, Local 279 was certified to act as the bargaining representative for all the employees of the Hudson's Bay Victoria department store. This was the first major department store in Canada to be organized. The Department Store industry in Canada sought to defeat this establishment of trade unionism in their field. They endeavored by every means at their disposal to smash this precedent setting certification.

The Company hired Walter Owen, M.P. (Master of Procrastination) to conduct negotiations. Negotiations broke down, and a conciliation officer—after three extensions of his term—failed to effect an agreement and recommended a Conciliation Board be established. The Board recommended signing of an agreement with certain union security provisions (maintenance of membership, and union shop after one year's employment) and the Bay spurned the decision of the Board. Attempts were then made to foist an employees' association on the members, and this was decisively smashed by Local 279.

During the entire battle we had been made well aware that the Hudson's Bay Company operated under a charter granted in 1670 by King Charles the II and that this Royal Charter superceded all Provincial and Federal laws in Canada Finally after a year and eight months of this bitter opposition the Company agreed to negotiate with the Retail Clerks' Union, Local 279, on a sincere basis. Mr. George Klein was taken from his post as General Manager of the Winnipeg Store (the largest in the chain) and made the Company's Labor Negotiator for all its operations.

Mr. Klein proved to be most sincere and fair, and the contrast with previous Company representatives was almost too much for the union representatives. Finally on June 25, 1946, two years after certification, the Hudson's Bay Company signed the agreement for their Victoria store, and it becomes the first major department store in Canada under union contract. Plans are now under way to capitalize on the success of this tremendous battle.

—George Johnston.

## Woodward's Sign Agreement With Retail Meat Employees

For many years meat employees were organized under the banner of the Retail Clerks' Union, Local 279, in the absence of an International Meat-Cutters' Union. The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada granted a charter to Retail Meat Employees in British Columbia, Federal Union No. 222. Local 222 took over the jurisdiction from the Retail Clerks' Union and was certified for the sixty employees of the Meat, Fish and Delicatessen departments in Woodwards. Negotiations have now been completed with the firm, resulting in the inclusion of union security in the contract.

These employees have been organized for over seven years and operated without a signed contract for the first four years. Then they gained a signed contract with open shop and this was renewed the following year. For seven years this militant group maintained a 90 per cent membership and were the only organized department store employees in Canada.

The contract with Local 222 provides maintenance of membership for present employees and union shop for new employees. Substantial wage increases were gained in the recent negotiations, these having been approved by the Regional War Labor Board. In seven years of organization these sixty employees, out of the store's total staff of 1,400, have raised their wages more than 100 per cent and through their solidarity raised the wages and improved the conditions of every department store employee in British Columbia.

## Retail Clerks Union In Courtenay-Cumberland

George Johnston, General Organizer, Retail Clerks' International Union, announces that following a visit to that area a new Local has been chartered. The Charter for the Retail Clerks' Union, Local 1539, Courtenay-Cumberland, will be installed in the immediate future and an intensive organizational drive conducted in this area.

## Carpenters' Picnic At Bowen, Aug. 3rd

Carpenters' Union No. 452 will hold its Annual Basket Picnic at Bowen Island on Saturday, Aug. 3rd.

Boats leave the Union Steamship Dock, foot of Carrall Street, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

There will be mank kinds of sports for which $400.00 worth of prizes will be handed out.

Tea, coffee and milk will be supplied free, as well as ice cream and soft drinks.

Tickets are $1.00 for adults and 50c for children between 5 and 12. Tickets can be obtained from union office at 531 Beatty Street. Get yours early.

## Building Laborers Pact Nearing Completion

Negotiations by the Building Laborers' Union with the General Contractors' Association for changes in their agreement have been practically concluded, and are now awaiting a meeting with Bill James, the International Representative, who will be back in town in a day or two.

Sixteen new members were initiated at the last meeting of the union, and there is already another large batch for the next meeting.

The union is arranging for a group of the members to attend the meeting of the Bellingham, Washington, union meeting on Friday, July 26th. Both Laborers and Plasterers' Helpers are invited.

Buses will leave the Labor Headquarters at 7 p.m. sharp. The cost is $2 return.

A committee has also been set up to try to arrange for a joint picnic between the Vancouver and New Westminster locals.

## NWLB Upholds Appeal Of Stationery Engineers

Jack Henderson, Business Agent for the Stationery Engineers, Local No. 882, reports that the National War Labor Board has upheld their appeal against a decision of Hon. G. S. Pearson, Provincial Minister of Labor, regarding bargaining status of the engineers in four lumber plants. Mr. Pearson had ruled that the engineers were included in the bargaining unit of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO). Exception was taken to this ruling by the International Union of Operating Engineers because engineers in these plants had not only become members of the Engineers' Union, but desired the union to act as their bargaining representatives.

A joint appeal against the NWLB's decision is now being made by the IWA and the Stuart Research Ltd., representing the companies. The decision of the NWLB was that the Federal Department of Labor should take a vote of the employees (Engineers), of the Alberta Pacific Lumber Co., Alberta Plywoods Ltd., and Bloedel, Stewart and Welch Ltd., and Port Alberni and Central Lake, . C.

## Plumbers' Picnic At Bowen, August 10th

Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Union, Local No. 170, will hold its Annual Picnic at Bowen Island on Saturday, August 10th.

Boats leave the Union Steamship Docks, foot of Carrall Street, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Tea, coffee and milk will be supplied free, as well as ice cream.

There will be a good sports programme and a large number of prizes given for each event. The main contest wil lbe the tug-of-war.

Tickets are $1.00 for adults and 25c for children aged 5 to 12. Get your tickets early from the office of the union at 531 Beatty Street.

## Two New Unions Affiliate With TCL

Two new unions that were recently organized made application for affiliation with the Trades and Labor Council and were accepted. They are the Paint and Varnish Workers' Union, Local No. 1550, chartered by the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators Union, and the Furniture Workers' Union, Local No. 2533, chartered by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

## Fire Fighters Give Thanks For Support

M. O. Howell, secretary of the British Columbia Provincial Association of Fire Fighters, thanked Bro. Gervin personally and the Trades and Labor Council for the strong support given to the fire fighters in their struggle to have the 48-hour week put into effect for the fire-fighters of this province.

The 48-hour schedule will go into effect on the 1st of August of this year and will add a large number of men to their ranks.

## Barbers Put Card In Four More Shops

Business Agent Herrett of the Barbers' Union reports four more barber shops signed up with the union, and an organizing campaign going on to sign up Ladies' Hairdressing shops.

New barber shops signed up are:
H. G. Delamont, 139 East Hastings.
C. Magnieson, 3150 Cambie St.
C. P. R. Railway Depot .
Adam Hummel, 2215 Granville St.

## Stinson Appointed B.A. For Retail Employees

The Joint Council of Retail Employees, representing the Retail Grocery and Food Clerks' Union, Local 1518, Retail Clerks' Union, Local 279, and the Retail Meat Employees' Federal Union, Local 222, has announced the appointment of Joe Stinson as business agent. Brother Stinson, a veteran of World War I, was a charter member of Local 279, and its first president, holding this position for three terms. For many years Brother Stinson was manager in a super-market of a large food chain. His background in the Retail Clerks' Union and in the retail industry has earned his appointment full endorsation from the membership of the three unions of the Joint Council.

## Grocery Union Gets O.K.'d In Three Cities

Retail Grocery and Food Clerks' Union, Local 1518, has been certified for Ray's Limited in Vancouver. Ray's Super-Market in New Westminster and Kirkham's Foods (owned by Ray's) in Victoria. The Local will endeavor to implement the agreement now covering the 22 Ray's Superior Stores in Vancouver, in these recently certified units.

## Building Trades Wage Negotiations Ending

Wage negotiations between the various sections of the Building Trades Council and the various Associations is nearing completion. Some figures can be given here, where they have been accepted by the unions affected, but even these have still to go before the Regional War Labor Board.

The following adjustments agreed to by both parties: Bricklayers $1.45; Painters (Brush) $1.10, (Spray) $1.17; Rodmen $1.12; Shinglers $1.25; Pile Drivers $1.30; Floorlayers $1.30; Electrical Workers $1.35; Ironworkers $1.35; Engineers $1.35.

Another hundred and two general contractors have been added to the list of General Contractors who have been authorized by the Regional War Labor Board to pay the $1.25 per hour rate to carpenters. These are members of the Building Contractors' Association, signed up with the Building Trades Council.

Despite the material shortage, construction workers are still fully employed, but the shortage does not show very much, if any, improvement over previous months.

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# The Crime Of Poverty

In many parts of the world, particularly the English-speaking parts, people are celebrating the 90th birthday of the sanest man of the generation which has just passed. He happens to still be alive in this generation, and we refer to George Bernard Shaw.

Others may celebrate his genius as a writer and a playwright. The Electrical Union World, as one of the many spokesmen for organized A.F. of L. workers, celebrates his insistence, both in his writings and his plays, that "poverty is the vilest sin of man and society," because of the belief on our part that the organized working class of the world is the only force which can wipe out poverty'—'the vilest sin of man and society."

In an article written in 1905, Shaw said: "Security, the chief pretense of civilization, cannot exist where the worst of dangers—the danger of poverty—hangs over everyone's head, and where the alleged protection of our persons from violence is only an accidental result of the existence of a police force whose real business is to force the poor man to see his children starve while idle people overfeed pet dogs with money that might feed and clothe the former."

