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TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS PLACES LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS BEFORE DOMINION GOVERNMENT

Memorandum Suggests Many Items of Labor and Social Betterment — Federal Cabinet Gives Delegation Very Good Reception — Harmonious Relationship Continued

SPOKESMEN FOR CANADA'S LARGEST Trades Union body met the Federal Cabinet on March 28th and made the annual request for many items of legislation, which affiliated unions throughout Canada have asked for through their various officers and delegates. Some new items were brought forward in this year's brief and the Cabinet gave attentive hearing to the proposals.

Birt Showler, President of the aVncouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, was a member of the delegation as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Congress.

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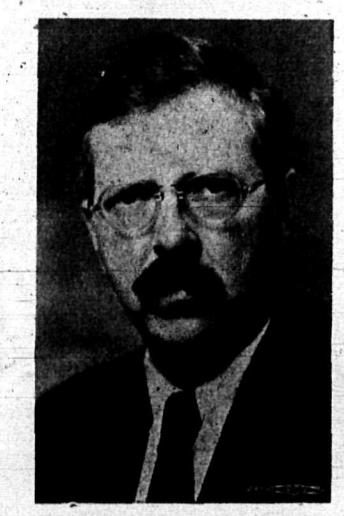

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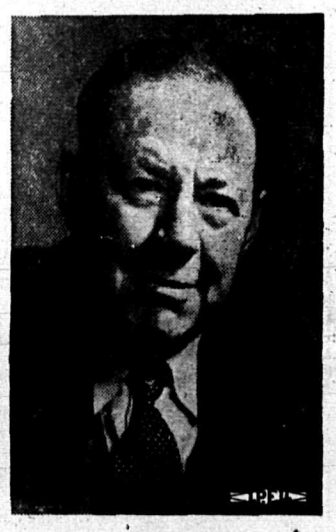

PERCY R. BENGOUGH
President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

The Right Honorable W. L. MacKing, Prime Minister, and Members of the Cabinet of the Government of Canada.

Honorable Sirs:—

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, on behalf of the officer and members of affiliated international, national and provincial organizations, District divisions, City Trades and Labor Councils and directly charterdd Unions, welcomes this opportunity of appearing before the Government of Canada and placing our views and requests before you.

We have noted with pleasure the policies of our Government in the field of international affairs in support to the United Nations, the assistance rendered in areas desolated by war and the commendable part taken in providing food for the hungry in devastated countries.

Within the borders of our own country, we can again commend the Government in expediting the general change-over from war to peace time conditions. The repatriation and demobilization of our Armed Forces and the conversion of industry and agriculture to peace time production and the passing of the Canadian Citizenship Act have all been commendable undertakings.

In the above great accomplishments very briefly cited, The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, without hesitation, extends its congratulations to the Dominion Government for the good work done and the progress made.

National Labor Code

In view of the fact that Order in Council P. G. 1003 will soon become inoperative, we wish to place ourselves on record as strongly favoring the establishment by the Dominion Government of a aNtional Labor Code. We realize that the institution of such legislation will require the co-operation of Provincial Governments and this Trades and Labor Congress has used its influence throughout the Dominion in this direction. However, a portion of such legislation becomes the direct responsibility of the Dominion Government, that is the legislation that will operate in the field and takes the place previous occupied b ythe Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1907.

While this Congress has officially placed its views more fully before the responsible authorities in the Departmtnt of Labor, we do wish to be recorded as strongly requesting that Section 42 of the Industrial Disputes Act be embodied in the Dominion Regulations, reading as follows:

"No Counsel or solicitor shall be entitled to appear or be heard before the Board execept with the consent of the parties to the dispute and notwithstanding such consent the Board may decline to allow counsel or solicitors to appear."

This was one of the best features in the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act and in operation over many years proved its value. Hence we desire its retention.

We also desire that such legislation include:

All employees excepting those having the confidence of the employer in that they are conshlted on questions of labor policy and relations between Management and Labor.

Company unions should be definitely prohibited.

That the union concerned be named as the bargaining agency and not individuals.

That where all employees of an employer or organization of employers are required by agreement to be members of a specified union there should be no provision in the law tending to prevent.

We most certainly request the inclusion of all civilian employees in such undertakings as Navy Yards, Harbours Boards and Crown Companies.

There are many other desirable features to be included but as stated previously they have been placed before, and will be taken up with, the Department concerned.

Price Control

During the war period no country did a better job than Canada in controlling the prices of commoditieis. This Congress fully realized the need of price control and strongly supported our Government in its actions in this worthy objective. We conscientiously believe it is just as necessary now, if the evils of inflation are to be avoided, that such controls be maintained. Frankly, we view with alarm the manner in which the Government has weakened its effort in the direction of controlling prices. It must be recognized that every rise in costs is a corresponding reduction in the standard of living of most Canadian citizens and while, on the one hand, we see plenty of evidence of a desire to control labor, we see little or nothing being done in curtailing the activities of big business in the direction of excess profits, in the operation of cartels in eliminating competition and enhancing prices, in the prohibiting of watered stock and stock manipulation, the effects of which have and are still having a distinct adverse effect on the lives and standards of living of Canadian citizens that have been secured and which are now rapidly being lost in the payment of higher costs.

In the interests of the workers and of most Canadian people, we strongly urge our Dominion Government to reconsider the lifting of price controls and return to the able and efficient methods demonstrated in actual operation to be fully possible and workable.

Unemployment Insurance

There is a general opinion that while the Unemployment Insurance Act has demonstrated its usefulness and value during the period of operatioin, weaknesses have been found that require adjustment and the following amendments are requested:

That the Act should be applicable to all workers;

That there is an urgent need for a substantial increase in the rate of benefits;

That where an employee has an extended period of unemployment and his benefits have become exhausted, the credit period should be extended to cover the full period of his contribution;

That the provisions following the three Statutory Clauses in Section 31 o fthe Act be abolished;

That the latter part of Clause C, Section 43, in reference to leaving without just cause be deleted.

National Health Insurance

The establishment of an all embracing scheme of health insurance is generally recognized as an urgent need. We feel disappointed that our Government has not crystalized the efforts that have already been made in this direction and come forward with constructive proposals for a proper system of health insurance for all Canadian citizens.

It is recognized that workers and others in receipt of moderate incomes cannot possibly afford proper medical attention. Governments and citizens believing in full or high production as a means of solving our economic problems cannot allow the continuation of hit and miss methods of caring for the health of our citizens. Apart from the misery and suffering that goes with ill health, far more lost time is caused by illness than from all other causes combined. We cannot place the needs too strongly before you and urgently request the enactment of a National Health Insurance Scheme.

Pensions to Aged Citizens

We have long been convinced that the manner in which we treat our aged citizens is disgraceful. The very fact that to qualify, it is necessary to prove destitution or need is a clear demonstration of wrong thinking. We can provide relief to citizens of other countries yet we have not found the way to properly treat our citizens after a life time of service.

We solicit the support of our Government in revamping the old age pension legislation and the establishment of a full and proper system of providing pensions to aged citizens that will guarantee a sufficient amount to maintain them in decency and comfort without any means test or deductions because of owning homes or receiving other incomes; that the qualifying age be set not higher than sixty years; that consideration should be given to reducing the residential qualifications.

Taxation

We regret that the Government has not seen fit to comply with our previous requests for a reduction in taxation of those in low income brackets. The easing of price controls, the reduction in corporation, income and excess profits taxes has not improved the status of those for whom we requested some relief.

We again request that the present income tax exemption be raised to $2,400 per year for married persons and $1,000 per year for single persons. Citizens receiving annual incomes of these amounts or less need their entire earnings to meet minimum living costs and should not be subjected to taxation.

National Housing Act

We again request that the National Housing Act be removed from the control of private banks and mortgage corporations and that loans be made direct through a Government agency such as the Bank of Canada. The Federal Government should assume a larger share of the cost of slum clearance relieving municipalities of the greater part of the financial burden which must be met if slum areas are to be effectively eliminated. We strongly advocate that more attention be given to the provision of rented shelter for low income groups.

Cost of Living Index

There is a general feeling that the cost of living index published by the Dominion Government is not a true index of the actual cost of living of Canadian workers. We therefore request that a more accurate method be

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Painters Negotiate Ten Cent Wage Increase

A wage increase of 5c per hour immediately and another five cents commencing August 15th has been negotiated by the Painters' and Decorators' Union, Local No. 138. This brings the wage to $1.15 and $1.20 for brush painters and $1.25 and $1.30 for spray painters.

Business Agent Jack Eaves reports that this will affect about 65 painting contractors, who operate under a closed shop agreement.

The contractors offered a five cent increase, but this was turned down, with the result that the contractors made the offer of a further increase in August, which would give them time to adjust their contract estimates to the increase.

The membership of the union is fully employed in the uptown shops and the shipyards.

Convention of Metal Trades In Vancouver

Brother Rotell, Executive Secretary of the Pacific Coast District Trades Council was in Vancouver for a few days last week arranging for the convention which will be held in Vancouver in 1948. The date arranged for is February 9th as the opening day, and will be continued for from three to five days. At least 175 delegates are expected to be in attendance from many cities on the Pacific Coast.

Brother Rotell, attended the meeting of the Vancouver Metal Trades Council and gave the delegates a very good outline of the situation up and down the coast. He also flew over to Victoria and met a number of the officers and members there and started the suggestion that the Victoria Metal Trades reorganize a council. They have a Metal Trades Council charter there, but during the depression the Council disbanded, but unlike the Vancouver Metal Trades Council they never started up again. The suggestion is now in the hands of a committee in Victoria.

Endorsation of the action of the Victoria unions in the Shipyard situation was given by the Vancouver Metal Trades Council, and a further motion was made that if the CCL attempt to create trouble in the Vancouver yards, that the Council will call a special meeting to decide what action they will suggest to the affiliated unions.

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Building Trades Council Gets New General Contractors Pact

The Building Trades Council has reached an agreement with the General Contractors' Association by which all building construction members of the Association will hire, or clear, all their employees through the union of the trade affected.

This was done in order that unemployed will not have to contact the jobs in search of work, and no non-union men will be given jobs by contacting the foreman on the job. It has long been a disgrace to the building trades to have men tramping around from job to job in search of work, instead of being able to contact the union hall and await their turn on the list for the job.

Most of the sub trades operate under this condition,, and now the Carpenters, Laborers, and others directly employed workers will operate under it also. Quite a number of contractors did hire their men direct from the union, but there were some who did not, now they are all brought into line, and union members are expected to respect this new ruling and obtain their jobs from the union office.

A labor-management committee is also being placed in operation, so that any grievances from either side can be taken up and straightened up.

All trades are very busy at the present time, although shortages in various kinds of material are still holding back work at various times. There is also a shortage of men in most trades, including Building Laborers.

Out of town work is also keeping up a demand for men and this is expected to increase during the summer.

The following contractors have signed the Building Trades Council agreement: L. L. Johnson Ltd., 3231 Graveley St.; G. I. Builders, 783 East Hastings St.; Pacific Coast Contracting Co., 1063 Seymour St.; Ralph H. Fulton, 560 East 10th Ave.; Ed. Hickling, 303 Kingsway.

The new booklet of the Building Trades Council, will be issued in about two weeks time. It will be increased in size, and will contain the names and addresses of over four hundred contractors signed up under union agreements.

Paper Product Plants Award Wage Increases

Four hundred and twenty-five employees in five Vancouver paper plants have obtained a ten cent hourly wage increase, as a result of negotiations between representatives of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers' Union, A. F. of L. and the Bartram Paper Products Co. Ltd., National Paper Box Ltd., Pacific Mills Ltd. (Converting Plant), and the Canadian Boxes Ltd.

The agreement also provides a four cent hourly shift differential, an increase of one cent.

A ten cent increase was obtained last year. International Representative H. L. Hansen, conducted the negotiations.

Fight Picked by CCL, Victoria, Cleans Them Out of Yarrows

Efforts made by Victoria shipyard workers to enforce union agreements have met with success despite all the name calling and newspaper propaganda made by Canadian Congress of Labor (CCL) unions.

The management of Yarrows Shipyards in Victoria, were under an obligation to live up to the agreement made by them with Shipyard Workers' Federal Union, No. 238, chartered by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. This union has been trying for a considerable length of time to get the eight men, who worked on jobs that came under their jurisdiction, to switch from the CCL Marine Workers, Machinists' and Boilermakers' Industrial Union. Having made every effort without success, to have this adjustment made the union called upon the management to enforce the agreement, so the eight men were laid off.

Support to this action was given by the rest of the A. F. of L. unions operating in the yard—Electricians, Steamfitters, Carpenters, etc.

The CCL put up what the A. F. of L. called a "phony" picket line, because there was not a strike, simply an enforcement of an agreement. Eventually this picket line was made up entirely of men—and women—none of whom worked in Yarrows, and most of whom were LPP party followers.

Eventually one of the units of the CCL union got disgusted with the tactics of their union officials and by ballot voted without a dissenting vote to return to work. This was the Machinists' unit of the Industrial union.

Despite the "phony" picket line, these and other CCL members went to work, and are switching to A. F. of L. unions. At last report the yard is working at 90 per cent capacity with only 50 of the 500 remaining out of the yards.

Communist leadership has received a severe beating in this affair, and just about finishes the switch from Communist controlled unions into the A. F. of L. and Trades Congress Unions which started two years ago.

Retail Bakery Firms Sign With Union

Thirty-two retail bakery outlets are now union stores as a result of two recently signed contracts. The Retail Grocery and Food Clerks' Union, Local 1518, have completed agreements with the Canadian Window Bakeries (22 stores) and Village Bakeries (12 stores). George Johnston and J. O. Stinson conducted the negotiations. Approximately 100 employees are involved.

Village Bakeries was known as the Women's Bakery for many years.

Union shop, dues check-off, 40-hour five-day week, pay for statutory holidays, two weeks' vacation with pay after two years' service, and average pay increases of $4.50 per week are the highlights of these contracts.

The patronage of these firms by trade unionists and friends would be appreciated by the Grocery Clerks' Union.

Meat, Grocery Unions In Organizational Gains

Retail Meat Employees' Federal Union, Local 222, announces that they recently received certification for the following retail outlets of Ray's Ltd., B. C. Public Market, Ideal Market, Grand Union Market, Hygrade Market (New Westminster), Ray's Superior Market (New Westminster) and Ray's Ltd. (Main St.). Robert's Superior Market, an independent was also organized.

The Retail Grocery and Food Clerks' Union, Local 1518, gained certification for the grocery departments of the B. C. Public and Hygrade markets, and had previously organized the grocery employees of Ray's Ltd. (Main St.) and Ray's Super Market (New Westminster).

Contracts will be negotiated for these units in the immediate future.

Typo Bulletins

Word reached us recently that the non-union Southam Province was reaching the Bralorne mining camp. Enquiry was made, and the following letter from Fin.-Sec. A. Anderson of Bralorne Miners' Union, Local 271 is self-explanatory: ". . . You may rest assured that there is no foundation to rumors that reached . . . in regard to the Province in Bralorne. Early last summer all subscriptions that we know of were discontinued and even the newsboy resigned on our request. Up to date they have not been able to replace him. Subscription of Province in reading-room has been cancelled upon union request, and certainly no man has been fired in connection therewith."

Getting The Dross

Editor Ernest Constable of the Winnipeg News says: ". . . The recognized and respected Typographical Union printers whom the Southams had discarded, and who had given the company from 20 to 50 years of faithful service without any contractual disputes, were relegated to the streets, while the nondescript strikebreakers were sickenly fawned upon and given almost everything that the Southams had persistently refused their faithful employees. The Southam directors must surely perceive how much the printers they have discarded excel the strikebreakers they have taken to their bosoms, but are apparently too blind to relinquish the dross from the gold."

Information

The ITU welcomes all inquiries about the lockout and has speakers who will address meetings. If you want a speaker communicate with the Vancouver Typographical Union, 529 Beatty, or phone MArine 8842.

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Auto Workers' Union, Lodge No. 1857, I. A. of M. — Business Agent, Len E. Butler, office, 531 Beatty St., phone PA. 2435.

Bakery Salesmen, Local 189, I. B. T. C. and H.—Business Agent, E. Holmes, 531 Beatty Street; PAcific 6546.

Bakers' Union, Local 468 — Business Agent, Melvin Kemmis, 16 East Hastings St.; Phone PAcific 4741.

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Seafarers' Int. Union of North America —Secretary, H. Murphy, 144 W. Hastings; PAc. 7824.

Beverage Dispensers' Union, Local 676 —Business Manager, F. W. Mills, Room 4, 531 Beatty St.; MArine 4948.

Beverage Dispensers and Culinary Workers, No. 835 — Secretary, W. Morton, 405 Campbell Ave., New Westminster.

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Electrical Workers' Union, Local 213—Business Manager, Jack Ross, 531 Beatty St.; MArine 0736.

