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Construction Industry Affected

The Federal Government recently intimated to the construction industry that working hours of less than 48 hours a week in the present war emergency was unfavorablly affecting the war effort.

The matter was dealt with by the National Joint Conference Board of the Construction Industry at a meeting in Ottawa and they decided to refer the matter to each Zone Committee of the Construction Industry and get the opinions of employers and employees on the subject.

This was taken up by the British Columbia Mainland Zone Committee at a meeting held on August 5th and the following resolutions were passed:

(1) It is the opinion of Contractors and Employees that existing agreements be lived up to.

(2) The question of the 48-hour week was thoroughly discussed by both parties, and the consensus of opinion was that one hour extra be worked for each of the first five working days of the week, for which time and one-half shall be allowed, and four hours worked on Saturday at time and a half, making a total time of forty-nine hours per week.

These resolutions were sent to the National Joint Conference Board, and it is to be hoped that the suggestion of living up to the existing agreements, which call for time and a half for all time over 40 hours, will be accepted by the government.

The question of board and lodging for building trades workers when working and residing away from home was also discussed, and it was agreed that application be made to the National War Labor Board for this concession. All concerned felt that some inducement should be given in asking men to leave their homes to work elsewhere.

Officers were elected by the Building Trades Council for the ensuing term. These are President, R. McDonald (Ironworkers); Vice-President, W. James (Building Laborers); Fin. Sec. and Business Agent, W. Wilson (Carpenters); Warden, H. W. Watts (Electrical Workers); Trustees: W. Coombes (Carpenters), G. H. Randall (Painters), J. Ross (Electricians).

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

The followig delegates from local unions were accepted by the Trades and Labor Council, upon recommendation by the Credentials Committee:

United Fishermen Local 44.—Karl Dybhavn, John Meirte, W. T. Burgess, George Miller.

Engineers' Local No. 115. — E. Croucher, J. A. Scribner, R. L. Smith.

Retail Clerks' Local No. 279.—George Johnston.

Carpenters' Local No. 1251.—F. L. Simpson.

Painters' Union No. 138.—David Wright. **Civic Employees' Union No. 28.**—C. Jenkinson. **Fire Fighters' No 256 (New Westminster).**—L. J. Wisheart, E. L. V. Insley, E. Rickey, R. L. Fitzpatrick.

Council Protests Ban Not Lifted

Failure of Parliament to act on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee on Defense of Canada Regulations which advised lifting the ban on all anti-fascist organizations was severely criticized at the last meeting of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.

Delegates unanimously endorsed a resolution introduced by W. T. Burgess, Secretary of the U.F.F.U., protesting adjournment of the House before "implementing" the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee.

Speaking to his motion Burgess pointed out that the editorial comment of the daily press across the Dominion were demanding the lifting of the ban on all anti-fascist organizations after the Committee report in favor of such action had been tabled in the House of Commons.

Burgess asserted that the voice of organized labor should make strong representation through their organizations and central labor bodies, to the King Government to lift the ban by order-in-council as it was precisely in this manner that these organizations had been declared illegal.

Canadian democracy and the principle of human rights demands immediate action by the Government on the committees report.

"I think it is despicable to let men languish in detention when the members of the House could act quickly upon the advice of their own committee. Whether people are being held rightly or wrongly, human decency demands that the committee report be dealt with," said Mr. Burgess.

Look for the Union Taxicab card inside the cab and the union button on the man when hiring a taxicab.

Oil Controller's Action Condemned

Emphatic condemnation of the action of the Oil Controller in padlocking 33 gas stations in Greater Vancouver was voiced at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council.

The subject was brought up by Delegate Ernie Holmes, Business Agent for the Bakery Salesmen's Union, who instanced some of the reasons alleged to be the cause of the closing. He thought that it was an unfair stigma on the operators whose offenses were in most cases due to inadvertence or mistakes on the part of the customers.

It was intimated that "stool pigeons" were employed and these could build up a case against the operator. We were a long way from democracy, he said, when such tactics could be employed.

President Showler felt that action such as that taken by the Oil Controller should not be permitted. The operators were entitled to a fair trial and not subject to the questionable affidavits of stool pigeons.

Ask for Plebiscite One-Man Street Cars

At the request of the Street Railwaymen's Union the Trades and Labor Council has asked the City Council to hold a plebiscite at the next civic election as to whether or not the citizens of Vancouver are in favor of having one-man cars operated on the city streets.

The union members claim that the citizens do not get the service they are entitled to by operators of one-man cars. When they pay a seven-cent carfare they are entitled to a little more service than they are getting, a delegate stated.

When this matter came before the City Council, the question was tabled for one month. Aldermen Corey and Price spoke in favor of the plebiscite.

Local Delegates to Congress Convention

Following are the delegates elected by local unions to attend the Trades and Labor Congress Convention in Winnipeg which opens on Monday, August 24th.

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.—P. R. Bengough, W. A. Harris, R. J. Guthrie.

Pulp and Sulphite Workers' Local 76 (Powell River).—H. L. Hanson, R. Jackson.

Civic Employees' Local 28. — W. Scribbins, H. Ashton.

Electrical Workers' Local 213.—J. Ross, J. Harnett, G. Gee, F. Parker.

Journeymen Barbers' International Union Local 120.—C. E. Herrett.

Teamsters. — Birt Showler, F. Drury, R. McCulloch, H. Janes, R. Atkinson.

