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WHAT THEY SAID . . .

SEZ MR. DOOLEY (SOUTHAMS, PLEASE NOTE)

"What is the open shop? Sure, 'tis where they kape the doors open to accommodate th' current stream av' min comin' in t' take jobs cheaper than those what has th' jobs.

"'Tis like this, Hinnessey. Suppose one av' these free-born citizens is workin' in an open shop for the princely wage av' wan' large iron dollar a day av' tin hours.

"Along comes anither son av' a gun an' he sez t' th' boss 'Oi could handle th' job nicely f'r ninety cints.' 'Sure," sez th' boss, and th' wan dollar man gets out into th' crool wuruld t' exercise his inalienable roights as a free-born American citizen an' scab on some other poor divil.

"An' so it goes on, Hinnessey. An' who gits th' binifit? True it saves th' boss money, but he don't care any more f'r money than he does f'r his roight eye.

"It's all principle wid him. He hates t' see min robbed av' their indipindince, regardless av' anything else."

"But," said Mr. Hinnessey, "these open shop min ye menshun say they are f'r unions iv properly conducted."

"Sure," said Mr. Dooley, "iv properly conducted. An' there ye are. An' how would they have them conducted? No strikes, no rules, no controls, no scales, hardly any wages an' dam few mimbers."

WHERE ARE HUMPHREY'S CALLOUSES?

Ottawa — (CP) — Rev. J. Matthews, CCF member of Parliament for Kootenay East taunted by a remark that he probably had never done a day's work in his life, angrily shook a "calloused hand at Labor Minister Mitchell in the Common recently and called for withdrawal of the remark.

Mr. Matthews, raising his hands for all to see, said:

"I want to inform the minister that before I ever came into this House I worked as hard as he ever did and perhaps a lot harder. These hands have callouses on them from the work I did. Any callouses the minister had were not on his hands."

JUVENILE JUDGMENT!

Seeking to determine their understanding of the oath, Mr. Justice Manson questioned all three of the boy witnesses in the recent Medos' murder trial.

One boy said that people who lie, "don't go to heaven".

"You know more than some of your elders do," His Lordship said.

Another described the Bible as "a Holy book" and was accepted.

Addressing the third lad, His Lordship said:

"Do you go to church?"

"No, sir."

"Well, **your people should be in jail for delinquency**—what church do your people stay away from?"

"I don't know, sir."

"And this country is supposed to be civilized—a Christian country."

It developed that the boy had gone to church occasionally, and he was permitted to testify.—(News-Herald, May 27, 1947.)

DAMNS NAM POLITICIANS

Washington, D.C.—The attempt of Big Business and its Rebublican Congressional collaborators to sell the idea of "capital, government domination and control, as a means of industrial peace, is insulting to the intelligence of every American worker," said AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany.

"Senator Taft had admitted that his bill contains three-quarters of the matters strenuously pressed upon him by employers. He has refused to divulge the names of these employers."

—From a Radio Address.

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*Income Tax Exemption Levels: Single taxpayer, $750.00; Married taxpayer—no children, $1,500.00; Married taxpayer—two children, $1,700.00.

PAGE, MR. ABBOTT

Halifax—(CP)—A bleak and darkening picture of needy unemployed in Halifax was painted recently by welfare workers, one of whom compared conditions to those during the "early days of the depression".—(News-Herald, June 6, 1947).

HOW TRUE

Human relations with their employees are badly needed in industry, Alvin E. Dodd, president, American Management Association, told the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Quebec Division.

"Why should an employee be interested in his company's success if the company is not interested in the employee?" Dodd asked. The extent of management's failure in this matter, he said is reflected in research which showed that fifty per cent of North America's industrial workers are dissatisfied with their work.

RESOLUTIONS ON LABOR BILL 39 PROVOKE BITTER DEBATE IN TLC

Executive Council Resolution Endorsed—99 to 47

Resolutions submitted by the Machinists' and Street Railwaymen's Unions and a substitute presented by the Executive, precipitated a hot debate at last Tuesday's Council meeting. After one and a half hours of hot debate, the Executive's substitute motion, which called for full support to "any affiliated union being discriminated against or attacked under the ICA Act 1947" and also pledged the council to take all necessary steps to have the Act amended, passed by a vote of 99 to 47.

The Machinits' resolution called for a committee to meet with the CCL to fight against "unjust and vicious measures under this Act". A similar resolution from the Street-railwaymen's Local added a rider that Council officers had praised the legislation and were "opposed to the fight against it."

Secretary Gervin reviewed the steps taken by the Council to have the Bill amended while it was under discussion in the legislature. He pointed out that strenuous objections had been made to the strike, penalty, and other obnoxious clauses in accordance with Council instructions.

Delegate Gordon Smith appealed for "a united front" with the CCL. Brother Stewart "couldn't see anything good in the Bill", but did not wish to speak against the substitute motion as it "is a step in the right direction, but only a step".

Delegate Rigby pleaded for all necessary support for any T. U. organization prosecuted under the Act.

A number of delegates referred to newspaper reports in which it was alleged officers of the Council had spoken of the Act with approval.

Delegate Alsbury pointed out that "unity" had been achieved in the submission of a joint brief by the AFL and CCL Councils but that efforts to continue joint efforts had broken down when a CCL committee had come previously instructed and without power to agree to other proposals.

Delegate Ross of the Electrical Workers' declared that mistakes had been made on the Bill but if labor would consider some of its implications, "employers could be made to squirm". Referring to the pleas for unity with the CCL, Ross said "that a brief submitted by the CCL, which some AFL locals had supported, contained a number of clauses that would wreck the craft unions."

Vice-President Sam Smilie, in a fighting speech, defended the actions of the officers. "If those men who broke away and started the CCL would come back then we'll have have unity," he said. "If some of the men who attack their officers, would support them, the way they support the CCL, then we would go places."

Secretary Gervin reviewed the improvements in legislation won by labor since the early 1930's. He outlined the procedure followed step by step on instructions from the Council both before and after the enactment of Bill 39. He pointed out that outside groups are constantly trying to tell the Council and its officers what its policies should be. "I take my instructions from this Council," he concluded, "I think that some of the delegates who are anxious for unity should bring some of that unity into this Council. That would go a long way to bring unity into this Province and this Dominion."

International Affairs

SURRENDER OF SOVEREIGNTY.

Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Un7 der-Secretary of State for External Affairs, speaking at Syracuse University said: "We are faced with the seemingly impossible task of reconciling the absolute sovereignty of the State with the demands of inter-dependence in the community of nations." He added that the reconciliation was to be found in "a voluntary surrender of some measure of sovereignty to a world authority in the interest of peace and security."

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ALBERT EINSTEIN.

Every place on earth is vulnerable to atom bombs. World Government is the only way to make sure of peace. The United Nations Organization is not World Government because its decisions are not binding on member nations.

B. C. Federation L.P.P. Leaders Attack A.F.L.

A June emergency meeting of the B. C. Federation of Labor (CCL) held in Vancouver dealt with a long resolution urging the necessity of initiating "sober plans to defeat the government, who in passing Bill No. 39 have demonstrated that they were representing only the reactionary . . . groups within the province, completely ignoring the wishes of the thousands of organized worker . . .

"This being true, can we as a Federation continue to be neutral and draw a line between the Trade Union and political front?"

A 17-man committee was set up to work out a program and policy "which can rally the people to defeat the Government on Bill No. 39".

The lengthy discussion on the resolution took on a decided political tinge. At one stage, BCFL president O'Brien felt it necessary to caution the delegates by declaring, "This is not a political convention. It is a trade union convention." Then disregarding his own remarks, he went one to urge the convention to work to remove from office the Coalition Government and in their place elect a party "representing the greatest number of people in this province".

The aims and wording of the resolution are almost identical with the policies of the LPP, which was well represented at the convention. A poll of the officers, speakers, and delegates would sound almost like a roll call of LPP leaders.

The Language of Unity?