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Office Employees' Int. Union Local No. 15—Secretary, O. E. Vaughan, 531 Beatty St.; MArine 9042.

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Paint & Varnish Workers Union, Local No. 1550 — Secretary, N. Stewart, 1610 East 11th Avenue.

Paper Makers' International Brotherhood, Ocean Falls, Local No. 360—Secretary, N. H. Compton, Ocean Falls, B. C.

Papermakers' Int. Brotherhood, Local No. 456 (New Westminster) — Secretary, Walter Ross, 222 Ninth Street.

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Truck Drivers' Union, Local No. 31—Business Agent, Reg. Atkinson, 531 Beatty St.; Phone PAcific 6546.

Typographical Union, Local 226—Secretary, Harry Neelands, 531 Beatty St.; MArine 8842.

United Garment Workers' Union, Local 190—Secretary, Walter W. Shaw, 2435 West Sixth.

United Garment Workers' Union, No. 232—Secretary, Mrs. Dora Turner, 2911 East 44th Avenue.

United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union — Secretary, Wm. Rigby, 138 East Cordova; MArine 4046.

University of British Columbia Employees' Union, No. 116 — A. C. Hill, 4474 West 14th.

Union Label Trades Council—Secretary, Ed. Smith, 529 Beatty St.; phone PAcific 7884.

T. and L. C. Places Legislative Requests

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instituted to determine what is the basic cost of living:

Selected Immigration

This Congress appeared before the Senate Committee on Immigration on July 25th of last year and we request that the Government extend every consideration to our views as placed before that Committee.

Forty Hour Work Week

We do request that this Government introduce the necessary legislation to put into effect the principle of the forty hour work week for all employees in corporations and undertakings coming within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government.

Holidays With Pay

We ask that legislation be passed establishing two weeks vacation with pay to all employees directly or indirectly under Government control.

Injunctions in Labor Disputes

During the last few years there has been a considerable increase in the use of injjunctions in labor disputes which have proven in operation to be both iniquitous and expensive and entirely at variance with democratic procedure. We strongly urge the enactment of legislation similar to the provisions of the Norris-LaGuardia Act in the United States prohibiting the use of injunctions in labor disputes at least until both sides have been given an opporunity of appearing and stating their side of the case.

Canada Shipping Act

In view of the fact that this particular piece of legislation is based mainly on 18th Century British shipping practices and at the time of its enactment was put into effect with little consideration to its implications, we request that a Parliamentary Committee be established during this Session of Parliament to thoroughly examine all Sections of this Act with a view to introducing the necessary amendments to bring this Act in balance with Canadian requirements and present day practices. The Standing Committee on Maritime Matters of The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada would be pleased to place our views in detail before such a Parliamentary Committee.

National Maritime Commission

We desire your consideration in the setting up of a Maritime Commission with authority to direct traffic through Canadian ports, adjust rates and generally to ensure that this traffic is moved to the benefit of the Dominion generally.

We also bring to your attention the need of expanding Canada's merchant marine wiith faster and more modern ships so that Canada will be in a position to compete, on equal terms, with other Maritime Countries in expanding Canadian economy and world trade.

National Harbours Board

We ask that action be taken through the National Harbours Board to see that Canadian ports are equipped on a basis comparable with American and continental ports for the speedy and efficient handling of all types of cargo.

Use of Private Detective Agencies in Labor Disputes

There is a growing tendency on the part of anti-union concerns to engage the services of private detective agencies. It naturally follows, the more labor discord and strife — the more business for such agencies. Their use is a growing menace to industrial peace and harmony and should be curtailed. For this reason we ask the Dominion Government to seriously take under advisement the introduction of legislation prohibiting the use of private detective agencies in all matters coming within the scope of industrial relations between employers and employees and labor disputes either anticipated or in effect.

National Apprenticeship Plan

In the opinion of this Congress there is need for a planned system of apprenticeship training throughout the Dominion so as to have properly trained and efficient craftsmen in balance with needs.

We urge the Dominion Government in collaboration with Provincial Governments to set up, on a National basis, a Committee composed of representatives of government, industry and labor for the purpose of drafting and administering a National Apprenticeship Plan to provide qualified workmen for the maintenance of high class craftsmanship.

Postal Clerks—Letter Carriers—Mail Porters

We desire to call attention to the fact that Postal Clerks, Letter Carriers and Mail Porters are often called upon to work overtime without any extra pay. The only overtime allowed is during the Christmas rush. We request that these employees be paid time and one half for overtime worked on week days and double time for overtime worked on Sundays; also that the regular hours of work be set at forty hours per week.

Customs and Excise Officers

There are times when it becomes necessary for Customs and Excise employees to work overtime and we request that regulations be put into effect whereby they will be paid time and one half for overtime on week days and double time for overtime on Sundays and that the hours be established on a forty hour work week basis.

Transfer of Civil Servants

As employees in Government Service have, at times, been transferred from the jurisdiction of Provincial Governments to the Dominion Government and vice versa, this has adversely affected their status after many years in Government Service. We ask that in any future agreements of transfer provision be made by the insertion of a clause stating that no employees shall suffer financial loss as a result of such transfer.

Royal Commission Maritime Provinces

This Congress desires to be placed on record as supporting the Maritime Provinces in their request for a Royal Commission set up by the Dominion Government to inquire into ways and means of creating new industries and to investigate the reasons why the several established industries have invariably died out in these provinces during the last decade or longer.

Broadcasting Debates

We ask your consideration in the installation of the necessary equipment so that all major debates could be broadcast with a view to creating more public interest in Parliamentary affairs.

Conclusion

The foregoing opinions and requests for legislation are submitted in a spirit of co-operation and with a desire to advance the objectives which organized labor is striving for, and which we conscientiously believe the mass of Canadian citizens have a right to expect, viz.: full employment and social security. We hope our requests will meet with the approval of this Government and Parliament an dthat this year's legislation will include our recommendations.

We would be pleased at any time to discuss any of the questions and recommendations submitted in this Memorandum with the officers of the Departments concerned.

We wish to be recorded as complimenting the Government for its continued support and participation in the valuable work being undertaken by the Interantional Labor Oorganization and for the co-operation received during the past year from Government and Department Officials.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

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NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

A farmer brought a load of produce to town, sold it for a good price, then decided to surprise his wife, who was always scolding him for wearing such old, worn clothes. So he bought a complete new outfit and stowed the packages under the seat of the car. Half way home he came to a river. Here he pulled off his clothes, threw them in the river and reached under the seat of the car for the new ones. They were gone. Some town thief had got them. Thoughtfully he climbed back into the car, stepped on the starter, and said:

"Well, I'll surprise her, anyway."

LACONIC REJECTION

HE: "Well, baby, what's the good word?"

SHE: "No."

TERRIFIC R.P.M.

A woman approached the pearly gates and spoke to Saint Peter.

"Do you know if my husband is here? His name is Smith."

"Lady, we have lots of them here. You'll have to be more specific."

"Joe Smith."

"Lotsa those, too. You'll have to be more definite."

"Well, when he died he said that if I were ever untrue to him, he'd turn over in his grave."

"Oh, you mean 'Pinwheel Smith.'"

INDIRECT TECHNIQUE

He rounded a bend at close to forty. A sudden skid and the car overturned. They found themselves sitting together, unhurt, alongside the smashed car. He put his arm around her waist, but she drew away.

"It's all very nice," she sighed, "but wouldn't it have been easier to run out of gas?"

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

One morning recently a young woman
Got out of bed
Slipped into her robe
Stepped into her slippers
Raised the shade
Uncovered the parrot
Put on the coffee pot
Answered the phone
Heard a masculine voice say:
"Hello honey, I just got off the ship
I'm coming right up."

So the young woman unlocked the door
Took off the coffee pot
Pulled down the shade
Covered up the parrot
Took off her robe
Stepped out of her slippers
Slipped back into bed
And heard the parrot grumble:
"Gol-darn, what a short day THAT was!"

REWARD OF PATIENCE

An old farmer went to the movies for the first time. He watched the proceedings with interest, especially one scene in which a group of girls started to undress to go swimming. During this process a train passed by and in the next scene they were shown in the water.

The old man had gone into the show early in the afternoon. Late that evening, an usher, seeing him still in his seat, came up to him and asked why he stayed through so many

"Waal," drawled the old codger, "I figger that one of these times that train is goin' to be late."

performances.

GOOD READING

SHE—"Did you read 'Forever Amber'?"

HE—"Yeah. After reading that book, it seems to me that lots of the gals in those days at Queen Elizabeth's court liked to curl up with a good book, and lots of them preferred just to curl up with one of the pages."

OH! THAT'S DIFFERENT

MINISTER: "Why, really, I'm surprised that you wish to get married so soon. Your husband passed away only four months ago."

WIDOW: "Well. you see he was an invalid for almost a year."

CUT THE FLOWERS!

"This crime was the work of a master criminal," said the judge, "and was carried out in a skillful, clever manner."

Blushing, the prisoner interrupted: "Aw, gosh, Judge, no flattery please."

THE REAL CONCERN

There was a sad incident one day in the heart of the Ozark Mountains. A farmer's mule kicked his mother-in-law to death. A treemndous crowd turned out for the funeral, but it was made up almost entirely of men.

The minister commented, "This old lady must have been mighty popular because so many people will leave their work to come to her funeral."

"They're not here for the funeral," said the surprised farmer. "They're here to buy the mule."

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The Facts of Life

"F-e-e-t," the teacher exclaimed, "what does that spell, Mary?"

"I dunno."

"Well, what is it that a cow has four of and I have only two?"

So Mary told her.

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THE LITTLE HELPER

One evening, Johnny, aged seven, overheard his father (who vouches for the truth of this story) telling his mother that he could no longer afford to keep such a large house going. He intended to take steps at once to sell the house and move to a smaller one.

The next evening, returning from his business, father came face to face with a large notice in his front window: "Glass of Lemonade, 5c. Use of Lavatory, 2c."

ECLIPSE FOR POP

Last night when all the stars were lit,
Pa went out to stroll a bit.
When Pa came home, Ma had a fit,
The stars were out, but Pa was lit.

Wall Street Reports Huge 1946 Profits

New York.—The astronomical profits piled up by American industry in 1946 were revealed in two separate surveys by Wall St. sources recently.

Barron's, national business and financial weekly, reported that earnings on the Dow-Jones industrial average last year rose to the highest level since the figures were first computed in 1929. Helping industry to achieve the 18-year high were tax kickbacks from the government, Barron's said.

Sample Earnings

The Dow-Jones industrial average for 1946 was $13.60 compared with $10.56 in 1945, $10.07 in 1944 and the record high figure of $19.94 in 1929. Dividends on the industrial average last year were $7.50 compared with $6.69 in 1945 and $6.57 in 1944.

The dividend total of $7.50 was only 55 per cent of the estimated earnings for the year. That is the smallest relative distribution in the 18 years for which figures now are available, according to Barron's.

From the Wall Street Journal came a report that earnings of American industry as a whole in 1946 far exceeded those of the previous year. The findings were based on the Journal's compilation of 1946 earnings reported by 340 companies in 21 different industries.

Consumer Goods Profits

Consumer goods industries made the best showings in 1946. Of the 21 groups analyzed, textiles had the greatest gain with a 219.9 per cent increase in earnings over 1945. Pulp and paper products was second, up 162.9 per cent. Distillers was third, showing a gain of 144.6 per cent, and the rubber industry was up 103.9 per cent. Only industrial groups which showed a decline from 1945 were aircraft, autos and equipment, and electrical equipment and supplies.

Total earnings of the 340 companies surveyed were $2,430,286,232 in 1946 compared to $1,812,905,953 the year before, an increase of 34 per cent.

End of price controls and elimination of wartime excess profits taxes were responsible for the high industry earnings, the Journal said.

Arrest Officers For Closed Shop Contracts

Chattanooga, Tenn.—T. R. Cuthbert, editor of the Chattanooga Labor World, and two AFL officials were arrested here on charges of violating Tennessee's anti-closed shop law, first step in testing the constitutionality of the new legislation.

Arrested with Cuthbert were Pres. Paul Harte and Sec. Claude W. Shipley of Local 165, Intl. Printing Pressmen & Assistants Union, with whom the editor had signed a closed shop contract the morning of their arrest. In the afternoon two men applied for jobs on the Labor World as press helpers and were turned down by Cuthbert because they were not members of the union and refused to join. One of the applicants, William Haley, then brought the action. The three men were bound over to the grand jury.

Cuthbert said the suit was arranged by the AFL in the hope of getting a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the open shop law. Employers in the state, he told Federated Press, would rather not have a legal test, preferring to hold the law as a threat over the heads of organized labor. "They know the law's unconstitutional," he said. The Labor World, also has closed shop contracts with the Typographical and Mailers' Unions.

Oakland elevator operators have signed up for an increase to 82 cents, with another boost to 97 cents on December 1 and also the 40-hour week.

LEN E. BUTLER
Business Agent of Auto Workers' Union, Lodge No. 1857, International Association of Machinists.

J-T Services Signs Up With Auto Union

Another agreement has been obtained by Brother Len. Butler of the Auto Workers' Union, in Vancouver. The new agreement is with the J-T Services Ltd., who operate the service departments of the Johnston National Storage Ltd. and the Terminal Cartage Company, two of the largest storage companies in Vancouver.

The new agreement calls for a union shop, the check-off and the prevailing rates as covered in the fifteen other agreements obtained by the union.

Building Material Drivers Sign Up More

Harry Bonnell, Business Agent of the Building Material, Construction and Fuel Drivers Union, Local No. 213, reports that the following firms have been added to the list of firms having signed agreements with the union.

Champion and White, 1075 Main St.
Crane and Loder Rental Services Ltd., 1275 Powell St.
Deeks Sand and Gravel Co., 1051 Main St.
Marpole Transfer Co., 1216 West 73rd Ave.
T. G. McBride & Co. Ltd., 1051 Main St.
McConnell Tire Service, 4th and Granville St.
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Runaway in the iron and steel scrap market has culminated in a definite price break of $1 to $2 per ton, apparently climaxing the inflation movement in this market, the magazine Steel reported.

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WAGES AND PRICES

Because of the continued increase in prices, the inevitable has happened and organized labor is seeking more wage increases. Labor cannot be expected to accept a reduction in the real wage—because of these price increases — without doing something about it, no matter what it may lead to.

Price increases have been leading the way during the war and since the war ended, hence labor has been compelled to seek higher wages in order to offset the increased cost of living. It is no use, therefore, blaming labor for the increase in prices. It seems that no sooner has labor obtained a wage increase to meet this situation than the upward trend starts in again, and then off we go chasing that increase of prices.

Aside from the efforts labor has to make to keep up with the increased cost of living, there is also the ever continued need to increase the standard of living. It is no use having the market glutted with a lot of new inventions and serviceable goods and things that make life a little more pleasant, if the workers are not going to be in a position to purchase those things. If these things are good enough for the business element to purchase and use, then they should also be good enough for the workers to use. They want nice home, good furniture, and use of all the new fashioned gadgets used in the homes, just as much as the business element do, hence unless our standard of living is increased there is little demand for the new and beautiful things that can be produced.

We think, however, that most of the members of our movement want to be reasonable in their demands for wage increases. We do not want to kill or shackle business, because that would only mean loss of jobs. We do expect business, however, to co-operate in meeting the situation, and not stand stubbornly in opposition, thereby creating chaos and strikes.

THE NEW LABOR CODE

It is to be regretted that some elements in the trades union movement have already made up their mind that the new labor code can be used as an excuse to create dissention in industry. They have already built up their straw man and are now preparing to batter the stuffing out of it, just because it is going to give them the opportunity to turn on their propaganda of discord.

All kinds of dire things can be read into any piece of labor legislation, but even the worst kind of legislation can be made useless if intelligent and diplomatic action is taken against it. There is not any of us who can tell exactly what results the legislation will have upon our movement. We are certain, however, that the legislation is not aimed at, or will create any harm to, any union that has been in the habit of carrying on its business in a sane and legitimate manner. There is nothing in the act that will affect any such union, weaken it, or lend support to any firm who attempts to smash a union.

And we think that our unions who desire to carry on their work in a peaceful and harmonious spirit, also know, that if the legislation can be used to break down union conditions, then it will only take us a few days to co-ordinate our forces and battle the legislation and any groups of employers who want to do battle with us. We are not, however, going to be led into a chaos-creating campaign just to satisfy the political aspirations of a group of leaders whose actions have a distinctive red tinge.

If economic conditions are not satisfactory to the workers, there is an opportunity every few years to help change those conditions, but if the workers expect to take a short cut, then there will be a lot of blood spilled like there has been in many instances since the Paris Commune.

Empty Belly Incentive

Daily Mirror (England):

"Mr. Walter Higgs, head of Higgs Motors, former Conservative M.P. for West Birmingham, who lost his seat at the last election, has been talking in New Zealand. His speeches have been devoted to an exposition of the principles of government on Tory lines. He has a recipe for industrial recovery in this country. It is a very simple one. The fundamental ingredients are two in number—unemployment and hunger.