Sheet Metal Workers' Local 280.—R. Macaulay.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters' Local 452.—W. Wilson, W. Page.

Plumbers and Steam Fitters' Local 170.—C. Pritchard, V. Pearson.

Taxi Drivers' Local 151.—C. McIvor

Musicians' Union, Local 145.—E. A. Jamieson.

Engineers' Union Local 115. — J. Flynn.

Aeronautical Employees' Local 756.—T. Price, R. Whent.

International Association of Machinists' Lodge 692.—J. MacMillan, W. Clark.

Amalgamated Association of Street Railwaymen, Div. 101. — T. Dunlop, F. Griffin, C. Stewart, R. K. Gervin.

Merchants' Service Guild.—H. L. Sacret.

Typographical Union, Local 226.—W. C. Jones.

United Fishermen's Local 44.—G. Miller, John Meirte, W. Burgess.

Council Protests Seamen's Wage Scale

A protest will be made by the Trades and Labor Council against the wage scales offered by the Federal Government, through the medium of the "Park Steamship Company," to officers and seamen.

The men involved belong to the Canadian Merchant Service Guild anr the B. C. Seamen's Union and they claim that it is a direct attack to break down the standard of living. The scales offered are almost half that which are being paid by United States steamship lines.

These men are taking the ships through war zones, and therefore are playing an important part in the maintenance of democracy. Wages range from $105 up for officers, $42 per month up to $64 for the deck department and from $56 to $63 for the engine room department. Cadets get as low as $8.90 per month. No cost of living bonus is paid, but a war bonus of $44.50 per month is paid to the men and $22.50 to boys.

The Park Steamship Company ships are being operated by the Canadian-Australasian line.

Miracle Man Backs Closed Shop

BOSSES NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT THE "LABOR PROBLEM" IF THEY REMEMBER WORKERS ARE NO LONGER SLAVES, SAYS KAISER.

Henry J. Kaiser! That's a name to conjure with these days. You can't pick up a newspaper but what you find it staring out at you from the first page. Kaiser is the man who constructed Boulder Dam, Grand Coulee and other vast hydro-electric and irrigation projects for Uncle Sam. He built them well and in record-breaking time.

Then he turned his attention to ship building. He had never had a day's experience in that industry. But in a very short time he was shattering all records.

Finally, he thrilled the nation just the other day with the suggestion that we build tremendous cargo airplanes, thousands of them, and thus transport our armies and their supplies through the air, where no Axis "sub" could touch them.

It's the sort of thing that challenges the human imagination. The cargo plane may very well be the instrument which will enable us to wipe totalitarianism off the face of the earth.

However that may be, at this moment Kaiser is hailed from the Atlantic to the Pacific as "the man who can get things done."

That fetches us to the real point of this editorial: How does he get things done? First of all, he operates under an A. F. of L. closed union ship. At one time he was the bitter enemy of labor unions. Now he is a flaming apostle in behalf of union wages and union working conditions.

At a luncheon arranged in his honor by the National Press Club in Washington, Kaiser told the story to an audience made up of hundreds of newspaper men, public officials and business men.

"We have 123,000 employees in two shipyards in two cities, and we don't have any trouble with them," said Kaiser.

"Only yesterday I said to an industrialist who is concerned about his labor problem: 'If you spent as much time and as much money on keeping advised as to how your labor feels and thinks, and what it needs and wants, as you do about the development of your industry and your sales, you wouldn't have any problem.'

"So far as our own company is concerned, we really spend some time on labor. **Once the workers were slaves; they are no longer slaves.** We have raised them to a higher standard, and now it is important for us to know how to treat them on a higher-standard basis and work with them.

"**I didn't believe in unions at all many years ago.** I wouldn't have a union man on the job. When the government decided that the men should be organized and that we should have collective bargaining, I decided I should abide by what the government wanted to do, whether I agreed with them or not.

"**Now we have a closed-shop contract in everything we do.** If we have a shortage of men and women we call up the union and say: 'What about this? You better go get us some men.' And they work at it; it is their job.

"It is 100 per cent. union with me, and they've got to do a 100 per cent. job and I tell them so. All I am doing is getting the jobs for them. They have got to do the work. I tell them that, they believe it, and they go and do it."

During the last few weeks he has been deluged with clippings from newspapers and magazines describing his spectacular activities. The one that "thrilled" him most, Kaiser said, was from an organizing paper issued by the Boilermakers on the Pacificc Coast. It read:

"Well, we see that 'Pop' Kaiser is out for airships, and we are for him. We have learned to respect him and we are for him, even if we lose our jobs. If he thinks he can do it, he can do it. We will find jobs some way."

"Of course, those boilermakers have not lost their jobs and will not lose them," Kaiser declared, "because we will really get in and pitch for them."
—Labor.

New A.F.L.-C.I.O. Peace Move

Chicago, Ill.—The text of President William Green's statement on labor peace, issued at the Executive Council meeting here, follows:

I regard Mr. Murray's letter of Aug. 1 as official acceptance by the C.I.O. of the American Federation of Labor's proposal that conferences be resumed to seek a basis for establishing peace and unity in the labor movement.

The standing peace committee of the American Federation of Labor is ready to meet with the committee appointed by Mr. Murray. Steps will be taken at once to arrange a time and place of meeting convenient to both sides.

The members of the American Federation of Labor Committee are Vice-Presidents Harry Bates, Daniel J. Tobin and William L. Hutcheson.

