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WILL BE EXPLOSION SOME DAY OVER LABOR POLICY

Action of Department of Munitions Official in Obstructing Labor Is Condemned — Labor Getting Restive Over Policy Of One Man — Will Not Surrender Rights To Remain Loyal.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE the authority away from the Department of Munitions and Supply, and place it back in the hands of the Department of Labor where it belongs, James Sommerville, Canadian Representative of the International Association of Machinists, declared at the regular meeting of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council on Tuesday evening.

This statement was made after the speaker had heard the report of Trades Council officers on the recent action of Mr. Chase, director-general of the Department of Munitions and Supply, and after having explained his own experiences and the experiences of other Trades Union officials in other parts of the country.

Organized labor has a vital stake in the outcome of this war but we are not going to surrender our rights because of our loyalty. We are not going to let one man in Canada subject us to the same conditions as workers in Europe have been subjected to, he said. Even employers are not permitted to make concessions to labor without the consent of Mr. Chase.

One of these days there will be an explosion, said Brother Somerville. But if this is to be avoided the only way to do it is to give the Department of Labor back its function of looking after the labor policy.

Brother Somerville stated that soon after the war started a National Advisory Labor Supply Committee had been set up by the government to advise the government on matters affecting labor, but that for some time now it has not been permitted to function.

Labor Policy Obstructed

The organized labor movement wanted to do its part in the war effort and the government accepted that offer and laid down a policy of collective bargaining. Now that policy is being obstructed; the trouble starting when the Department of Munitions and Supply took over the functions of the Department of Labor. The organized labor movement is now having a continuous battle over the decisions being handed down on labor subjects and the government is falling down on its promises to labor.

Union officers are having difficulty in approaching the Prime Minister, said Brother Somerville, and he appears to take a back seat on these subjects. At one meeting he apologized for the actions of his department heads, but he told the department heads that he expected them to carry out the labor policy of the government.

Harm To Labor Unions

But the government policy is not being carried out and one of these days there is going to be an explosion. Mr. Chase is doing a great deal of harm to the labor movement and if this is to be avoided, the government must take the labor authority out of the hands of the Department of Munitions and Supply and place it where it belongs, with the Department of Labor.

We are going to do our part in winning this war but we expect better conditions after the war than we had before it.

Vancouver Second to None

In his opening remarks, Brother Somerville stated that the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council was second to none in the country and that the rest of the labor movement looked forward to its actions.

He pointed out that the Machinists' Union had more than doubled its membership in Canada since 1939, and that most other unions were making good progress. He deplored the entrance of the C.I.O. into the field and felt that with that and the other national labor movements, that labor was not a unit and its strength was weakened.

Nanaimo Is Seeking Shipbuilding Industry

Nanaimo Carpenters' Union asked the Vancouver Trades Council to support them in trying to get a local shipyard built by the government in Nanaimo. The union is giving financial and moral support to the Nanaimo Industrial Committee which is endeavoring to get a shipyard built to take the place of coal mining, which is practically wiped out, and find jobs for workers from other jobs which are closing. The committee claims Nanaimo has a first class site for shipbuilding, besides all the other advantages which would assist in shipyard work. The committee has already done a lot of beneficial work in promoting other schemes that have been of benefit to the district.

He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own.—Confucius.

Visitors Expected To Laborers Meeting

Building Laborers' Union, Local No. 602, can have a visit from some forty members of Building Laborers' unions from across the line if they will change their meeting night next month to make it possible for this visit.

Brother Bob Sheets of Portland, Oregon, International Representative of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union, who was in Vancouver for two days assisting the local union Business Agent, informed the executive, whom he met, that he could get a number of the delegates who would be attending the Washington State Federation of Labor convention in Bellingham, July 18th to 26th, to slip up to Vancouver on the Sunday between meetings if such a meeting could be arranged.

Brother Sheets gave the executive some very interesting information and he did the same at the meeting of the Building Trades Council, where he was informed that it was the best address the Council had heard for many a day and he was heartily applauded.

The Laborers' Unions over in the United States have had phenomenal growth and the wages obtained are higher than mechanics' wages in Canada.

Attacks Made On Five - Day Week

One or two attempts have been made recently to get building trades mechanics to work the five and a half day week, but so far these have been frustrated. It behooves members of organized labor, however, to refuse the Saturday morning work at all times, if they are to maintain the five-day week policy. There is only the odd contractor who can be used to break down these conditions, so labor must not let those one or two be used for that purpose. There are still plenty of building mechanics around to do the work if there is any emergency on any job. Report any efforts along these lines to the union business agent at once.

Electricians Re-elect J. Ross and W. Fraser

Business Manager Jack Ross of Electrical Workers' Union, No. 213, was re-elected by a substantial majority of the members.

The election took place at the regular meeting of the union and the polls were open from 9 in the morning till nine at night, on Monday, June 16th. The ballots were counted at the evening meeting.

Other officers elected were: Wm. Fraser, president; A. L. Bogant, vice-president; Wm. Daley, recording secretary.

Executive Board: G. Morrison, R. E. Edge, E. A. Knight.