"These are his actual words as reported in the New Zealand Press:

"'We want eleven people after ten jobs—eleven firms wanting ten orders. It's the only economic way. . . . Empty bellies are the one thing that will make Britons work. Empty bellies will force the miners back to the pits.'"

COULD RAISE WAGES

Profits of the six big Canadian newsprint companies increased an average of 277 per cent from 1945 to 1946, according to a reliable report.

It says these "huge profits," which are "after all taxes," will "almost surely invite demands for wage increases."

San Francisco Cemetery Workers settled for a 40-hour week at $11.25 per day, an increase from $9.85 and 44 hours.

If I Were Boss

If I were a boss, I would like to say,
"You did a good job here yesterday."
I'd look for a man, or a girl, or boy
Whose heart would leap with a thrill of joy
At a word of praise, and I'd pass it out
Where the crowd could hear as I walked about.

If I were a boss, I would like to find
The fellow whose work is the proper kind;
And whenever to me a good thing came,
I'd like to be told the toiler's name,
And I'd go to him and I'd pat his back
And I'd say "That was perfectly spendid, Jack!"

Now a bit of praise isn't much to give,
But it's dear to the hearts of all who live;
And there's never a man on this good old earth
But is glad to be told that he's been of worth;
And a kindly word when the work is fair
Is welcomed and wanted everywhere.

If I were a boss, I am sure I should
Say a kindly word whenever I could
For the man who has given his best by day
Wants little more than his weekly pay
He likes to know, with the setting sun
That his boss is pleased with the work he's done.

—Exchange.

Unions Must Hold To Their Contract

A union agreement has taken on new significance in the last 20 years because it has been endowed with public interest. A union contract must be kept religiously if it is to be of any significance to collective bargaining.

During the recent wave of strikes there were . . . instances where unions . . . broke their contracts with the employers. This has been done for advantage but it cannot be condoned. It should be seen for what it is, a deliberate undermining of the union movement with all it stands for.

Employers have a right to complain against unions when they do not keep the letter and spirit of a contract. If the contract represents a monetary disadvantage it still should be kept. Nothing but chaos can be created by the breaking of contracts. A union forfeits the respect of the employer and of the public if it breaks the contract, and one such disruption of word and bond gives the union a black eye for a generation.—Journal of Electrical Workers.

Strike In Honolulu Has Been Settled

San Francisco, Calif.—The strike against the Pollock-Stockton Shipbuilding Company in Honolulu has been settled, according to a wireless received from A. S. Reile, Secretary of the Building Trades Council there.

The cause of the dispute—transportation and pay for all mainland workers who were discharged—has been resolved, according to the report received by Federation.

The Building Trades Council secretary requests that all interested organizations take notice.

Reduce Prices Or Raise Wages: Truman

Washington, D. C. — Wage increases are fully justified unless business takes prompt steps to reduce prices and to make the free enterprise system work.

This was the firm declaration of President Truman in discussing the general picture of soaring prices with Washington newsmen, and came one day following a White House conference with his Cabinet and Council of Economic Advisers at which the entire economic situation, with special emphasis on prices, was explored in a session which occupied an hour and 40 minutes.

It followed also by a single day a formal statement by AFL President William Green calling upon Mr. Truman, the Cabinet and Congress to "do everything in their power to halt and reverse the rising price trend."

The President told newsmen that the Government was studying possible steps to reverse the steady price climb, but was uncertain what Federal action could be taken if the initial moral suasion efforts prove unsuccessful.

8000 ALCOA Workers Given Another Raise

Pittsburgh.—The Aluminum Company of America announced a general wage increase of 10 cents an hour to 8,000 workers in three Alcoa plants.

The wage increase was embodied in a new two-year contract signed with the Aluminum Workers of America (AFL), after six weeks of negotiations in St. Louis.

Plants affected by the increase are in East St. Louis, Lafayette, Ind., and Massena, N.Y. Those plants employ approximately a fourth of Alsoa's workers.

Not affected by the increase are workers at the firm's new Kensington, Pa., plant, where the Congress of Industrial Organizations United Steelworkers is bargaining agent.

The agreement with the AFL union is retroactive to April 1. It follows a 19-cents increase granted in February, 1946.

Banks Held Worst Wage Law Violators

Chicago.—Banks and trust companies are among the nation's worst violators of minimum wage legislation!

That shocking fact was disclosed by Thomas D. O'Malley, regional director of the Department of Labor's Wage-Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, in a blunt address to a conference of 16 bankers' associations held in this city. O'Malley is a former Wisconsin congressman.

Many of the financial institutions are virtual sweatshops, his speech revealed. He pointed out that 20 percent of such institutions inspected by the two divisions during 1946 were found to be paying some employees less than the legal "floor" of 40 cents an hour.

That rate of violations of the minimum wage provisions is "twice as high as the national average for all industries covered by the law," O'Malley said.

Equally bad, he declared, is the fact that another 29 per cent of the banks and trust firms inspected were found to have violated at least one other major provision of the law—that is, the overtime pay requirements or the restrictions on child labor or both.

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Toronto, Ont.—The average Canadian family is not receiving enough income to provide the standard of living necessary for good health. And the release of price controls each week sees the pay envelope grow smaller in purchasing power.

The last issue of Labor News published here by the Workers Educational Association states that a family of five "requires an income of at least $2,000 a year to cover the bare essentials. On the basis of statistics available, at least 60 per cent of Canadian families—roughly 1,500,000—had an income of less than $2,000 after paying income tax in 1945."

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A. E. Hemming Now Associate Sec.-Treas. of Trades Congress

The Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada recently announced the appointment of Bro. A. E. Hemming as associate secretary-treasurer of the Congress.

Art comes to this position well equipped to serve the Congress. He began work with the Canadian Press in the Parliamentary Press Gallery, Ottawa, afterwards joining the staff of Reuters News Agency, where for some years he did newspaper work.

In 1936 Art left Reuters to become assistant to the director of publicity of the National Employment Commission, and when this commission was dissolved he joined the staff of the Congress to write for the Trades and Labor Congress Journal, official publication of the Congress. He is now Associate Editor of the Journal.

As well as holding a dual position, Bro. Hemming is also a member of many boards and commissions in Ottawa, among them being the Advisory Committee to the Dominion Government Minister of Reconstruction, a member of the National Executive Board of the Dominion Fire Prevention Association, the National Advisory Committee to the National Film Board, and many others.

Bro. Hemming is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, carrying a card in Local B 804, Kitchener, Ont.

Campbell Bros. Sign Dry Cleaning Agreement

A union agreement, which Organizer J. Irving is proud of, has recently been signed by the Campbell Brothers, a first-class up-to-date dry cleaning establishment in Vancouver.

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SanDiego Typographical Union No. 221 has negotiated newspaper scale of $2.20 per hour days, increase 48.6 cents; $2.342 nights, increase 52.8 cents; $2.485 lobster shift, increase 54.5 cents. Retroactive to February 1.

How To Punish Bad Newspapers

For once Labor finds itself in complete agreement with Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the New York "Times." A few days ago Mr. Sulzberger was quizzed by a group of graduates from the Columbia School of Journalism.

"How can the people discipline bad newspapers?" some one asked. Mr. Sulzberger promptly replied: "By refusing to read them."

That's sound advice. Workers should heed it. If the paper in your town is anti-union, refuse to read it. There is nothing so sensitive as the pocket nerves of a newspaper publisher.

Important AFL Gains In Big Toronto Drive

Washington, D. C. — Important gains in the organizing campaign of the American Federation of Labor in Toronto, Canada, were detailed in a report by Max Federman, chairman of the campaign there, to AFL President William Green.

The report showed that jewelry workers employed by Coro Ltd., one of the largest such plants in the British Empire, voted three to one to recognize the Metal Polishers International (AFL) as their bargaining agent, the union also selected by workers in the Bond & Boyd plant. Similar successes were reported in other industries.

Acknowledging the report, Mr. Green said:

"I congratulate you and your associates most highly upon the success which has met your organizing activities among the costume jewelry workers, the cork and insulation plant, cleaners and dyers and in other fields. Please accept my thanks for this excellent service which you have rendered, not only to the workers of your locality but to the American Federation of Labor as well."

City Employees Win Demands in Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio. — Following a vigorous campaign by the Joint Council of State, County and Municipal Employees, representing AFL unions, the city council enacted a new wage-hour schedule which embodies the main union demands.

It provides a 40-hour week and annual wage for all city employees, $240 annual raises for police and firemen, incorporation of a recent living cost bonus in the regular salary schedules and bi-weekly instead of monthly pay checks.

"All organized groups representing city employees working together won this battle," commented Bernie Schmidt, representative of the joint union council.

After a series of mass meetings, union representatives appeared before the city council. When Councilman Willis Gradison moved to defer action for lack of funds, Edward Haggerty of the Intl. Assn. of Firefighters said: "If the GOP majority says it cannot find a way to get extra revenues, the charter minority will." The city council subsequently adopted the new wage schedule 7 to 1.

HOORAY FOR SOCIAL CREDIT SAYS "CANADIAN BUSINESS"

Ottawa.—The conductor of the column "Trends and Portents" in Canadian Business (March, 1947) writes: "Social Credit Party is playing down its monetary theories and emphasizing 'individual liberty' and 'freedom of enterprise'. . . . Social Credit Party in Alberta has done a political right about-face in the last five years. It is no longer anti-imperialistic, it supports the status quo, it is frienly with the Conservatives, and even its opponents admit the party's provincial strength."

And then there was the little girl who signed her arithmetic paper, "Mae West," because she knew she done 'em wrong.

Labor Opposes New Police Act

Toronto, Ont.—The Ontario Provincial Federation of Labor (TLC) will initiate a campaign to demand the repeal of the Police Act, it was announced here by President D. A. Dunlop and Secretary-Treasurer J. W. Buckley.

The new Police Act, which refuses Ontario police the right to join trade unions, has also been condemned by the Toronto and District Trades and Labor Council. The new act, which was introduced during the recent session by Attorney-General L. Blackwell, will mean that those Ontario policemen now in unions affiliated to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will have to leave their organization.

"Organized labor will not rest content until this act is repealed," says the federation statement.

Real Wages Are Going Down Fast

The government has, during the past few years, spent thousands of dollars, probably millions, on propaganda dealing with inflation. Organized labor was asked to go easy on demanding wage increases because every wage increase would tend toward inflation. The people were regaled with films showing the effects of inflation and how orderly purchasing of commodities would assist in everyone getting a fair share. Billboards, newspaper advertisements warned the people against inflation.

Organized labor tempered its demands for wage increases; the public responded nobly to the acceptance of price controls and rationing because they saw that it was to their ultimate benefit to do so.

Now we have the government disregarding all its propaganda warnings against inflation and throwing overboard price controls. Prices are rocketing skywards and the public is asked to accept the false doctrine that prices will eventually find their own level and will be more in keeping with prices in the United States.

What has happened in the United States? The manufacturers succeeded in killing the Office of Price Administration on the promise that prices would find their own level; consumer goods would be more plentiful and everything would be hunky-dory. Believe it or not, the cost of living in the United States has risen so high that it takes $68.19 a week for a family of four to maintain a decent standard of living.

It should be clear to all that when a figure of $35.85 per week (in 1944), or $36.00 per week (in 1945) or $39.00 per week (in 1946), or $43.00 per week (in 1947), is used as a minimum weekly income, it means a bare minimum "required to cover the bare essentials for health and self-respect."

Certainly a bare minimum does not represent a desirable standard of living. Yet over 60 per cent of all families in Canada have had to do with less.

In 1945, only 13 per cent of all workers in Canadian industry had an average weekly income above the bare minimum required in that year. By far the greatest number of workers received less than necessary to provide food, clothing and shelter. Workers in the trades and services earned on the average $9.00 to $16.00 lower than the minimum. Only two main industries showed higher average weekly earnings: the average weekly earnings (wages and salaries) of the 160,000 odd workers in transportation were $38.82—a mere $2.82 above the minimum.

The average for the whole of manufacturing, which employed 60 per cent of all wage and salary workers in Canadian industry, was only $32.65 per week. Average weekly wages, excluding salaries, were only $29.84 in 1945—over $6.00 a week less than the bare minimum. In certain branches of the manufacturing industries, average weekly earnings, including wages and salaries, were slightly above the $36.00 minimum: pulp and paper, $37.08; light and power, $37.15; iron and steel, $37.64; and the non-metallic processing industry, $38.78. The average weekly wages, excluding salaries, for the four branches of manufacturing showing the highest earnings, was only 54 cents a week above the figure for the bare minimum standard of living. Even the workers in the highest paid industries in Canada live dangerously close to the subsistence margin.

Unless the low wages paid to all wage earners are raised substantially the great majority of Canadian families will not only be forced to continue subsisting on small incomes; resulting unemployment will destroy the wartime gains in living standards.

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B. C. Retail Clerks' Locals At Washington Conference

On Sunday, April 13, the Washington State Conference of Retail Clerks' held its quarterly meeting at Everett. Over twenty locals from fourteen cities in the state were represented by the fifty delegates in attendance.

George Johnston attended as a fraternal delegate from British Columbia, and reports that the Conference was a tremendous success.

Main item on the crowded agenda was discussion on the ways and means of co-ordinating the activities of the various locals in the State of Washington to enable them to achieve their present objective of $55.00 per 40 hour week for grocery clerks. Many locals are now in negotiations at the present time, and other contracts will be re-opened in the immediate future.

Next quarterly meeting should be held in July, but this coincides with the International Convention of the Retail Clerks' which is to be held in San Francisco starting on July 14. This is the first convention of the Retail Clerks' Association since 1939.

The Everett meeting discussed the policies they would adopt on the many problems that will be brought before the San Francisco Convention in July.

The Executive Board of the State Council meets monthly, and plan to hold one of these Board meetings in Vancouver in the immediate future.

How Norway Labor Unions Progress Without Strikes

How labor and employers in Norway have largely averted strikes by ironing out their differences over the conference table and when this failed resorting to mediation with a special court of arbitration set up as a permanently established part of the Norwegian government was the theme of an address last Monday night in Bancroft Hall at the University of California, delivered by Hon. Paul Berg, former chief justice of this far-famed labor court of Norway.

"Till the later part of the 19th century," said Berg, "Norway remained a land where fishing and agriculture were the chief means of livelihood. With the development of electrical power industrial growth took place rapidly and labor began to organize into trade unions. Unlike many other countries where labor organizations encountered conspiracy laws and death penalties for their union activities, in Norway the right of labor to organize was never questioned by the government. Even the police have a right to strike.

"When the Norwegian Federation of Labor was organized in 1899 it soon became the central labor organization and spokesman for all labor in Norway and it still holds that position. This was followed by the organization of the employers. Collective bargaining and resort to mediation. when agreement could not be reached at the conference table, were early developments as the means most used for settling industrial disputes.

Mediation Law

"In 1911 a large scale conflict took place. Then in 1915 the government took charge of the mediation law. The law of 1915 recognized the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively. It provided for a labor court, which was made up of two members selected by labor and two selected by the employers. Its purpose was to mediate labor controversies and bring about settlements by agreements. It also had two additional functions; 1st to interpret and enforce collective agreements after they were made. 2nd to administer penalties for violation by either party of such agreements.

"During World War I compulsory arbitration was established for the duration of the war. It was not satisfactory to employer or employees. There were illegal strikes but it was generally recognized that to apply the extreme penalties would be apt to boomerang, hence there were fe wpunishments of strikers for such violations.

Functions 30 Years

"The labor court has now functioned for over thirty years. Collective agreements have played a dominant part in bringing about labor settlements. Both sides have adopted a policy of taking steps to prevent strikes. Employers make a practice of meeting with their employees to deal with grievances. Under the present law the right of labor to strike is recognized but work stoppages must be preceded by proper notice, following which the mediator has ten days in which to effect a settlement. If mediation fails and work stoppage follows the mediator must make another attempt to mediate the dispute after the strike has been on one month.

"During the occupation of the Germans the shipworkers went out on strike in 1941. Martial law was declared and labor leaders in no way connected with the strike were shot. After that many labor leaders fled to Sweden and England, where they proceeded to perfect plans for the post-war period.

One-Year 'No Strike'

"After the war ended a 'No Strike Policy' was approved for one year. This was extended and is still in force. Unions of today are no longer merely unions. They are recognized as a leading force for stabilization. If prices go up they have a right to ask for revisions in wages and if prices go down employers likewise can ask for such revisions. Adoption of this policy has made it possible to carry on production without interruption and is hastening the restoration of Norway. A proclamation setting forth this plan has been signed by all the political parties of Norway including the Labor Party and the Communist Party. Concentration camps and firing squads developed a unity among the Norwegian people that they had never known before. Today we are basing our main hope on the establishment of international peace."