Re-establishment of organic unity in the ranks of organized labor is the greatest single contribution the American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O. can make at this time to the success of the war effort. It will eliminate division, discord and jurisdictional strife. It will expedite war production. It will permit labor to speak with a single and more effective voice, both in protecting the social and industrial interests of workers today and when world peace is finally negotiated.

These conclusions are based upon my understanding that organic unity means the merging of the two organizations into one, the setting up of one national labor movement clothed with authority to speak for the organized workers of the nation.

It is idle to speculate that conferences seeking organic unity may interfere with the joint efforts of the American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O. to arrive at joint policies since the beginning of the war, through the Combined Labor War Board which meets with President Roosevelt. The two matters are entirely distinct and apart. If success is achieved in establishing organic unity, obviously the affiliated unions of the American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O. can co-operate more closely than ever before. And even if the conferences should fail, surely organized labor will not let its own differences interfere with united action to speed America's victory in the war.

The problem of achieving unity has been gravely complicated by the passage of the years and the organization of dual unions operating in the same fields. Many difficult jurisdictional questions will have to be solved before an over-all peace can be reached. I appeal to the American people to exercise patience and give the conferees every opportunity to explore the problems carefully and thoroughly because over-emphasis on haste may jeopardize the chances of eventual success.

I am confident that actuated by the desire for peace which prevails throughout the ranks of labor, the conferees will be able to reach a settlement fair to all concerned.

The American Federation of Labor never sought the division in the ranks of labor which now exists and has done its utmost to reunite the labor movement ever since the split occurred. The long history of previous negotiations is well known to the public, as is the constant and unswerving willingness of the American Federation of Labor to seek to reach an accord at any and all times.

Protest Non-Union Milk at Shipyard

A protest was lodged at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council by the Plumbers' Union against not being able to obtain union milk in the shipyard of North Vancouver Ship Repairs.

The milk delivered to the yard is from the Jersey Farms Dairy and is on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Trades Council. This dairy is allotted this yard in connection with curtailment of overlapping in the delivery service, but it was pointed out that if the shipyard workers will refuse to purchase the milk for a few days there may be a chance to make a switch. Union milk can be obtained from the nearby stores. Just at the present time there is also a scarcity of milk, which may affect adjustments.

United Fishermen Form Co-operative

The United Fishermen's Federal Union has done a great deal to improve the economic situation of the fishermen on the British Columbia coast. Efforts have been mainly directed towards obtaining better prices, wages and working conditions in the salmon, halibut, herring and pilchard fields.

With the war has developed a relatively new industry, the high potency Vitamin A liver oils. The Union through the medium of its Co-operative Society is now endeavoring to establish a basis for this new branch so that fishermen will be able to obtain an income the year around, an income commensurate with their efforts to produce.

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Council Pledged To Second Front Help

Considerable discussion took place at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council upon the following resolution, presented by Delegate Burgess of the Fishermen's Union.

Some delegates felt that the question of the Second Front should be left to military authorities, some saw the hand of the Communists in the demands for the second front, and others felt that it might look as though labor was not doing its utmost now in the war effort.

The resolution, however, carried, 34 to 23, many delegates not voting.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas it is generally recognized that the present critical stage of the war confronts the United Nations with the urgent need for opening the second front in Europe as that decisive undertaking capable of securing victory for our own and all free peoples.

Therefore be it resolved that this Vancouver and District Trades and Labor Council welcomes the momentous discussions just held in Moscow between Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Premier Joseph Stalin and other ranking United Nations representatives as strengthening the alliance between Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States, and holding the promise of early implementation of the full understanding on the question of the second front reached between the three nations last May; and

Be it further resolved that this Vancouver and District Trades and Labor Council, which has consistently expressed its full support of Canada's war effort, pledges to employ its considerable influence in the realm of production to ensure that the second front shall become the front of victory.

Trades Council Notes

Delegates R. H. Neelands, R. Macaulay and E. A. Jamieson have been appointed as a committee to confer with Dr. Weir in connection with post-war training and placements.

At the request of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, the firm of Alex. Gair has been removed from the "We Do Not Patronize" list, the firm having agreed to employ union labor.

Civic Employees' Union reported that provision is being made for their Business Agent to be covered by superannuation on the same basis as civic employees. The union is also protesting against the exclusion of municipal employees from the cost of living bonus.

Aeronautical Employees' Union delegate Brother Turner reported a rapid growth of the union, over one thousand members having been admitted to membership during the past few months.

The Council has forwarded a letter to the Provincial Government, protesting the devastation of "Cathedral Grove" on Vancouver Island.

City Council against allowing the City mailing list to advertise Parks Board projects which are in competition with commercial enterprises who are not allowed the same advertising privileges.

Business Agent McIvor of the Taxi Drivers' Union reports that the Regional War Labor Board granted an increase of fifty cents per day to employees of certain companies. These companies signed an agreement on that basis.

Business Agent Burgess of United Fishermen's Union, Local No. 44, reports a further increase in membership of about three hundred.

Fred W. Smelts, chairman of the Vancouver Welfare Federation, representing some forty-odd agencies, addressed the Council relative to the forthcoming campaign for funds. He pointed out that five members of organized labor held official position in the Federation and have been playing an increasingly active part in each year's campaign. All the year round expenses cost 6s out of every dollar, he said, a great deal of the work being voluntary.