Examining Board: C. J. Newman, A. Lawson, V. Usher.

The election was for a two-year term of office.

Negotiations are now under way with the B. C. Electric Power Corporation for a new agreement embracing wage increases for employees in various departments of the company.

The union is planning another picnic this year at Sechelt and the same committee, which made such an outstanding success of last year's picnic is again on the job. The picnic will be held Saturday, August 2nd.

PAINTERS' UNION PICNIC AT SECHELT, JULY 19th

The Painters' and Decorators' Union will hold its annual picnic at Sechelt on Saturday, July 19th. Adults' tickets are $1.50, and children 75c. Tea, coffee, milk and sugar supplied. Ice cream and pop for the kiddies. Valuable prizes for the list of many events.

CITRUS PLANTS EVADE ON WAGE-HOURS

Los Angeles.—The United States Wage and Hour Division reported recently that 154 out of 182 citrus fruit packing plants in California were found by its inspectors to be violating the wage-hour law.

Building Trades Get Wage Scale Increased

More of the Building Trades unions are reporting wage increases, but others are still negotiating or arbitrating.

Tilesetters' Union reports $1 per day increase to $10 per day.

Floorlayers report $1 per day increase to $9.80.

Electricians report 40c per day increase to $8.40 with a further increase of 40c September 1st and 20c increase December 1st, bringing the wage up to $9 per day.

The Lathers' Union is negotiating a new wage scale based on a daily scale up to $8 per day.

Painters' and Decorators' Union is negotiating a 10 cents per hour increase, bringing the wage up to 90c per hour.

The Plumbers' Union has failed in negotiating a wage increase and is applying for an arbitration board.

$6,000 Could Have Saved $80,000 Plant

A $6000 sprinkler system could have saved the $80,000 building at the Boeing Airplane Plant on Sea Island, says the Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Union.

Having this in mind, the union has asked the Trades Council to point this out to the Department of Munitions and Supply at Ottawa and suggest that automatic sprinkler systems be included in all specifications for buildings of this type.

They feel that the war effort is greatly curtailed and a lot of effort wasted when such a structure can be burned down shortly after its completion, just for the sake of a little more expense on a sprinkler, especially in a place like Sea Island, which was not an easy place for the fire fighters to get to.

Trades Council Notes

Taxi Drivers' Union reports having signed agreements with several new taxi cab companies. The union expects to put on a full-time business agent next month.

The Council has requested the Federal government to use every effort to bring the strike of Seamen on the Great Lakes to a satisfactory conclusion. The shipping company refuses to agree to an arbitration award which is favorable to the union.

The City Council has adopted a Cartage By-law governing cartage rates which was drawn up by a committee upon which the Trades Council had a representative.

Retail Clerks' Union reports renewal of an agreement with the Safeway Stores, which included a general 10 per cent increase in wages.

Bakery Salesmen's Union reported having signed up new agreements with all the leading bakeries in this district.

A letter of appreciation was sent to Angus McInnis, M.P., relative to his speech in the House of Commons on Trades Union subjects, and which was published in the Trades Congress Journal.

Delegate Showler was appointed to act as the Trades Council's representative on a committee set up by the City Council to consider a proposed tariff on cartage rates.

Delegates heartily endorsed the action of officers and members of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union in constructing and donating a torch, which was placed at the entrance to Stanley Park in connection with the Victory Loan Drive.

Truck Drivers report an agreement signed with Carter's Industrial Towel Service, and thanked the Aeronautical Workers' Union for assistance.

Projectionists' Union reported that the Hollywood Theatre had been taken over by the Famous Players' Corporation, and the theatre was now "fair" to organized labor. The Hollywood Theatre has been taken off the Trades Council's "We Do Not Patronize" list.

Taxi Drivers' Union having signed up the McLure Taxi Cab Co. has had them removed from the Trades Council's "Non-Patronage" list.

The Council again went on record that it is opposed to compulsory acceptance of arbitration awards, although the government has denied any intention of such legislation.

Prince Rupert Carpenters' Union has asked the Trades Council to co-operate with them in getting the cost of living bonus paid on a flat rate basis instead of according to the rate of wages in the shipbuilding industry. Matter was referred to the Metal Trades Council.

MONSTER CONCERT FOR LONDON FIRE FIGHTERS

Members of organized labor are invited to patronize the Monster Concert which is being planned on behalf of the London Fire Fighters in the Forum at Hastings Park on Sunday, June 22nd, at 9:30 p.m. Bands of the Musicians' Union, City Fire Fighters' and Policemen's Union will donate their services as well as the Stage Employees' Union.

There will be a variety of artists, among whom will be many outstanding performers. Tickets are 50c, obtainable at any fire hall or at 610 Dunsmuir Street.

More Business Agents For the Teamsters

Secretary C. McIvor, of Local 151 Taxi Drivers, has been very busy during the last few weeks, since his organization applied to the Minister of Labor for the appointment of a conciliator, in their dispute with a number of local taxi operators. Through the splendid efforts of Mr. Thomson of the Department of Labor, and his own activities, this situation has been almost entirely cleared up, and Brother McIvor reports that more than a dozen agreements have already been signed. This is exceptionally good work and should place the Taxi Drivers in an enviable position; without doubt the remaining agreements will be signed within a short time. With their increased membership it will be necessary for the Local to keep a full-time employee on the road as was anticipated at the last meeting of the Teamsters' Joint Council.