Harold Pritchert, LPP leader of the IWA, launched a bitter attack on the Government, and then turned to the AFL leadership. He stated that most of the proposals of labor prior to the passing of Bill 39, were presented by the offcials of the AFL. He admitted that these proposals would benefit the entire labor movement, if enacted.

He then attacked the AFL by stating, "That some officials have since deserted and have even gone further by stating that Bill No. 39 is not too bad."

"In spite of this doublecross the honest members of the AFL are just as much concerned as the membership of the CCL . . ."

At the conclusion of his diatribe against the AFL, he made an appeal for the unity of all trade union groups.

Opposed to LPP Leaders

Delegate Art McLeod of the United Auto Workers threw a monkey wrench into the discussion by suggesting that unity could best be achieved by getting rid of LPP leaders.

He pointed out that the Communist Party had gone underground a few years ago, and the LPP came up in its place.

"Today, after the spy trials back east, the fact is that the LPP has not a Chinaman's chance of electing a candidate in B. C.," he declared, "so if we are going to have a people's party, and if the heads of the LPP are going to be the heads of the new People's Party, the public knows it. They represent communism."

He proposed that "the men and women here today" repudiate their political affiliations and get down and work for a Workers' Party and then "perhaps we would get somewhere".

He added that "at the same time a lot of locals are going to believe that this resolution is going to be used to further (LPP Leaders) political ambitions."

A. F. of L. Council Raps "Sweated Labor" In Canada

Organized Labor Fears Strike-Breaking Tactics — Trades and Labor Council Protests Imports for Liberal M.P.'s Textile Mill

Sharp protests against the importation of "sweated labor" were voiced at the Vancouver and New Westminster District Trades and Labor (AFL) Council when delegates debated a resolution scoring the federal government's order in council which permitted Ludger Dionne, M.P., to import 100 Polish girls for his Quebec textile mill.

The most contentious issue currently facing Canadian labor was brought to the local Trades and Labor Council by a resolution from the Vancouver Home Service Employees' Union.

Introducing her union's protest, Mrs. Hallett told the council that these girls are being exploited and used to lower industrial and domestic wage scales. These girls are under contract for two years, at wages of 30 cents an hour and less. They cannot marry during the life of the contract. Mrs. Hallett forecast worse conditions than during the depression years if this immigration policy is allowed to continue.

Quebec Sounding Board

"All our jobs will be at stake if they bring down-and-out immigrants in under the contract system," asserted Sam Shearer, Railway Carman. He believed that Quebec would be used as a "sounding board" for strike-breaking tactics. He urged more positive action than mere passage of the resolution.

As a result of the debate, protests in the "strongest possible terms" will be sent to Prime Minister King, Labor Minister Mitchell, all British Columbia members of Parliament and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will be asked to initiate a nation-wide campaign.

Huge Rally

New York City. — One of the greatest mass demonstrations ever staged by organized labor—25,000 American workers packed into Madison Square Garden here—joined in a tumultuous condemnation of the Taft-Hartley slave labor bill, an urgent appeal to President Truman to veto the measure and demands upon their Senators and Representatives to sustain the veto.

Heading an impressive list of labor and civic leaders who addressed the vast audience, A.F.L. President William Green told the meeting:

"Your message to President Truman is:

" 'Veto the slave labor bill!' "

U. S. Professor Lauds N. Z. Social Security

Wellington, N. Z.—New Zealand's "New Deal" was more thorough than America's because N. Z. had an historic background of socialism without doctrine, and because for many years the N. Z. Labor party had prepared for its program of social reform.

So said Dr. Dean E. McHenry, associate professor of political science, University of California at Los Angeles, after seven months in N. Z. studying achievements of its Labor government.

New Zealand's "N Deal" was thorough, he said, because N. Z., like Australia, had never been afraid of state intervention in aid of its citizens. The American Democrats, working under the pressure of events, had produced their "New Deal" without a great deal of forethought.

"The political wind is dead against state enterprise in America," Dr. McHenry said.

In his opinion one of New Zealand's greatest achievements is its health services under the social security scheme.

Labor Chiefs Hit Duplessis' Actions

OTTAWA.—Scorching condemnation of the outrageous tactics of the Quebec Duplessis government and the Quebec Provincial Police, in the strike of the wretchedly underpaid textile workers at Lachute, Que., is made by the presidents of two big labor organizations.

In a statement issued at Ottawa, President Percy R, Bengough, of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, protests the "outrageously hostile" attitude of the Quebec Premier and Attorney General, Maurice Duplessis. The arrest and holding without bail of union leaders is "astounding in this age and country," Bengough declares.

T.L.C. INVESTIGATED.

The Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has investigated the causes and effects of the strike at Ayers, Limited, plant and the mill of Dominion Shuttle, a subsidiary of Ayers at Lachute, near Montreal, Bengough said.

Claims have been made, he stated, that the strike is illegal, in that the union did not continue in seeking a solution of the dispute by the process of negotiation.

"The evidence is that the company was the first to express opposition to following such procedure. It refused to participate in discussing the need of an upward revision in the rates of pay.

QUEBEC GOVERNMENT "HOSTILE."

"Unquestionably the provincial government, as represented by its Attorney-General (Premier Duplessis), entered into the labor dispute extremely biased in favor of the company and outrageously hostile to the employes seeking improvements in their terribly low wages.

"The extreme to which the Attorney-General of Quebec has gone in this dispute in interfering with the fundamental rights and freedoms of the employes in Lachute is astounding in this age and country.

LEADERS ARRESTED.

"Under the guise of combating Communism, the workers in Lachute, not by any means Communists, have been subjected to intimidation by the Provincial Police.

"The manner in which the representatives of the Textile Union have been arrested and held without bail cannot possibly be condoned and must be deplored.

"In the interests of industrial peace and harmony and the good name of Quebec, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada sincerely hopes that sanity will prevail and that a common sense approach will be made in reaching an adjustment in this strike of employes at Lachute by the process of peaceful and friendly negotiation at the earliest possible moment."

Butcher-Shop Operation

The Taft-Hartley Bill — what it does:

1. It prohibits the closed shop and so restricts all other forms of union security as in effect to impose the open shop.

2. It places countless new obstacles in the way of union organization and collective bargaining, and gives employers many new devices to evade their obligations.

3. It denies workers the right to elect union officers of their own choosing, by providing that any union with any officer against whom employers can direct the "red smear" shall be denied certification for bargaining purposes.

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Lumber Kings Get Their Reward

By DONALD C. MacDONALD.

You can't lose—if you're a big lumber operator. An analysis of recent orders by the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, reveals that when the export quotas of lumber companies on the B. C. coastal area were cut a mere 5 per cent, the lumber companies were compensated eight times over by increases on the domestic market. So the converse becomes equally true; you can't win — if you're a Canadian consumer, particularly a house-builder.

On April 30, the export quotas for the B. C. coastal timber area were reduced from 65 per cent to 60 per cent. That is under the new quotas, the domestic market would get 40 per cent of their production.

To compensate the operators for this small exclusion from the high-priced export market, the Government has raised the price within Canada more than 40 per cent.

Now, if you'll come with me for a little excursion into percentages we'll discover exactly what that means.

WHAT IT MEANS.

First, the losses because of reduced export quotas. A comparison of the new domestic prices for the B. C. coastal area with the prices prevailing abroad, indicate that when the companies are forced to sell in Canada they receive about 37½ per cent less than in Britain, and about 40 per cent less than in the United States. (These figures are an average of the prices which of course vary for the different types of lumber.) Let us assume, then, that the domestic price is 40 per cent below export prices.

But this loss is sustained on only 5 per cent of their production (the export quota being reduced from 65 per cent to 60 per cent). In other words, they lose 40 per cent on price for 5 per cent of their production, **equivalent to 2 per cent income loss on their whole production.**

TIGHT TIMES MORE.

To compensate for that, however, the companies have been given a 40 per cent price boost on the 40 per cent of their production which they must market in Canada, **equivalent to 16 per cent increase on their whole production.**

Loss is 2 per cent. Compensation is 16 per cent. Eight times over.