Then Shaw turned to the hypocrites, living in comfort and luxury, who had had the audacity to praise poverty; that is, poverty for the other man and other woman. With blistering words, his wrath fell on those who wrote and talked about "blessed are the poor."

What does this mean, he asked, and answered: "It means let him be weak. Let him be ignorant. Let him become a nucleus of disease. Let him be a standing exhibition of ugliness and dirt. Let him have rickety children."

Shaw, however, was not content with merely indicting the conditions for which poverty was responsible. He called upon the decent people of the world "to decidle that poverty is the one thing we will not tolerate." He said that poverty had "already destroyed many civilizations and is visibly destroying ours in the same way."

He asked whether there was any legislation in the Parliamentary system that might begin to aid in destroying poverty. We could, of course, ask the same question of our Congress. He pointed to the fact that there were "two measures just sprouting from the political soil, which may conceivably grow to something valuable." This wall all written back in 1905. Now, in 1946, one statement of Shaw's is particularly apt. He said: "One measure is the institution of a legal minimum wage." We are now trying in Congress to increase this minimum wage which we were able to put on our statute books only a few years ago.

The second measure that he named was old age pensions. Today, we are trying to increase the pitiable pension which we were able to induce Congress to pass such a short time ago.

Shaw has proclaimed at every opportunity that "poverty is a crime." He has shown that what we know as money is the "means of securing health, strength, honor, generosity and beauty," and that the absence of money represents "illness, weakness, disgrace, meanness and ugliness." He has said that money spent for the things that make life worth living is "the counter that enables life to be distributed socially; it is life."

In one of his writings, Shaw pointed out that the evils to be attacked are not "sin, suffering, greed, priestcrafti k,ngcraft, demagogy, monopoly, ignorance, strength, war, pestilence, nor any of the other scapegoats which reformers sacrifice —but simply poverty."

It is, therefore, particularly fitting that the labor press of this country should celebrate the birthday of the man who has never stopped denouncing "poverty as a crime." It is only the organized workers of this country and of the world who have the potential power to put an end to all poverty and usher in a civilization of abundance.

The House of Have battens and grows rich on the poverty of the Have Nots. Therefore, it is only through organizing the Have Nots, the enormous majority of the world's population, that the crime of poverty can be banished from the earth.

## Science Stood Still During The War Years

"I'd like to explode the myth that science was advanced during the war. Science virtually stood still during the war."

That surprising statement was made here by Dr. E. W. R. Steacie, director of the chemistry division of the National Research Council, and former deputy director of Canada's Chal River atomic bomb project.

"What was contributed during the war was a great deal of money and effort to apply the pure science learned before the war," Steacie continued

"We consumed our scientific capital during the war. Developing what was already known, we applied more science than was ever applied before. But, at the end, we were running out of basic scientific knowledge to apply.

"Another five years of war would have driven science into the ground. It is high time we now get back to some science."

## ILGWU Pay Out $7,315,409 Benefits

New York City.—The long strides made by union operations in the health and welfare field were thrown into bold relief in the 12th annual report of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, A. F .of L. affiliate.

In a complete financial accounting to its 325,000 members in the United States and Canada, the union revealed that it had collected $13,103,545 from employers in 1945 for health and vacation funds. This was an increase of 62 1-2 per cent over the 1944 total. Benefit payments to union members rose by 154 per cent to a total of $7,15,409. A surplus of $5,788,136 is being held in reserve to finance future benefits.

David Dubinsky, president of the ILGWU and a vice-president of the A.F. of L., presented the report which showed the union spent $956,-956 for war relief, gifts to service men and donations to charitable and labor causes in 1945, in addition to a special war relief fund of $1,750,-000 raised through voluntary contributions among its members.

With strikes virtually unknown in the industry in recent years, the garment union continued to show a substantial excess of receipts over disbursements in its general account. The combined income of the international union and its affiliates from membership dues, assessments and fees was $10,069,02, of which the parent organization received $2,672,-899 and the locals and joint boards $7,396,403.

## A. F. of L. Leader Faces Contempt Charge

Sec. W. J. Bassett of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council was charged with contempt of court by attornies for Pacific Press, the strike-bound publisher of Time and Life magazines on the west coast and the Los Angeles Downtown Shopping News.

The company claimed that Bassett, spokesman for the Allied Printing Trades strike strategy committee, violated a temporary court injunction by causing Pacific Electric Railway employees to refuse to deliver goods to the company and by maintaining picket-lines at warehouses and on spur tracks where cars containing printed inserts and paper for Time were located.

## Mass Production Of Labor Song Hits

They've got 'em, they've got 'em; strke songs, blues songs, housing songs, picketline songs, high cost living songs, Bilbo songs—made-to-order songs.

Who's the they? People Songs, Inc., a young and fast-growing organization which believes that popular music "should be concerned with more June-moon-croon." It was formed by members of the prewar Almanac Singers, who put hard-hitting words to old American folk tunes and sang them up and down the land at union meetings and strike rallies, and popular song writers such as Earl Robinson, Bob Russell and Hy Zaret, composer of One Meatball.

During the recent big strikes members of Peoples Song were right in there pitching, some of them singing and performing on the picketlines, others writing ditties that eased the long, hard hours of picket duty and kept morale high. A favorite tune on Genera lElectric picketlines last winter to the music of It's Been a Long, Long Time went like this:

We'll picket once, an dpicket twice,
And picket once again.
It's been a long, long time.
Haven't had a haise, my friends,
Since I can't remember when.
It's been a long, long time.
They say we're holding up production on their toasters.
But if we can't buy bread,
What good are toasters?
So picekt once, and picket twice,
Till GE sees the light,
It's been a long, long time.

**Political Meetings**

Here's a song that made a big hit at political action meetings:

I dreamed I went to Washington.
I took along my little spray gun,
I filled it up with the DDT.
It's powerful stuff, that DDT.
It kills the cockroach and it kills the flea,
It's wonderful stuff, that DDT.
Well, I took my little spray-gun with the DDT in it
Sprayed the House of Representatives, and then I sprayed the Senate.
What a wonderful day for democracy, when I sprayed the Congress with the DDT!
But I woke up, it was plain to see, we got to have more than the DDT,
We got to have more democracy.

**Other Song Hits**

Other hit songs include: Fifty Cent Butter and Fifty Cent Meat, Mama, They're Killing the OPA, Homeless Blues, Listen, Mr. Bilbo, I Went Down to the Steel Mill, Keep That Line A-Moving and such stalwarts as Solidarity Forever and oe JHill.

Aside from performing, writing and seeking out new songs, the organization issues a monthly bulletin which usually contains words and music of more than a half dozen songs, sells individual song-sheets at 5c a copy, offers material from its collection of thousands of original songs and books, folk songs, new songs of the people and historical material, and provides discounts on Union Records, which issues such well-known singers as Josh White, Woody Guthrie, Peter Seeger and Huddie Leadbetter (Leadbelly).

All this is available to members at a dues payment of $5 per year for individuals. Unions and choruses will be especially interested in the group membership plan under which 10 or more members can join up at $1 a person. Sample copies of the bulletin can be obtained by writing to Peoples Songs, 130 W. 42 st., New York City.

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Gluttons: Their kitchen is their shrine; the cook their priest; the table their altar; and their belly their god.—Buck.

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## Taxation Changes Not Satisfactory

Organized labor considers the taxation changes announced in the annual budget which has now been brought down in Parliament by Finance Minister James L. Ilsley a "bitter pill" to swallow.

They fall far short of giving the relief that was expected from the high income tax for the workman who has to pay the butcher, the baker and the landlord. The disappointment is the greater, considering the rise in the cost of living.

Percy R. Bengough, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, stated the budget should have eased the taxation load considerably more for workers.

"Instead of reducing the excess profits and corporation taxes, the government should have lessened to that degree the burden on the people less able to pay," he declared.

The budget increases the income tax exemption only from $660 to $750 for single persons and from $1200 to $1500 for married persons. The Railway Brotherhoods and the Trades and Labor Congress had urged that the exemptions be raised to $1200 for single and $2000 for married persons.

The new exemption rates do not become effective until January 1, 1947. They will not be reflected in tax deductions from pay envelopes until the first earnings after January 1 next.

### Delay Is Surprise

This delayed feature for taxation relief is unique in the Dominion Parliament. In the budget of last October, the reductions then—of 16 per cent for the balance of the 1945 calendar year—went into effect at once. The provision for delay in the pending bill therefore came as a complete surprise.

The budget gives a concession to farmers and fishermen, whose earnings differ from year to year. They will be permitted to pay income tax on the basis of their average earnings over a period of three years. This will save them money.

This average income taxation concession does not apply to railway and other workers, who have lean and fat years dependent on how much employment they get. Income taxes are taken out of each of the pay envelopes they receive.

### Helps Big Business

Big Business is given relief. The direct corporation tax is cut from 40 to 30 per cent and the excess profits tax is also reduced from 20 to 15 per cent. This will be an overall Federal reduction of from 60 to 45 per cent, insofar as Federal taxes are concerned.

For the first time the budget hit co-operatives and farmers' wheat pools by taxation. Patronage dividends and profit refunds to their members are exempted, but only insofar as these payments do not reduce their remaining earnings below "a fair return on their capital," which is set at 3 per cent.

### Pleases Foes of Co-ops

That new rule means the "co-ops" will be taxed on their "undistributed" profits" and on the dividends they pay on capital.