TIME BOOKS FREE

Don't forget to drop in and get the time books given away by the Model Boot Shop at 57 West Hastings St. There will be no obligation to purchase, just an advertising stunt to remind you that the Model Boot Shop would appreciate your business some time.

Laborers Get Contractors' Agreement

A working agreement has been made between the General Contractors' Association of Vancouver and the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union, Local No. 602, an affiliate of the Building Trades Council.

The object—the agreement says—is to stabilize industry; elevate the trade; and promote peace and harmony between employers and employees; to facilitate the peaceful adjustment of all strikes and grievances; to prevent strikes and lockouts, waste, expense, avoidable and unnecessary delays in construction and repair work.

The basic rate is 50c per hour; jackhammer men, vibrator men and bricklayers' helpers 75c per hour, cement gun men 90c per hour. A cost of living bonus as set or changed from time is to be paid on the above. the bonus now is 10½c per hour on a 40-hour week.

Overtime rate is time and a half. Job stewards will be recognized on all jobs. Business Agent will have access to all jobs. Transportation to all jobs outside of Greater Vancouver and New Westminster.

The agreement was signed by M. Cameron and H. H. Johnson on behalf of the Contractors' Association and witnessed by Robt. Lecky and signed by S. Burnley and W. James on behalf of the union and witnessed by W. Wilson on behalf of the Building Trades Council.

The union has a separate agreement with Plastering Contractors, covering Hod Carriers, and also with a concrete contractor. The union also covers cement finishers.

Gas Workers Get Industrial Charter

About one hundred and fifty gas workers, comprising about ninety per cent. of the men employed, have been organized and a charter obtained from the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters. They will be known as Gas Workers' Union No. 376.

The members are employed in all departments of the Gas Company. These include the men who unload the coal, who work in the gas production plant, in the distribution plant, and in the service department to houses and places of business.

Several attempts have been made to organize these workers, but these were defeated by various reasons. Some months ago the Organizing Committee of the Trades and Labor Council got busy on them again, and Chairman C. E. Herrett, Percy R. Bengough and Sam Smylie addressed a good meeting and started them on their way. Other meetings were held in which Frank Carlisle, Business Agent of the Plumbers' Union, took part, and finally a charter was sent for.

Now the members intend to continue the organizing work until they are one hundred per cent. organized.

TO ASK COMPENSATION BOARD TO INVESTIGATE

At the request of Delegate George Bengough of the Carpenters' Union, the Trades and Labor Council will ask the Workmen's Compensation Board to investigate the accident to a fourteen-year-old boy who lost his fingers at the Peat Plant on Lulu Island.

RESTRICTIONS HARD ON SMALL STORE KEEPERS

Delegate McCullough, president of the Milk Salesmen's Union, asked the Trades and Labor Council to send in a protest to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board against the restriction on small stores. He pointed out that most of these stores are operated by old or disabled people and that the people who have no refrigerators get their milk from these stores in the early morning or in the evening. He felt that the regulations would not benefit the man-power situation as most of these owners were beyond hard work. The resolution was endorsed.

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WHO'S DRIVING?

Just who has got hold of the reins in this war? It's not going the way the masses expected it to go. It's looking black in more places than it looks bright. It's still "too little and too late" in various parts of the conflict and yet there is an undercurrent of optimism and certainty in various quarters.

There are many things which we cannot print; many conclusions which we can draw from events and many assertions we can make as to the future, but this is a censored newspaper, so if we think we have a line on what objective the powers that be are aiming at, we must just keep it to ourselves.

We are a mouthpiece of labor—all powerful labor—but a labor that is lulled to sleep by government hypnotists, divided by glib-tongued orators and sensational-mongering journalists and treated with contempt by political fakirs. All-powerful labor is on the auction block. Our labor power is being sold to the highest bidder (who are very few) and the products of our labor are being used and sold for a war of destruction in which we are taking an enthusiastic and patriotic part.

It seems however that our enthusiasm and patriotism have no outlet in the council chambers of the government nor in the direction of military affairs or the management of war industries. Our job is to work, fervently and patriotically until the bugles sound the cease fire. Then it will be our job to rebuild, to rehabilitate and to re-establish ourselves in peace time industry. But there again, we will just be the workers. Somebody *else will direct the course of* events then, just as they are doing now. A New World or a New Order may be just eyewash and we will only get out of the peace time conditions just whatever the powers that be decide we shall get.

THE SHIPYARD INQUIRY

The Richards Commission investigating the shipyard situation in British Columbia has heard the evidence and will send its findings to Ottawa. *Sooner or later these will be made* public and the government will render a decision as to the future operation of the yards. It is to be hoped that the authorities will be a little more judicious in future actions and realize that they will get the best results by taking the workers into their confidence instead of jamming orders into the ears of those who toil.

Most of the evidence showed that the workers were not averse to the continuous production program, but *they resented having their agree*ments side-tracked, especially in view of the fact that the yards were not able to keep up continuous production because of shortage in skilled mechanics, in supplies, and lack of co-ordination in carrying on the work.

It is not impossible to remedy these conditions and to make the operations satisfactory to all concerned. Labor conditions, built up after years of sacrifice and struggle, should not be *brushed aside the way they have* been if harmony is to be maintained in the war work. Labor is making, and will continue to make, all kinds of sacrifices without being forced to accept conditions of work that are neither necessary nor economical.