There are six political parties now represented in the Storthing, which is the legislative body in Norway. A general election was held Oct. 8, 1945, which resulted as follows:

Labor	76
Right (Conservative)	25
Left (Liberal)	20
Communist	11
Farmers party	10
Christian Peoples Party	8
Total	150

—Cal. Labor Review.

Some Profits Up Over 400 Per Cent

Ottawa.—Sparking the return to legislative business after the Commons Easter recess, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. national leader, led off with a hardhitting attack on the government decontrol policy which he said, is causing widespread alarm as people see industrial profits soaring while the family budget shrinks. His amendment, ruled out of order before a vote was taken, urged the government to reverse the rising cost trend.

The average net profit on nine largest clothing manufacturers had increased 107% over 1945, Mr. Coldwell claimed, while industries producing washing machines, mattresses, soft drinks and building supplies had increased their profits as much as 448.3%, the Orange Crush Company showing the largest profit increase. Chocolate bars had gone up to 8 cents on the same day all across the country.

"Where is your competition?" Mr. Coldwell demanded. "Only a close knit organization could put into effect a general increase like that."

Tories Defend Profits

Heckling by Progressive Conservative members came to a sudden halt when Mr. Coldwell remarked coolly, "The strange thing about these interruptions is that I am complaining about government policy. But the government and big business is being defended most vociferously by the official opposition, (Conservatives)."

The C.C.F. amendment urged the government to restore price control and roll prices back, especially on the necessaries of life, "articles of food and clothing, shelter, household appliances and supplies, and machinery needed by the farmer for production."

If money in our pockets buys less and less (goods will pile up on the shelves and we will reach the stage of recession, said Mr. Coldwell. We have got to see that consumption can take what production turns out.

"Natural Rise"

There was no comfort for consumers in the words of Hon. Douglas Abbott, minister of finance, who in a speech following Mr. Coldwell declared that the present level of prices was due to a "natural rise" resulting from world conditions.

Mr. Coldwell pointed out that prices had increased since January on shortening, soap, shirts and underwear, leather goods and mitts, sugar and jam, tea and coffee, mattresses and rents.

People's Weekly.

Non-Union Man Is Enslaved, Cheated

Nobody is more tyrannized, browbeaten, cheated and enslaved than the worker who has to depend for his bread and butter on the grace of an employer and the whim of a straw boss. Instead of being an independent, self-confident being, he is forced to be meek and submissive, for he has no say whatever over the conditions of his work and his livelihood.

All this has to be told and explained to the non-union worker. Confidence must be cultivated and true self-reliance must be taught him.

By persuasion, by persistence, by example he must be brought to learn the lesson we who are members of the union have long since learned, that there is no greater sense of freedom and dignity than the one we gain by pooling our strength in the organized community of our fellow workers.

In union there is not alone strength but also spiritual enrichment and the culmination of good citizenship. He walks with his head upright who knows that he has the respect and the esteem of his neighbors in the community, his associates in the craft.

It will be our endeavor to bring this lesson home to those who are still in need of it. We shall be opposed. Those who have selfish interests to serve and profit to gain by keeping the workers separate and disjointed will oppose us. They will call us agitators and trouble makers when it will be they who will be the real trouble makers. But the trouble makers will not discourage us and their opposition we shall overcome. Justice, good will and good sense are on our side and they shall prevail.

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Pulp and Paper Unions Obtain 12 Per Cent Wage Increase

OVER FOUR THOUSAND pulp and paper mill employees in four British Columbia mills have obtained a further increase in wages as a result of negotiations carried on by officials of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers and the International Brotherhood of Paper Mill Workers, A. F. of L.

The employees working for the Powell River Company, the Pacific Mills, the B. C. Pulp and Paper Co., and the Sorg Pulp Co. will receive a 12 per cent increase in the hourly rates. A similar increase was obtained last year.

This marks the eleventh renewal of contract between these unions and the companies in B. C. Considering the fact that steady advances in wages and working conditions have been made by the unions through collective bargaining, with no work interruptions or trouble of any nature, the latest contract renewal marks a notable record in the industrial history of B. C.

While it is the aspiration of AFL unions to reach a 40-hour work-week in this province, the unions and the companies, having given consideration to the serious housing problem, the needs of pulp and paper consumers, and the part this industry is playing in the rehabilitation of the nation's economy, consented to continue the 44-hour week through the present contract year. The contract includes an increase in the night differential and new overtime provisions.

In a statement issued at the conclusion of negotiations, it was stressed that the leadership of both unions "is opposed to any philosophy used for the break-down of the constitution or our governmental institution; that these unions are basically responsible not only in the matter of conducting wage negotiations with the employer and recognizing management's part in the national economy, and accept their responsibility as an organization in helping to build a sounder economy throughout the nation and one that will meet and merit the respect of the public at large, and serve the best interests of the workers."

The unions were represented by the following local members: Thomas Waldron, Henry Morris, James Curry, Powell River; Newman Compton and Donald MacDonald, Pacific Mills; Stanley Green and Ken Sturdy, B. C. Pulp and Paper; Frank Horne, Sorg Pulp Co.

Jack Young, Pacific Mills, Ocean Falls, and H. L. Hanson, International representative, IBPSPMW, Powell River, were co-chairmen of the bargaining conference.

Conciliation Board To Settle Grocery Clerks Wage Demands

With R. K. Gervin as the employees' representative, a Conciliation Board has been established in an endeavor to break the deadlock in the negotiations between the Retail Grocery and Food Clerks' Union, Local 1518 and Ray's Superior Stores (grocery).

Point at issue is the employees demand of a 15c per hour wage increase. In some classifications no wage adjustments have taken place since 1941, and the employees feel that the requested wage hike is long overdue. No one is more aware of the fallacy of the Government's cost of-living index, than a grocery clerk. Clarence Darling, K.C., is chairman of the Board and Ian Cameron, lawyer, is the employers' choice. The unions' presentation to the Board will be handled by George Johnston and J. O. Stinson.

Walter Owen, K.C., Loses Spencer Appeal

George Johnston, International Organizer for the Retail Clerks' International Association, recently organized the employees of the David Spencer store at Courtenay. The Retail Clerks' Union, Local 1539 (Courtenay - Cumberland) received bargaining rights on December 28, 1946. Spencer's immediately retained Walter Owen, K.C., to appeal the decision of the Minister of Labor. Honorable George S. Pearson refused permission to appeal, but this was disregarded by Owen.

A. E. Hemming, Associate Secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada acted on behalf of the Clerks' Local, and the appeal by Walter Owen was set aside. Having failed in their attempts to offset organization, the firm have adamantly refused to agree to the contract presented by the bargaining representatives, G. Johnston and George A. Wilkinson.

They have offered a counter-proposal that when analyzed grants exactly nothing. Spencer's are prepared to sign a contract if they do NOT have to make any concessions at all. This uncompromising attitude on behalf of Spencer's by Walter Owen has left the bargaining representatives no alternative but to apply for a conciliation officer. This has been done and if this fails, a conciliation board will be requested. Trade Unionists, when shopping should evaluate the attitude toward labor, of the various firms before spending the money these unionists earn under union contracts.

Compromise Ends 13-Week Strike

Denver, Col.—AFL retail clerks here voted by a 13 to 1 majority to accept a compromise settlement ending their 32-week strike strike against the May Co., one of the longest and hardest-fought union disputes in Denver history.

Although the contract does not include the union shop demand, Vice-Pres. Samuel Meyers of Retail Clerks Local 454 said the agreement "contains a sufficient number of elements of union security to make it possible to achieve 100 per cent unionization of the store."

Maintenance of membership and full seniority for strikers are both provided in the contract, which runs to July 1, 1948. Wage increases ranging from $2.50 to $5.50 a week are retroactive to from July 2 to August 19, 1946.

Minimums are stepped up. Beginners go from the old $18.50 rate to $24 a week. Beginning April 2 the minimum goes to $26 for all employees with three months experience. As of June 30, beginners will start at $27.50 and workers with six months experience will get a $30 minimum. Vacation pay will be based on average weekly earnings instead of on base pay and workers will receive double-time for work on holidays.

Picketlines have marched before the department store since August 20, 1946, when the 510 clerks walked out to enforce their demand for a $26 minimum wage, a 25 per cent increase and a union shop.

Most of Denver's organized labor supported the strike. Drivers for the Railway Express Agency refused to make deliveries. The union filed unfair labor practices charges against the company and later reported to former Gov. John C. Vivian that the store was violating veteran training agreements.

In the United States overall food prices in February were 95% above the August, 1939, level, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Chrysler Corp.'s all-time high net profit for the last quarter of 1946 is equal to a 24% return on the net worth of the company.

N.Z. People Like Social Security

By MAURICE KITCHING

Wellington, N. Z.—New Zealand's social security scheme, the most comprehensive in the world, was eight years old April 1. If for nothing else, the N.Z. Labor party will earn a place in history for this great humanitarian legislation which has banished the fear of want from the Dominion.

Before the scheme was instituted there had been in existence for years a system of non-contributory civil pensions on a comparatively restricted basis. For that the Social Security Act, which came into operation on April 1, 1939, substituted a system of medical, hospital and other related benefits as a big step toward the socialization of medicine.

The Conservative government, under the old pensions scheme, paid out little more than two million pounds a year. In the 12 months just ended the people of N.Z. have received social security benefits totalling £35 million. More than 700,000 of the 1,600,000 people in the Dominion have gained in direct payments from the social security fund, and the indirect benefit to shopkeepers, tradesmen and the business community generally is enormous.

Goes Back to People

For apart from the humanitarian aspect of a scheme which really does give N.Z. a secure society, its economic consequences are important. The scheme is paid for partly out of the consolidated fund and partly from a special tax of 1s 6d in the pound on all earnings. But as quickly as it is collected this money goes back to the people in the form of social security benefits. The money circulates rapidly, to the benefit of the whole community.

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Provision is made for unemployment benefit payments, but because unemployment is practically non-existent in N.Z. today very little is paid out under this head.

"Notwithstanding the vastness of this undertaking there is still a demand for a widening of the legislation to bring in further sections of the community, as well as on the other hand demands for increases in the rates of benefits," said Hon. W. E. Perry, minister of social security. He gave a warning that they could not forever go on widening the base and at the same time increasing the rates. On the other hand, as long as the people maintained, through increased production, a continuous supply of goods and services, there would be continued advances in social security.

"The government is not unmindful that further improvements may be necessary and will not hesitate to put them into effect consistent with the available resources of the country," the minister said.

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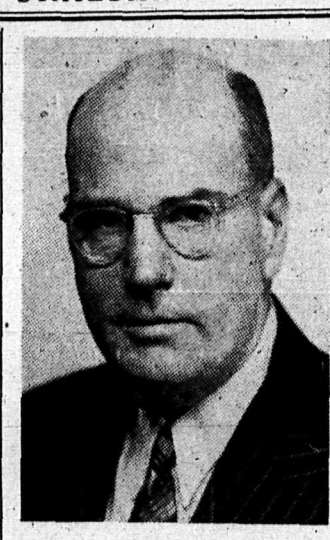

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Leading Papers Sign Contracts With I.T.U.

The Vancouver Sun and the News-Herald have renewed their contracts with the Vancouver Typographical Union. These contracts contain the "objectionable clauses" which precipitated the lockout of five newspapers belonging to the Southam Co.

The publishers of the three Toronto dailies made no objections to these "objectionable clauses" and have also signed new contracts.

The publisher of the Ottawa Journal likewise has signed a renewal without any objection to these clauses.

These contracts have been signed within the past month and there are others which have been signed previously.

Recently at an unveiling of the honor roll of Montreal Typographical Union, Mr. W. J. C. Sutton, vice-president of the Montreal Gazette, said that the 80 years of momentous growth and development of the Typographical Union were marked by a "spirit of fair play, tolerance, goodwill, and a spirit of co-operation with industry."

All this would seem to indicate that the International Typographical Union is not the monster pictured by the Southam Co.

The International Typographical Union is at all times ready to bargain honorably and fairly with the newspaper publishers. —E. H.

Coast Shipyards To Renew Talks May 12

Negotiations between Pacific coast shipyard labor and management were adjourned at Santa Cruz and are to be reopened at Salt Lake City on May 12th.

The conference was widely attended by coast shipyard management and labor, and government agencies were represented by Admiral Crisp of the Navy's Bureau of Ships, Labor Advisor Edward J. Tracey of the Maritime Commission, and E. A. MacMillan, chairman of the Labor Departments Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee. MacMillan was elected to preside over the conference.

Rotell Praised

Not one or two, but a large majority of the labor delegates attending the coast negotiations at Santa Cruz voiced very outspoken praise of Bro. Tom Rotell, the new executive secretary of the Coast Council. One said his capable handling of conferences and affairs in general was plainly "inspiring". Others suggested a vote of thanks for his fine work and attention to the job at hand. It was, briefly, a test for Tom, and he passed with flying colors, demonstrating a superior ability in this type of work.

—Calif. Labor Review.

Winnipeg Building Laborers Form Union

The laborers and helpers in the construction industry in Winnipeg have applied to the International Union (A.F. of L.) for a charter, and report a membership of well over the 400 mark, it was reported by J. B. Graham, president of the Building Trades Council, at Tuesday's meeting of the T. and L. Council.

Mr. Graham explained to the delegates that much of the success of this organization could be attributed to the good work performed by A. J. Hebert, R. G. Anderson, T. Blow and A. Murphy who gave unstintingly of their time in order to set up the new local.

At present W. James, International representative, is in charge of affairs and has already met with the employers in the construction industry with a view to securing an agreement with an increase for all helpers and laborers in the building trades.

—The Winnipeg News.

Union To Conciliate With O.K. Markets

Application for appointment of a concilation officer was made by the Retail Meat Employees Federal Union, Local 222, when the management of Ray's O.K. Meat Markets (14 stores) refused to grant their wage demands. Application for certification on behalf of this group was made by the meat local last October. The Company contested the inclusion of market managers. This delayed the granting of bargaining rights until January. Final certification included market managers as requested by the union.

Qualified butchers (over four years experience) are requesting 91c per hour and market managers $1.02 per hour, plus bonus. When these figures are compared to the rates paid to other skilled trades, it can be seen that the employees' demands are just and fair, and even conservative.

Laundry Workers Union Makes Steady Progress

J. H. Irving reports that good progress is still being made in the organizing of employees in dry cleaning plants in Vancouver. Another plant has been added to the list operating under union agreement, this being Campbell Bros. Ltd. at the corner of Granville and Pacific Sts. This agreement contains clauses embracing the closed shop, union checkoff and calls for a substantial increase in wages.

Employees of another firm known as the Union Cleaners have been organized and negotiations are now under way for a signed agreement.

Brother Irving says that conditions at present are very good for organizing purposes and his plans for the future is with the objective of getting all laundry and dry cleaning plants in the city signed up this year.

C.C.L. Tries To Steal Civil Servants

No change in policy appears to have taken place within the C.C.L. about endeavoring to steal organizations, and their most recent big campaign has been an effort to steal the Civil Service Association of Saskatchewan.

In a general letter to all organizations, the Saskatchewan Civil Service Association, affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, has informed its membership and the other organizations just what has been going on.

The C.C.L. has been carrying on a campaign for the last few months and during that time were able to secure the names and addresses of most of the civil servants in Saskatchewan, particularly those employed with the Power Commission, and has circularized these people, inviting them to sign authorization cards empowering the C.C.L. to act as their bargaining agent.

The Civil Service Association of Saskatchewan has been organized since 1913, and a few years ago affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress. In 1944 the C.C.L. tried to raid the civil servants, but their efforts were not successful, and they failed.

The Association, in its circular letter, state that they will continue to fight any raiding that is tried within its organization, and will continue to give its full support to the Trades Congress. —The Call—Calgary.

$1000 Death Benefits To UMW Families Now

Washington, D.C.—Decision to pay death benefits of $1,000 to the families or other beneficiaries of UMW members in soft coal employment was announced here following the first meeting of the trustees of the welfare fund.

The first benefits will start going out within the next month and will include the families of the 111 miners who lost their lives in the recent Centralia, Ill., mine blast. The $1,000 benefits will be paid regardless of the cause of death.

At the same time John L. Lewis, UMW President, and one of the trustees of the fund, declared that the union would not sign an agreement with the operators unless it provided for continuance of such a fund. He implied also that the miners would demand industry payments into the fund at the rate of 10 cents a ton, instead of the present 5-cent rate.

John W. Buckley Is Acting Secretary, T.L.C.

Vice-Pres. John W. Buckley, of Toronto, has been appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. A. Sullivan recently.

Bro. Buckley was born in Manchester, England, May 27, 1882, and after serving his apprenticeship in wheelwrighting in England, he came to Canada in May 1906 and went to work for the C.P.R. Bro. Buckley joined the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen in May, 1911, and since that time has held many offices in the Railway Carmen. He has also been an active worker in the Toronto Trades and Labor Council since becoming a delegate in 1912 and has held the position of secretary of that council since 1929 up to the present.