Incidentally, here are some of the new domestic prices:

1" x 4" vertical grain fir or hemlock flooring, formerly $55 per M, will now sell for $80 per M;

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Westminster Street Railwaymen's Progress

Robert Cormack, Business Agent for Local No. 134, the New Westminster branch of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, has been a member of that local since 1912.

Robert Cormack

When he took over the office of Business Agent in 1938, the local had 267 members, today it has 520.

Along with this growth has also come wage increases and better working conditions for members. Negotiations are carried on with the B.C. Electric Railway Co., in conjunction with the Vancouver Local No. 101 and with Victoria Local No. 109. At the present time negotiations are being carried on for a wage increase of 20c across the board and other adjustments.

Ford Boosts Assets Another $3 Million

Although Ford of Canada reported a small loss of $239,448 for 1946, profits were so satisfactory in the early portion of this year that they were able to pay two 25c dividends to shareholders, representing an outlay of more than $800,000.

Dividends never tell the true story of Ford of Canada, however, since profits have been continuously ploughed back into the business. Despite the reported loss in 1946, assets jumped from $98,809,325 to $96,688,628, a gain of nearly $3,000,000.

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"American Federation of Labor members in the United States and Canada are urged to be sure that they do not spend good union-earned money with unfair employers who are in competition with legitimate American unionized firms. It is our duty as union members to endeavor to divert our union money away from unfair shops and direct it into union establishments or fair channels, and to spend it with those who are friendly to our movement and contribute to the good of America by paying living wages."

Grosvenor Hotel Loses Appeal to Labor Board

The Wartime Labor Relations Board (National) has dismissed the appeal of Grosvenor Hotel Limited, Vancouver, from a decision of the British Columbia Board certifying bargaining representatives selected by Local 244, Building Service Employees Union, to act for the employees of the company.

The decision followed consideration of the written submissions of the parties.

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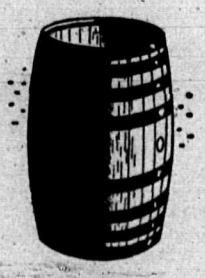

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Taking into consideration that the Minister of Finance announced in parliament that half of all earning Canadians paid no income tax because they had incomes below the exemption amounts, it is seen that 3,257,000 workers, farmers and others in Canada have incomes below the $2000 mark, most of them getting less than the $1500 which is the exemption for married men, or $750, the exemption for single persons.

There is plenty of room for improvement in Canadian standards of living.

A Fable For the Feeble-Minded

You hear it continually proclaimed that the only way for the workers to increase their pay is to increase production. The propagandists repeat it on the principle that anything heard a thousand times is bound to be true. But is it?

In the course of his testimony before a Congressional Committee in Washington, Van A. Bittner, vice-president of the Steelworkers' Union, had something to say about this notion.

Said Mr. Van Bittner:

"Between 1924 and 1929 profits rose from four to seven billion dollars; productivity increased 35 per cent; but the wages of the average industrial worker increased only one-half cent per hour each year."

The moral Mr. Van Bittner pointed out isn't a very happy one: "In 1929 this country wound up in the biggest depression in its history up to that date."

Today labor's productivity is far greater than in 1929; yet wages are five per cent below the cost of living, while profits are at least 35 per cent over last year's figures for the U.S.A. Presumably, if American labor became 100 per cent more productive their average wage might go up another half-cent per hour per year. That is, provided a more decisive bust-up than in 1929 doesn't overtake a screwball economy first.

P.S.—We're not overlooking the fact that the same type of economy operates in Canada, and that Mackenzie King is proud of it.

Are Public Opinion Polls Fair to Organized Labor?

SUBJECT MATTER BIASED?

First is the question of bias in the choice of subject-matter. This can be quickly and decisively dealt with. The simple outstanding fact is that the poll questions concentrate heavily on negative and vulnerable aspects of organized labor. The most common themes have to do with what is wrong with unions, what restrictive measures are required, what the public thinks about wartime strikes, make-work rules, undemocratic union practices, and similar points with respect to which labor is under attack. By contrast ,the essential functions and positive accomplishments of unions in protecting and improving the lot of working people are only rarely mentioned.

Of the 155 questions examined, only eight deal with positive or favorable features of unionism; 66 are neutral or doubtful; and 81 are concerned with union faults, activities the public condemns, or proposed restrictions upon unions.....

Our second question asks whether the wording of the poll questions is satisfactory. The answer is that four disturbing types of bias or misleading influence manifest themselves. With scarcely an exception, they operate in a direction unfavorable to labor. More than half of all the questions examined are open to criticism in one or more of these four ways:.....

In summary, the facts regarding question bias are these: Of the entire 155 questions studied, only four appear to have a pro-labor bias; 80 to 90 are slanted in an anti-labor direction; the remaining 60 to 70 are fair and balanced.....

The third aspect of the polls to be considered has to do with the interpretation and reporting of results. A few illustrations will indicate that there are some serious slips in this respect. And once again, the errors run consistently in a direction unfavorable to labor.

A first example is that of the Gallup poll in 1942, which reported a two-to-one vote of disapproval of "the Government's policy with regard to labor union regulations"—a definite black eye for New Deal labor policy. The sub-headline of the release announces: "Public Disapproves Government Policy Toward Labor Unions."

But the percentages are not at all what they appear to be and the headlined conclusion is entirely unjustified. The percentages are not based on the whole population sample. Instead, they represent the views of a specially selected group of people who had already declared themselves concerned about the need for greater regulation of unions. Few readers can have failed to be misled by this report.

Putting together all the evidence, one cannot escape the conclusion that the labor poll material is biased. It contains many varieties of bias, but they all point in the same direction. They are not random errors. Search as one will, he can discover scarcely any instances of pro-labor loading. In the choice of topics, in the wording of questions, and in the reporting of results, unionism fails to receive balanced and impartial treatment. The polls, taken as a whole, are clearly not fair to organized labor.....

In addition, there can be no question that we urgently need research centers devoted to thorough-going, continuing attitude studies in the labor relations field, under the relatively non-partisan auspices of leading universities and perhaps of Government. Happily, important moves are beginning along these lines in several universities.

Unions Active in 'Theatre Under Stars'

One hundred per cent union operation is the policy of Vancouver's famous civic-owned outdoor show, the Theatre Under the Stars. When interviewed today, Gordon Hilker, executive producer for the Board of Park Commissioners, ran through the surprising number of unions involved in producing these delightful musical entertainments.

The American Federation of Musicians is represented by some twenty-five orchestral players, plus four musical directors, who have recently been included in the union. All work on the stage in carpenter, property and electrical departments is done by members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. Electrical installations, switchboard connections, etc., are made by the International Brotherhood of Electricians.

Players imported from the United States are members of Actors Equity Association, the legitimate stage performers union, and while there is no union for performers in Canada, the Equity members work with the Canadian performers under an agreement approved by Actors Equity of New York.

Scenic designs and blueprints for the settings are prepared by Adrian Awan and associates of Hollywood, which is a union house, and all their material bears the stamp of the United Scenic Artists. Scenic painters in Vancouver are members of the Sign Writers Division of the Painters Union.

The elaborate souvenir programs and all other printing for Theatre Under the Stars is done exclusively in union shops.

Approximately $55,000, which represents about 60 per cent of the total Theatre Under the Stars budget, is dispersed for local payrolls.

NEW JERSEY TEACHEHS GIVEN PAY INCREASES

Trenton, N. J.—Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll has signed a bill providing a $1800 minimum salary for teachers in this State. The low had been $1500.

The teachers had sought a minimum of $2500, and that amount was contained in the bill of Assemblywoman Mattie S. Doremus, fo Passaic County. After a public hearing and numerous legislative caucuses, the amount was pared to $1800 on the ground there was insufficient revenue to meet the added cost.

A.F.L. Union Card In White House---Now!