Labor can be tolerant and reasonable, but it is going to have something to say, when somebody comes along wielding a big club to enforce conditions of work, without being consulted. That situation must be remedied *if the workers are to be* expected to work harmoniously at the job they are doing. Power to dictate is not the kind of power to build ships, and the workers have the right to resent the uncontrolled dictatorial power of any individual or group, if it is not in the interests of the men who do the work of the world.

MONEY TALKS AGAIN

Last April a group of shipyard workers, hunters, mountaineers and hikers got together in North Vancouver for the purpose of forming a group of Rangers, as was being done elsewhere. They selected G. S. Stevenson, the provincial game warden, as their Officer Commanding, because he was very familiar with the territory the group would be called upon to cover.

Many of the members of the group, who were hunters, provided their own rifles, drills were held, districts were divided, a rifle range was prepared and then the whole thing collapsed. It collapsed because one hundred and thirty men were told that they would not be sworn in by Ranger Authorities unless they gave up the idea of *insisting upon having the O. C. they* had chosen.

The O. C. would have to be selected by Major Angus McAlister and Judge Lennox and that was all there was to it. These two men have tried several times since that time to reorganize the North Vancouver group, of Rangers, known as the Seymour Rangers, but apparently they have not been successful, so there are no Rangers for North Vancouver, thanks to the control given to those who have money and leisure.

Natives of the Virgin Islands have been limited to 2 pounds of flour a week. War Rationing Books, similar to those in use in the United States, have been issued to the 12,000 inhabitants of the two islands.

Labor and Management Are "Teaming Up" To Lick Axis

Washington, D. C. — Leaders of American labor and the chiefs of American industry are "thinking along the same lines" in these historic days, according to 1942-minded Eric A. Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Writin in the current issue of the American Federationist, he says American labor and management are "teaming up" to bring victory to the United Nations.

The nation has "every reason to be proud" of the way American wage-earners and industrialists have met the challenge of World War II, writes this employer from the Pacific Northwest who respects unions and believes it is common sense for employers and labor organizations to respect each other and work together.

Both labor and *management*, writes Mr. Johnston in his Federationist article, are "firm in the belief that the American system of free enterprise is incomparably better and will yield far more benefits than any 'managed' or 'treadmill' economy that has been devised."

"Competent labor leaders are quite aware," *he declares*, 'that their followers have nothing to gain by starving capital and responsible industrial executives are quite as aware that they have nothing to gain by starving labor. The outcome, in either case, would be the very 'treadmill' economy which both are trying to avoid."

Mr. Johnston pleads, in his article, that both labor and management wave up to the fact that "in the end" they will either stand or fall together. He says that if the one is regimented, it i sinevitable that the other will be, too.

Looking ahead to the time when peace returns, Mr. Johnston writes:

"When the clouds have lifted, the sun will not shine on a serene and placid world. It will shine, rather, on a world laid low by the storm of conflict and littered with the debris of destruction.

"When the war ends, the fight for peace will have only begun. We shall need, in the same full measure, the willing co-operation that is winning the vast battle of the factories, forges and workshops in which we are now engaged."

48-Hour War Industries Work Week Urged Federal Agencies

Washington, D. C. — The proposal made by eight Government agencies for a 48-hour ceiling on work in war industries means just that—and no more. It is not intended to pave the way for relaxation of the Wage-Hour Law providing time-and-a-half pay for work beyond 40 hours a week. It is designed to prevent employers from *working men beyond the endurance* point.

Well-informed sources assert that the statement of policy was inspired by two major considerations:

1. Serious increases in industrial accidents among workers laboring over 48 hours a week as disclosed by recent studies.

2. Pirating of workers by firms offering lucrative overtime assignments beyond the 48-hour limit.

The declaration on the 48-hour week emphasized that it in no way affected the provisions of the Wage-Hour Law for overtime pay. But there is widespread fear that the sttaement nevertheless will be distorted into a renewed attack on the 40-hour-week law. The campaign to wipe out overtime pay featured the anti-labor offensive last spring.

Agencies subscribing to the new sttaement included the War and Navy Departments, the Maritime Commission, the Public Health Service, the War Manpower Commission, the War Production Board and the Labor Department. The pronouncement was underlined by the disclosure that more than 1,500,000 workers now were employed more than 48 hours a week.

In announcing Government work policy the Office of War Information set forth these standards as the basis for the policy:

"For wartime production the eight-hour day and the 48-hour week approximate the best working schedule for sustained efficiency in most industrial operations.

"One scheduled day of rest for the individual out of approximately every seven, should be a universal and invariable rule.

"A 30-minute meal period is desirable.

"Vacations are conducive to sustained production and should be spread over the longest possible period."

The statement was released as a "guide to Governmental establishments, to field representatives of procurement agencies and to contractors working on war production."

Dispelling any notion that the statement was framed to increase work hours without extra compensation, the declaration said:

"The major effect of the new policy statement on hours should be to reduce excessive working hours per *week per person*, which cannot be sustained without impairing the health and efficiency of workers and reudcing the flow of production."

Despite these declaimers, it is expected that a lot of newspapers and commentators will now hint that the Government wants the 40-hour-week-pay yardstick abandoned, with overtime rates beginning only after the 48th hour. It isn't so.

Street Car and Bus Operators $2,000,000 Wage Boost Detroit

Detroit, Mich.—Wage adjustments that will make Detroit's union street car and bus operators the highest paid mass transportation workers in the world were won as the result of an arbitration award.