Bro. Buckley has attended 20 conventions of the Trades and Labor Congress since 1916 and was elected a vice-president in 1943. He was also elected secretary-treasurer of the newly-formed Ontario Federation of Labor last year. He has secured a leave of absence for his positions of secretary of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council and the Ontario Federation of Labor so that he can devote his full time to the work as secretary-treasurer.

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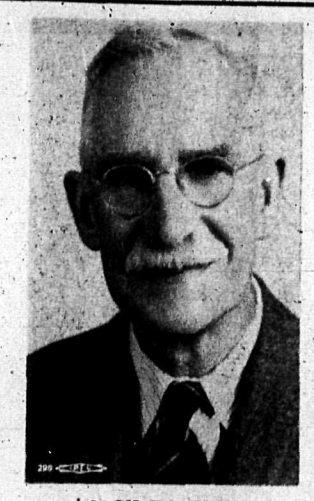

JACK BANNON
Carpenters' Union Business Agent for the New Westminster District, Local No. 1251.

New Westminster Carpenters Progress

The New Westminster Local of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America is the third largest of the fifteen carpenter locals of the Brotherhood in British Columbia.

Brother Jack Bannon, business agent of the local, has taken full advantage of the construction work in that city and his members are steadily employed on most of the work there and in the currounding district.

The Amalgamated uilding Workers who once had a fairly good representation in the city, can no longer be found, because of the activity of the members and officers of the Brotherhood.

The New Westminster local operates under the same wages and working conditions as the Vancouver local.

SAN FRANCISCO AIR GROUP WINS PAY BOOST FIGHT

San Francisco, Calif.—The two independent radio stations of this city, KYA and KSFO, are back on the air after a three-day strike by the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFL). A compromise settlement was won providing an 18-month contract, retroactive to last January 1 and guaranteeing no discrimination against strikers.

The new agreement provides wage scales for announcers ranging from $67.50 to $77.50 a week, with a further $2.50 weekly raise on October 1. Former salaries were from $55 to $60.

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President Green Asks Defeat Of Anti-Labor Bill In U.S.

Washington, D. C.—In a final plea on behalf of America's toiling millions, AFL President William Green addressed letters to every member of the House urging rejection of the omnibus anti-labor bill which would wipe out the gains won by workers over long years of heart-rending struggle for a decent standard of living.

Striking sharply at labor's foes who are sponsoring such legislation, Mr. Green declared in his letter:

"These millions of workers who will be the victims of this restrictive and oppressive legislation are the same workers who served so patriotically during the recent war, and who produced the airplanes, ships, tanks and guns and who serviced the transportation systems of the nation to win the war. Is this to be their reward? Are they to be punished, oppressed, and their rights and liberties restricted by vindictive, punitive laws?

"Why this drive to weaken and exploit labor? The men and women of labor here in America who cherish the blessings of freedom and liberty cannot accept or become reconciled to such drastic legislation. No nation under the sun has proposed or considered the adoption of such legislation as this since the close of the war.

"This earnest and sincere personal appeal is based upon my knowledge and understanding of the heart and mind of the working people of the nation. In their name I earnestly appeal to you to vote against this bill."

The appeal from Mr. Green reached each member of the House as the overall bill to paralyze the union movement arrived on the floor for debate:

The measure would ban the closed shop, industry-wide bargaining, jurisdictional strikes, secondary boycotts and mass picketing. It would make unions liable to law suits and authorize use of injunctions in strikes which were held to threaten national health, safety or welfare. It would go far beyond these limits and its effect, labor leaders agreed, would be to render the union movement impotent and block any effort to obtain wage increases for workers to meet skyrocketing costs of living.

As the House opened debate on the measure, members of the Senate Labor Committee, drafting a somewhat similar but less drastic bill, was rejecting some of the more punitive proposals sponsored by labor's foes.

The Senate group voted 8 to 5 against a suggestion by Senator Taft of Ohio to allow individual employers to bring law suits and obtain injunctions against jurisdictional strikes, secondary boycotts, strikes in violation of contracts and strikes for recognition. The committee agreed to make these items "unfair labor practices" to be handled by the National Labor Relations Board.

The Senate group also voted 7 to 6 to strike out a section restricting union welfare funds and dues check-offs.

Sections approved by the Senate Committee would:

1. Create an independent Federal mediation service and a Federal mediation director. The latter would be aided by an advisory panel composed of six labor and six management members.
2. Allow suits by and against labor organizations.
3. Force unions to register and file financial statements.
4. Create a 14-member Senate-House "committee on labor-management labor relations" to study basic problems. The committee eliminated a provision to establish a council of paid committee advisers.

Meanwhile, Senator Taft's plan to throw all antilabor legislation into a general bill was sharply attacked by spokesmen of both parties.

Senator Aiken, Republican, of Vermont, declared he believed Taft's plan to keep all labor legislation in a single all-or-nothing bill was an attempt "to put President Truman on the spot."

"I haven't seen such high-handed political bossism since I've been in Congress," he added.

Senator Wagner, Democrat, of New York, bitterly assailed the current move to wreck trade unionism and deprive workers of the gains for which they fought for generations, declared:

"This bill constitutes a grand assault on our industrial democracy. It is an attack further to undermine the forces which could help raise the purchasing power of the people at the very time when business itself is becoming alarmed by the inordinate profits it is reaping.

"If the leadership in Congress wants to assist the Communist Party in the promotion of widespread class warfare, industrial chaos, and economic depression in this country, they could not devise a better method of doing so than recommending the enactment of such legislation.

"All who are interested in the basic human rights of the ordinary citizen should diligently and vigorously resist such legislation."

Real Estate Lobby Blamed For "Squeeze in Housing"

Chicago, Ill.—Charges that lobbying real estate "tycoons" have been deliberately prolonging the "housing squeeze" at the cost of the public interest by blocking low-cost housing were made here by Lester Washburn, International President of the AFL-International Union of the United Automobile Workers of America.

In an article written for the union's official publication, AFL Auto Worker, Mr. Washburn declared the purpose of the real estate interests is to keep property values and old houses 50 per cent higher than original costs. He added:

"As a defense raised to explain the lack of construction, we hear the old, old plaint, labor costs are too high. The truth is, these real estate tycoons don't want new construction. Why should they build homes when they have to wait 60 or 90 days for a profit? Besides, each new home built means an easing of the shortage, and that worries the real estate dealers.

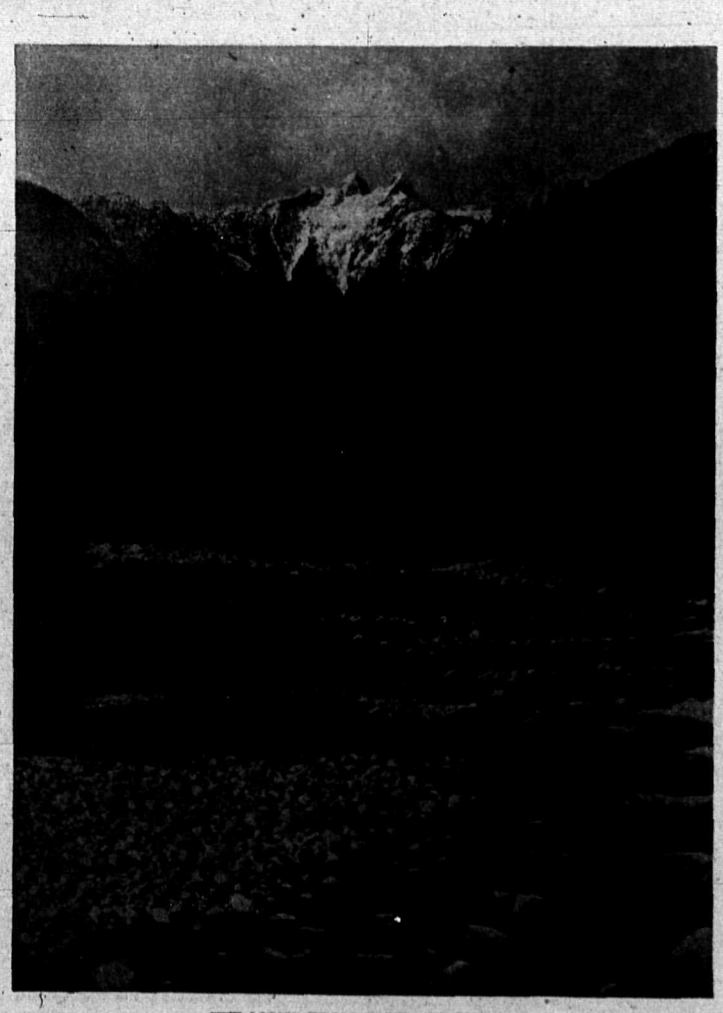
With the disappearance of the shortage comes the end of the pyramiding of prices on ancient dwellings now being unloaded at levels 50 per cent higher than the original cost. It's much quicker and easier to buy and sell, pushing the ceiling price ever upward while keeping the shortage.

"The only possible fly in the ointment for the real estate operators was the expected interest of the government—local and national. The aim of such intervention would be, of course, to provide low-cost housing to as many families as desire it. But armies of high pressure and well-padded lobbyists swarmed into most legislatures and hamstrung the low-cost housing programs so effectively that they seldom got beyond the blueprint stage."

Very Unsportsmanlike

One mon was telling another about the time he served on a jury in a case where a woman was on trial for murder. He said:

"Yes, I served on the jury. They were holding a woman for shooting her husband. She was so good looking we coudn't convict her and we couldn't turn her loose on account of our wives, but it worked out all right 'cause her husband was an Elk. We just fined her $25 for shooting an Elk out of season."



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ASK WAGE RAISE

Port Arthur, Ont.—The annual spring conference of Local 2786 of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union announced that timber operators will be asked for a 25 per cent wage increase.

'Twas Her Undoing

Reporter (interviewing old lady of 102): "Tell me, grandma, what's life like at your age?"

Old Lady: "Well, son, you might say it's nothing but buttoning and unbuttoning."

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There were 322,637 casualties, including 6,224 deaths in U.S. coal mines from 1942 to 1945, United Mine Workers (AFL) figures reveal.

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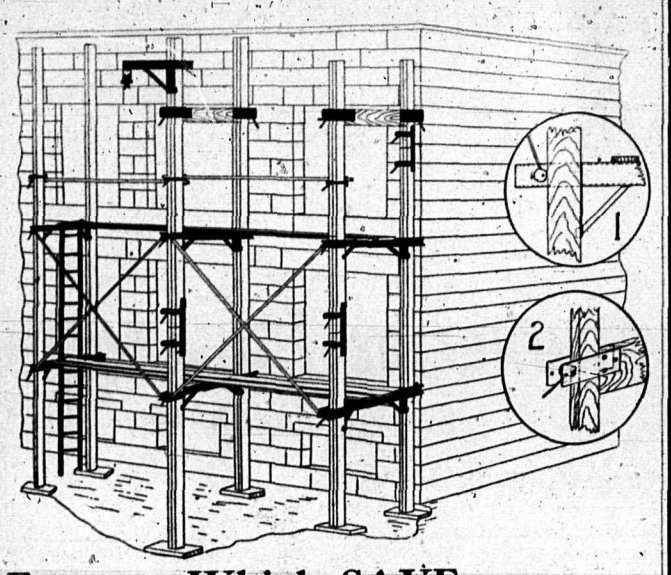

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It is a time saver and a material saver, which are two big items needed these days in cutting down costs of construction.

Workers should encourage their employers to investigate this devise, a picture of which can be seen on this page.

Contractors should take time off to see this Economy Scaffold at Mr. Erickson's plant at 367 East Broadway.

Machines Without Men

Fortune magazine for November publishes the proposal emanating from two young Canadian engineers, namely, E. W. Leaver and J. J. Brown. They call this article, "Machines Without Men."

"The dream of the automatic factory has haunted economic thought and H. G. Wellsian literature for many years. It has haunted labor, too, ever since labor discovered the *sharp if transient pains of technological* unemployment. Early in the thirties, Fortune printed an article that saw the approach of the age of automatism in the A. O. Smith Corporation's amazing semi-automatic production line, capable of fabricating automobile frames so fast that in six months it could supply a normal year's requirements. Except for a few such isolated and highly-specialized examples, however, automatism did not spread rapidly in manufacturing industry.

Continuous Flow System

"But devices and techniques for building an automatic factory piled up at an unrealized rate. And the war added still more of them. At least one development reached a degree of automatism not yet achieved on the assembly line. This was the continuous-flow system, reported by Fortune in August, which brought entirely automatic production to wartime chemicals, petroleum, rubber, and atomic materials. Oak Ridge is run from a central control room linked to some 10 miles of instrument panels, with fewer than 20 human operators to the mile.

"Now two young Canadian radar men, Eric W. Leaver and John J. Brown, come forward with a proposal *to transform the manufacturing* and assembly line into a mechanism as cleanly automatic as a chemical plant. Their provocative thesis is presented on page 165, and the following portfolio attempts to visualize its basic features. This thesis is worth the study of labor as well as management. For unless breadth of thought is brought to the many technological changes ahead, the dislocations may be catastrophic. New circuits, some of them developed in radar and gun laying, now make possible the electrical linking and direction of machines. Behind them is banked a great number of well-known magnetic and electronic devices never integrated into a fully automatic system. Leaver and Brown attack the problem by boldly developing a theory of machine design around twentieth-century electronics."

Here is the way that the young engineers *describe their project:*

New Picture of a Factory

"Imagine, if you will, a factory as clean, spacious, and continuously operating as a hydroelectric plant. *The production floor* is barren of men. Only a few engineers, technicians, and operators walk about on a balcony above, before a great wall of master control panels, inserting and checking records, watching and adjusting batteries of control instruments. All else is automatic. Raw materials flow in by conveyer, move through automatic inspection units, fabricating machines, sub-assembly and assembly lines, all controlled from the master panels, and arrive at the automatic packaging machines as finished products—radios, refrigerators, tractors, fountain pens, carburetors, helicopters, or what you will.

"his factory of tomorrow will be as different from the present manufacturing establishment as a hydroelectric plant is different from an old steam-power installation fed by digging coal. OTnce a hydroelectric unit is installed, all that remains is to control and distribute the power. The same, in principle, will be true of the factory of the future. Our present machine tools belong to the *former coal-and-iron technology.* The new organization of machines will be electrical. This is made possible by the development of a great variety of circuits and devices for linking machine units together in a new way. It will entail a greater and greater regimentation of machines, rather than of men."

In the profoundly moving current discussion of the atomic bomb and atomic energy, with its possible uses for peacetime advancement, many observers see something new. That something new is only new if you do not see it against the background of technology and machine production since 1929. The atomic bomb is just another step in the control of nature by man. In that whole period of a generation, there has been a cold indifference to the human element in the situation. The effect upon workers, and the effect upon society, has not been stressed—it has been merely used first as an instrument of profit and an instrument of production. Now humanity is reaching an impasse. It has to make a decision. It has to decide the moral values against the commercial and mechanical values. Humanity must make the choice between saving the human race, or going down in an orgy of universal destruction.

In Lighter Vein

STELLAR ATTRACTION

An old lady who was about to die asked her niece to bury her in the best black dress she owned.

"But cut the back out," she added, "and make yourself a dress out of it."

"Oh, no," said the niece, "I don't want to do that. When you and my uncle walk up the golden stairs I wouldn't want people to say you didn't have a dress with a back in it."

"They won't be looking at me," replied the old lady. "I buried your uncle without his pants."

NEVER TOO MANY

Ralph Edwards, learning that radio producer Herb Moss and Mrs. Moss had a baby son named John Eric, wired them:

"*Congratulations.* You can always use another John around the house."

DAMNED FOR SEWAGES

The woman rushed into the marriage license bureau one morning. Almost out of breath and clutching in her hand the familiar document, she angrily demanded:

"Did you—or did you not—issue this license—yesterday—for marryin' me—to Jefferson Driggs?"

The registrar examined the marriage license carefully and admitted that he had indeed issued the document.

"Well!" blazed the woman, "what are you going to do about it? He's escaped!"

SAMPLING PREFERRED

"Has he ever spoken to you about marriage?" inquired the friend of the family.

"*Only indirectly,*" *confessed* the ingenue. "He said the only reason he never smokes a pipe is because he could never try it before he bought it."

A BALANCED DIET

When the fleet visited a small college town, the officers planned a dance. The officer in charge sent a young naval officer to the girls' school with the Admiral's conpliments and a request to the director to allow some of the students to attend the dance.

The director thanked the officer for the invitation and said she would allow a dozen of her best and most trustworthy students to attend.

The naval officer hesitated a moment. "Would it be possible," he asked finally, "to send half a dozen of that kind and half a dozen of the other?"