There's an A.F.L. union card in the White House at last.

Margaret Truman, the President's soprano daughter, has joined the American Guild of Musical Artists (A.F.L.) in preparation for her forthcoming concert tour.

When Miss Truman made her debut in a broadcast from Detroit, March 16, the American Federation of Radio Artists (A.F.L.) permitted her to sing without a card—but emphasized that it was an exception.

STORE CLERKS GET RAISE

San Francisco, Calif.—The Department Store Employees' Union (AFL) signed a contract for employees of 27 stores outside the downtown district, which gave a $6 weekly raise and a 5-day 40-hour week. The new scale will raise pay to $40 to $51 weekly.

Real estate operators have converted 121,000 apartment units to non-ceiling commercial use since the end of O.P.A.

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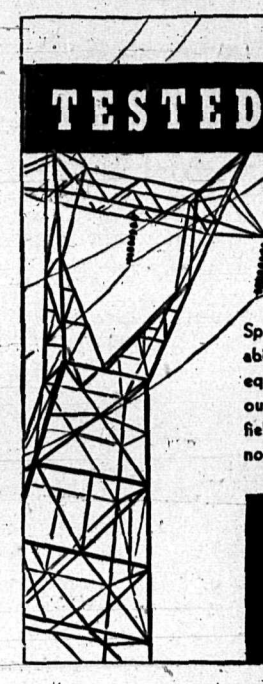

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Our Critics

The Vancouver and District Trades Council has been severely criticised for its attitude toward the present Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

Much of this criticism emanates from leading members of the Labor-Progressive Party who hold office in certain communist-dominated unions. It is well-known that Communist Party tactics demand that its members and fellow-travellers in the unions must at all times strive to discredit trade union leaders who are not of their political "faith," and who oppose their tactics and polities.

Recently, Secretary Gervin has been called upon to state publicly the attitude of this Council toward the new Labor Act. He has, in consequence, been the target for attack. The usual tactic is first, to misquote and distort his statements, and then launch into a bitter personal attack.

Our Secretary has indulged neither in wholesale condemnation or in all-out endorsation of the new Act. He has simply stated the official position of this Council, which has recognized that the Act includes some of the legislation asked for by labor, as well as reactionary clauses demanded by employers. In these circumstances, this Council declares the intelligent course to pursue is retain clauses beneficial to labor, to fight for the removal of the reactionary sections, and for the inclusion of amendments acceptable to the labor movement.

Let's Do Public Business In Public

All publicly elected bodies would do well to act on the principle that the best interests of the citizens who elect them are best served by conducting public business in public.

This is by no means a new proposition. On the international level, it was set forth some thirty years ago in the famous 14 points of the late President Woodrow Wilson, the first of which reads:

"Open covenants, openly arrived at; after which diplomacy shall proceed always . . . in the public view."

Not more than a week or two ago, British Foreign Secretary Bevin was scathing in his denunciation of secret negotiations, and came out boldly for a "cards-on-the-table" policy in international affairs.

Within the past few weeks, the Halifax press has been critical of their City Council and School Board for excluding the press and public from discussions of public interest and have declared editorially that "the question is a vital one regardless of how small or local the issue may be, for the continuance of our democracy way of life depends upon a well-informed public."

In this connection, it is interesting to note that only recently have meetings of the Vancouver Poark Board Committees been thrown open to the press, at the insistence of labor men on the Board. This serves to emphasize the importance of labor representation on elective public bodies.

Our local elective bodies have a good deal to learn in the matter of the value of taking the public into their confidence. It is of advantage to those in positions of public responsibility to have the support of an alert, well-informed public for their polisies. In order to give intelligent support, the people must know not only what the policies are but also how and why the policies were arrived at.

Labor's Share in Income Falls While Profits Rise

"Figures dealing with the current distribution of the national income indicate a downward trend in labor's share, and profits in the aggregate are breaking all records," Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach told the National Textile Seminar at Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa. He was commenting on legislative proposals offered as a means of curbing labor and "restoring equlity" at the bargaining table.

One of the proposals Secretary Schwellenbach discussed was the one to prevent industry-wide bargaining, which had brought more stable industrial relations to the textile industry. He said the purpose of restrictions on the scope of bargaining is two-fold: First, to prevent widespread shutdowns caused by labor-management disputes, and, second, to cut down the economic power of unions at the bargaining table.

Discussing proposals which are aimed at the closed shop and kindred forms of union security, he said, "Union contracts are bread and butter contracts and union security is an essential ingredient. Restrictions on union security would be an open invitation to widespread industrial strife."

Best Way To Defeat Communism

Communists at home and abroad made the most of May Day. In this country they alarmed a good many people, and there was much talk about using "strong measures" against the "Reds."

LABOR doesn't think that is the way to beat Communism.

With all its weaknesses, democracy is better than anything the "Reds" can show anywhere on earth. That fact must be demonstrated.

In every democracy, the condition of the masses must be steadily improved. There is grave danger we are not paying enough attention to the needs of the plain people in Western Europe and other lands, where we are in a position to exercise great influence.

We seem more anxious to keep kings on their thrones and to preserve intact vast landed estates than we are in establishing real democracy and assuring food and opportunity for the masses.

If we persist in playing that foolish game, nothing on earth can stop the advance of Communism. But just give democracy a real chance and it will win.—Labor.

Look Out! It's Catching!

(From an ad published by an Ottawa paper in the interests of Universal Tolerance)

This hate business is as dangerous as disease. It creeps into the mind and heart—it withers the soul. It can kill kindness, blind reason, inflame passion, annihilate love. It can turn man against man, creed against creed, race against race. Worst of all—it can shatter that priceless thing we call Unity—without which there can be no peace on earth.

If hate we must, let us hate the things that foster hate: intolerance—narrowness—bigotry. Let us remember that a man's religion, be it Catholic, Protestant or Jewish, is the little acre that yields him his belief in God—it's as much his own as the home he lives in. Let us remember it is not for us to judge men by color, race, creed or national origin—but by the character of their lives—alone.

And if we realize that the antidotes for Hate and Prejudice are Commonsense and Understanding—then the billions we will spend to rebuild this world may not be spent in vain.

Democracy --- Not Tolerance!

By PERCY R. BENGOUGH,
President, The Trades and Labour Congress of Canada.

Canadian workers have achieved their present standard of living, their rights to bargain collectively, and their rights to decent treatment through a common effort and unified struggle that lasted for more than half a century.

They accomplished all this because there was unity in the ranks of labour, a unity that sprung from mutual appreciation, from a common understanding.

Now that labour has won these benefits, sinister forces are at work to split the house of labour. Their aim is to destroy labour's hard-won gains and bring back those "good old days" of the "open" labour market with all its frightful implications.

These forces are using the old methods so successfully employed by the fascists: divide the house of labour, create distrust among the working people, sti rup racial and religious antagonism. They know that racial and religious hatred will create division in the ranks of organized labour and thus weaken labour's position.

Organized workers must, therefore, be ever on the alert against those who advocate racial and religious prejudices. Labour must realize that every attempt to stir up racial and religious differences is a danger to the trade union movement and Canada's future as a free and democratic country.

We Did the Impossible

Figures have just been released in Ottawa showing that the total cost of Canada's part in the war to March 31st, 1947, was $20,255,865,996—over twenty billions of dollars.

The highest expenditure of any year was 1943-44, when the total spent for war was $4,587,023,094. In two other years the spending exceeded four billion dollars.

It is to be hoped that Canadians will not forget these figures. In 1936, a cabinet minister, spokesman for the government of the day—Mr. Mackenzie King's government—made the statement that the expenditure of $300,000,000 a year to put the unemployed to work producing the things they and the country needed, would be beyond the powers of a nation with a population of only twelve million people! Three years later, we were on the way to an expenditure of fifteen times that much—for war alone.

The war expenditure proved that the ability of a nation to do anything is limited only by the value of its material and human resources. Let's not forget that when they tell us a year or two from now that it is impossible to provide employment and a decent standard of living for Canadians.