Assistant Business Agent

An election was held for the position of Assistant Business Agent to Brother R. Atkinson at the last meeting of Local 31. General Truck Drivers, and Brother T. Mason obtained the majority and was declared elected. No definite decision has been reached regarding the date on which he will assume his new duties.

Cancel Summer Meetings

All the affiliated Locals of the Joint Council have, according to their usual practice, cancelled their regular meetings for the summer. As previously, the various executives will continue to meet and special meetings will be called should the necessity arise. The new agreement of Local 189 was unanimously accepted at their last meeting and is considered very satisfactory by the membership.

C. Nuttall and J. Hay were elected as delegates to the Union Label Trades by Local 464. Milk Salesmen and Dairy Employees. The need was stressed for educational work in union patronage and particulars were made known of the campaign put on by Local 464 among Production Workers in War Industry to patronize union employers. It was pointed out that the Jersey Farms are on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Trades Council; in spite of this they have been enjoying the patronage of some union men at noon in some of the local shops. Cards have been distributed in some places and the response has been very satisfactory. An agreement has been signed with Carter's Industrial Towels of 344 W. Broadway. This company supply a special service in coveralls, barbers' coats, towels, etc., and deserve every consideration by union members and companies who use this type of service.

$3,200 In Bonds

While it has never been the policy of the Joint Council to "blow their own horn" we feel that our membership have every reason to be proud of the record of our own organizations in the Victory Loan Drive. The total contributions of our unions to this drive to date amount to $3,200. No member of our Locals has any need to feel reticent about the contributions which we have made and are making to Canada's War Effort.

Chase Condemned For Ignoring Union Labor

A protest strongly disapproving of the non-co-operative attitude of H. B. Chase, director-general of labor relations for the Department of Munitions and Supply, was made to the Federal government by the Trades and Labor Council.

The motion was unanimously endorsed after it had been pointed out that, upon instructions from the Minister of Labor, Secretary Bengough had attempted to get in touch with Mr. Chase, who was then in Vancouver, but it appears that he only got in touch with employers in the shipyard and munitions industries, and entirely ignored labor.

Mr. Chase was in Vancouver for a week and despite repeated efforts to get in touch with him at his hotel, the messages were entirely ignored.

UNION LABEL ON TOILET PRODUCTS

The Vancouver Union Label Trades Council has received the information from the Union Label Trades Department, A. F. of L., that they had been successful in getting the union label placed on the products of the 'Yankee Heritage" brand of cosmetics and toiletries. They are the only 100 per cent union-made toilet products on the market with the union label on their complete line of new toilet articles, bearing the trade name of "Yankee Heritage". Demand the union label at all times. Our council will endeavour to have them on sale in this city in the near future.

Victoria Barbers are requesting their employers to take "Time" and "Life" two unfair magazines out of their shops and not to renew the subscriptions.

St. Railway Award Not Accepted Yet

Neither the B. C. Electric Railway Company nor the Street Railwaymen's Union have accepted the award handed down by the Arbitration Board. The union officials have asked the Minister of Labor for a clarification on the cost of living bonus, which was part of the award.

The union membership will vote on the question of the award at their next meeting June 23rd.

Typos' Annual Convention in Vancouver

One of the most important and outstanding affairs in Vancouver this year will be of great interest to trade unionists in general and to members of Vancouver Typographical Union, No. 226, in particular.

During the week of August 16-23, the city will practically belong to printers and their friends, from near and far, attending the sessions of the 85th Convention of the International Typographical Union. The first convention was held in New York City in 1851.

It is anticipated that there will be above the average accredited delegates in attendance, and experiences of the past assure at least 2000 ex-delegates and friends will visit the city for the occasion.

Travelling conveniences are being well taken care of, principally by special Vancouver Convention trains from Chicago and New York, picking up by special arrangement passengers en route. The New York Convention Special provides three optional trips, of which one should be extremely popular and interesting, with extra time and stop-over privileges in the Canadian Rockies. Indications point to a record crowd, reservations even at this date reaching capacity.

The local committee (R. H. Cardwell, chairman) is now on its toes making preparations for the great event—and there is no doubt that their efforts will maintain the reputation of Vancouver as being one of the most hospitable and delightful cities on the American continent.

Hon C. D. Howe Replies To Council's Protest

Replying to a communication from the Trades and Labor Council relative to the protest of fabricating material shipped from Toronto for the Boundary Bay Air Training School heating contract, the Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, says that "the contract was let to the lowest bidder and that the bidder is free to purchase or fabricate his material where he will, subject to such pressure as we can bring on him informally to fabricate the material in the locality of its installation.

"With the Pacific Coast shipbuilding programme we are doing our best to have all the material fabricated at the Pacific Coast. Co-operation of labor will greatly assist us in bringing this result".