VERY PROBABLY

He gazed admiringly at the beautiful but extremely revealing dress of the leading chorine in a rather risque show.

"Who made her dress?" he asked his companion.

"I'm not sure, but I think it was the police."

KNEW HIS STUFF

Little Willie was sent out to bring in the kittens. His father, hearing a shrill meowing, called out: "Don't hurt the kittens, Willie."

"I won't," Willie said. "I'm carrying them very careful by their stems."

HOW WARS START

WIFE: "What is the difference, George, between a sigh, an auto, and a donkey?"

HUBBY: "I give up."

WIFE: "A sigh is 'Oh, dear,' and an auto is too dear."

HUBBY: "What's a donkey?"

WIFE: "You, dear!"

BRITISH HUMOR

Fat regimental cook (to excessively thin British Tommy): "Looking at you, you blinking skeleton, anyone would think there had been a famine!"

Tommy: "Yes, and one look at you would tell 'em who caused it!"

PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE

Someone admiring the lovely clean teeth of Bill Nye, famous humorist, inquired how he managed to keep them so white.

"Oh, that's easy," the humorist replied. "All teeth will remain white if they are properly taken care of. Of course, I never drink hot drinks, always brush my teeth morning and evening, avoid all acids whatever, and, although I am 40 years old my teeth are as good as ever."

"And that is all you do to preserve your teeth, it is?" asked the other.

"Yes, sir," replied Bill, "that's all—barring, perhaps, the fact that I put them in a glass of soft water each night."

PARTLY UNDERSTOOD

A young wife, wishing to announce the birth of her first child to a friend in a distant city, telegraphed:

"Isaiah 9:6." Which passage begins: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Her friend, unfamiliar with the Scriptures, said to her husband. "Margaret evidently has a boy who weighs nine pounds and six ounces, but why on earth did they name him Isaiah?"

GOING TO THE DOGS

"Really," said Mrs. Scott, reading her paper at breakfast, "the world is getting worse and worse. Just listen to this advertisement—'Typist wanted, must be young, fast and experienced.'"

ATOMIC OSCULATION

The roadster skidded around the corner, jumped into the air, knocked down three pedestrians and a lamp post, collided with three cars, finally ran into a stone wall and stopped dead.

A girl climbed out of the wreckage, blushed, brushed back her hair, straightened her stockings and exclaimed, "Dairling, that's what I call a kiss."

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Demands for return to the 6-hour day enjoyed before the war and a 25c hourly wage increase were won by 450 AFL plasterers, lathers and hod carriers here after a 29-day work stoppage.

The 6-hour day goes into effect immediately and the 25c raise begins May 1. Overtime at time-and-a-half rates after six hours will bring pay of plasterers and lathers for an 8-hour day up from $16 to $18 and for hod carriers from $14.40 to $16.20. On May 1, with the 25c added, plasterers and lathers will receive $20 while hod carriers will be paid $18.45.

A notable feature of the agreement is establishment of a labor-management committee to stabilize the industry, eliminate labor pirating and recruit new workers to overcome a scarcity of trained workers.

TACOMA WINS COMMERCIAL STRIKE

Tacoma, Wash.—A strike of five days' duration in the commercial field produced weekly increases of $15.00 days, $16.00 nights, $16.00 lobster shift. Day and night shifts consist of 35 hours; lobster shift, 25 hours. Seven paid holidays and apprentice wage percentage increase also obtained. Retroactive to February 1.

Union Firm Opens New Funeral Parlor

Apart from the extreme beauty of its surroundings the location of the new Royal Oak Funeral Chapel could hardly be improved upon, as the population is increasing by leaps and bounds about this point.

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I.W.A. Doesn't Want Real Unity -- With A. F. of L.

Lately, AFL Lumber & Sawmill Workers' local unions and district councils have been barraged by "appeals" from local and district units of the CIO International Woodworkers of America for "unity" conferences. The maneuvers of the dual unionists have been so tricky that a number of our own members are frankly confused. "Surely," they say, "disunity in the labor movement is regrettable. What harm could possibly come from sitting down and talking over the question with the other side?"

In view of this confusion in the minds of some LSW-AFL members, we feel that it is the duty of The Union Register to come out frankly and attempt to clarify the thinking of our membership on the question of unity between the AFL and CIO.

In the first place, let us make it clear, once and for all, that we are opposed to the split in labor's ranks, which weakens solidarity. But we are not for "unity" on any kind of terms; neither are we in favor of just any kind of approach to "unity." There is a correct way of going at it; and there's also an incorrect way. There is one way that has a real chance of succeeding; but there are other ways which would only make matters worse. The so-called "unity" conferences proposed by certain IWA-CIO spokesmen are of the latter variety. They would do more harm than good.

The only possible way to secure unity between the AFL and CIO is through bargaining by the top leadership of both organizations at the national level. AFL President Green and CIO President Murray have made appeals for unity, and a negotiating committee from each organization has been named to explore the possibilities of unification. Green made his appeal first, stating that only through a united labor movement could unionists adequately resist anti-labor legislation and keep the unions free. The threat of restrictive legal measures against unions has forced the top leadership of both the AFL and the CIO to reconsider the unity question. Whether these national AFL and CIO committees will actually meet or not, we do not know. But they are trying to discover the formula for a correct unity program on the national level.

The split originally occurred on the national level in 1936; and if it is to be healed in a permanent and satisfactory manner, the healing process will have to start on the same level —not through haphazard "conferences" on the local, district or even regional levels.

We said that such "conferences" between AFL and CIO members would do more harm than good. We mean exactly that. Local and district spokesmen don't have all the facts; neither do they have the authority to settle anything. Granted that the overtures were sincere, such talks would only muddy the waters. But, judging from the IWA's past performance (and especially the past performance of the Communist Party element in the IWA, which is responsible for the overtures), we have every reason to believe the invitations are not sincere. It would be childish on our part to believe that those who disrupted the unity of the labor movement ten years ago—and have done everything possible to cause disruption ever since—are even slightly interested in honest unity. They are not.

They don't really want unity. They want submission. They want the same kind of "unity" that Hitler got in Austria, Poland and other occupied countries. Talks with irresponsible CIO spokesmen at the local or district level would only sow seeds of distrust and confusion—and result in gaps in our own ranks for further raiding of our local unions. That is what the CP boys in the IWA really want! Therefore, let's be emphatic in turning down all overtures for local "unity" conferences, and leave the question of real unity up to the national AFL and the national CIO.

We predict that if a formula for genuine unity is ever worked out by Green and Murray and their committees, it will follow a pattern something like this:

Standards will be set up for AFL re-affiliation which provide adequate safeguards for industrial unionism but at the same time exclude Communist-controlled sections of labor. Internationals like Harry Bridges' ILWU will be isolated, and their jurisdictions given to unions under non-CP leadership. The same may happen to the Communist-dominated sections of the IWA.

Joe Curran's recent move to get the National Maritime Union extricated from the CP's labor network gives point to our prediction. It shows that he is trying to wash the Stalinist dirt off the NMU's face, so that it will be presentable for possible admission to an expanded and all-inclusive American Federation of Labor. Many other instances could also be cited to show that there is a tendency in this direction within the ranks of the CIO. In several CIO unions the Communists are being exposed and isolated. It the CIO is honestly moving in the direction of unity, then the "purge" of the CP fits into the pattern.

Some day the CP "captive unions" may be left standing alone—isolated from a united and powerful American labor movement. Then wouldn't it look silly to have ever "bargained" with a CP-controlled union—a union that never had the slightest chance of ever being unified in the huge reunited labor organization? — The Union Register, official organ of the North-western Council of Lumber & Sawmill Workers for all Wood Working Unions Chartered by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America.

GRANITE CUTTER UNION STRIKES FOR $12 SCALE

Quincy, Mass.—Seeking to better contract conditions won elsewhere in New England, 350 members of the Granite Cutters' Intl. Assn. (AFL) struck some 30 granite plants here and shut them down. The strikers demand $12-a-day pay, a 7-hour day and 5-day week. Quincy granite cutters took no part in a recent agreement the union reached in other cities. Boston granite cutters are getting $13 a day for eight hours the first six months of the contract, then $12.50 for a 7-hour day the last six months.

7,000 ON STRIKE

Bombay.—Transport and electric power workers in Bombay, numbering 7,000, are on strike following the failure of government mediation. The workers want a 50 per cent wage increase to cover inflationary increases in living costs.

Young Man With a Future

"Jones," remarked a neighbor, "I understand that boy of yours is learning a trade. Do you think he'll work at it?"

"No," was the candid reply, "I don't think he will. He's just learning it so that when he is idle he will be able to tell people what kind of work he is out of."

ELEVATOR MEN GRANTED $8.50 PER WEEK HIKE

New York.—The 25,000 workers who operate the biggest city's vertical transportation system won 21½ cents hourly raises averaging $8.60 a week in an arbitration award. Arbitration machinery was set up following settlement of a strike in October 1945 by Local 32B, Building Service Employees International Union.

BUILDING MEN GET RAISE

Spokane, Wash.—A twoyear wage agreement has been signed here by the Spokane Building Trades Council and the Associated General Contractors, providing for a flat 20-cent hourly wage increase. The agreement also provides for time-and-a-half for all overtime except Sundays and holidays, which will pay double-time.

But Not Forgotten

Mary went to the horse races. Just as the horses were lining up at the barrier Mary grasped her husband nervously by the arm and in a voice which was filled with emotion asked him for a safety pin and at the same time grabbed frantically for something that seemed to be slipping at the knees.

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The woman rushed into the marriage license bureau one morning. Almost out of breath and clutching in her hand the familiar document, she angrily demanded:

"Did you—or did you not—issue this license—yesterday—for marryin' me—to Jefferson Driggs?"

The registrar examined the marriage license carefully and admitted that he had indeed issued the document.

"Well!" blazed the woman, "what are you going to do about it? He's escaped!"

And Check the Brains

Barber (looking at the young sheik's sleek hair): "Do you want it cut, or shall I just change the oil?"

WIN 40-HOUR WEEK

Oshawa, Ont.—A 40-hour week, plus payment for three public holidays was agreed on here between the Jumbi Sportswear Company and the AFL United Garment Workers Union. The agreement was signed on behalf of Local 253 by Sam LaPedes, union official, who announced that several other gains had also been won.

Purely Evanescent

It was at the Atlantic City Beauty Parade. Miss Teras slithered by in her form-fitting white bathing suit. An excited lotharioi found his heart beating faster and declared:

"Joe, this is love at first sight!"

"Don't be silly," counseled his friend, Joe. "It's just a passing fanny."

Emergency Brake

It was moonlight, and he had parked the car along the side of the road and begun to go into his clutch act. Said the girl:

"There's just one thing I want to tell you before you go any further."

"What's that?" asked the eager Romeo.

"Don't go any further," replied the girl.

Different Objectives

Moe: "What's the difference between a fat lady and an old spinster?"

Zoe: "Search me—what?"

Moe: "Well, the fat lady is trying to diet, and the spinster is dying to try it."

EMPLOYERS MUST OBTAIN NEW UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOOKS

All 1946-47 Unemployment Insurance Books expired on March 31st, 1947.

New books will be issued by National Employment Offices to employers, but only when old books are completed and turned in to the Offices.

Employers are urged to exchange Unemployment Insurance Books immediately.

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CHARLIE GOWER
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Britain Shuts Door On Child Labor Exploitation

London.—Britain closed the door on labor-hungry employers in order to open it a little wider for some 130,000 schoolboys and girls.

Resisting strong pressure, the government increased the compulsory education age from 14 to 15, carrying out on schedule the principal dream of the late education minister, Ellen Wilkinson.

Many industrialists, leading political figures of all parties, and some educators had sought to postpone the action for a year.

They argued that in its present grave condition, with a shortage of manpower in all vital industries, the nation needed the youthful laborers more than the children needed the additional year in the classrooms.

Some of the youngsters would have gone to work in April at the end of the winter term. The remainder would have been available in July. By December, 1948, it is estimated that industry will have lost 380,000 potential workers.

However, Miss Wilkinson, who died earlier this year, and her successor, George Tomlinson, with the backing of Prime Minister Attlee, refused to retreat.

"As a nation," Tomlinson said in a radio speech, "we have come to realize that we cannot afford to send our young people into the battle of life untrained and ill prepared."

Taxi Drivers' Union Get Victoria Pacts

Taxicab, Stage and Bus Drivers' Local 151 have broken ground in Victoria. Sightseeing tours and Taxicab Service is now available to delegates and visitors to the Capitol City through Blue Line Transit Ltd. and Quarter Cab Co. Ltd. Up to the minute service will be provided by calling Garden 1155 or Empire 1197. Watch for the Teamsters' Buttons when in Victoria.

Service Taxi Ltd. and Red Top Cabs are now under contract with the Local and merits the support of our affiliates. A new Agreement has been signed covering Tram Taxi Ltd. and Royal City Taxi in New Westminster bringing conditions to a par with our top Agreements in Vancouver.

Edwards Funeral Firm Signs Union Agreement

J. A. Dougall, Secretary, Embalmers and Undertakers Assistants, Local No. 23374, announces the signing of an agreement between the firm of Harold Edwards, Ltd., 705 W. Broadway, City, and the aforementioned Union, which became effective on 15th April, 1947. Negotiations for the Company were conducted by Mr. Edwards, and for the Union by J. A. Dougall, Secretary, and were marked by a most cooperative and reasonable attitude on the part of Mr. Edwards throughout.

By the terms of this agreement full Union recognition, and a Union Maintenance Clause received the assent of the Company, and in addition a considerable increase in the wage scale was agreed to, making the employees concerned amongst the highest paid, in their particular business, in the City, and in addition, hours of work, employees duties in the building, and various other matters under discussion, were brought to a mutually satisfactory conclusion. The Union hopes that the signing of this agreement will prove to be only the forerunner of a series to be signed in the near future, and in the meantime requests the interest and support of all Union Members for the firm already mentioned.

Bro. Dougall reports that the union has cancelled its agreement with the Bell Funeral Home.

Barbers' Union Signs More Barber Shop

Another large group of barber shops have been signed up with the Barbers' Union by Business Agent C. E. Herrett. The new agreements in New Westminster makes that city 100 per cent organized.

Following are the shops signed up recently:

Eric Johnson, 607 West Pender St.
Sam R. Parker, 3365 Cambie St.
C. Vanstone, 4125 Main St.
Dewey Truitt, 832 - 20th, New Westminster.
Harold Hanson, 468 Columbia East, New Westminster.
Hugh Clark, Westview, B. C.
W. Horton, Port Alberni, B. C.

SEVENTY NEW TEACHERS' LOCALS CHARTED BY A.F.L.

New Haven, Conn.—Seventy new locals have been chartered by the American Federation of Teachers (AFL) since the start of the current school year—30 of them since January 1, the largest number chartered in any comparable period in the history of the AFT.

This disclosure highlighted an address by Irvin R. Kuenzli, AFT national secretary, before the newly formed Connecticut State Federation of Teachers at the Yale Divinity School Auditorium.

The campaign of the National Education Association to check the rapid progress of the AFT, Mr. Kuenzli declared, "rather than hindering its expansion, is serving as a boomerang and accelerating the organization of teachers.

CARPENTERS WIN RAISES

St. Louis.—Wage increases of 25c an hour, effective May 1, were won by AFL carpenters under new contracts reached with a majority of the 200 contractors and builders engaged in commercial work here. The new scale is $2.20 an hour.

WOMEN LIKE 40-HOUR WEEK

Washington, D. C.—The Women's Bureau of the Labor Department study entitled Women's Wartime Hours of Work, just released, indicates that the 48-hour week in factory work is about the human limit, and that the 40-hour week is preferred despite the attraction of overtime pay.

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Green To Help Wall St. Union In Great Fight for Increase

Chicago, Ill.—Full support of the 7,500,000 members of the American Federation of Labor was pledged by AFL President William Green to the United Financial Employees in its threatened strike against Wall Street exchanges and brokerage houses.

The entire membership of the AFL will stand firmly behind the financial workers "until they win victory," Mr. Green declared in an address before the Chicago convention of the Office Employees International Union, parent body of the UFE.

The union announed that it would act soon to cancel its no-strike contracts with the New York Stock, Curb and Cotton Exchanges as an outgrowth of the refusal of the brokerage firm of A. M. Kiddler & Co. to arbitrate a wage dispute with the UFE. Thirty days' notice is required before the cancellations become effective.

Mr. Green told the convention delegates that he was proud that "the workers in the Stock Exchange have the courage to stand up and demand improved standards.

"If there is any place in America where high wages and better working conditions should prevail," the AFL president said, "it is in this money-making establishment in New York, the Stock Exchange."

Referring to the union's offer to arbitrate, Mr. Green declared:

"We want better wages and conditions of employment."

"The employers say: 'No, you must surrender to us.' I do not believe the people of the United States will support the owners and operators of the Stock Exchange in this position. I consider that refusal (to arbitrate) as justification for the workers to go on strike and fight for their rights."