Co-operatives organied under provincial laws, and starting business after December 31, next, will be exempt from the tax for three years, but not if they take over an "existing business." — Tom Green in "Labor."

## Calif. AFL Meet Sets New High State Record

The 44th annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor opened its 5-day session at San Francisco with 2000 delegates, the highest number on record. It was the first state convention since 1942.

The federation's executive council, in a preconvention meeting, unanimously nominated Charles W. Real, incumbent vice-president and Oakland secretary of the teamsters, as president for the coming year to succeed Anthony L. Noriega and C. J. Haggerty incumbent secretary for re-election.

The council also adopted resolutions to be submitted to the convention opposing the federal government's acting as bargaining agent in labor disputes advocating retention of OPA; asking for establishment of a 65c minimum hourly wage; and endorsing a strong veterans' program. In a strongly worded resolution it condemned activities of the Ku Klux Klan and provided that no member of the federation may belong to the KKK.

## Homes For All By 1950 In Great Britain

London.—"I confidently expect" said Mr. Aneurin Bevan recently, "that before the next election every family in Great Britain will have a separate home.

"The housing program is well underway, and I make this prophecy: Unless we strike some unforeseen difficulty, housing will not be a political issue at the next election."

That did not mean we would have solved the problem completely.

We would still have the job of pulling down the ugly houses and building good ones in their place.

The Minister of Health was speaking at a London Co-operative Society lunch.

Revealing that the brick situation was much better, he said: "There never was a shortage of bricks, in spite of what Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Churchill said.

"They claimed that we started to erect houses and forgot the bricks. We did no such thing.

"The explanation is that we raised a howl about bricks to guard against any possible shortage. That is the way in a democracy. You scream before you're hurt if you are wise."

## Daily Paper Aim Of British Co-Ops.

Britain's giant co-operative movement plans to "challenge the great British press combines" by launching its own national daily newspaper, according to W. G. Matters, London Daily Star correspondent in London. At the annual co-operative congress next month delegates from hundreds of local co-operative societies and other organiations within the movement will be asked to endorse the principle of a co-operative daily paper "as soon as practicable."

The newspaper will be owned by 9,000,000 members of the co-operative movement. Directors of the Co-operative Press, the movement's publishing organiation, are elected by representatives of local societies, who are themselves elected by the members. Thus the newspaper policy will be controlled by the 9,000,000 members, each of whom has a single vote in the affairs of his society, however many shares he may hold up to a maximum of $900.

For 20 years or more co-operatives have been thinking about a daily newspaper. Outside the very large newspaper groups, theirs is probably the only organiation in Britain with resources or facilities for such a risky undertaking. They have already a popular Sunday newspaper, Reynolds News, with a circulation of of 750,000, two smaller weekly papers and a number of periodicals. Just recently a book publishing department was established.

The deciding factor as to when the new daily can appear is the newsprint supply. At the moment there is no prospect of an early lifting of rationing.

Departmental stores and certain other large advertisers might not be unwilling to support a co-operative newspaper, but their advertisements would not be encouraged. The Co-operative Press, therefore, anticipates a deficit of around $5,600 a week. To cover this, the 1,057 retail co-operative societies will be asked to support a collective advertising scheme by paying half a cent on $10 of all retail trade. Reynolds News is supported in this way at the same rate.

## Lessons In How To Twist Figures

Three lessons in "How to Twist Figures and Influence People" were splashed over the financial pages of newspapers recently.

The lessons were attempted by three giant corporations, General Electric, General Motors and Chrysler Corp., when they reported on their quarterly earnings.

But no matter how much the corporations wailed about "losses," the lessons only showed that their "losses" through strikes were covered by government tax rebates.

General Electric got a $10,000,000 kickback; General Motors pocketed $52,864,000 in rebates, and Chrysler figured it was due $7,150,000 in returned taxes.

The three corporations did not operate their plants during the strikes against them, but the profits came in just the same, the figures reveal.

On top of the rebates, the corporations also saved more taxes by the mere shift of a few million from "post-war adjustments and contingencies reserve funds" to another bookkeeping column.

## Mergers Reveal Push Toward Monopoly

Mergers in which manufacturing and mining concerns acquired or merged with other firms show the trend toward high concentration in many fields.

Figures compiled by the Smaller War Plants Corp. in its report "Economic Concentration and World War II," show that a total of 193 mergers took place in the food and kindred products field during 1940-45.

Tobacco manufacturing, very highly concentrated, showed only three mergers in the war period, but textile mill products and other fiber manufacturers figured in a total of 56 mergers.

There were only eight mergers in rubber and rubber products for the period, but there were 107 in iron and steel, and 43 in electrical machinery manufacturing.

## Tobacco Firms Are Monopoly, Says Court

The nation's three biggest tobacco companies, R. J. Reynolds (Camels); Liggett & Myers (Chesterfield) and the American Tobacco Co. (Lucky Strike), were found guilty last week of conspiring to form a monopoly by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a 6-0 decision, the court upheld a fine of $255,000 assessed by the District Court in Lexington, Ky., that had been upheld previously by the Sixth Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

Justice Harold Burton delivered the decision, saying the three companies "have been found to have conspired to establish a monopoly and also to have the power and intent to establish and maintain the monopoly. To hold that they do not come within the prohibition of the Sherman (anti-trust) act would destroy the force of that act."

In a separate concurring opinion, Justice Felix Frankfurter said he believed the court also should have ruled on whether errors were committed in the picking of the jury.

The basic reasoning behind the Supreme Court's ruling is that it is not necessary to prove that the monopoly excluded competitors, but only that the monopoly had the power or strength necessary to exclude them if it chose. It was the first time that the Supreme Court had ruled on the point.

## Tory Genius

"Aneurin Bevan, says Mary Seaton, in a recent magazine article, was one of the few men who could trim the eloquent Prime Minister in an argument. Bevan rarely passed up an opportunity for needling the Right Hon. Winston. During a debate, Bevan said: 'Britain is an island bedded on coal and surrounded by fish; only the organizing genius of the Tories could produce both a coal and a fish shortage simultaneously.' The Government benches rang with cheers when Churchill rose to counter the ex-coal-miner's barrage. 'You sir,' wound up the ex-M.P., 'are nothing but a merchant of discourtesy.' Bevan got slowly to his feet, grinning, 'I would rather be a merchant of discourtesy,' he said, with a nod at Churchill, 'than a wholesaler of disaster'."—Australian Standard.


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### INJUNCTIONS

The use of injunctions in labor disputes is an old weapon that has been used for a very long time. Because it is a subject that can only be handled by the Courts of Justice, there is not very much that can be done about it, and it appears to be out of the jurisdiction of legislatures and parliaments.

Organized labor has lost some battles because of the use of injunctions, but in most cases the loss has only been temporary, because there always comes a time when organized labor can lock horns again with the firm or business that obtained the injunction.

These injunctions cannot be made to cover the life of a firm. They are not made permanent, but while they can be renewed if the lawyers of the plaintiff can convince the judge that it should be renewed, even then it can only be extended for a short period of time. Hence we find that sooner or later the union will have another chance at the firm who declines to do business with organized labor.

Some injunctions have been very expensive to unions and also to members of unions, hence unions that have once been caught with an injunction against them try to avoid having any more issued against them. Damages running into thousands of dollars have been obtained from unions and from members of unions. Many workers have lost their homes and other property when such damages have been assessed against them, because lawyers can always find ways and means of collecting the damages. Damages can be assessed against the entire membership involved in the dispute, as well as against the officers and the union funds. Hence, these things have to be given serious consideration.

Sometimes, however, damages are not asked for, and even when they are asked for they are not always assessed, or ordered to be paid by the Judge of the court. Some firms apply the injunction just to have the picketing or other alleged unlawful acts stopped, and are prepared to meet the costs of the case, but such firms are not plentiful.

In the present instance the union and 96 members of the union are involved, so while there is not any desire to stop picketing by other interested parties, everyone of the men named in the injunction must not do any more picketing or encourage picketing. If friends of these members take their place on the picket line, it is still best not to commit any acts of violence around the premises of the complainant. Such acts only play into the hands of the company and the lawyers acting for the company.

Sooner or later this firm will have to come to terms with the union. Some of the biggest anti-union firms in Canada and the United States have eventually signed up with a union, so there is still hope that the company will see the light in time to forestall a crippling financial loss.

### THE STERNER SIDE

Applicable to present-day unrest among young people and their yearning for high adventure and high jinks, is the following:

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### CUT THE SHOP TALK!

The boss had successfully completed a big deal. So that night, by way of celebration, he took his beautiful secretary on a tour of the Broadway night spots. By midnight, the boss was feeling very mellow. He parked himself at a table and placed his arms around his secretary. "Come on, baby," he cooed. "Sit on my lap."

The girl drew back. "Oh, please, Mr. Scrunch," she pouted, "we're supposed to be out for a good time. Can't you forget the office for a while?"

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### PAINFUL PARTING

A haughty young thing sat down beside a lonely soldier in the day coach. After several futile attempts by him to engage her in pleasant conversation he gave up and proceeded to take a nap. To his surprise, when he awakened he found his unapproachable companion softly sleeping beside him. When the train reached his destination he awakened her by saying:

"I just can't leave without saying goodbye. We'll probably never have a chance to sleep together again."

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### IDEAL EXISTENCE

Interviewer (At Employment Office interviewing a discharged soldier): "And just what kind of a job are you looking for?!"