Says Labor in U. S. Is Not Profiteering

Labor haters who spread propaganda that workers seeking higher wages are trying to "profit" out of national defense were denounced by L. Metcalfe Walling, administrator of the Walsh-Healey Act, one of the United States government's most important laws protecting labor standards.

Walling gave his views in an address to the Massachusetts League of Women Voters at Worcester. He pointed out that wage increases, in most instances, do not mean 'additional gains" for workers, because rises in the cost of living absorb such gains. The pay boosts, he said, merely "preserve labor's relative position".

The administrator further cited the fact that labor's productivity has gone up enormously in recent years, because of mechanization.

"Labor should share in this technological improvement as well as management", he insisted.

Walling also assailed those who try to make labor the "scapegoat" in strikes.

"Our labor force is overwhelmingly loyal, patriotic and hard working", he maintained.

Next Month's Council Meetings Are Changed

Owing to the fact that the next meeting night of the Trades Council falls on a holiday (July 1st) the council has changed the meeting nights to the third and fifth Tuesday in the month. Nomination of officers will take place at the first meeting and final nomination and election will take place at the second meeting.

The best of all medicines are rest and fasting.—Ben[illegible] Franklin.

Unions Buying Victory Bonds To Win War

Many local unions, affiliated with the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, have been buying Victory Bonds, and are making regular purchases of War Savings Stamps.

The following list, which is not complete, does not include the unions which made purchases of the first bond issue and the non-interest-bearing bonds, which more than totalled the following list:

Musicians' Union, Local 145	$5,000
Projectionists' Union, Local 348	$2,500
Civic Employees' Union, Local No. 28	$2,000
Beverage Dispensers' Union, Local 676	$1,500
General Truck Drivers, Local 31	$1,000
Milk Salesmen's Union, Local No. 31	$1,000
Retail Clerks' Union, No. 279	$1,000
Camp and Mill Workers' Union, Local 31	$1,000
Machinists' Lodge, No. 692	500
Bakery Salesmen, Local 182	500
Warehousemen's Union, Local 31-A	500
Teamsters' Joint Council	200
Sign & Pictorial Painters, Local 726	200
Brewery Workers' Union, Local 300	200
Machinists' Lodge 182	200
Taxi Drivers' Union, Local 151	200
Bakers' Union, Local No. 468	100

Many local unions are making regular purchases of War Savings Stamps for sale to their members or for raffling purposes. Over six hundred members of the Street Railwaymen's union are having regular monthly deductions from their pay for this purpose. The Milk Salesmen's Union purchase 80 War Savings Certificates every month, half of them being raffled among the members. Civic Employees purchase 40 every month. The Building Trades Council has a raffle twice a month, and many other unions make small purchases of War Savings Certificates.

City Hall Employees Association, chartered by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, but not affiliated with the Trades Council has also purchased $2,000 worth of the present bonds. The employees purchase $100 worth of war savings stamps per month, and the union purchases $40 worth of certificates each month.

Council and Union Condemn Circulars

Considerable debate has taken place in the last two meetings of the Trades and Labor Council over the distribution of an anonymous circular which has been sent to the homes of members of the Street Railwaymen's Union and to members of the Electrical Workers' Union.

The circular made vicious and lying attacks upon trades union officials and had all the earmarks of having been made up by a member or members of the Street Railwaymen's Union. The Trades Council, upon motion of the delegates, asked the Street Railwaymen's Union to deny having anything to do with the circular.

It appears that the Street Railwaymen's Union had already taken action on the matter by posting notices condemning the circular and stating that if the offenders were discovered they would be expelled from the union. This information, however, had not been given to the Trades Council delegates in that form, hence the request for a statement from the Street Railwaymen's Union.

Since that time the union has again considered the matter and it was stated on the floor of the Trades Council that the union had a very strong [illegible] condemned the perpetrators of the circular and the communist influence in the organization.

Several circulars of a similar kind have been issued at various times and are still being issued. The motive behind them appear to have the same objective as similar actions in other countries, said one delegate. The objective is to attack trades union officers and create dissension in the ranks of the Trades Union movement, thereby weakening it and giving those who seek our destruction a better chance to carry out that objective. It is believed that if we understand that motive, loyal trades unionists would co-operate with each other in preventing that dissention and rooting out the offenders.

NEW PLANTS TO DOUBLE OUTPUT OF MUNITIONS

Contracts for a new chain of munitions plants, to cost $1,500,000,000, will be awarded within a few days, United States army officials revealed. The programme contemplates the production of supplies for an army of 4,000,000 and will more than double existing facilities.

The government has already poured about $1,750,000,000 into powder factories under a schedule adopted some time ago.

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EMPLOYER IS RESPONSIBLE

If your employer has registered you under the Unemployment Insurance Act he will deliver to you a form certifying that he has registered you. Unless you receive that form, which also contains your insurance number, you will have to *notify him of the fact that he has* not registered you. This should be carefully considered by casual workers, such as those in the building trades. Whoever you happen to be working for during the first week of July is responsible to the government, and to you, for the registration. Union officials should point this out to their membership.