THE OBVIOUS MORAL

The teacher was of the progressive school that teaches by object-lessons rather than mere words. She set before the class a glass of water and a glass of gin and dropped a little wor min each. The worm in the gin promptly died but that in the water looked comfortable. "Now, children, what does that prove?" she asked.

Bespectacled Tommy, aged 10, said: "That we ought never to drink water, only gin, and we'll never get worms."

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Britain's Industrial Morale

The recent White Paper issued by the British Government has focussed attention on the efforts of the people there, to achieve higher production within a full employment economy. The importance of morale and good working conditions in reaching this objective is emphasized in a recent speech by Sir Staffort Cripps, President of the Board of Trade.

"We must still stress whenever we can the simple and fundamental fact that employment in industry is the way of life of the great majority of our people. Whether they like it or dislike it, there is no escape for them from that means of livelihood, and therefore it is essential alike for their comfort and happiness and for our prosperity as a nation that we should make the working conditions and psychological atmosphere of our factories as good as possible.

"We know from our wartime experience that the ordinary man or woman will put up with almost any conditions if their morale is good, if they have hope and satisfaction in what they are doing. The greater the satisfaction the stronger and better they are at their job, but once that morale falls, then their work goes to pieces.

"It is morale that counts in achieving a good man-hour output, and thereby not only efficiency in production but—what is equally important—happiness in work".

Golden Gate Council of Lathers has settled for a new hourly rate of $2.25, effective April 1.

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HOW HE BROKE HIS ARM

The information-seeking summer visitor was seated with a Yankee in a train. He used what he thought was typical New England country talk, to be more friendly-like:

"I say, stranger, ain't you broke your arm theme?"

"Well, yes, I did."

"Had an accident, I reckon as how."

"Not exactly."

"Wall, then, how in tarnation did ye come to break it?"

"I did it trying to pat myself on the back."

"My land! On the back! Now, what in the name o' Goshen did ye want to pat yourself on the back fer?"

"Just for minding my own business."

PHANTOM ROMANCE

Bob Hope insists he has documentary evidence to prove that he created, without outside help, the gag about the little boy-ghost who met a little girl-ghost in the graveyard one midnight, and asked: "Will you be my ghoul-friend?"

Food Is a Tool

During the last eighteen months, little has been heard about the feeding of the industrial worker. What has happened to this program which was given such impetus by the war effort? Is it being continued and expanded, or have reconversion problems temporarily delayed further developments? It is impossible to answer this question at the present time, but it is safe to say that the answer is important to industrial morale and efficiency.

Health plays an important part in the physical efficiency of the worker and influences production rates, safety records and quality of output. Too often, people forget that they can never be healthier than the food they eat, and that food may directly influence their work. On the other hand, some executives and workers feel that better nutrition is the "cure-all", expecting rapid results from the installation of a new cafeteria or food service, or even from fads like vitamin pills. In general, results appear slowly and may not be forthcoming if other factors are not improved as well.

Food Deficiencies

Nutritional deficiences have many direct and indirect effects which lead to absenteeism from illness and other causes. For example: the lack of thiamine in the diet may result in digestive disturbances which upset the employee and slow down his rate of work. The deficiency may affect his nerves so that he quarrels with his neighbour thus interfering with normal production; or it may affect the sensitivity of his fingers so that he spoils many pieces of work. Since the B vitamins tend to occur together, the many may show signs of other deficiencies such as sore, watery eyes and blurred vision which may lead to accidents. People seldom trace such assidents to a nutritional deficiency.

One of the most common deficiencies is the lack of sufficient calories in the diet (energy content of the food). A certain amount of our food must supply energy for essential requirements, such as breathing and the work of the heart. Work can only be done when the caloric intake is greater than this basic need.

The number of calories in the daily diet must be sufficient to provide the energy needed for the day's work. Insufficient calories or too long a time between meals will produce hunger which may not be sufficient to cause pain but may cause irritability, weakness and diminished ability to concentrate. All these symptoms are associated with impaired health and efficiency.

Deficiencies from lack of other food elements might be cited showing their effects on physical efficiency and illustrating the importance of proper nutrition in an industrial health program.

Plant Food Services

During the war years every effort was made to keep production at a high level. As a result the health and efficiency of the worker was always in the foreground. In order to reach higher health standards and achieve adequate production levels for civilian goods, it is necessary to maintain and expand those nutrition facilities in industry which were developed during the war.

The serving of adequate, well prepared food to the worker at the plant is an accepted part of modern industrial practice. This applies not only to large plants, but to small ones as well. Statistical evidence can be given to show the benefits arising from better plant practices, including feeding.

In most cases, the introduction of a plant food service has resulted in a simultaneous improvement of health services, working conditions and plant sanitation. Thus the benefits of plant feeding go hand in hand with other improvements and cannot be assessed separately. Some of the above-mentioned improvements may have more dramatic results than the changed eating habits of the employee but none of them can give optimal results with the employee being well-fed.

Ways and Means

Canada is a country of small industries where the installation of cafeterias or dining room services would be impractical in many cases. One reason is that employees of many small plants go home for their mid-day meal. However, well equipped lunch-rooms should be available for those who carry their lunch. Little or no expense is entailed in having a daily milk delivery to the plant. Such a service enables the employee to purchase milk for the mid-morning snack (which may supplement his breakfast and ward off fatigue) or for his noon-day meal.

A factor which has often been overlooked is that the employee eats two of his meals outside the plant. Though the noon-hour meal purchased at the plant may be adequate, the other meals may not be sufficient in quantity nor adequate in food value. Thus, additional foods at the noon meal, or provision of a really nutritious meal, may swing the whole balance of the employee's health.

A Nutrition Program

Efforts to improve the food habits of the worker may be done indirectly through food arrangements within the plant and by direct educational methods. Co-operation of the plant medical services, management and the food service staff are all needed for this purpose.

Any effort by management to improve the eating habits of the employee must be based on a long range program. Such a program must be planned in advance and , for the most part, should not intrude too much upon the worker.

The health of the industrial worker is a national asset which must be maintained at the highest possible level. Better feeding services in industry will play an essential part in achieving this goal.

—Industrial Health Bulletin.

L.P.P. Not Acting For Good of Trade Unions

The Labor Progressive Party have adopted their old routine of that of the martyr. They would like us to believe that they are an injured party who seek nothing more than to better the welfare of the working people. On the contrary, however ,this party is intent on disrupting the labor movement and seeing that the trade unions make no progress if it is within their power to prevent it, the idea being of course, that so long as they can keep trade unions from making progress there is a fertile ground for their seeds of radical doctrines.

These people want a revolution and nothing short is going to satisfy them. Prior to the war they carried on in this same fashion. When the war first started the Communists were very much opposed on the grounds that it was an imperialistic war, and against the interests of the working people. However, immediately Russia joined the war these people came out wholeheartedly in support, and made a real effort to work with the Trade Unions in a genuine endeavour to beat the Fascist Foe. They could not do enough, and rightly so, to maintain harmony in the Trade Unions. The Trade Unions consequently made good headway during the war when all hands were pulling together with a common purpose in view.

Following the war the L. P. P. again shifted position. They are now picking up where they left off in 1940 and '41 and are setting out to see that the Trade Unions do not progress. If the L. P. P. members within the Trade Unions would keep in mind, that Trade Unions are organized for the purpose of bettering the economic conditions of the workers, and that whether we like it or not we are living under a capitalistic system, and must work under this system, until we are organized to the extent where we are able to elect a government of our choice and work with the Trade Unions to that end, they might then be able to say they are doing something for the working class. However, these people boast of being the saviours of the working class but make a very poor job of it. We realize there are many throughout the Trade Unions who support the Labor Progressives simply because they do not understand what they are driving at with their pious resolutions and speeches. The Labor Progressive Party members are not good for the Trade Union Movement and must be kept under control.

On the whole they are a group of people who are in the forefront in criticizing the elected representatives, but in few cases have the courage to take the position of the elected representatives themselves. In the slang of the day "they can dish it out but they can't take it."

No doubt when this article is read another howl of "red baiting" will go up, but the facts are there, and anyone who gives thought to the actions of this Party within the Trade Union Movement, will agree that they are not working in the interests of the Movement.

—R. K. Gervin.

What Is a Labor Leader?

By RUTH TAYLOR

In the eyes of the public today, it isn't the rank and file of labor union members who personify labor. It is the labor leaders. And the responsibility for these leaders is that of the men who put them in power.

The need for able labor leaders is great but no matter how great the need, leaders must be—and remain—high. Mediocre men at the helm today may well mean disaster in the hour of crisis. What we need today are men who can be selfless enough to stand for the right, who can prove the strength of democratic processes.

There is plenty of room at the top for those men of action who can dream dreams and see visions and yet keep their feet on the ground. The wise labor leader never forgets that there should be no separate labor problem. It is but one phase of the national problem. He does not make the interests of labor the only issue. He stands by principle unflinchingly.

The real labor leader knows that once the fight is won for those whom he serves, then antagonism must stop. Once the contract is signed, the "war" is over and his job is to build mutual trust and faith in the pledged word. He knows that to properly protect his people, he must show the employer that their common interest can best be served by co-operation—and he must sell the same idea to his own people. Lasting prosperity is impossible without mutual confidence and co-operation.

The real labor leader knows that the ability that has lifted him up as a leader means simply that his responsibilities are greater, and he must wear the mantle of responsibility with that humility which is the true sign of strength. He knows that he must veer away from untenable positions in which labor can be fired at.

The real leader of labor is a man who knows that he is no greater than those whom he represents, that he is a guide not a master, that his post is not for his own aggrandizement but for the betterment of those whom he serves.

Upon our leadership rests the decision as to the path we will take. Let us look well to our leaders!

THAT LUSH CLIMATE

W. C. Field was an onlooker in a movie studio, where Clark Gable bravely shot a tiger hidden in the branches of a tree. With a kerplunk, a stuffed tiger fell to the ground and flopped there with all four legs pointing rigidly skyward. Knowing that this was done to save on expenses, W. C. Fields turned to the director and said, consolingly:

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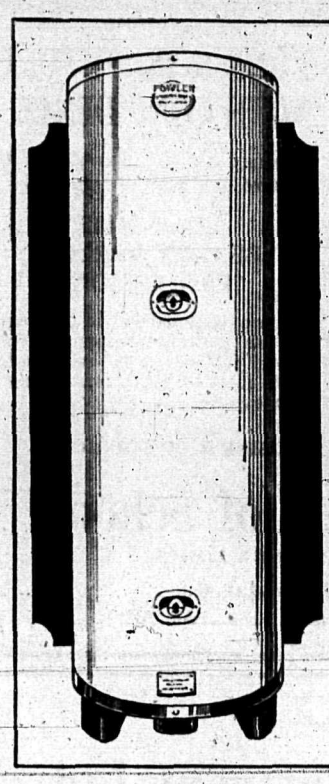
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Moitie: "Dogs playing games? Don't be sill, Goit. Dogs don't play games."

Goitie: "Sure they play games. Didn't you ever watch 'em playing hydrant seek?"

JUST NO AMBITION

An American journalist out in the Near East was trying to penetrate the mystery of the Oriental mind. He asked a Moslem what he thought about the American idea of restricting a husband to one wife.

"Christian men lazy," said the Syrian.

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Older Worker Can Do His Share If Given Chance

Some of the arguments that have been used against the employment of older workers are analyzed by Arthur MacNamara, Federal Deputy Minister of Labor, in the current issue of the Labor Gazette. MacNamara concludes that the older worker can do his share if given a chance.

"Too old at forty" was a popular slogan with many employers in the depressed 1930's, when the supply of workers greatly exceeded the demand, and the prejudice aroused has not been entirely removed, he states. Arguments commonly used for refusing employment to older workers are enumerated by MacNamara as follows:

(1) The older worker is not adaptable to learning new techniques; (2) advancing age results in declining productivity; (3) pension plans of industry are affected adversely by the employment of workers over 40 years of age; (4) accident frequency increases with age; (5) group insurance plans which include a high percentage of older workers are much more expensive.

Came Into Their Own

MacNamara asserts that the necessary employment of older workers during the war refuted the claim that they were not adaptable to new techniques.

"During the critical manpower shortages, the older worker came into his own and many industries realized that the former practice of turning the cold shoulder to workers over forty was not only cruel, but stupid," MacNamara declares.

Defects peculiar to advancing age were more than balanced by such qualities as "judgment, dignity, patience, calmness, unselfishness, trustworthiness and loyalty."

Reached Peak at 50

MacNamara recalls that a pre-war report on the employment of older men in the automobile industry showed that the earnings of piece workers reached their peak in the age group, 50 to 55 years.

This, he maintains, tended to refute the argument that the older worker could not hold his own in the matter of production.

While it is true that a middle-aged worker coming on a pay roll for the first time could not complete a sufficient number of years' work to enable him to retire on full pension, he would doubtless be willing to accept a smaller pension, or in lieu of that, the return of his contributions with interest upon reaching retirement age, MacNamara states. This factor should not provide any insuperable barrier to the satisfactory employment of the older worker.

Young Have More Accidents

In referring to a commonly held belief that older workers were more likely to be involved in industrial accidents, MacNamara points out that statistics show that the highest incidence of such accidents comes to the age group of 20 to 24 years.

This, he says, has been attributed to "youth's inexperience and lighthearted willingness to take a chance."

On the other hand, "the most unlikely years during which workers will suffer an industrial accident are between the ages of 30 and 55."

Costs Little More

The group insurance argument against employing older workers might have some validity. However, many plant managements do not provide this benefit and, in cases where provision is made for it, unless a considerable percentage of the working force is in the older age brackets, the difference in cost is usually "inconsequential."

In summarizing his rebuttal of the arguments advanced against the employment of older workers, MacNamara declares that "it would appear that any evidence which tends to prove that older workers are less desirable is of a meagre and fragmentary nature. The older worker can do his share if given a chance."

—Labor.

Metal Trades Calls on Labor For Intensified Campaign

Washington, D. C.—A broad program in which labor, management and government would join in an intensive campaign to insure greater safety in factories throughout the nation was proposed in the most recent issue of the Bulletin of the Metal Trades Department of the AFL.

Citing a series of disasters attributed to laxity of enforcement of regulations, the statement called for a thorough study of existing safety measures and action of Federal, State and Municipal governments to improve them and a constant insistence by labor on their enforcement.

Reviewing casualties of last year, the Bulletin article reported:

Last year, according to the best estimates available, there were killed in American industry, 16,500 workers. Another 100,000 were maimed and about two million more were temporarily disabled. The time actually lost from work, reached the staggering total of forty-seven million man-days. That is enough days to provide full-time employment for an entire year for 156,000 workers. What is more, these figures make no allowance for the economic effects of deaths and permanent impairments.

Granting that the labor movement has never failed to mention the importance of industrial safety, it has failed to emphasize it sufficiently and, of late, to give it the importance it deserves, the article said. It pointed out that as labor moves into the atomic age, where use of new materials, different types of machinery, equipment and techniques are rapidly being developed and used, workers can no longer relegate safety to a secondary consideration.

As an immediate approach to the problem of insuring greater safety, the article proposed that labor insist that management observe all existing safety requirements, press for further safety measures in bargaining agreements and initiate educational courses in safety.

Management, it said, can promote safety by eliminating fear caused by job uncertainty on the part of workers, and where employers are callous and decline to observe safety measures the use of a club is justified. Such a club could be in the form of refusal to permit workers to report at factories where hazards were known to exist.

Most states have laws requiring that employers shall provide safe places for work, the article conceded, and, although this theory is fine, in practice it cries to high heaven because of lax enforcement and indifference. Many of the regulations, also, are sub-standard, it pointed out.

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Mr. Kipling believes every union man interested in himself and his fellow workers should be so trained, for there is no side of industrial life where the interests of employers and employed are most closely identified and where combined efforts towards improvements work more for mutual benefit.

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The son promised to remember. A few week later he reported to his father, "Pop, your little lecture on tact stood me in good stead this morning. I had to fix a break in the pipe in the bridal suite of a big hotel on Fifth Avenue. When I walked in, I saw that the couple who were occupying the suite hadn't gotten up yet. I didn't say a word until I had stopped the leak. Then, on the way out, I simply nodded my head and said, 'Good day, gentlemen.'"

APPRENTICESHIP RATE CONTINUES TO RISE IN BUILDING TRADES

Washington, D. C.—Although unfavorable weather conditions lowered the volume of new construction in February, the decrease failed to halt the rise in the number of apprentices hired in the building trades. The Apprentice-Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor, reported that at the end of the month there were 93,035 apprentices in the construction industry, as compared with 91,093 at the end of January, an increase of two per cent. The February figure was based on 4,186 reports from all parts of the country.

True dignity is never gained by place, and never lost when honors are withdrawn.—Massinger.