Soldier: "Oh, nothing much — a nymphomaniac with a million dollars would be O.K."

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### DANGEROUS PRACTICE

Thousands of hands, arms and legs and 200 lives would be saved annually if attempts were not made to adjust machinery while in motion.

# What Are Union Labels, Shop Cards And Service Buttons?

I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treasurer
Union Label Trades Department
American Federation of Labor

The Union Label is the official seal which is displayed by means of a cloth or paper label, stamp, or other imprint upon products to assure the consumer that they are manufactured under American labor union standards by union workers who receive union wages, toil reasonable hours and under the most sanitary conditions.

The Shop Card and Service utton are members of the official Union Label family. They are displayed in all business establishments where members of service unions are employed. They guarantee efficient service and healthful conditions.

The Shop Card is a printed sign which is displayed in the window or on the wall of all shops and business places, the employees of which are unionized.

The Service Button is similar to the insignia of lodges or fraternal orders and is worn in the same manner. The Service Button gives assurance that the services are performed or rendered by members of trade unions.

The Union Label Trades Department is the official clearing house for advertising and publicizing the 70 Union Labels, Shop Cards, and Service Buttons in the United States and Canada, and for the promotion and sale of goods and the use of services of every American employer who has a Union Label agreement with one of the 52 national and international A. F. of L. unions which are affiliated with this department.

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### WELL DISTRIBUTED

2Groucho Marx, on meeting Carole Landis recently, said: "Carole, you look like a million dollars — and you've got the money invested in the right places."

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Lawyer: "Then you say this man was drunk?"

Witness: "I do not; I simply said he sat in his car for three hours in front of an excavation waiting for the light to turn green."

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The expectant young father, registering his wife in the maternity ward, turned to her and asked anxiously: "Darling, are you positive you want to go through with this?"

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The doctor's young son was showing a playmate around his father's office. The lad spied a mounted skeleton and asked where it came from.

"He's had it a long time. I think it's his first patient."

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Mistress: "You know, I suspect my husband has a love affair with his stenographer."

Maid: "I don't believe it. You're only saying it to make me jealous."

# "Cambie Street Battle"

The following editorial, published in "The Highland Echo", a weekly paper published in the Commercial Drive area of one of Vancouver's business districts, sums up the dispute between the Southam Company and the Typographical Union in a way that puts the blame entirely in the hands of the Southam Company. It says:

The lengths to which the owners of the Daily Province appear willing to go, and the substantial revenues which they appear willing to forego in their effort to force the Typographical Union to come to terms of their making, remind us that there are still employers whose attitude in labor matters is not very different from that of the Carnegies and the Pullmans and others whose heyday ended in the closing years of the last century.

It is only begging the question to say that the contract offered the Province's printers is one that met with their entire approval. Confined within these limits the Province, of course, has all the best of the argument. But the argument cannot thus be confined.

The I. T. U. is one of the oldest and most conservative of the international unions and is justly credited with a record of fair dealing in its relations with the employers of its members. No one with any knowledge whatever of union objectives and union purposes will believe it possible to bargain with an employer in respect of one of the employer's shops while the same employer operates on a non-union basis in its shops in other parts of the country.

Whatever the technicalities of the situation may be, it is not open to question that the proper procedure in this year of 1946 is for the Southam establishment throughout Canada to come to terms with the union in a bargain covering all its operations.

For reasons of their own the Southams prefer not to do that. In this refusal they are forgetting altogether the progress that has been made in the last half century in the direction of just and equitable arrangements between employers and their workers and would have us return to the conditions of fifty years ago.

It is a challenge that organized labor can not and will not lightly regard.

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A Virginia Electric Power Co. employee in Alexandria, thought he had the right to strike for higher wages, but Gov. William Tuck proved he's wrong—by drafting him into state militia for forced labor under century-old law. Sixteen hundred members of Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) were drafted in strike-breaking move.

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Local 880, Sign Painters, an affiliate of the Brotherhood of Painters, has concluded negotiations with sign shops in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Agreement has been reached on a wage increase of from 20 to 25 cents an hour, plus a one-week paid vacation.

# Technological Unemployment

Technological unemployment is one of the most significant factors in our social scheme. Technocracy Inc. has compiled more information on displacement of men by machines than any other organization in North America.

With a $100,000,000,000 product in 1940 there were about eight million unemployed in the United States. Meanwhile the population has been increasing and the number of workers has grown 600,000 a year; so has the capacity to produce per man-hour. The consequence is that a return to 1940 production would mean 20 million men and women out of work. (The same trend is observable in Canada.)

American railroads in 1944 carried nearly double the freight and more than double the passenger traffic that they carried in 1918. They did the job with 427,903 fewer employees.

American farms in 1945 raised approximately 25 per cent more foodstuffs, with seven million fewer persons, than ten years ago.

Productivity increased in nearly all major American industries during the first nine months of 1945. The main gains were: in flour milling, 10 per cent increase in output per man-hour; meat packing, 9 per cent; paint manufacture, 6 per cent; and clay products, 6 per cent. Other industries showed a 5 per cent down to a 1 per cent increase. There was a 10 per cent increase in iron ore mining and a 3 per cent increase in all other types of mining.

The social significance of the increasing use of machinery and the decreasing use of men arises from the fact that consuming power is based upon man-hours of effort. The introduction of technology under our present socia lsystem creates the paradox, "The more we can produce, the less we can consume." The machine makes it possible to produce more, but when it takes a man's job it eliminates his consuming power (wages).

North Americans must adopt a medium of distribution which is not based on wages and salaries for man-hours of effort. Such a medium must distribute abundance to all citizens, without profit and without price.

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It is apparent that Quebec families average the largest number of children in Canada, namely, 2.82 as compared with the Canadian average of 2.35, with this being compiled from records of family allowance payments in this country, showing New Brunswick second with 2.66 and British Columbia last with 1.92.

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Welfare funds for miners are no novelty. A tax per ton utilizing the royalty principle has been enacted into law in Great Britain, Spain, the Netherlands, New Zealand and British India.

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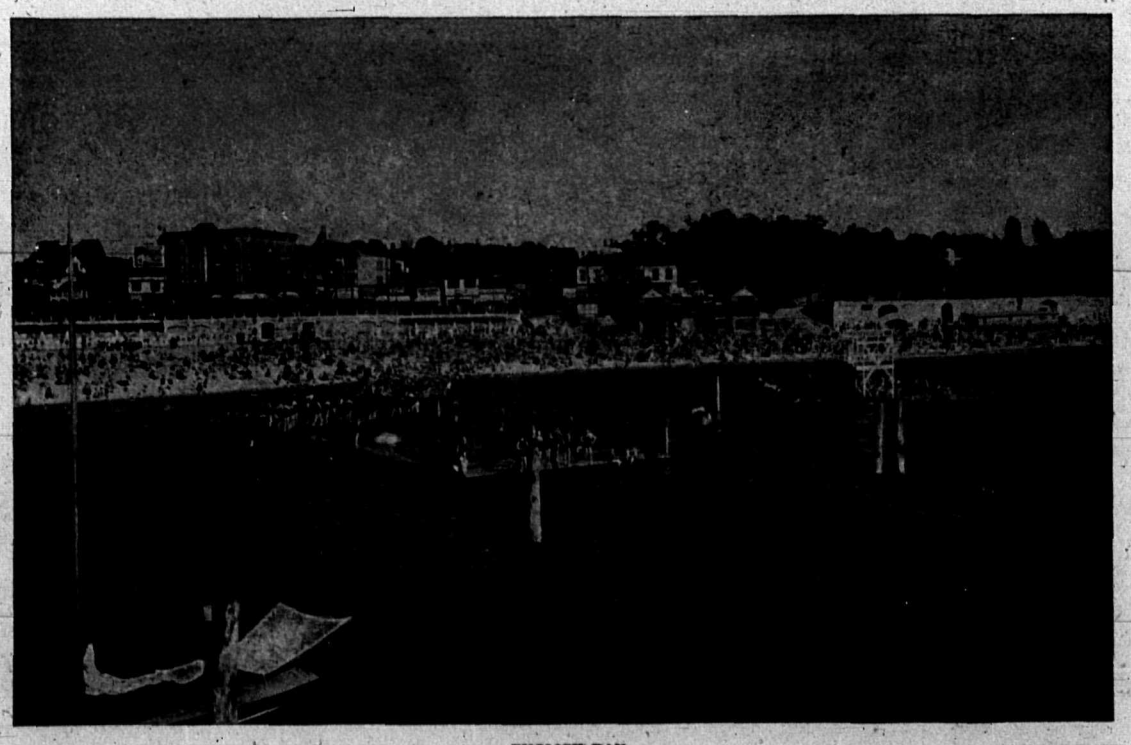
### THE FINAL HORROR

It is reported that Gypsy Rose Lee woke up one morning fully dressed and cried out: "Good heavens, I've been draped!"



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# Britain's Labor Party Conference Economic Debates

THE discussions of Foreign Policy at Britain's Labor Party Conference at Bournemouth, England, captured most of the headlines, but the debates on economic questions were of equal importance, both for Britain and the rest of the world.