Profits

The "pattern" wage increase of 15 per cent that has been won by some workers seems pretty small in comparison to the way tse wages of capital are soaring.

For example, the New York Stock Exchange discloses that the first quarter profits of 322 companies whose common stock is listed gained an average of 112.9 per cent over the same period last year.

Only 13 of the companies reported no profit at all.

National Debt Stands At $13,069,000,000

Subject to adjustments before the final accounts are struck, Finance Minister Abbott estimated the gross liabilities of the Dominion of Canada as $17,660 millions. Against this are active assets of $4,590 millions. Estimated net debt as of March 31 is therefore $13,069 million.

This figure is, of course, $352 million less than a year ago, as a result of this year's surplus.

Winston Churchill, in 1927: "If I were an Italian, I'd wear the black shirt."

Statistics Prove New Zealand Is a Good Place To Live

By MAURICE KITCHING.
C.P.A. Correspondent.

Wellington, N. Z.—Though statistics usually make dull reading, New Zealand's 1946 figures relating to births, deaths, marriages and immigration tell a story of real interest.

Its highlights are that last year N. Z. had:

A record number of live births;

A record number of marriages, promising an even greater total of births this year;

A lower death rate than the previous year;

The lowest infant mortality ever recorded by any country in any year;

More immigrants than in any year since 1927.

Every one of these achievements was a reflection of the greatest-good-for-the-greatest-number policy of the Labor government, which has guided New Zealand since 1935.

RISING BIRTH RATE.

The rising birth rate shows that people in N. Z. today think it is worth while to raise families. It was not always so. For the 30 years from 1905 until the election of the Labor government, the birth rate declined almost uninterruptedly from year to year. Since 1935 the trend has been upward.

Not only war-delayed marriages caused the record total in 1946. Statistics show that the proportion of first births to total births was not unduly high, which means that additions to existing families helped to make the record figure.

ECNONOMIC SECURITY.

The record marriage figure also provide proof of the economic security that belongs to the people of New Zealand today. Marriage figures do not soar to record "highs" when people fear the future.

The all-time world record low infant mortality figure reached by N. Z. last year is evidence of the intensification of the "save-the-babies" idea that has always been widely held in this dominion. Few countries have the pre-natal and infant welfare services as easily available and as e...cient as they are in New Zealand today.

Immigration figure improvements indicate the belief in other countries that N. Z. is a good place to live in. New Zealand's fame as a socialistic democracy, with no very rich and absolutely no poor, is spreading, and in the next few years might well see another absolute record set in immigration figures.

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 resopnsibility 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 mtual 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.

Increase For A. F. of L. Coast Shipyards

150,000 Pacific Coast shipyard workers have just about completed their negotiations for a new wage scale and better working conditions in the Master agreement, embracing shipyards in California, Oregon and Washington.

The wage rates on ship repair work has been concluded with a 13c per hour increase for mechanics, which will bring the wage to $1.67 per hour. Helpers and Laborers will get an increase of 11c to $1.37 per hour. On top of this is a vacation payment of 3.34 cents per hour, this amount to be paid for every hour worked instead of vacation pay being paid only if 1200 hours were worked per year. Shift differentials are 10 and 15 per cent.

The results of the negotiations for a wage increase on new construction work had not been received before going to press, but according to information culled from the California Labor Review, these were expected to be concluded any day.

These negotiations were carried out by a large group of representatives from all the large locals in the three States, as well as a large group of representatives of shipbuilding firms.

All the local unions affiliated with the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council will take a vote on the proposals, which are retroactive to May 19th. It is anticipated that signatures to the agreement will be made by July 1st.

A budget is a device to make you worry about spending your money before instead of afterwards.

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Total wage income of all workers dropped from 114.5 billion dollars in 1945 to $109 billion in 1946.

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Silence is the only satisfactory substitute I know of for brains.—Robert Benchley

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

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DETROIT TEACHERS GIVEN RAISE OF $400 A YEAR

Detroit, Mich. — Approximately 3,700 students in East Detroit schools have returned to their classes as 115 teachers ended a week-long strike. The teachers, members of the American Federation of Teachers (A.F.L.) voted to return to work after the Board of Education agreed to increase salaries $400 annually.

The board established a new salary schedule of $2400 to $4000 a year from a previous scale of $1800 to $2850.

Half frantic, he rushed into the telegraph office and sent the following telegram:

"Delayed. Don't marry 'til I arrive."

The heroes and heroines of today are surely, one thinks, the young couples who decide to get married in these days of a housing shortage and of soaring prices. And if they are Nova Scotians they may even have to face "deportation"!

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The public health is the foundation upon which rests the happiness of the people and the welfare of the nation. The care of the public health is the first duty of the statesman.—Disraeli.

Beautiful blonde, to clerk: "This sweater is a perfect fit. Give me two sizes smaller."

Trades & Labor Council Notes

B. C. TELEPHONE URGED TO BUY HERE.

Declaring that large amounts of new equipment now being installed by the B. C. Telephone Company is being purchased in the United States, and that there are several firms in Vancouver capable of manufacturing this material, the International Association of Machinists, Vancouver Lodge No. 692, asked the T. & L. Council to "take steps to contact the proper authorities in Victoria, demanding that measures be taken to persuade the B. C. Telephone Company to have a larger proportion of this work done in B. C., where they make their profits."

It was estimated that this would create a great deal of local work and would mean thousands of payroll dollars.

The Council agreed to take the matter up with the B. C. Telephone Company.

FIRE FIGHTERS REAFFILIATED.

The local Fire Fighters Union informed the T. & L. Council by letter that on May 21st they became reaffiliated with the Association of Fire-Fighters. They will now be known as Local No. 18. Members of the old local 518 will be admitted to Local No. 18 without application.

The council expressed its pleasure that the fire-fighters had taken this step and extended an invitation to the newly affiliated local to affiliate with the T. & L. Council.

The council also received a letter from the Canadian Seamen's Union stating that their director of national organization, Conrad Sauras, has been sentenced to six months in jail under Section 239 of the Canada Shipping Act. This, the C.S.U. says, is contrary to their agreement with the shipping companies, which permits union representatives to board ship on legitimate union business. The old Act is being revived to obstruct trade union organization.

The T.L.C. endorsed the C.S.U. resolution calling for the amendment of Section 239 of the Shipping Act and the release of Sauras.

Vice-president Sam Smilie reported having attended the banquet and ball of the Garment Workers as representative of the Council.

The gathering was a most enthusiastic one. "It is gratifying to see so many young people interested in their organization," said Vice-president Smilie. "As we contrast the condition they enjoy now, with those of the past, we can certainly say that organized labor is doing a good job."

At its first meeting in June the T. & L. Council received a communication from the Carpenters & Joiners Union requesting that a letter be written to the A.F.L. stressing the need of an organizer in this province. The Executive's recommendation of endorsation was accepted by the council.

Oppose Private Immigation Schemes

A communication from President Bengough stated that the T. & L. Congress is opposed to immigration being handled by private industrialists. The letter was in reply to a protest forwarded regarding the importation of 100 Polish girls to work in a textile mill at Beauce, Quebec.

Another letter from the Congress, in response to the suggestion of a boycott on goods produced in Quebec, stated that considerable progress has been made there in organizing the unorganized, in materially increasing wages, and in improving working conditions. In many instances, wage rates compare favorably with other parts of the Dominion. Any general aversion, the Congress pointed out, against goods produced in Quebec could do a great deal of harm. Specific cases of nationally advertised goods, if produced under sweat-shop conditions could be put on the unfair list.

Labor Broadcasts

CBC is arranging a series of 15-minute broadcasts dealing with "Labor-Management Problems". President Bengough will speak in the first of the series.

The second broadcast will be heard over CBC at 8:15 p.m., on Wednesday, July 2. The secretary of the Congress will speak on "Wages".