The increase, which amounts to 20 per cent. for bus drivers and 15 per cent. for motormen and conductors on trolley cars, will add almost two million dollars a year to the incomes of these 4,500 employees. Raises are retroactive to April 1 and will amount to between $135 and $150 back pay per man.

Under the terms of the award the street car motormen and conductors will receive $1 per hour after one year of service, and bus operators $1.10 per hour. The overtime rate was doubled and now becomes 30 cents an hour additional after eight hours' work. Operators instructing students are to be paid $1 a day extra. Formerly they received 50c per day. The increase in wages amounted to 18 cents per hour for bus operators and 13 cents for motormen and conductors.

These employees of this municipality-owned property are members of Division 26 of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach employees, A.F.L. Arbitration was resorted to after attempts at negotiation failed.

Tobin A.F.L. Delegate To British Trades Union Congress

Chicago, Ill.—The A.F.L. Executive Council appointed Vice-President Daniel J. Tobin to serve as fraternal delegate to the annual convention of the British Trades Union Congress which will be held "somewhere in Great Britain," beginning Sept. 7.

A.F.L. President William Green announced that a second fraternal delegate to this convention still remains to be named. The British Trades Union Congress, he added, is sending two fraternal delegates, as usual, to the forthcoming annual convention of the A.F.L. which will be held in Toronto, Canada, beginning Oct. .

It was also revealed by Mr. Green that the British Trades Union Congress is sending five representatives here for the first meeting of the new American-British Trade Union Committee which will be held in Washington, D. C., Sept. 23. The A.F.L. members of this committee have not yet been appointed. The objective of this committee will be to find ways and means by which the labor movements of the United Nations can help promote speedy victory in the war against the Axis Powers.

Montreal Union Drive Nets Fine Results

Montreal.—Trade union organization is proceeding apace here with some important victories scored by the War Labor Organizing Committee.

Over 2000 workers at the Bouchard plant of Defense Industries Limited have voted for the AFL Organizing Committee in a poll conducted by the Federal Department of Labor. The vote gave the AFL committee an overwhelming majority over the CCL, which received approximately 500 votes, and the Catholic Syndicates, which received 125.

A similar vote was to be held later in the week at the Verdun plant of Defense Industries, where the AFL Organizing Committee is also expected to be chosen bargaining agent for the workers.

At St. Paul L'Hermite CCM plant negotiations are reported progressing satisfactorily between representatives of the Metal Trades Council and company officials. An agreement has also been signed between the Rolland Paper Co. and the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, covering about 750 employees in the company's plants at St. Jerome and Mont Rolland.

Plane Workers Urge Second Front Now

Montreal. — Organized aircraft workers in Montreal aviation plants were this week intensifying their efforts to step up production in response to an urgent appeal for an increased flow of planes for the coming second front, issued at a special conference of Aircraft Lodge 712.

The conference, attended by representatives of employees in plants in this district, assessed the work of labor-management committees in the aircraft industry, called for the expansion of the armed forces, suggested appointment of a representative of the International Association of Machinists as assistant to aircraft controller Ralph Bell, urged "the training of more women in the industry for all types of jobs" and speedy opening of a second European front.

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Chicago Building Trades Oppose Forced Savings

Chicago, Ill. — The Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council, representing some 125,000 workers, unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the "voluntary and democratic method" for implementing the plant to have at least ten per cent. of the national income invested in war savings bonds, "rather than forced savings by law." The council recommended that each of its members subscribe ten per cent. of his income through the payroll allotment plan or any other plan in force for the purchase of war savings bonds.

Total purchases by 32 labor groups affiliated with the council since December 7 were $12,189,357.

Tens of thousands of Poles, forcibly brought to work in Germany's Ruhr mines, are compelled to live in barracks surrounded by barbed wire fences and to sleep huddled together on the floor. They are fed waste foods and various ersatz products. Hot "meals" are a once a week event. Typhus rages among the workers.

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Canada must now spend about five times as much per year on war effort as at the peak of the war of 1914-18. This huge effort will absorb in the financial year of 1942-3 nearly 12 million dollars a day—over half the Nation's total income!

Canada must raise this money from her people. She must spread the burden over each according to his or her means. It is as critical a problem as any in history. How does it affect *you?*

Voluntary Savings MUST Grow

Necessarily severe taxes will provide just over six million dollars a day—*only half the money needed!* Because part of this money is returnable, with interest, after the war, every taxpayer is making a *minimum* wartime saving. Many people will have exemptions in the form of insurance premiums, payments on mortgages, pension funds, etc., offsetting the compulsory savings requirements. Whatever the case, compulsory savings *cannot replace voluntary effort!* The six million dollars a day still needed *must* be lent by people like you!

This means severe economy in which spending must be cut to bare necessities, with *all* spare dollars put into War Savings Stamps, Certificates and Bonds. The Government regulation of prices means that you are spared loss through inflated living costs and have more savings to lend. To lend is no longer a matter of sentiment or emotion, but of necessity.

Nevertheless, the harsh dictates of war can be used to help your future. Money spent now can bring you little benefit . . . a backlog of savings in peace will bring much. Canada is depending on you. Look up and take your rightful place!

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Support Your Local Committee

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St. Louis Hospitals Get Iron Lungs from Unions

The A. F. of L. Milk Wagon Drivers and Inside Dairy Workers, Local 63, has presented an iron-lung to St. John's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. The mechanical respirator has units to fit both adults and children and can be operated by hand in case of an emergency.