Speedy Service

A lady in a rush to the matron at the S. P. Station: "Have you a ladies' waiting room in the station?"

"No, ma'am, but we have a room for ladies who can't wait."

Quoth the Raven

Moe: "Know what the doe said as she walked out of the woods?"

Zoe: "No—what?"

Moe: "She said, 'I'll never do that for a buck again'."

A devoted wife is always anxious to get home to her husband. She is afraid he may be enjoying her absence.

CLEVER

"I hope you enjoyed your game with the major," said the hostess to one of her guests. "He's very clever at cards, isn't he?"

"He certainly is," replied the guest. "He started by telling my fortune, and now he's counting it."

MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING

A Capetown manufacturer announces that his wife is expecting their 30th baby.

Asked what he thought about the modern tendency towards smaller families, he replied, "I think people spend too much time in cinemas."

CHASTE OCCUPATION

JONES—"What is your son's favorite hobby?"

SMITH—"He's a girl scout."

JONES—"You mean a boy scout, don't you?"

SMITH—"No; he's always scouting for girls."

On Her Way Up

Moe: "That dame has sure become prominent in the sassiety pages, hasn'e she?"

Zoe: "Yeah. Her folks didn't have anything either. How come?"

Moe: "Oh, she just climbed the social ladder, lad by lad."

GOOD PREFERENCE

Army Sergeant: "Have you any preference?"

Draftee: "Yes, sir."

Army Sergeant: "What would you like to be?"

Draftee: "An ex-service man with a pension."

DEFINITIONS

Scandalmonger: A prattlesnake.

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Ziegfeld, very annoyed, finally said: "I simply can't understand you. Here I show you some of the most beautiful girls in America, with practically no clothes on, and all you do is sit here and say 'Phooey'."

"I wasn't thinking of the girls," said the merchant sadly. "I was thinking of my wife."

In Lighter Vein

FIRST THINGS FIRST

From a father's letter to his son, a freshman at the University of Kansas: "I must upbraid you for the size of your expenditures. Your spending is outrageous. I have studied your excuse that you spent all this money on women and liquor. I must insist that you cut one of them out. I suggest that you cut out the liquor, son; you can do your drinking when you're old."

FALSE PROPAGANDA

In London, during the war, an Irish girl in an air raid station, who knew nothing about the facts of life, was persuaded by her doctor, only after many difficulties, that she was going to have a new member of the family. When he started to give her some elementary information on the subject, she interrupted him angrily: "And that horrid air raid warden said it was artificial respiration!"

EYE FOR BUSINESS

Bishop: "And why, my little man, do you say your prayers at night?"

Little Boy: "To get the cheap rate."

THE REAL PROBLEM

Sweet Young Thing (to milkman who has just pulled up to the curb): "Do you have the time?"

Milkman: "Yes, but who'll hold my horse?"

WRONG COMBINATION

Goitie: "I bought two rabbits, and two years later I still had two rabbits."

Moitle: "How'd that happen?"

Goitie: "Well, how was I to know they were brothers?"

JUST BREEZED IN

A woman consulted her doctor about her condition. "Merely flatulency," he said, "I'll give you something for indigestion."

Two months later she saw him again. "No, it's merely flatulency," he insisted, "try a little peppermint." She tried another doctor instead, and some months later the first doctor met her wheeling twins.

"Ah, it was something else after all," he said.

"Oh, no," she said, "this is just some of my flatulency dressed up."

ONE WAY TO DO IT

Marshal Joseph Stalin was recently taken to task for his new attitude towards the Poles, Lithuanians, Finns and Rumanians, all among his former enemies.

"Why do you try to make friends of them?" asked an ambitious associate in the Kremlin. "You should try to destroy everyone of them who has been against you."

"Am I not destroying my enemies," Stalin laughingly replied, "when I make them my friends?"

Such Impertinence

Widow: "I wonder if I've been insulted. My lawyer just told me that I have a nice fat legacy."

REAL COMPLICATIONS

A woman social worker called on a poverty-stricken housewife with a brood of dirty, hungry children and a drunken husband. A woman-to-woman talk ensued, during which the poor mother unfolded her miserable story—hunger and privation, two boys headed for the reform school, and a drunken husband who loafed and stole the rent money.

To make the unfortunate woman more comfortable, the social worker had confided a few minor details of her own personal life, including the fact that she was a spinster.

Hearing of her visitor's unmarried state, the housewife was filled with pity and compassion. "Oh, deary," she sobbed, "I can feel for you. Ain't it hell to be an old maid?"

THERMOSTATIC CONTROL

MAC—I went to bed last night and dreamed that I died.

JACK—And the heat woke you up?

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

The teacher was explaining to the class the meaning of the word "recuperate." "Now, Tommy," she said to a small boy, "when your father has worked hard all day, he is tired and worn out, isn't he?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Then, when night comes and his work is over for the day, what does he do?"

"That's what mother wants to know," Tommy explained quickly.

Complete Washout

Slepperman had trouble with his daughter, too. He sent her to an ultrafashionable girls' school and enrolled her in an extra-special ($500) class in etiquette. When Becky graduated, she plunged into society. One morning he found her crying hysterically. On the previous evening, it seems, she had attended a dance, met a very handsome and charming young man, and gone for a ride in the park that had disastrous results. "So," cried papa. "Who is this scoundrel, this wolf in ship's clothink? Tell me his name." When Becky shamefully admitted that she didn't even know his name, Mr. Slepperman's patience was at an end. "After all your lessons," he screamed, "you still no having the courtesy to ask, 'With whom am I having the plesure?'"

ALDERMAN R. K. GERVIN

General Secretary-Organizer of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council

11 Code Amendments Embodied In Act

At the March 4th meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a recommendation of the Executive to have a delegation of 10 hold a watching brief on Bill 39 was concurred in.

Bill 39 became the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act which will take effect and govern labor relations in the Province of British Columbia when Order in Council 1003 is revoked in the month of June.

The committee met in Victoria, obtained copies of the draft bill and gave thorough study to the entire proposal. This committee recommended 18 amendments in all to the Bill. It was felt that such amendments were necessary if labor was to have a right to organize, negotiate and conclude agreements maintaining industrial peace in the Province.

The Minister of Labor with whom the committee met and discussed their recommendations for amendments agreed to make certain recommendations to the Government on our proposals. Of the 18 amendments recommended 11 were passed by the Government. The amendments include:

Widening of the interpretation of employee, to include those in a position to recommend discharge, as well as apprentices in indenture under the Apprenticeship Act;

The notification of the assignee, as well as the employer, when the assignment of dues is revoked;

The reduction to 90 days of the length of time, in which a union has a right to reapply for certification, when such has been rejected;

The elimination of the section that permits the Board to reject an application of a union for certification of employees in a fish cannery, fish processing plant, fruit and vegetable cannery and fruit packing plant, when the number of the employees, at the date of application, is below 60 per cent of the average employment in the unit for the 12 months prior to the date of application;

The deletion of Section 17, which gave the Minister the right, to determine any question that arose regarding the right of either party to a dispute;

The deletion of the 14 days' waiting period prior to taking strike action;

All strike penalties cut in half;

Provision for fees of witnesses summoned to appear before the Board;

The deletion of Section 68, which gave the Lieutenant Governor in Council the right to exclude any class of employers or employees from the provisions of the act.

It will be found that the new Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1947 is very similar to the same Act of 1943. The penalty clauses are much more severe. There is a restriction on representatives of organizations entering the employers place of business. Then there is the clause requiring that the Minister supervise a strike vote taken by secret ballot. This, of course, will not affect many of our organizations, but at the same time is objectionable to Labor.

A great deal of the effectiveness of this Act will depend upon the Constitution of the Labor Relations Board which will have the responsibility of administration.

—R. K. Gervin.

Personal Fuel Co. Signs With Union

A union man who recently went into the fuel business in Vancouver, made the signing of an agreement with the Fuel Drivers' Union, Local No. 213, one of his first steps. He was of the opinion that union labor trade is worth going after, but he could not expect to get that trade unless he employed union drivers under a union agreement, to pay the wages and accept the working conditions called for by the union. Having done that he now solicits the trade of organized workers, and hopes to continue to obtain repeat orders by giving every customer a square deal.

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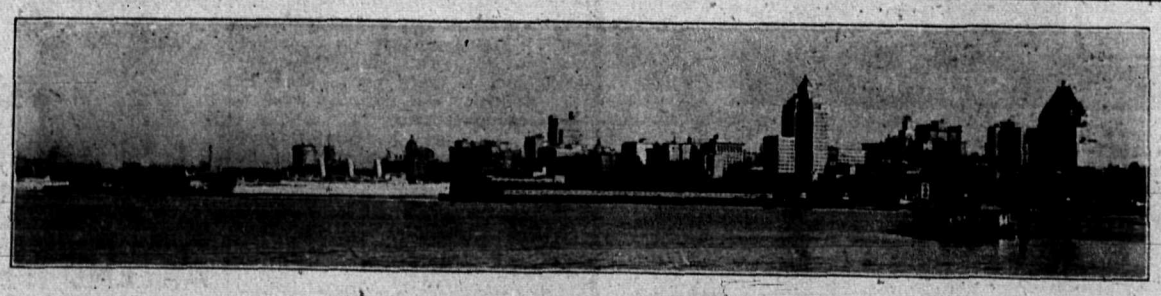

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No endorsation was given to the May Day Parade by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council. The parade was sponsored by the C.C.L.

Sheet Metal Firm In Business 36 Years

We are glad to draw our readers' attention to some pertinent facts in connection with the Terminal Sheet Metal Works Ltd., a good union firm of 36 years' standing.

Mr. J. T. Macdonald, the proprietor, is one of those men whose employees stick to him. He has been in business for 36 years, has one employee who has been with him all of that time, two who have 25 years of steady association to his and their credit, and the others have only worked in this bright, airy and pleasant plant for 8 or 10 years. However this is a condition which time can yet mend.

Labor peace makes for labor efficiency and it was indeed a pleasure for the writer to go through this up-to-the-minute plant, free from hurry and worry, and filled with goodwill and steady accomplishment.

All the employees work under a union agreement signed with the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local No. 280, and Mr. Macdonald is one of those employers who tries to operate under the best of union conditions.

Australia's Lottery Clerks Start Rumpus

Sydney, Australia. — Unless the New South Wales government honors a 15-year-old promise to abolish Saturday work for state lottery clerks, the Australian treasury may lose its most valuable source of revenue. Lottery clerks have decided to strike unless a 5-day week is accepted.

Civic Employees Ask For Wage Arbitration

Civic employees have had to go to arbitration in their effort to obtain a 15 cents per hour wage increase asked for by the union.

Endorsation of the efforts of the civic employees was given by the Trades and Labor Council, at its last regular meeting.

William Fraser, the provincial government conciliator will take the matter up with the city council in an effort to save the matter from going to arbitration.

The four aldermanic representatives on the Civic Concilation Board —which does not include either Aldermen Gervin or Price—notified the union that they were not prepared to offer a compromise offer to the union's wage demands.

The "Maintenance of membership" clause will also go to conciliation as the aldermen would not agree to having the clause in the agreement with the Civic Federation.

Nineteen other clauses in the agreement, however, have been approved by the Board, eleven of which are in the old agreement. This leaves only one clause undecided, which is a question of the pay received by employees required to assume the duties of senior positions.

BEATS STEEL TRUST

Kaiser making steel cheaper at *Fontana, 780,000 tons* a year, than the mills in Pittsburgh, Pa. Open hearth scrap rose $3 a ton to $38 at Pittsburgh last week, highest since 1917.

And then there's the stenographer who is so dumb that she thinks a boycott is a male davenport.

PEACEFUL LABOR NEGOTIATIONS: Joe Boshard, head of a large Vancouver painting and decorating firm, sign a new agreement with the Painters' Union, Local No. 138, while in a St. Paul's Hospital bed undergoing treatment for a spinal condition. Spectators from left to right are: W. Slinn and J. W. Eaves of the Union's negotiating Committee; Mr. Harold Cole, Assistant Secretary of the Building and Construction Industries Exchange; Mr. Frank Brawn, another large contractor and member of the contractors' committee; and B. Mitchell, president of the painters' union.

GOOD SALESMAN

"Have you any cream for restoring the complexion?" asked the faded spinster.

"Restoring, miss? You mean preserving!" said the clerk, heartily.

He sold her ten dollars' worth.

WATCH FOR SIGNALS

Motor tourists are warned to be on the lookout for traffic signals, stop signs and other traffic regulations in smaller communities. "Take It Easy" in built-up areas and avoid accidents.

Ohio AFL Unions Open Drive To Elect Labor's Friends

Cleveland.—More than 2,000 representatives of AFL local unions from every part of Ohio, speaking for 500,000 members, went on record at a huge rally here to launch an intensive "register and vote" drive at once to weed their foes out of public office and replace them with people who will give labor a square deal.

Watchword of the movement will be: "Send a friend to Columbus, send a friend to Washington." The declaration adopted by the rally also called upon the State Legislature and Congress to "cease consideration of destructive labor measures," and "return to constructive labor legislation."

"We are the people who were extolled for our wartime patriotism, who fought on foreign shores, who gave up the right to strike, who were in the forefront of every wartime cause," the declaration added.

On behalf of these workers and their families, the unions demanded that the Ohio General Assembly and Congress, "for the sake of national harmony and in the name of American common sense, stop the hysterical attacks on bona fide union organizations composed of loyal workingmen and women."

This was in line with the declaration of principles adopted at the recent State-wide legislative conference of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, which said in part:

"For many months now, labor's foes have heaped abuse on our movement, castigating our deeds, defiling our aims. Legislation has been proposed in Congress and the General Assembly to destroy our loyal, patriotic unions. Therefore, we meet in Ohio's capital city today in somber mood.

"We are the people who are malinged every morning, every afternoon by publications spreading confusion and distrust about labor's intentions.

"Yes, we are the people who have been subjected to the sputterings and blusterings of legislators and industry heads alike—all heralding themselves as experts on labor legislation, experts on labor relationships, experts on almost everything except the fundamentals of common sense.

"We are assembled here today to request a return to fairness, a return of stability in thinking, a return of intellectual honesty; and yes, a return of common decency in considering labor laws.

"Now, today, in this time of crisis for our great labor movement, and the time of crisis for our beloved nation, we ask our fellow trade unionists: Who will rally to the cause of common sense, of fairness, and to the challenge of freedom for the 30,000,000 workers in America, organized and unorganized?

"The answer is plain. We, the officers and members of the Ohio State Federation of Labor, must rise up with one mighty voice to protest the confusion, the evil intentions of those who would maim our movement, our people, our nation. We must discard our silence, we must cease our passive contemplation of the disaster confronting us.

"We must thrust the light of truth through the smokescreen of confusion and deception. We must become awakened politically. We must examine the actions of elected officials. We must heed politics, we must discuss legislative records with our fellow members, our wives, our relatives, our friends. We must follow the nonpartisan policy of electing our friends and defeating our enemies. We must register. We must vote. During the present crisis we must let legislative bodies know in firm, strong terms of our wishes, our aims.

"This conference today is the beginning of the fulfillment of these aims. With all our enemies we shall strive for justice for the workers of Ohio, for the workers of America."

Short Work Week Aids 1,650,000 in Britain

London, Eng.—Announcement that shorter work weeks became effective in January for 1,650,000 British workers was made by the Minister of Labor. More than 500,000 received wage increases in January the report revealed.

The hour changes affected mainly workers in the automobile, machine tool and other types of machinery operations. The normal week was reduced from 47 to 44 hours.

Iron and steel, tobacco manufacture, rubber manufacture, glass containers, flour milling and wholesale trades received wage increases during January, adding £100,000 to the weekly wage bill.

Four hundred and twelve thousand working days were lost through industrial disputes during January. This represents an increase over December, 1946. Particular importance is attached to the loss of 21,000 working days in coal mining as a result of labor disputes.

Horrible Alternative

Then there was the chap who grabbed off an ugly woman and married her just because she happened to be filthy rich. He dragged her with him to every party, show or entertainment that came his way.

"I can understand," said a friend, "how you'd marry that painfully ugly woman for her dough, but why do you have to bring her with you every time you go out?"

"It's very simple," the husband explained. "It's easier than kissing her good-bye."

An income is something difficult to live within, and impossible to live without.

Idle Rich Rushing To Florida To Loll

Clearly a lot of people in New York made a lot of money out of the war.

At the rate of about 7,000 a day, they are going to Florida to loll in the sun, watch the races and otherwise pursue luxury.

Trains are jammed and, with the exception of coach seats and a few upper berths, they are sold out.

The Miami "Herald" estimates that considerably more money will be thrown around than was the case last year, when close to a billion dollars were harvested by the hotels, night clubs, horse and dog tracks, gambling casinos and other businesses catering to the free-spending visitors.

Of course, there are no workers n this exodus and precious few farmers, except the corporation variety.

—Labor (Washington).