M.P.'s Reply To Protest Importation of Polish Girls

Secretaray Gervin summarized replies received from B.C. M.P.'s as follows:

Hon. Ian McKenzie:

"Contents of the letter will be noted and receive consideration."

Hon. Grote Stirling:

"Seems to be a departure of what we understood to be the Government's policy."

W. J. Herridge:

"Supports the attitude of the T. & L. Council and will do all he can to support it in the House and in the country."

Harry Archibald:

"His group, lead by Mr. Coldwell, moved an adjournment of the regular business of the House, to discuss this matter. They exposed it to the whole country and will continue to do so as the opportunity arises."

Cecil Merritt:

"He notes our opposition to such schemes."

William Irvine:

"He and his party (CCF) have taken a very definite and strong stand against importation of indentured labor into Canada."

Mr. Cruickshank:

"Does not believe any further permits to private concerns to import labor will be granted and is opposed to any being granted."

Howard Green:

"Believes that the debate has had the effect of having the Government drop the policy."

Secretaray to the Prime Minister:

"The letter will be drawn to the attention of the Prime Minister on his return to Ottawa."

James Sinclair:

"These girls are to be employed at the prevailing rates which are shamefully low by B. C. standards.

"The two-year contract has been changed to a 2-year guarantee of employment.

The Unions Report . . .

RETAIL CLERKS

Delegate Johnson expressed the appreciation of his members of the action of the Council in endorsing the efforts being made to secure all-day Wednesday closing.

He pointed out that most clerks do not have a civic vote and are being organized to get their friends, plebiscite. He branded as "loose plebiscite. Be branded as "loose talk" the suggestion of a six-day shopping week, as this is not obtainable without repeal of legislation which has been in existence for thirty years. The real issue, he said, was whether 7000 retail clerks would get a five-day week or continue to work five and a half days.

LAUNDRY WORKERS—

Delegate Ham Irving reported that at the present time there are seven dry cleaning plants which have refused to negotiate an agreement for a union wage. These are Swan Brothers, Sanitary Cleaners, Union Cleaners, Guarantee Cleaners, Four Star, Valetor, and St. Clair.

The union was certified on February 12 for most of these firms, and has tried to come to an agreement withthem. They are represented by the lawyer, Walter Owen. The offers submitted by the employers are lower than the present wage rates, in some cases as much as 60 per cent lower.

Conciliation has been asked but not as yet approved. It is the intention of the union to conciliate, arbitrate, and strike if necessary.

Campbell Brothers is the only company which has signed a complete agreement.

"Blood On Our Coal"

APRIL . . .

"CHICAGO.—In a stirring editorial, the 'Christian Advocate,' official publication of the Methodist Church, charged this week that 'there is blood on our coal' and that 'damning the unions and their leaders will not wash it clean.'

"It described the Centralia tragedy as a 'ghastly commentary' on the 'free enterprise' system and declared that the explosion which killed 111 miners 'could have been prevented' had the management and public authorities done their duty.

"Sympathy with the victims is 'not enough' and 'something more than laying of flowers' on the caskets must be done to prevent future disasters, the magazine insisted. It lauded John L. Lewis' fight for greater mine safety.

" 'If Lewis has been a hard man to deal with, the events at Centralia go far toward explaining his incorrigibility,' the magazine declared. 'He is the trusted representative of 400,000 men who go down into the earth.' "

MAY . . .

(United Mine Workers Journal).

Indictments Charge Centralia Co. With "Wilful Neglect" in Death of 111 Miners; Illinois May Bar On-Shift Shooting.

Bulletin: As the Journal goes to press, the Washington County (Ill.) grand jury has just returned two indictments charging the Centralia Coal Company with "wilful neglect to do things required" by the Illinois state mine safety code in connection with the death of 111 miners in the March 25 disaster at the company's No. 5 mine.

Two additional indictments were not made public, but Circuit Judge R. W. Griffith said the persons named in the suppressed indictments would be ordered to appear for arraignment at Nashville, Ill., on May 21.

"Dionne must be doubly careful as he is a member of parliament and cannot afford to create sweatshop conditions.

"I believe that the permit granted to Mr. Dionne was wrong in principle.

"The incident has done one good thing in focussing attention on the fact that Canada has done nothing for displaced persons. Noble thoughts, fine speeches and pious resolutions are of little value to these despairing, hopeless, homeless people who, if brought here, could do much for our Dominion."

Angus MacInnis:

"I was the first to raise this matter in the House of Commons by a question in April. The minister admitted permission had been given to bring girls to Canada to work in a factory.

On June 2, Mr. Coldwell moved adjournment to discuss a matter of urgent importance: (a) The action of the Government authorizing private individuals to import displaced persons; (b) Traditional policy of Canada that indentured labor be completely prohibited.

"We are under obligation to do what we can to assist in the resettlement of displaced persons, but we should not take advantage of their need for our own profit."

F. J. Fulton:

"The type of contract Dionne sought to impose on these girls is undesirable. The Government did not discharge its responsibility.

"I am not in favor of postponing action on immigration indefinitely. If employers are ready to take steps to import people, they should be allowed to subject to be subject to certain restrictions."

Dyspepsia is the remorse of a guilty stomach.—A. Kerr.

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The Truth About Labor

By TOM ALSBURY

What is the first thought that comes into the mind of the average citizen when he hears organized labor discussed? What ideas does the man in the street associate with trade unions? If he is influenced by what he reads in the daily press and the expensive advertising of Big Business—if he is conditioned in his thinking as they intend him to be—then the ideas he associates with unions are —"strikes," "agitators," "powerful monopolies," and "dictatorial leaders." That is what Big Business wants the average citizen to think. That is why they spend huge sums on propaganda—to condition his thinking. Their scheme is to disredit labor in the eyes of the public.

But let us see how little is true and how much is false in all this vicious propaganda. The truth is that unions decrease strikes. Government statistics prove it. The Wagner Act, American labor's Magna Charta, passed back in 1937, states its purpose is to "diminish the causes of strikes." Now what are these "causes of labor disputes" and how does this Act proposed to "diminish" them?

It says, in answer, that there is "inequality of bargaining power" between unorganized workers and employers. Labor tries to strengthen its position by organizing to bargain collectively.

But, as the Act points out, employers try to prevent the formation of unions and they often refuse to bargain collectively. The result is strikes. That is the real cause of most strikes. The Act says:

> "The denal of employers of the right of employees or organize and the refusal of employers to accept the procedure of collective bargaining lead to strikes and other forms of industrial strife or unrest, which have the intent or the necessary effect of burdening or obstructing commerce....."

The result of the Wagner Act in the United States was, for the first time, to give labor greater equality in bargaining power. That is why employers dislike the Wagner Act. That is why they are now trying to turn the clock back, and have progressive Wagner Act replaced by the anti-labor Hartley-Taft slave legislation, which is designed to weaken labor's bargaining strength and to liquidate its fundamental rights.

Citizens tend to associate unions with strikes because they read so much about strikes in the daily papers. Do you ever pick up your paper and real headlines that 500 or 5000 workers are very busy every day bottling your milk, baking your bread, or making linoleum for your wife's kitchen floor. No. But you do pick up your paper and read, very frequently, that "20,000 workers are on strike, or taking a strike vote," although you are told very little by the press about why they strike. Workers, quietly and efficiently producing goods, as they do 99.9 per cent of the time, are not news. But workers on strike are. By playing up strikes, and playing down the constructive work of unions, the capitalist press gives a false impression of the frequency and seriousness of strikes, and of the true services unions provide.

"One thing we must always remember," said Mrs. Roosevelt in her column of July 25, 1945, "there is seldom any great difficulty in getting management's side of any story printed, but when it comes to getting labor's side into print, that is a very different question." The truth is that from 1941 to 1944, time lost during the war by strikes in the United States was about one-tenth of 1 per cent. Time worked was 99.9 per cent. Labor took a strike pledge and kept it.