This is the second iron-lung to be presented by unions to St. Louis hospitals within the last few weeks. The other went to De Paul Hospital and was presented by the Teamsters Local No. 600.

The practice of donating these valuable life-saving instruments was started by a California Teamsters' Union last year. Since then 51 iron lungs have been donated by teamsters' unions throughout the country.

Shipbuilding Increases Through Workers' Tips

More and better destroyers and escort ships are being turned out at high speed in the yards of the Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas, because of the effective work of a labor-management production committee set up by the corporation and the Metal Trades Council of the American Federation of Labor, representing the 10,000 ship workers.

Four to five hundred valuable suggestions are presented to the labor-management committee each week, and have proved so valuable, production in every area of the yard has been streamlined.

Production is kept at high levels by introduction of many safety measures suggested by the workers to the committee.

The Japanese have imposed obnoxious nuisance taxes on almost all purchases and transactions. And any Chinese wishing to spend the night away from his home must get permission from the Japanese authorities. A tight political and economic control is imposed on all movements.

Nazi Labor Rules Are Announced

The Nazi Commissioner General for the Direction of Labor has issued a drastic decree further restricting labor in Germany, a Berlin domestic broadcast announced July 30.

"It is necessary to take severe measures against the few outsiders who could disturb wartime discipline in work shops," the announcement said, apparently referring to the more than 2,000,000 foreign workers shipped to Germany.

The announcement also attacked "demanding unjustified high wages in private enterprises." Under the new decree a worker must not:

"1. Refuse or slow down in breach of his obligations any work allotted to him by his employer or his deputy, including overtime work during nights, Sundays, and holidays. 2. Illegally stay away from his work without sufficient excuse. 3. Repeatedly arrive late for work without good reason, or leave his work contrary to his obligations. 4. Disturb normal execution of work by behavior representing a breach of discipline, for instance, by violence or insults."

The announcement said, "A worker is not allowed to demand any remuneration which exceeds rates ruling in the works or in the trade."

The regulations apply to private enterprises and households and cases in which members of a staff have been sent to occupied territory or foreign countries.

PLUMBERS' UNION BUYS $3,653,486 WAR BONDS

Washington, D. C. — Secretary-Treasurer Martin P. Durkin of the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters of the United States and Canada reported to President William Green of the American Federation of Labor that the members of the union had purchased $1,960,403 war bonds and the local unions $1,673,083, a combined total of $3,653,486.

BARRACKS FOR WORKERS DEFEATED BY AFL UNIONS

Philadelphia, Pa.—A plan of National Housing Administrator John B. Blandford, Jr., to erect barracks instead of decent housing for 500 Navy Yard workers here has been defeated by the combined efforts of the Building & Construction Trades Council, the Philadelphia Navy Yard and the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

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Cannery Negotiations To Start August 24

Local 89, Fish Cannery and Reduction Plant Workers' Union, has just received word from the Operating Committee that negotiations on terms of employment for cannery workers will open next Monday, says W. Gateman, Business Agent of the Union.

The operators point out that the reason for the delay in getting negotiations under way has been the visit of Dr. D. B. Finn, Federal Deputy Minister of Fisheries which has necessitated several meetings relative to the fishing inrustry.

In the meantime we are pleased to say that the membership of the organization is growing exceedingly fast, new members coming in from all plants on the coast.

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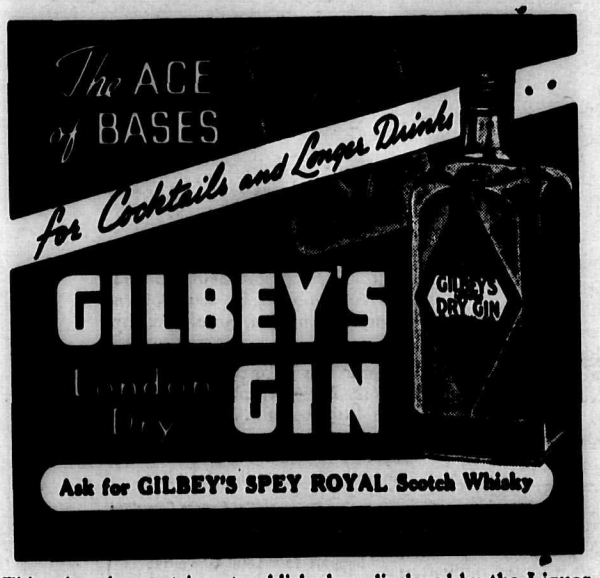

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Metropolitan Stores Beat Union Effort

The Metropolitan Stores of Victoria have been placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Trades Union Movement in Victoria.

The Arbitration Board, which reviewed the case, found against the union on the grounds that the Board was not convinced that a majority of the employees were involved, claiming that they did not join the union of their own free will.

The company apparently went to quite an expense to beat the case, there being three King's Councillors on their side of the battle.

The Retail Clerks' Union reports that the chairman of the board, Judge Shandley, was by no means impartial.

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council has asked the Department of Labor to throw out the decision of the board, and the council has also sent a letter to the Head Office of the Metropolitan Stores, protesting the anti-union attitude of he local manager.

The employees, who were in no way forced to join the union, are now taking a strike vote, the result of which will be known next week, and action taken accordingly.