This conference was unique. For the first time a Labor Government, with an overwhelming majority in the House of Commons, reported back to the rank and file of the movement. Ministers discussed vital questions of policy with delegates from the trade unions, and in certain minor, though not unimportant questions, were defeated in voting. As Premier Attlee said in his address to the conference, "All Governments need constructive criticism." The ritish Government had plenty at Bournemouth, and both ministers and the rank and file emerged stronger, because they were not afraid to give full play to democratic procedure.

This co-operation between the Government and organized workers has achieved what Mr. Charles Dukes, chairman of the T.U.C., described to the conference as "a great revolution of peace."

Never, he added, had there been such co-operation between the Government and the trade unions.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Britain's Lord President of the Council, illustrated further evidence of this co-operation when he quoted figures for time lost in trade disputes, showing how much easier conditions in industry had been during the last year compared with the year following the first World War.

Speeches by trade union leaders and by rank and file delegates showed clearly that organized labor in Britain is looking for still greater advances, but it is marching ahead confident of the common purpose between itself and the Government.

One particularly important factor emerged from the debates. British economic policy is designed to raise the status of what Mr. Morrison described as "dirty, unpleasant and underpaid industries." In an economy of full employment, and with manpower shortage still affecting many basic industries, workers will no longer accept employment under the conditions existing in the past.

In a wider field, Mr. Morrison described the Government's machinery for planning production, guiding industry into former "distressed areas" rather than allowing hotchpotch development in busy industrial centres; stimulating exports; and pressing forward with intensive mechanization. . . . Accompanying the plan there is a system for continuously studying economic trends so that swift action can be taken to counter a threatened depression ta home and to avoid as far as possible a repercussion on Britain's economic life of any slumps occurring in other countries.

Morrison appealed to both employers and trade unionists to hav ein mind this general economic position when dealing with the wages' questions, but the Government has no intention of interfering with the normal process of negotiation between the two sides of the industry. As far as the rank and file delegates were concerned, their chief anxiety was to ensure the co-operation of organized labor, not only at the top but at the factory level. They want to see that the syste mof Joint Production Committees, which proved so successful in the war, is developed in the peace to ensure that workers in factories assist not only in operating but in formulating plans.

Mr. Arthur Deakin and Mr. J. Hallsworth, both members of the T.U.C. General Council, emphasized the determination of Britain's trade union movement to secure as early as possible a universal 40-hour week. Mr. T. Williamson, of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, second biggest organization in the conference, replying to the Executive, said that both the Labor Party Executive and the Government were anxious for a 40-hour week at the earliest possible date.

Emanuel Shinwell, Minister of Mines, made a penetrating analysis of the situation resulting from the Government's nationalization plans. Some of these schemes, such as state control of mines, he pointed out, were being accepted because even Labor's opponents recognized that there was no alternative, but Labor had to work out the machinery for democratic control and consultation in State-owned industry.

There must be contaet with the consumers and the basis of the administration must rest on co-operation from below. Shinwell stressed that the present nationalization measures taken by the Government, and the nationalization of gas, electricity, transport, and iron and steel, left Labor still facing strong and influential opposition. He also emphasized that while full employment is comparatively easy to achieve in the present world shortage of goods, it will raise far greater problems a few years ahead because of the accelerated rate of production which is now possible in all countries.

Will Lawther, leader of the British miners, said clearly that his men were expecting the operation of the miners' charter, which includes a 5-day week, a fortnight's paid holiday, and better welfare facilities as a result of the nationalization of the mines.

When the conference came to discuss agriculture, Members of Parliament who for the first time won Labor victories in rural areas, as well as representatives of the Farm Workers' Union, pressed strongly for much more decisive Government action.

Development of this experiment of intimate co-operation between Government and organized workers will be watched not only by the people of Britain, but by the whole of the world. In war it was the basis of Britain's great production drive. In peace, it has become the foundation of Britain's economic policy.

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A lecturer addressing a meeting on "The Duties of the Housewife", remarged that it was the duty of every woman to mother her husband. Wishing to see what impression this had made on his audience, he asked all those to stand up who were willing to mother their better halves. Only one woman stood up.

"Ah," he said, "I am glad to see there is at least one of you willing to mother her husband."

"Mother your husband?" cried the woman. "I thought you said 'smother your husband'."

### FACT FINDERS SOAR OUT OF THIS WORLD

New York (ILNS)—A government fact finding panel flew high, wide and handsome recently but for once the union involved didn't object.

The fact finders were the special board investigating the wage dispute between the A. F. of L. Air Line Pilots Association and Transcontinental and World Air Inc. The panel amde two flights, one in a twin-engined transport and a second in a four-motored Douglas. The pilots are demanding up to $18,000 a year for operation of the new four-motored planes, contending that these huge craft require greater skill and experienced than required by the two-motored jobs. The panel, which has been holding hearings here, went up to see for itself. A decision is expected soon.

### JEWEL OF A SPOUSE

A story, long going the rounds in London, is that a certain lord took unto himself a wife about 40 years younger than he was. The London Times carried a dignified write-up of the lavish wedding ceremony which contained this statement: "The bridegroom's gift to the bride was an antique pendant."

### MAJORITY OPINION

"This is an ideal spot for a picnic."

"You said it. Fifty million insects can't me wrong."

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"Sorry, I haven't a dime," said the lady shopped to a Market Street carman as she handed him a ten-spot.

"Don't worry," he said sympathetically, "you're going to have 99 of them in a couple of minutes."

### FAMILIARITY, ETC.

Miss Cod: "Weren't you embarrassed at being frozen up all winter in the same block of ice with Mr. Shad?"

Miss Flounder: "Yes, but it certainly made me solid with the old gentleman."

### OH, WHAT A WORD!

The young husband had just arrived back from the office.

"What's the matter, darling?" he asked. "You look very flustered."

"Oh, I've had a dreadful day," his wife answered. "First Baby cut his first tooth, then he took his first step, and then he fell and knocked out his tooth."

"Well, and then what happened?" asked her husband.

"Oh, darling," she answered in a shocked voice, "he said his first word!"

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The best way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it strictly.—Lincoln.

### THOROUGHLY TRIMMED

Way back in 1929 the wife of a New York theatrical agent gave birth to an infant son. That night the club to which her husband belonged took up a collection and bought the baby a share in a steel corporation. The stock was then selling at nearly $300 a share. Not long afterwards Wall Street folded up. At the next meeting of the club one of the members remarked:

"I hear that the kid we gave the present has been clipped by the market."

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The highest genius is willingness and ability to do hard work.—R. S. MacArthur.

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A contract providing higher wages, an extended life and sickness insurance program and other benefits for 1,000 employees of the Savarin chain of restaurants was signed by management and Local 42, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Intl. Alliance (AFL), in New York City.

# High Workmanship Standards Under New Trades Regulations

Regina.—New regulations governing apprenticeship qualifications in nine trades under the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship Act, provide for registration of tradesmen in these trades, it has been announced by J. S. Dornan, director and chairman of the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship Board.

The new regulations are "designed to raise the general standard of tradesmen, while protecting both employer and employee," and will also "benefit the public as well," said Mr. Dornan.

Trades covered in the regulations are: motor vehicle repair, carpentry, bricklaying and masonry, painting and decorating, plastering, plumbing, steamfitting, sheet metal work and printing.

The Board will notify employees and employers when they may apply for registration and certificates, with certificates being issued first in the larger centres of the province, and in the smaller towns later.

Examining boards for each of the designated trades will sit in the larger centres to interview tradesmen whose qualifications do not warrant issuance of certificates. Boards will consist of two employees, two employers and a chairman.

Close check by board members on tradesmen's qualifications will prevent workmen who are incompetent or inexperienced fro mimposing on either the public or the trade, said Mr. Dornan. Qualifications for apprentices in other trades will be set forth by the board in future announcements, he added.

The regulations require employers to provide adequate practical training facilities for apprentices, and to allow the apprentice to attend instructional courses where such are necessary. Tradesmen other than apprentices may apply for qualification certificates and write the trades tests. Examining boards may issue interim certificates to those who show progress and some competence in their trade. "The Call" (Calgary).