When the country was threatened, and life was in danger, it was Canadian employers who went on a sit-down strike. They refused to produce bullets and guns, tanks and planes, unless guaranteed unlimited profits. They refuseed to produce until the government removed the 5 per cent profit limit. They compelled the government to remove it. This can be verified from the speech of the Hon. C. D. Howe in the House of Commons debates of September, 1939.

BIG BUSINESS SMEARS LABOR.

"Agitators" is a favorite smear word Big Business propagandists like to apply to labor leaders. They declare strikes are promoted by "foreign" agitators. Such charges are false. Authentic records prove conclusively that it is conditions, not agitators, which are the cause of most strikes.

Another favorite accusation hurled by Big Business is that unions are powerful monopolies. This is an attempt to hide the fact that Big Business itself is the real monopoly which menaces "the little man." The giant octopus of Big Business the 50 big shots—the 200 corporations—whose giant tentacles spread out into every field, largely determine the living standards and wages of the average man. Indeed, they even try to determine what he shall think. In their blind and greedy drive for profits, which are now at an all-time high, they are prepared to smash unions and anyone who opposes them. They hate labor unions, because unions by their demands for better wages, better working conditions, better health and accident protection, and old age pensions for all, threaten to cut into their swollen profits. For that reason, they sponsor restrictive labor legislation.

Even prominent churchmen have joined labor in opposing the present drive for anti-labor acts. In a nation-wide radio talk recently, Archbishop Lacey said that the church "must concern herself with every-day conditions.....she must plead for security .....She must stand for the God given right of workers to associate for their own betterment and the good of society.....Therefore, I oppose the labor legislation pending before Congress." He cited—the charge that labor was attempting to "lord it over management" ..... "Where is this strength?" he asked. "Since the end of the war labor has been falling behind in the race of wages against prices and profits."

That brings us to another false charge made so frequently these days. It is that wage increases have caused price rises. The reverse is the case. Excessive profits have caused prices to rise. 1946 profits greatly exceeded 1945 profits. The Wall Street Journal shows that the first quarter profits for 1947 are up 282.7 per cent. The Financial Post shows similar gains for Canada. This is what caused price rises—excessive profits. The Nathan report proves that wages could be increased 25c an hour out of excess profits without any rise in prices. So much for the false charges of Big Business against trade unions.

UNIONISM EXTENDS DEMOCRACY.

The view of Big Business that unions are a menace to society is not shared by some of the world's greatest democratic leaders. Although I have not the exact words at hand, I recall that Lincoln ranged himself in spport of the right of workers to organize. In 1941, President Roosevelt expressed himself in these words, "Trade unionism has helped to give everyone who toils the position of dignity which is his due." In 1937, the Supreme Court of the United States said: "Long ago we stated the reason for labor organizations. We said they were organized out of the necessities of the situation; that a single employee was helpless in dealing with an employer.....that union was essential to give laborers opportunity to deal on an equality with their employers."

So, contrary to the vicious propaganda of Big Business, unions are not a menace, but perform a useful and important function in society. The purpose of unionism is to extend democracy.

But today reaction is in the saddle. Current labor legislation is designed to smash unions. Big Business and reactionary politicians are in an unholy alliance to turn the clock back to the days of slave labor and low wages.

MENACE ALL WHO WORK.

A.F.L. President Green has warned against labor legislation now being enacted in Canada and the United States in these words: "Every one who works for a living today faces a desperate fight for self-preservation.....these labor bills....are the product of anger and hatred rather than reason.

"Instead of promoting industrial peace, it will unleash chaos. It will eventually prove oppressive to employers. It will undermine the American standard of living. It will lower wages of every man and woman who works for a living. It will dry up purchasing power and lead to lower production and mass unemployment."

That is what an outstanding labor leader thinks. Leading churchmen, progressive politicians and sane business men have echoed his views. These backward labor bills threaten not only workers, but every citizen and our economic stability as well.

Reactionary labor legislation is not confined to the U. S. We have it in B. C. Notorious Bill No. 39, so bad that even Labor Minister Pearson warned the government against it, is now law. The best the News Herald could say about it in a recent editorial was that it is not as extremely reactionary as those of the U. S. That is cold comfort for labor. Apparently our reactionary politicians differ from U. S. reactionaries only in this—that they administer bitter medicine to labor in smaller doses.

The danger lies in the fact that the new Labor Act lacks the support and confidence of labor. If we are to have industrial peace in B. C. the reactionary clauses of the present Act must be removed. We need, and must have, a Bill of Rights for Labor in this province.

LABOR'S OBJECTIVE.

What then does Labor want? Workers want what all progressive-minded citizens want. They want freedom. They want a full measure of democracy in industry. They want some say in laying down the rules on the job and in the shop where they spend so many years of their adult life. As citizens, they can go to the polls and have some say on how things are to be run. They want some rights on the job which so vitally affects their lives and their families. They want to be industrial as well as political citizens. In short, workers want to enjoy the status of free men.

What labor wants both for themselves and for all citizens is best summed up in the word "security"—security in the job—security for the family—security against the hazards of sickness, accident and old age.

Trade unions have always insisted that "labor is not a commodity to be bought and sold, or dealt with like an article of merchandize. Unions have insisted that labor is composed of human beings with all the needs, hopes and aspirations of mankind. Unions, have in short, through collective bargaining, raised millions of men and women from sweatshops to decent working and living conditions.

But Labor aims at more than this. It seeks to attain for all who labor the place in human society to which their contribution entitles them.

Organized labor stands for freedom and democracy—for democracy on the industrial as well as on the political front. Sam Gompers, that grand old man of labor, saw clearly the close connection between democracy and the right of labor to organize. Hitler, the arch enemy of freedom, saw that too. His first step in crushing democracy was to destroy trade unions.

Legislation which oppresses and represses working people is anti-democratic and pro-fascist in nature. That is the type of legislation which is being placed on statute books today. All who hate dictatorship in any form, and who love freedom, must join actively with labor in its efforts to stem this flood of fascist slave-labor legislation.

COST OF WAR.

The enormous cost of war is reflected in the U. S. Federal expenditures for the year ending June, 1947, which are estimated at 42.5 billions of dollars. Broken up into per capita expenditures, the result is as follows:

International Finance	$ 45
Veterans	54
Defence	104
Interest	35
Refunds	15
Other	36
General government	11

(Cleveland Trust Company Bulletin, April, 1947).

The cost of two world wars is the price being paid for failure to organize the World for Peace. The price of a Third War would probably be crippling.

Population Rises

The population of Canada was 12,307,000 in 1946, a rise of 188,000 from 1945, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported.

Since the last census in 1941, the bureau said, this country's population has increased by 800,000, or more than 7 per cent.

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THE RIGHT JOINT.

"Did 'oo fordet your wench?" the cutie lisped to the plumber who was fooling around beneath the sink.

"No, baby," he replied. "I'll get around to you in a few minutes."

"No," replied the husband during a quarrel. "No, you didn't run after me. But listen, my dear. A trap doesn't run after a mouse, but it catches it just the same."

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY AND PRICES

A little more than a year ago Prime Minister Mackenzie King stated that the Dominion Government had decided upon an "orderly retreat" from price controls to prevent the "disaster of soaring prices and living costs". The rapidly shrinking income of farmers and workers, since that time, tells a different story. "Orderly retreat" has turned into an utter rout, as the removal of price ceilings and the abolition of subsidies wreaks havoc with the purchasing power of the Canadian people. Government spokesmen have their tongues well in their cheeks when they say that Canada has controlled prices and avoided inflation.

THREAT TO CANADIAN MARKETS AS LIVING STANDARD DROPS

The Honorable Humphrey Mitchell quite correctly pointed out, some months ago, that Canada can only remain prosperous if her citizens maintain a high level of buying-power. Urban workers can buy farm products, manufactured goods, and, most important, imported goods from other countries. Over two-thirds of our production is consumed in Canada. Any shrinkage of purchasing power reduces the home market and leads to lay-offs in industry and depressed prices for agricultural products.