Retail Clerks Get Raise for Girls

Delegate Long of the Retail Clerks Union reports a wage increase of $1.50 a week for beginners, bringing their wage up to $16.50 per week for a trial period of three months.

Six o'clock Saturday closing of food stores has gone into effect in New Westminster as a result of the efforts of the union.

Don Maxwell, Business Agent of the Union, states that some of the merchants in other lines are kicking up quite a rumpus over it. Employees of thees other stores are not yet organized so they do not share the benefit.

Some 65 members of the union, *who work in the food stores, come* under the new early closing by-law.

BAKERS' UNION GETS NEW AGREEMENT

Business Agent Humphries of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union reports that the Master Bakers' Association has signed a new *agreement with the union, covering* the award made by the Regional War Labor Board.

The union did not get all that it went after, but it came close to it. The new agreement changes the daily rate to a weekly rate to be paid on the basis of a 47-hour week. Nine statutory holidays during the year will be paid.

Girls who formerly worked on an hourly rate will be paid on a daily rate of $3.50 per day. These are the finishers and cake wrappers.

All the large bakeries are covered in this agreement.

Hundreds of union members have taken advantage of the easy payment plan in the purchase of boots and shoes, which is in operation by the Model Boot Shop at 57 West Hastings street.

American Shipyards Have Good System

At the regular meeting of the Metal Trades Council held in Labor Headquarters endorsation was given to a proposed convention of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, to be held in Tacoma, prior to the AFL Convention in Toronto, for the purpose of discussing important matters relative to shipbuilding.

A report was made relative to the condition applying to conditions in the shipyards of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma. In Seattle the agreement calls for a five day week, time and a half on the sixth and double time for the seventh day if worked. Wages are $1.20 for mechanics and around 95 cents for helpers. Some 24,000 men are employed in one yard. Absenteeism on Sunday is quite large.

In Portland, they have a seven day work week with the eighth day off. The week is not staggered but there are two days off every seven weeks so as to change the day off. Rates are same as Seattle. 35,000 men work in one yard. The yard has a co-ordinator appointed by the Metal Trades Council, but paid by the firm. He is the trouble shooter, but all grievances must be in writing. All employees must go through his office, and if the member is one month in arrears with his dues, the union notifies the office and the man is laid off.

In arriving at the seven day week agreement, all the unions and employers had a conference on the subject and made the necessary arrangements.

Building Trades All Steadily Employed

Most of the unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council report trade good, and many unfilled orders for men. Outside work is steadily increasing, but unsatisfactory wages offered make it hard to fill these jobs. The matter is slowly being adjusted but government regulations prohibit contractors from meeting the situation.

Men are still being despatched from local union offices to the jobs, but the employers must report to the unemployment office within three days.

Unions find that there are still *some contractors who want to chisel* on wages, hours and overtime. This keeps the Business Agents very busy straightening out the jobs. This applies mostly to new contractors who are getting in on some of the work.

A new contractor got in on some work at a hotel recently by claiming he was a union contractor. The Hotel Men's Association, with whom the Building Trades has an agreement, has been warned that the contractor, by the name of Vaglio, is unfair to the Council.

Vancouver Island Conference Questioned

Affiliated unions are advised by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council to refrain from sending delegates to a "group dual to this Council" known as the Vancouver Island Joint Labor Conference.

The Executive stated that inasmuch as this was a conglomeration got together to make representations to the Provincial Government, its actions would be dual to that of the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, which has collected desired legislation from local unions for a great many years, and presents these propositions to the Provincial Cabinet every year.

All affiliated unions have the right to present legislation to the Executive for presentation to the Cabinet, and every year the cabinet has received organized labor's views with interest. Our brief is also presented to the C. C. F.

Some members of organized labor think that the "Conference" is to be used as a means of launching another political labor party.

J. W. Wilson, Molder, Dies of Heart Attack

James W. Wilson, well known and active member of the Molders' Union, Local No. 281, passed away from a heart attack July 13th. He was one of the union's most active members. He was financial secretary of the union, was a delegate to the Metal Trades Council, a delegate to the International Molders' and Foundry Workers' Convention in St. Louis, 1940, and to the A. F. of L. Convention.

A fine tribute was paid to him at his funeral. Men and women from all walks of life attended and the two car loads of flowers and thirty car loads of friends, bore mute testimony to the affection felt for him.

The pallbearers were J. S. Wilson and J. Browne from Local 281, two from the Foresters' Lodge and two personal friends.

The local union and other members of the Trades Union movement extend sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

Taking a tip from the Boston, Mass., Bartenders' Union, the Minneapolis Bartenders' Union is now considering plans for registering all of its members in a "Nip Rumors at the Bar" Corps. This is on the theory that many an unfounded rumor that gives aid and comfort to the enemy was born at the bar, over a congenial glass of beer.

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Moscow Strikes Back

"The Rout of the German Armies at Moscow," described by American correspondents who saw it in Russia as "among the greatest films of the sort," will have its Canadian Premiere at the Plaza Theatre, Vanvouver, starting August 21st. The film, which will be known here as "Moscow Strikes Back," constitutes a complete factual record of the vast Soviet counter-offensive that ripped the Nazi time-table to shreds and sent Hitler's legions back toward the west in panic. With the United Nations girding for offensive action on the greatest scale in history, the film offers an impressive visual demonstration of how the Nazis were beaten once and can be beaten again.

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