Your employer keeps the insurance book to which he affixes stamps, during the time you are working for him. When you leave his employ, you obtain the book from him and turn it over to your next employer: After 180 days' contributions have been made, you start to collect your insurance benefits. In this case you turn the book in to the insurance office as soon as you are out of work.

When you receive your registration form you should also receive a booklet giving more detailed advice on the subject. Ask him for your copy if your employer does not give you one. If you have any trouble in getting your employer to register you, *take the matter up with the* unemployment office at Dunsmuir and Homer streets, in Vancouver, or to the local unemployment office or post office in any other town.

The Act provides that you may ask to check your book (at the employer's convenience) not more than twice a month, to see that the stamps have been put in the book, or the book properly metered. The employer purchases the stamps, after he has deducted your payments from your pay. He adds his contribution when he purchases the stamps. Your contribution ranges from 12c to 36c per week, according to your pay. The daily rate works out at one-sixth the weekly rate. The weekly rate on earnings of from $20 to $25.99 amounts to 30c. This works out at 5c per day deduction. Earnings above that rate to the maximum calls for a payment of 36c per week or 6c per day.

AMERICA ANSWERS HITLER

The United States has rolled up its sleeves and tackled *the biggest job in* its history. It is actually alarmed at the efforts being made by Germany and the other Axis powers to encroach upon the North American continent. It has set itself the task of at least spending as much as Germany is spending every month on armaments. Germany is spending three billions a month and the United States is already well past one billion a month and by this time next year expects to be spending three billions. These and the following facts were culled from a pamphlet just issued by the Office for Emergency Management, Washington, D. C.

They find that even that sum may have to be passed because Germany is getting booty from the countries she has conquered. France alone is paying more in tribute to Germany than she was paying for her own army before the conquest.

The United States is planning a 2,800,000 man army, a two-ocean navy and a greatly expanded air force.

Contracts for armaments already authorized amount to $37,300,000,000 and contracts placed for British orders amount to $3,700,000,000, nearly 40 billion dollars.

Thousands of new plants have been or are being built. In ten months nearly three billion dollars have been spent on these. Half of them will be government-owned.

Over a million more skilled men will be needed to operate these plants within the next 18 months. Over two million men are now employed and the government has a list of nearly six million workers who are available for defense jobs. A million men and women are taking vocational training to fill some of these jobs at later dates.

The government has placed some form of control on 24 materials and classes of materials, which are needed in armament products. It has made arrangements with other countries also for such material. A joint committee of American and Canadian officials work for the supplying of strategic raw materials. *America has* 15,000,000 pounds of nickel on hand, almost all of it coming from Canada.

Huge housing projects are being built for the army and navy and defense industry workers. Housing for nearly 1,400,000 men is almost completed.

The Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply keeps a check on the cost of living and the cost of materials. If the price of material gets too high they refuse to take it and threaten to set a ceiling for the price of the article. Only a few days ago the Administrator requested manufacturers of plywood to reduce their prices from $30 to $28 per thousand square feet for quarter-inch plywall. The cost of living is not going up like it is in Canada. The rise has only been three per cent, despite the fact that production has gone up 25 per cent.

The American government is purchasing huge masses of materials. During March contracts called for the expenditure of 937 million dollars. The Army alone bought 46 million articles of clothing in nine months. Since the defense program started nearly half a billion dollars' worth of textiles and textile products have been bought. Food purchases alone amount to almost $700,000 a day.

When the plants are ready for this huge armament program, the government expects to utilize them 24 hours a day and seven days a week. That is America's answer to Hitler and America's effort to Britain.

Bargaining Is Held Strike Solution

The sure way to avoid strikes is for employers to stop fighting unions and enter into collective bargaining agreements, Secretary of Labor *Frances Perkins declared recently.*

In an address to the St. Paul (Minn.) Trades and Labor Assembly, she asserted that collective agreements, plus mediation where differences occur, will do more than any other proposals to keep down disputes.

Aa a matter of fact, the strike situation is far from alarming, she pointed out. On May 1, only 7800 persons were on strike in defense plants—and that, she said, is far less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of the number of workers employed on the defense programme.

"Industrial relations are better right now than in many years", Miss Perkins emphasized.

This Will Make You Feel Better

If you are inclined to think the human race is reverting to savagery, read the following:

Two years ago in Philadelphia, *Benjamin Mason*, a Negro on relief, and his wife, Pearl, scraped together $2.50 and bought a ticket in the Irish Sweepstakes. They won a prize of $150,000. Of course, they were flabbergasted by this good luck, but what do you think they did with the money?

They invested $100,000 in a slum-clearance project, the first of its kind to be privately financed in the vicinity of Philadelphia, and borrowed an additional $50,000. Recently the building was completed, and tenants began moving in. There are 50 apartments, modern in every way, including air conditioning; in addition there are lawns and a fountain, play rooms in the basement for children, a gymnasium and bowling alley, a reception shall for social affairs, and a chapel for religious services. Rents are $30 a month for 3-room apartments and $39 for five rooms.

It's a good business proposition says the Philadelphia Housing Authority, and Mason remarks: "I am glad to be able to do something for my *people*".