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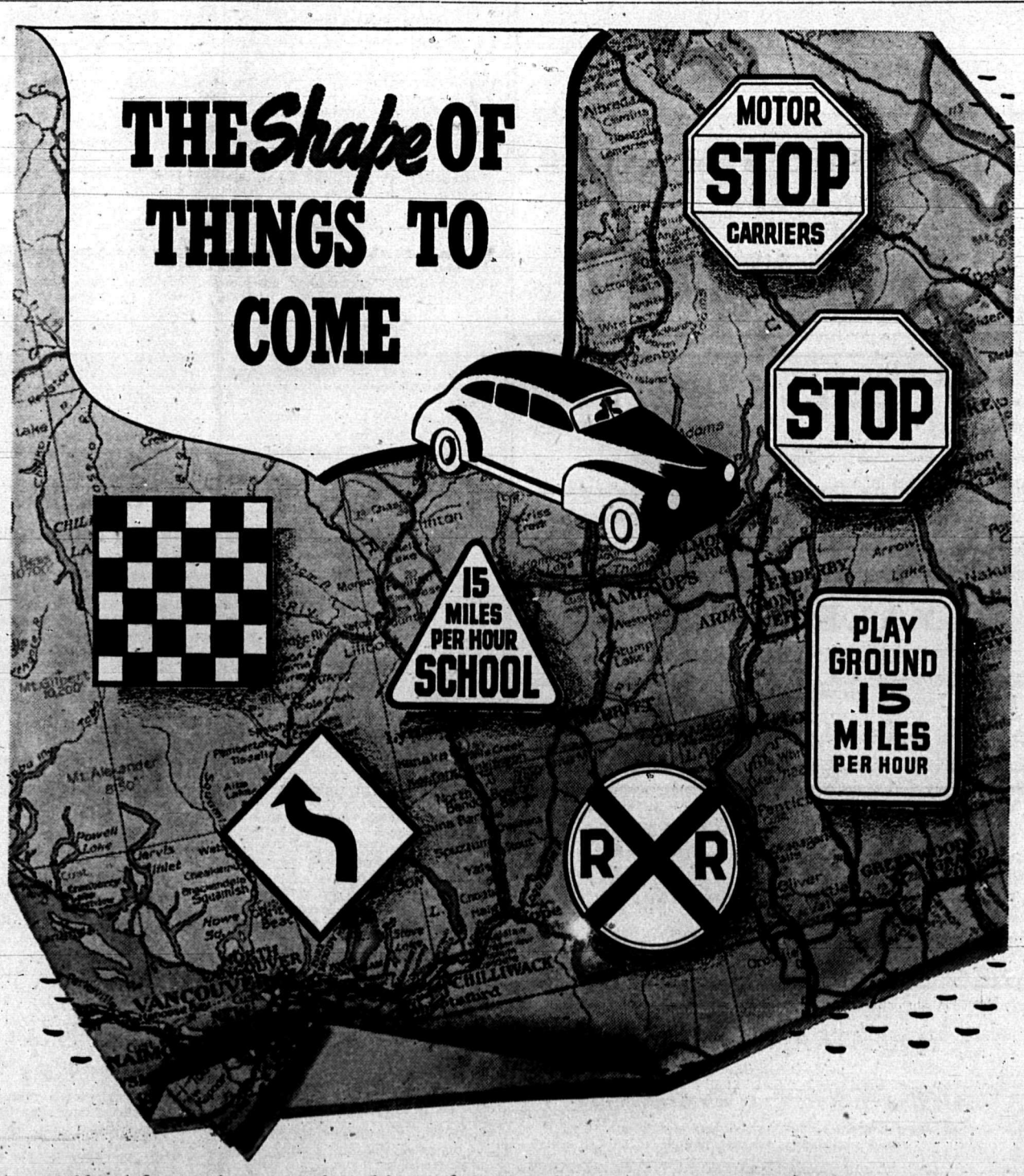


Accidents frequently occur when drivers of motor vehicles are suddenly confronted by the unexpected. To make driving safer, highway signs are erected which carry warning words or symbols, to enable motorists to anticipate abnormal conditions on the road ahead. In addition, the signs are made in different shapes.

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### THE SHOW OFF

A couple was ushered into the courtroom as their case was called. The wife was a strong, healthy, broad-shouldered Irish woman; her husband a meek and obviously submissive little man.

The judge looked sharply at the meek male and spoke:

"You are accused of beating your wife. What have you to say?"

'Guilty, your honor," said the little man unhesitatingly.

"Seven dollars or seven days," was the magistrate's prompt decision.

Later, a court official, commenting on the case, ased the magistrate if he hadn't been a bit severe in punishing the poor, little fellow.

"Well," was the response, "I had to give him something for bragging!"

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Not that the materials were any better, but ice cream was so much more healthful in the ol dtimes or account of the two hours' hard exercise at the crank.

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### AGREEABLE FELLOW

"What is the shape of the earth?" the teacher said to my young nephew Roland the other day.

"Round," he said.

"How do you now it's round?'"

"All right, thenit's square. I don't want any argument about it."

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### A FAVOR

Two bandits waled into a Chicago bank and emptied the till of $100,000. As they were about to dash out with the money the cashier spoke:

"Say, boys," he ventured, "would you mind doing me a favor?"

The first bandit paused.

'Well'," he growled, "what is it? We haven't got all day, you know."

The cashier nodded.

"I know," he admitted, "but this will only take a minute. Outside the bank there's a sign reading 'Assets —$2,000,000.' Would you mind changing it to $1,900,000?"

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A Connecticut farmer swapped his farm for a radio set. It sounds like a smart trade, giving a mere 50 acres and getting Havana or Fort Worth.

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### NOW YOU KNOW!

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Are you sure these field-glasses are high-powered?" asked the lady customer.

"Madame," re plied the ambitious salesman, "when you use these glasses anything less than ten miles away looks like it's behind you."

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A Georgia judge has ruled that a man has a legal right to rule his home. And for that matter, he has a legal right to play tag with a bobcat.

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### QUIET FLEASE

"Waiter, will the orchestra play anything requested?"

"Oh, yes, sir."

"Well, ask 'em to play bridge."

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### WAS IT A WARNING?

Suitor—I'd er—ah—like to marry your daughter, sir.

Her Father—Have you seen her mother?

Suitor—Yes, sir, but I am er—ah—willing to marry her anyway.

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There's no better exercise for the development of willpower than to practise doing nothing with a mosquito bite.

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### PAT WINS

Three tramps had boiled a chicken and were arguing how to divide it. One suggested they should toss a coin. "Heads," called Sam. "Tail," called Tom. "I'll take what's left," said Pat.

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### NO TRICKS PLEASE

The prospective lodger was looking the room over, and saw no washstand. "And where," he inquired somewhat haughtily, "do I perform my ablutions?"

"Not here, certainly," retorted the landlady. "Only last week an acrobat broke two of my best chairs."

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### ECONOMICAL INTERMENT

A lawyer named Howe Strange requested that his family name should be left off his tombstone. Instead, the following words were to be inscribed:

"Here lies a Lawyer and an Honest Man."

His reasoning was that anyone reading the odd inscription would surely exclaim, "Sstrange!"—thus automatically pronouncing his name. But his prediction didn't work out as anticipated.

The first to read it said: "How extraordinary!"

he second person to read it asked the attendant:

"How's it happen you buried two men in a single grave?"

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### THE PHILOSOPHER

Wife: "What is an optimist."

Husband: "A fellow who looks at his shirt just back from the laundry and says: 'Oh, well, we needed lace curtains anyway.' "

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### BASE INGRATITUDE

A Kansas City doctor wanted to get his sick wife to a hospital in a hurry, so he called an undertaker, who did the job immediately. In a few days, the doctor got a bill for $25. This burned up the doc no end. He really blew his top when he got the mortician on the phone:

"I can't understand your mentality," Doc thundered. "Dunning me for this service after all I've done for you!"

## C. F. of L. Again Used For Strikebreaking

An organiation called the Canadian Federation of Labor, whose members are now attempting to break the strike at the "Vancouver Province" recently wired Labor Minister Mitchell calling on him to enforce the laws requiring peaceful picketing, and denouncing union activities in the present seamen's strike. o doubt many were surprised to find one labor body criticizing another in this way — a criticism played up in one section of the press as though the organization represented a considerable body of labor opinion.

This organization filled jobs on a Calgary daily (Southam - owned ( newspaper during a dispute with the members of the International Typographical Union there.

There are a number of labor organizations in Canada, and their membership in 1944, as set forth in the labor department's booklet, Labor Organization in Canada, was as follows:

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| Trades and Labor Congress | 284,732 |
| Canadian Congress of Labor | 272,146 |
| Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor | 74,624 |
| International Railway Brotherhoods (Ind.) | 36,147 |
| Unaffiliated National and International Unions | 35,433 |
| Unaffiliated Local Unions | 11,211 |
| American Federation of Labor | 9,516 |
| Canadian Federation of Labor | 220 |
| Congress of Industrial Organizations | 159 |

The 159 members credited separately to the C.I.O. are those not affiliated with the Canadian Congress of Labor. The 9,516 American Federation of Labor members listed separately are in organizations not affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress. The Canadian Federation of Labor, whose telegram was sent to Mr. Mitchell, is shown as having 220 members. The labor department appears to have no figures on it for 1945. But at any rate it is not much of a labor body.

Yet its name sounds about as impressive as any of the others. Its opinions are spread abroad, and the reading public probably does not know that they are those of a very minor organiation.

## Furniture Workers Want To Quit C.I.O.

At a conference held in Washington last week, representatives of 55 Locals of the United Furniture Workers of America were considering a complete severance from the C.I.O. organization. George Burcher, president of Local No. 37, U.F.W.A. called on the locals to have representatives at the conference in Washington. He charged that the C.I.O. organization is "completely dominated by Communists," and that "We're going to put the issue up to C.I.O. President Phillip Murray. We want to disassociate ourselver completely from the Communist-controlled group, possibly through affiliation with another Union that has jurisdiction in the field."

At the Washington conference, representatives of 48 locals, having a membership of 23,400, unanimously adopted a resolution to divorce themselves from what they called a Communist wing of their organization.

## Quits C.I.O. Job Protesting Reds

New York City.—Morris Muster resigned as president of the C.I.O.'s United Furniture Workers Union because, he said, he could not suffer "to remain head of a Communist-controlled organization."

His dramatic charges corroborated what A.F. of L. leaders have frequently reiterated—that many C.I.O. unions are dominated by Communists.

"Communistic chicanery and intrigue have captured our international," Muster publicly announced.

His present plight was foreshadowed when Muster eight years ago led his union out of the A.F. of L. into the C.I.O. He was warned at that time that he was opening the door to Communist control of his organiation.