That he has the "right stuff" in him is demonstrated by the fact that as soon as the money came in from Ireland, Mason returned to Uncle Sam the $3000 he had received as relief.

Yes; the world is in a bad way, but the situation isn't hopeless so long as among us are men like Mason, whatever their race or color may be. —Labor.

60 Per Cent Americans Dangerously Underfed

Young men called for military training are better fed than any fighting men in the world. They are also better fed than at least 60 per cent of the people of the United States!

That startling disclosure was made by Clyde Davis, chief of the supplies section of the food unit of the Office of Production Management.

He admitted the statement sounded "incredible", but he said that investigations had shown that the diets of one-third of the families of our country are below the danger line, in most cases because of inability to buy enough food to keep them in reasonable health.

Americans Underfed

Davis' object was not to demonstrate that the soldier is too well fed, Americans are dangerously underfed. he declared, but to show that many

BOEING EMPLOYEES AT SEATTLE NEGOTIATE

Seattle, Wash.—Local 751, Aeronautical Mechanis' Union has launched negotiations with Boeing *Aircraft Company*, where the union has a closed shop contract covering 11,000 employees. Negotiations were opened on clauses in the two-year contract signed a year ago, on wages and vacations. Increases in vacation allowances are being asked and wage increases ranging from 10 cents an hour upward are being sought.

ILGWU PROMISES TO BUY $500,000 IN DEFENSE BONDS

New York, N. Y.—Stirred by President Roosevelt's radio address, David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, announced that his organization had pledged itself to buy $500,000 worth of defense bonds.

Mr. Dubinsky, whose union is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, sent a telegram to the President assuring him that American labor "is behind you in this historic hour and will follow your inspiring and inspired leadership until the menace to the democratic way of life is swept away".

AMALGAMATED WINS

San Francisco, Cal.—An important NLRB election victory was won here by the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees when this A. F. of L. union was chosen by a majority of the Pacific Greyhound Lines employees. The vote was 544 for the Amalgamated against 339 for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen which had conduced a strike against the company.

The controversy between the New York Towboat Owners' Association and Local 333 of the United Marine Division of the International Longshoremen's Association was ended recently with 2500 A. F. of L. workers receiving wage increases.

Building Agreement Covers Ten Counties

Los Angeles. — A comprehensive collective bargaining labor agreement for highway engineers and building contractors of Southern California and twenty-one American Federation of Labor unions and all building and construction trades and district councils was signed early this week following ten months of negotiation.

The agreement covers all employees on all types of highway engineering and building construction in the counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Inyo, Mono, *Orange, San Bernardino*, Riverside, Imperial and Los Angeles, and is the first agreement of its type to be reached with the Associated General Contractors of America in Southern California labor history.

The agreement, one of the most inclusive ever to be made in this area, covers 21 unions of laborers and mechanics.

THREE A. F. OF L. UNIONS WIN 25 PER CENT BOOST

Kansas City, Mo.—A remarkable increase of approximately 25 per cent in hourly wage rates was won in an agreement signed with the American Car and Foundry Company at Madison, Ill., by committees representing the Carmen, Machinists and Electrical Workers.

Gains also included establishment of piecework rates about 35 per cent above the former hourly scales and other improvements in working conditions.

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AFL Says Wages Are Below Health, Efficiency Standard

Washington, D.C.—Although strong labor unions have lifted the wage level considerably since 1934, accompanying higher profits in industry which reached a recovery peak of 12 per cent this spring, the income of workers is still inadequate to provide recognized necessary living standards, according to the May issue of Labor's Monthly Survey, A. F. of L. publication.

"Wages are still far below the minimum necessary to support a family of five in health and efficiency", the Survey said. "This minimum is approximately $2000 a year, or $1 per hour for a 40-hour week with full employment.

"The average buying power of one hour's work has been lifted from 50 cents in 1933 to 70 cents in March, 1941, first by N. R. A., then by union drives. But even at 70 cents it is still 30 cents below the minimum needed to give a family adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care and other necessaries of an American standard.

"When we consider that this 70 cents represents only the average wage and makes no allowance for unemployment, and that hundreds of thousands today still receive anywhere from 30 cents to 50 cents an hour, the need for continuing wage advances is obvious.

"Only a few workers today receive $2000 a year. Government estimates show that at the expected 1941 national income level of $87,000,000,000 and after this spring's wage increases only 68 per cent of our American family units will receive $2000 a year or more, and half our family units (50 per cent) will receive less than $1400, which is the minimum bare subsistence budget for a family of four".

5000 Laundry Workers Get Model Agreement

Detroit, Mich.—Further substantiating the benefits which have been the happy lot of the members of the Laundry Workers' International Union under the progressive leadership of General President William J. Donovan is the announcement of the signing of a two-year contract covering approximately 5000 laundry employees in metropolitan Detroit which guarantees wage increases totalling nearly half a million dollars a year, with the Michigan Linen Supply Board of Trade.

In addition to the wage increases the new contract includes one week's vacation with pay, seniority rights, a closed union shop, blanket raise in pay for every worker, time and one-half pay for overtime, based on a 48-hour week; minimum wages to be increased next year, a military service clause with full seniority rights, including time served in the Army.

The contract also guarantees no strikes or lockouts before arbitration between the union and the Linen Supply Board of Trade.

The Laundry Linen Drivers' Union, Local 285, also negotiated a new contract with a guarantee of a minimum weekly wage of $47.

A substantial boost in wages has been gained for the members of Local 187, International Brotherhood of Pulp and Sulphite Workers, as the result of contracts signed with five Toledo, Ohio, companies.

Service Station Union Gets Master Contract

San Francisco. — Approximately 800 members of Local 665, Garage and Service Station Employees' Union, are covered by the master contract which was signed here recently with the San Francisco Garage Owners' Association, representing 92 of the major public garages in the San Francisco area.

Pay Increases

About 75 per cent of the 800 employees involved receive 20 per cent increases in pay, while the remainder gain a 10 per cent increase. The pact also reduces the apprentice training period from six to three months.

All uniforms will be furnished and laundered at the expense of the employer.

The 20 per cent increase in wages will apply to the garage attendants in the downtown area, whose boost is from $5 to $6 per day. In the outlying districts the increase is from $5 to $5.50 per day. The washers, polishers and lubricators will receive $6.60 per day.

SAINT JOHN CARPENTERS' WAGE BOOST

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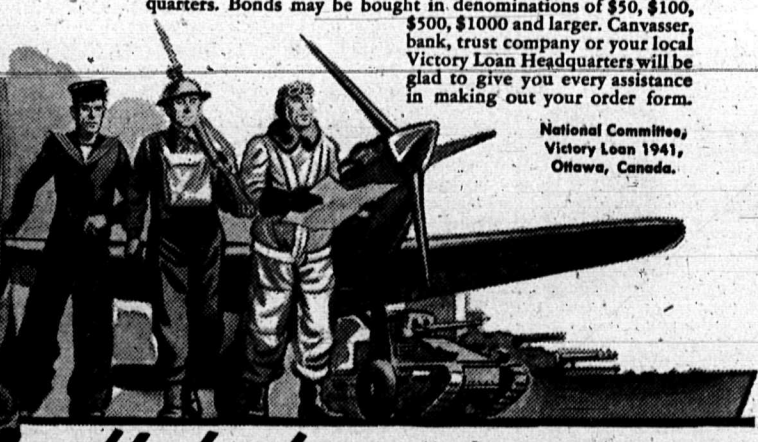

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House Painters Get Master Agreement

San Francisco, Cal. — Acceptance of a new wage scale of $1.37½ cents an hour in a three-year master contract was voted this week by members of the two house painting A. F. of L. unions of San Francisco bringing the daily wage scale to $9,62 for a 7-hour day.

Paid on Job

Another improvement agreed to by the contractors provides that employers will pay their men on the job not later than 4:30 p.m. Heretofore the pay offices of the contractors were usually located at some distance from the jobs which necessitated the men spending both time and transportation costs in order to secure their wages.

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Vicious Measures Defeated by Labor

Organized labor's batting average in stopping dangerous bills in state legislatures rose recently.

In Florida, a second effort by union haters to put over a measure outlawing "closed shop" agreements was killed, and another bill to dictate union fees and dues and require union incorporation also lost before the Labor Committee of the lower house.

Other Labor Victories

Among other labor gains was the defeat in the Wisconsin legislature of a bill which would have the state regulate strike votes by unions, and the passage in Connecticut of a "little Wage-Hour Act".

A major setback occurred in California, where the legislature approved a bill sought by the antil-labor "Associated Farmers" which would make it a crime for union men to refuse to handle scab-made goods and outlaw the secondary boycott. Unions appealed to Governor Culbert L. Olson to veto the vicious proposal.

Windsor Electricians Obtain Wage Boost

Members of Local 911, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers are to receive wage increases as a result of negotiations with the Windsor Utilities Commission which terminated late in April.

The increase is spread as follows. 5 cents per hour for men whose salary is up to $1500, 5 per cent for salaries from $1500 to $2700—that is, 5 cents for men in this group who work on the hourly rate and 5 per cent for men who work on a monthly salary—and 2½ per cent in salaries exceeding $2700.

While the Windsor Commission approved the new wage rates, it was explained that final approval would have to come from the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs.

$325,000 From U. S. To Aid British Labor

New York, N. Y.—Matthew Woll, chairman of the American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor, announced that orders had been filled for $325,000 worth of subscription books in the organization's drive. These books represent orders from labor organizations all over the country. In addition, contributions from individuals have increased in size and number.

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DRAFTSMEN CHARTER FOUR NEW LOCALS

Washington, D. C.—The International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Unions reported a considerable increase in local unions chartered during May. New unions were chartered at New London, Conn.; Pottstown, Pa.; Tampa, Fla., and Detroit.

In the case of the Detroit local union, the engineering and associated groups who were not included in the recent election as production workers at the Ford Motor Company, have applied for a charter with the I. F. T. E. A. D. U., A. F. of L., to protect and maintain their identity.