George Bucher, Philadelphia leader of the union, said the issue would be squarely presented to C.I.O. President Phil Murray. Unless Murray agrees to purge the Communists from the union, he said, the anti-Communist group will reorganize the union and take it out of the C.I.O.

## Aluminum Enters Shipbuilding Trade

A new, modernized phase of commercial ship construction is in process of evolution on the Matson liner Lurline, which is now in dock in San Francisco for a $6,000,000 reconversion from troop-carrier to luxury passenger accommodations.

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New York methods are involved in the use of aluminum. One difference is that no welding and burning is required on it, comparable to that on steel. Fitting is largely done by riveting. The adjustment is not difficult for workmen, who can shift from one metal to another, but it does require some general revising of basic plans on ship construction.

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# Washington Building Trades Hold Another Big Convention

Report of convention of the Building Trades Section of the Washington State Federation of Labor, held in Spokane, Wash., July 6th and 7th.

There were 271 official delegates and 27 fraternal delegates present, this being the largest convention ever held in Washington by the Building Trades. The fraternal delegates were from British Columbia and from the Oregon State Building Trades Section. Other fraternal delegates were International officers and organizers. Several of these addressed the convention as well as government officials representing various departments of the State and Federal governments.

President Stevenson and Secretary Watts of the Building Trades Council were given a hearty hand when called upon to address the convention, and our short talks were very well received and we were approached by many delegates for further information.

**Vacations With Pay**

Among the resolutions was one seeking ways and means to establish vacations with pay in the construction industry, and we pointed out to the delegates that mainly through efforts of the Building Trades of British Columbia we now had vacations with pay legislation in effect, which also completely covered the casual worker, so prevalent in the building trades. Several inquiries were later made about this legislation.

Despite the amount of construction work going on at the present time, the unions in Washington are looking forward to a period of unemployment, and so a resolution calling for the inauguration of the six-hour day an dthirty-hour week immediately conditions warrant it, was endorsed. Most unions still carry the six-hour day in their agreements, and we understand that this will be put into effect just as soon as there are more workers than jobs in the trade.

Because building costs have gone up, the construction of veterans' hospitals has been delayed by the government, so that convention—at the request of the veterans—has asked the government to revise its estimates for these hospitals.

**Licensing of Contractors**

Because there is still a lot of shoddy work going on, the convention felt that efforts should be made to obtain a state law covering the licensing of contractors in order that such contractors could be held financially responsible for unfinished, unsafe or unsatisfactory work.

The convention also wants legislation that will compel the owner of a building which he is having erected, cover the employees for workmen's compensation.

There appears to be some effort being made to introduce specialized qualifications by the government in certain trades, which will call for a sliding scale of wages. The convention went on record as urging all unions to strenuously oppose such a move.

The convention also felt that it was time to stop state control of wages and working conditions, where joint agreements have been made between union and employer.

**State Plumbing Code**

Improvements are needed in the State inspection law covering some trades, and legislation was also asked for embracing a State plumbing code.

Extension of vocational education is required, as well as improvement and expansion of the apprenticeship system.

Looking forward to the time when private construction will ease up, the convention will urge the state and federal governments to put the backlog of public works into the planning stage.

It was brought out that among the guards and watchmen being employed on construction and other work, the Burns Detective Agency and the Pinkerton Detective Agency were supplying men to do this work, and because of the known spying activities of such agencies as these, the convention urged its membership to oppose the use of men from these and similar agencies, and have these jobs done by members of the Laborers' Union, who are doing it in many instances.

**Big Reclamation Job**

Because there is going to be a tremendous amount of work on the Columbia Valley reclamation job, the convention endorsed plans for a central hiring hall on the job for all trades. Similar halls have proved beneficial.

The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries was complimented on the progressive legislation now on the statute books at the suggestion of that Department. One piece of recent legislation is the enactment of a 65c an hour minimum wage for women.

Costs of construction work are very high, and increased wages are being suggested as the cause, but delegates are able to prove that the costs of material are excessive, and that there is a black market in nearly every kind of building material. Now that the OPA has been eliminated, it is expected that all building material will be boosted to black market prices. In spite of these high prices, union from all parts of the state reported shortages of mechanics and laborers, as well as material.

The unions have just signed a master agreement with the contractors who are to do the work on the Bonneville Power project, and it is reported as being one of the best in the country.

The CIO have made several attempts in various parts of the state to horn into the constructive industry but they have not got in anywhere as yet.

The Kaiser company was turned down cold when they tried to get some concessions from the unions for a big tunnel job. The unions felt that a new company was not entitled to any more consideration than older established firms who were doing business with organized labor.

**25 Millions for Alaska**

There is going to be a tremendous amount of work in Alaska. The government has launched a 25 million dollar scheme to make a permanent military zone in that territory. Wage scales are high and unions will have control of the job.

**15 Million Homes Needed**

The housing situation in the State is worse now than during the war. There was an idea that a lot of people would go back east after the war was over, but apparently they are not and there is still a steady westward flow. It is estimated that at least fifteen million new homes are needed in the United States, and there are only about 600,000 building tradesmen. Down in California they expect to have a population of twenty million very shortly and Washington is expected to have an increase of similar proportions.

Washington State officials pointed out that the Unemployment Insurance fund is steadil yincreasing, and that although unemployment increased during the past winter, employment is now at its highest level. Because of the increase in the funds, there is a possibility of the employers seeking a decrease in their payments to the fund, so in order to offset that it is being suggested that disabled persons not drawing compensation might be covered by the unemployment set-up. Unions are also assisting the Compensation oBard by a new plan which will give the Board a weapon by which they can fight any reduction in employer payments.

**575 Affiliated Unions**

President Ed. Weston of the Washington State Federation of Labor addressed the convention and told of the increased growth of the Federation. There are now 575 unions affiliated with the State Federation and there are still some unions not yet affiliated. The A. F. of L. unions have broken the back of the CIO, and dual unions only make up 10 per cent of the organized workers in the state. They are going through any picket lines that the CIO put up. Even though that be called splitting the labor movement, he said. They are not going to tolerate any more CIO pickets.

Scott Milne, International Representative of the Electrical Workers, told the convention that he is telling his unions in California, Oregon and Washington to insist on putting agreements into effect where they have been agreed to by contractors. Opposition of the Wage Adjustment Board to fair wage increases has not been reasonable, he said, so now that price control had been removed, he expected employers would take advantage of the situation. He did not want to oppose control, but workers would have to tighten up their ranks and do better than they had. Inside wiremen and linemen in California had been given a 5-cent increase, bringing their wages up to $1.87 in San Francisco. But he pointed out that the Neon Sign wiremen obtained a wage of $2 per hour last fall, because there was no control over prices or wages of that class of work and a satisfactory agreement had been made between the union and the employers.

**Labor and Material Shortage**

Under the heading of Reports from Unions, the convention heard that the shortage of mechanics and also of building materials was state-wide. Most of the construction work was being done under union agreements, but in one instance a large job was given to an "unfair" contractor because no other contractors figured on the job. It seems that a lot of work is now being done on the cost plus basis, and this particular job was by estimate. There are hopes, however, that this contractor may be stopped from doing the work. In one town a lot of money was spent by the unions in picketing houses that were being done by non-union labor, but it was not much of a success.

**General Wage ILncrease**

Some unions reported that many of the bigger jobs that have been planned have been postponed to as late as 1948 because of the material shortage.

There appears to have been a general wage increase of 6½c on July 1st, but wage scales vary quite a lot. Carpenters' wage scales ranged from $1.42 in Port Angeles up to $1.72½ in Everett. Some of the other trades reporting were Bricklayers, $2.00; Plumbers, $1.65; Electricians, $1.81; Cement Finishers, $1.60; Laborers, $1.15. Another increase is expected January, 1947, based on cost of living increase.

In pointing out the importance of the construction industry, one of the government officials stated that there was an estimated 650,000 building trades workers in the United States, and that in order to keep these workers employed many thousands of other workers were employed in making the materials, the machinery and the plans and the office work. Then added to these were the many employed in the transportation of all the things connected with the construction industry.

The convention was in session until about four p.m. on Sunday, and in the closing hours of the convention there was a lively contest for the office of Chairman and Executive Secretary. When the final ballot was taken, however, the present incumbent won, 158 votes to 66. Other offices were filled without any outstanding contests.

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It is in vain a man is born fortunate, if he be unfortunate in his marriage.—Dacier.

## Sixteen Labor Officials Get King's Honors

Canadian labor leaders are given recognition in the honors awarded by His Majesty the King on Dominion Day, July 1, which commemorates the confederation of Canada 79 years ago.

Percy R. Bengough, Ottawa, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, was awarded the C.B.E. It stands for Commanders of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Others receiving the C.B.E. were Howard B. Chase, Montreal, Assistant Grand Master of the Locomotive Engineers; James B. Ward, Montreal, chairman of the general conference committee of the Standard Railway Labor Organizations.

**O.B.E. Awards**

The O.B.E. is awarded to: Arthur J. Kelly, Ottawa, legislative representative, Railroad Trainmen; John Bruce, Toronto, for a number of years international officers of the Trades and Labor Congress; J. Arthur D'Aoust, Hull, Que., vice-president of the T. L. C.; Ernest Ingles, London, Electrical Workers, and Fred Molineux, Hamilton, General Organizer, Painters and Decorators. The full title of this honoh is Officers of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

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Joseph Corbett, London, chairman, Railway Carmen, is awarded the M.B.E.—or Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Others who received the M.B.E. are: James A. Whitebone, Saint John, vice-president, Trades and Labor Congress; George A. Smith, Halifax, of the T. L. C.; Arthur J. Crawford, Toronto, Sheet Metal Workers; Gustave Francq, Montreal, Secretary, Provincial Federation of Labor (T. L. C.); Arthur Martel, Montreal, Carpenters; Birt Showler, Vancouver, vice-president, T. L. C., and Carl Berg, Edmonton, vice-president of T. L. C.