CANADA LIVING COST SHOWS 7.7 PER CENT INCREASE

Ottawa, Can.—Cost of living has increased 7.7 per cent for all Canada, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announced for May. The percentage is about the same in all communities.

An increase of $1 per day has been gained by Local 108 of the International Association of Sheet Metal Workers, Los Angeles. The pact providing the wage boost covers approximately 40 Southern California shops engaged in general, architectural and ventilating sheet metal work.

California Cannery Strike Is Successful

San Francisco. — Approximately 10,000 California cannery employees have returned to work in some 15 northern and central California canneries with wage increases and improved working conditions following a 14-day strike.

Establishment of apprentice and intermediate scales, an innovation, brought about a satisfactory solution to the controversy between the National Council of Cannery Workers, representing more than 50,000 cannery employees, and the California Processors and Growers, Inc., comprised of employer representatives, according to Daniel V. Flanagan, representative of the western office of the American Federation of Labor and co-ordinator for the 11 cannery unions involved.

Wage Increase

The settlement brought about an approximate wage increase of 20 per cent for experienced year around and regular seasonal men workers, and a 17½ per cent increase for women workers in the same classification.

AFL Teachers Oust Communist Locals

New York, N. Y.—By an overwhelming vote the membership of the American Federation of Teachers in a national referendum voted to oust three locals charged with being Communist-controlled.

Thus the union effectively served notice that the teachers of America are unalterably opposed to Communism and will not permit them to gain a foothold in the schools of America.

The vote of the Federation membership, excluding those of the three local unions involved, showed 80 per cent in favor of revoking the charters of these locals, two of which are in New York City and the third in Philadelphia.

Immediately it was announced the Federation would set up new local organizations in New York and Philadelphia to take the place of those ousted.

AGAIN THE UNION BRINGS HOME THE BACON

Members of Toronto Millinery Workers' Local No. 46 will materially benefit by the new contract recently entered into with their employers. A year ago this union obtained a general wage increase of 7 per cen. This year, after protracted negotiations, the manufacturers finally conceded another raise of 4 per cent, which means that within one year wages have been increased by 11 per cent. In addition, many important concessions were obtained which will benefit every member of the union.

GARMENT WORKERS TO OUST COMMUNISTS

During the past month an investigation was undertaken by the two local unions of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in Montreal as a result of charges that some members had been mailing Communistic and anti-war literature to other members. Bernard Shane, General Representative of the union, stated that any member found to be involved would be immediately expelled from the organization.

HOTEL EMPLOYEES SECURE WAGE INCREASE

Members of Toronto Local 299 of the Hote and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, employed in the King Edward Hotel in that city, receive a wage increase following conferences held between the National Trust, receivers for the hotel and A. R. (Archie) Johnstone, general representative and G. N. Fleming, local secretary. A 9-hour day with payment of 50 cents per hour for overtime is also agreed to.

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES ORGANIZE IN LONDON

Hospital employees in London, Ont., have organized under charter from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the new local being designated as London and District Hospital Employees' Federal Union No. 85. Mr. H. Morgan is president and Mr. W. Poley is secretary-treasurer.

This is the second group of workers to be granted a charter by the Congress in that city during recent weeks, and in both instances organization was effected through the efforts of officers of the London Trades and Labor Council.

THREE RIVERS AND MONTREAL MOULDERS BOOST WAGES IN

Employees of Canada Iron Foundries at Three Rivers, members of Local 101, International Moulders and Foundry Workers' Union of North America, benefit by wage increases ranging from 3 to 5 cents per hour as a result of an agreement reached between the parties involved.

Although application had already been made to the Minister of Labor for a board of conciliation to mediate a dispute between Montreal Bronze, Ltd., and Local 21 of the International Moulders and Foundry Workers' Union, further conferences resulted in an agreement being signed, and the application was then withdrawn. Under the new pact the employees receive an increase of slightly over 7 cents per hour.

CANADIAN SEAMEN REACH AGREEMENT WITH TORONTO TRANSPORTATION COM.

Wage increases ranging up to 10 per cent, with provision for further advances to meet rising cost of living among the outstanding provisions of and a week's holidays with pay are an agreement concluded between officials of the Toronto Transportation Commission and the Canadian Seamen's Union. The new pact which covers workers engaged on the Island ferries of the Commission is the first to be entered into with the Seamen's Union providing for holidays with pay.

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Closed Shop For Five Automotive Unions

San Francisco, Cal.—Five A. F. of L. unions under the Automotive Trades Union Council this week reached an agreement for a five-year master contract with the San Francisco Motor Car Dealers Association which will bring the closed shop into every division of the automobile field.

Acceptance of the agreement granting full demands of the council by the motor car dealers averted the strike action which the automotive council had voted last week when negotiations deadlocked on the question of establishing the closed shop for the automobile drivers and salesmen.

First of Its Kind

Involved in the negotiations for the master contract, believed to be the first of its kind signed in the United States, were Local 950, Auto Drivers and Demonstrators Union; Local 241, Automotive Warehousemen's Union; Local 665, Garage and Service Station Employees Union; Local 1076, Automotive Painters Union, and Local 1305, Automobile Mechanics Union.

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