## Diethers Signs With Truck Drivers Union

Diethers Ltd., one of the large firms delivering building material in the city, has signed an agreement with the Building Material and Fuel Truck Drivers' Union, Local No. 213, says Custer Solem, Business Agent of the union. The agreement calls for a wage increase of 15c per hour as well as other working conditions. Negotiations are being carried on with other firms carrying on the same class of work.

Negotiations with firms signed up with Truck Drivers' Union, Local No. 31, for a wage increase are going along very amicably, says Business Agent Reg. Atkinson.

## Commission Says Unions Helped Vets

The final report of the commission on veterans' qualifications for civilian work has been tabled in Parliament. Problems involving appropriate credits for trade skill and for technical and other educational training gained in the armed forces were studied.

The Commission's final report states:

There is a very pressing need for legislation by all the provinces on trades standards and apprenticeship training. Lack of uniformity in trade standards in the provinces has prevented civilian evaluation of the armed forces trades in which ex-servicemen have been engaged.

**Would Count Navy Time**

For the rehabilitation of veterans with marine experience, naval seamen who have served on merchant ships should be allowed to count their time at sea during the war toward obtaining a merchant navy certificate.

Trade unions are greatly assisting veterans who are returning to their pre-enlistment occupations.

With regard to seniority status, the unions are agreed upon a policy of allowing seniority, for persons who were union members prior to enlistment, to continue for the period of service in the armed forces.

The Commission says there is, however, a tendency "in some instances" to treat ex-servicemen seeking employment in a industry for the first time in the same manner as other persons.

British Columbia provided one of the best setups in Canada for training. Credits and jobs for the returned veterans, largely worked out through the medium of the A.F. of L. trades union movement.

## Clerks Win Strike At Railway Express

Ten thousand members of the Railway Clerks were back on the job Tuesday at the Railway Express Agency in New York City, after a five-day strike which tied up the agency's operations and brought about an embargo on express in the Gotham area.

A long-standing accumulation of unsettled grievances provoked the walkout. The men returned after the management conceded almost all points. President George M. Harrison of the Clerks aided in bringing about the adjustment.

**THAT'S TELLING THEM**

An intimation to slow-paying customers has been prominently displayed by a country shopkeeper:

"All persons indebted to our shop are requested to call and settle. All indebted to our shop and not knowing it are requested to call and find out. Those knowing themselves indebted and not wishing to call are requested to remain in one place long enough for us to catch them."

**DOUBLE TROUBLE**

Jones: "If my wife didn't have a can opener she wouldn't know how to cook."

Smith: "My wife has a can opener but it doesn't help any."

Jones: "Why not?"

Smith: "I found her yesterday trying to open an egg with it."

## Unwarranted Picketing Of Foundries Reviewed

Today the foundry industry in the city of Vancouver is in the throes of a labor situation unparalleled in all of its history. Only one known plant is operating at this time although several others have operated for a few days since the mass picketing of the foundries by the C.I.O. C.C.L. group on May 17 began. The right of free men to choose their own union, to elect their own negotiating committee, and then ratify an agreement, when negotiated, has been challenged. The right to honor and work under said agreement has also been denied them. I refer to members of Local 281, International Molders and Foundry Workers' Union, A. F. of L.

Labor relations is a science and not a political philosophy. For 87 years our international union has sought to bring about a better understanding between foundry workers and their employers. In a number of cases the results sometimes have been otherwise. On the other hand, continuous agreements for over fifty years give credence to the fact that the principle is right. It has been the application that was wrong. The foundry industry in Vancouver is by no stretch of the imagination in the big business class. It is composed mostly of small operations and as such rates as a secondary industry.

Some unwarranted criticism has been hurled at the international officer and the officers of the local for accepting a 10c an hour increase straight across the board and which recently was approved by the R.W. L.B. A great deal of the criticism has come from C.I.O. C.C.L. representatives who only recently, after the Sloan award of 15c for the loggers, accepted 10c for the workers in the interior lumber industry. Space does not permit a full resume of all the factors involved in this foundry situation. It would, however, make good reading. It should be clear to everyone with an open mind that the right of free determination should be given to all people. (Seems as though I've heard that before!) The members of Local 281 were not ordered to accept the 10c an hour increase nor were they ordered by their officers to return to work. In both cases they voted by large majorities for the acceptance of the 10c increase and the return to work motion. This writer is fully cognizant that private enterprise can never fulfill the economic demands or needs of the people of North America, by the same token neither can revolution or chaos. Management and Labor must find a common understanding. Their problems are interlocked. Some employers and, I'm sorry to say, some unions haven't as yet learned that simple secret to successful labor relations. Until such time as a new economic system becomes operative we must, if we are to survive, take into consideration the problems of the employer as well as that of labor. It was with this end in view that the contract between Local 281 and the several foundry operators was consumated. Labor is entitled to all it can get, but if an employer is forced to close his plant as a result of too high a wage demand, his employees have gained nothing and usually are forced to find employment in some other industry at lower pay. This strike could possibly have been settled weeks ago if the interests of the dual union membership had taken first consideration and not that of their leaders.

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## Price Gouging Rampant In U. S. A.

The skullduggery of businessmen largely featured the recent U.S. news, says "Labor."

Most sensational of several government "crackdowns" was a suit for $9,000,000 damages against 40 West Coast lumber concerns and building contractors.

At a time when the housing problem is acute, and thousands of Americans are compelled to exist in makeshift habitations, these concerns diverted their products into black markets and cheated on prices, quality and measurements, the Department of Justice charges.

At Detroit more than a score of automobile dealers are being tried on charges of operating the "nation's largest used car black market." The government contends they "gypped" southern dealers of more than $3,000,000 by palming off "junk" at fancy prices.

Uncle Sam also brought several suits against packers, who are charged with diverting supplies and cheating on prices.

**Price Gouging Charged**

Also directly bearing on the housing situation was an indictment hurled by the Federal Trade Commission against 10 manufacturers of metal lath. They are charged with gouging consumers by price fixing under a revamped "Pittsburgh plus" plan once employed by the steel industry, but outlawed several years ago.

The F. T. C. also issued a complaint against 36 manufacturers or distributors of rubber heels, soles and other products, charging them with conspiring to "gyp" the public through price fixing.

Two Big Business groups were indicted on charges of violating the anti-trust laws.

A Federal grand jury at San Francisco charged that the American Can Company had stacked prices against consumers of its products, mainly food packers, thus adding to the prices consumers must pay.

**Monopoly on Vandadium**

At Denver another Federal grand jury indicted the Vanadium Company of America and the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, with their four subsidiaries in the United States and Canada.

The charges are that these concerns completely monopolize vanadium, a metal indispensable in the steel, armament and other industries vital for peace and war.

Through ownership of practically all of the vanadium ore, source of the uranium used in making atomic bombs, the indictment added, this monopoly also has a tight grip on atom energy.

**Radio Listeners Gypped**

In a letter to Attorney General Tom C. Clark, Senator Glen H. Taylor (Dem., Idaho), called for an investigation to determine whether radio manufacturers are selling 20,000,000 outdated "AM" receivers in 1946 in order to sell the same consumers modern "FM" sets in a year or two.

Taylor asserted that manufacturers are not incorporating into receiving sets a new and vitaly improved system of radio broadcasting patented 14 years ago.

If this is permitted, the Senator added, an "enormous imposition" will be inflicted upon customers, while it will also freeze small business out of the broadcasting field.

Canadian industry is involved in much of this price gouging, and many industrialists have not allowed black market opportunities to slip by without taking advantage of them.

## New Foamed Plastic Enters Manufacturing

The possibility of manufacturing piano tops, davenports and overstuffed chairs so light they can be moved with ease by the average housewife may soon become a reality through the use of a new foamed plastic. A woman can balance four cubic feet of the material on the fingertips of one hand. Yet it is so strong that luggage made with the plastic as a core will easily support a man's weight.

Called cellular cellulose acetate—CCA for short—it was developed after a chance observation in a large plastics plant had caught the imagination of the research staff. More than 100 uses are now envisioned, according to reports.

The greatest use at the present time is in aircraft where more than a score of specific items are already in production including fuselage sections, wing structure, doors, ribs, flooring and a number of accessory parts.

CCA is lighter than cork, and combines with its remarkable structural strength insulation against heat and cold. It may be bonded with ease to metal, wood or another plastic, and tooled or shaped with any woodworking machinery.

Because of its thermal insulating properties, the new plastic has been suggested for use in refrigerators, frozen food lockers, and refrigerated trucks. Being adaptable to assembly-iline production, it would be useful, too, in the housing industry. Wall panels for trailers and prefabricated houses, flooring, cabinets are being investibated.

Toymakers also are con sidering the foamy light material to turn out toys that could take a lot of banging around. Luggage is another logical field, since low weight, strength and rigidity can be achieved.

Artificial limbs and shoe lifts using the plastic have been forecast. Other possibilities are card tables and boat hulls.

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