PURCHASING POWER AND OUR EXPORT TRADE

In 1946 we exported 35 per cent of our total production—over four billion dollars worth of manufactured goods, foods and raw materials. While much of this trade is being facilitated through loans and credits, we must expect repayment in goods from other countries. Our export trade, in the final analysis, depends a good deal upon our ability to purchase imported goods and the reduction in public spending at home is an actual threat to the stability of our overseas markets.

The skyward trend of prices in Canada is progressively diminishing the ability of the Canadian people to buy essential commodities. . . . (Remember 1928-29 and the "hungry thrties" which followed.)

The United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports on March 7, 1947, that unless a "timely downward adjustment of prices" is effected, United States will enter a business recession in late 1947. The reason—"A declining volume of purchasing power in the hands of wage earners" since V-J Day. The trend in Canada, for the same reasons, is unmistakably the same.

INFLATIONARY TREND AIDED BY REMOVAL OF SUBSIDIES

The Federal Government says that it can no longer afford to pay subsidies on farm produce, cotton and other essential goods. An estimated 200 million dollars will have been removed in such subsidies by the first of May, 1947. This policy has resulted in very substantial increases in the price of milk, cheese, beans, corn, tomatoes, tea, clothing and clothing fabrics, oil, gasoline and many other commodities. The 4c per quart increase in milk has already reduced the consumption of milk by millions of gallons in Canada. Moreover, it means that not only will our children be getting less milk, but that there will be a continually reducing market for dairy products. The end of the subsidy on butter will raise the price by at least 8c per pound, and bread will risefrom 3cto5c per loaf upon removal of the flour subsidy. The removal of subsidies throws the entire burden of increased costs on the consumer—the worker and the farmer in the main. Subsidies have enabled the Canadian consumer to purchase many essential commoditis in fairly adequate quantities, which has assured an increased domestic market. The removal of subsidies results in a serious curtailment of sales of the articles concerned, deeply affecting the national economy. Dwindling buying is the road to recession.

Subsidies can be restored and maintained if the level of taxation on corporations and large incomes is held. All indications at present are that big business taxes will be substantially reduced.

PROFITS SOAR . . . LABOUR-FARMER INCOME SHRINKS

Monopoly industry only, much of which the people of Canada have been subsidizing by means of tariff and high freight rates, benefits from skyrocketing prices. With price controls "off" in the U. S. A., American corporations have had a field day, with over 12 billion dollars net profits for 1946, while the take-home pay of workers dropped 5½ billion dollars. No wonder that Canadian capitalists press and lobby for the removal of controls in Canada. Even so, Canadian corporations are not doing so bdly. The H. R. McMillin Enterprises (B.C. lumber firm) increased profits in 1946 by 40 per cent—an average of $1200 for each of its 4300 employees, and this with no legal increase in the price of lumberand a 15c per hour increase in wages.

Alongside of the increasing profits of Canadian industry, the "real wages" of workers have dropped sharply in the last year to an average of $25.18 at December 1st, 1946; ($21.54 in 1939). When income tax, other deductions from the pay cheque and quality fall-off in goods is considered, real earnings are not much higher than in 1939. Present average earnings are at least $6 per week below the amount rquired to maintain a worker's family on a minimum standard. And yet, in 1946, 28 Canadian corportions lifted profits 56 per cent (fter taxes) over 1945. Only one worker out of six in Canada received wage increases in 1946.

PROFITS, NOT WAGES, CAUSE PRICE INCREASES

The paid "economists" of the big press, all "facts" to the contrary, are still insisting that "high wages," and "higher prices for farmers," are the main causes of price increases.

The facts are: That with the exception of those industries employing a very small proportion of machinery in production, wages are only a relatively small item in production costs.

A survey of the Federal Trade Commission, United States Government, in the farm implement industry, included findings such as the table below. While this table was prepared in 1938, the relationship of labor to other costs remains the same.

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	TRACTOR	CULYTIVATOR
Material costs	$37.10	$30.80
Factory Overhead	8.20	8.70
General Selling and Administrative Cost	9.70	9.90
Freight Costs	1.20	1.50
Manufacturer's Profit	14.30	21.20
Dealer's margin	19.80	17.60
Discount for Cash	4.90	4.10
Direct Labor	**4.80**	**6.20**

The above table offers some idea of what Labor means when it states that a 25 per cent increase in wages could be given without increasing prices. INCREASED WAGES mean Lower PROFITS, but not generally, higher prices. A decent living wage and stabilized, fair farm prices are essential if Canada is to cushion the oncoming business recession.

New Edition Of Canada Year Book

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has recently issued the 1946 edition of the Canada Year Book, in which the review of the country's economic progress and organization is brought up to date. The publication is, in fact, a compendium of information useful alike to business men and the general public.

It continues the policy of giving as much space as can be spared to feature articles of special importance. New features of this particular edition cover "Hydrography of Canada", "Dominion Provincial Relations", "The Coal Resources of Canada", "The Findings of the Royal Commission on Co-operatives", "Reconstruction in Canada", and "Developments in Art and Science".

Production, trade, finance, labour and transportation, in addition to such subjects as population, health, and education, receive detailed treatment in the individual chapter.

There has been a wide demand from the general public for this edition which appeared in print only a few months ago. However, the proportion of copies going into industrial, educational, financial and business channels is not so large as could be desired, partly it is felt because the Year Book has not drawn to the attention of these classes in particular. The Bureau of Statistics would like to achieve a more balanced distribution as it is felt that this Standard Reference Book would fill a distinct need among these groups.

By special permission of the Minister of Trade and Commerce a limited number of paper-bound copies have been printed which are available from the Dominion Statistician at $1 per copy to bona fide students, teachers and clergymen. The regular cloth-bound edition is available through the King's Printer, Ottawa, at $2 per copy as long as the supply lasts.

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The gloomy man sat in his flat bemoaning his fate and lack of wealth.

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"Oh, yes?" moaned the other. "I'd like to see you get lively on half a pint of milk!"

MISTAKE.

Two young schoolboys, one of Italian and the other of Irish parentage, saw an Episcopalian minister on the street.

"Good afternoon, Father," said the Italian boy politely.

The clergyman replied to the greeting and passed on, whereupon the other lad said:

"Shucks, he ain't no Father. He's got a wife and four kids."

Adequate Preparedness

A boy and girl were out driving. They came to a quiet spot on the country lane and the car stopper. "Out of gas," said the boy. The girl opened her purse and pulled out a bottle.

"Wow!" said the boy. "A bottle—what is it?"

"Gasoline," replied the girl.

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A. F. of L. Notes

6000 AFL workers in ten Seattle metal trades unions, employed in seventy shops have received a 12½c wage increase.

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A new labor temple is to be built in Oakland, Cal., at a cost of $591,000.

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San Francisco Painters' A. F. of L. union have obtained a 7-hour day at $2.00 per hour. The agreement is with 261 contractors.

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St. Louis AFL machinists have obtained an agreement guaranteeing at least 2440 hours work annually. This does not include overtime. Loss of work through illness or injury whether caused on the job or not shall be paid by the employer.

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Teamsters' and Laborers' unions in Bremerton have purchased two buildings and will turn them into a Labor Temple.

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Automotive shops in Vancouver, Washington, have granted a ten-cent wage increase.

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2,000 IBEW employees of the Union Electric and Power Company of St. Louis, Mo., have obtained a 13c wage increase retroactive to Jan. 1, and an additional 5c increase starting Aug. 1.

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The U. S. Navy Department is laying off 25,000 employees.

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"Fortune", the Big Business man's publication predicts a serious depression if prices are not reduced. They urge a 15 and 20 per cent reduction in prices, so as to increase purchasing power of the workers.

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Decline in production in the U. S. is declining at an ever increasing rate. Purchasing power is decreasing at an alarming rate. Workers' debts have increased by over 50 per cent from one year ago.

Electrical Workers Re-elect George Gee

George Gee was elected Financial Secretary and Business Agent, and J. Astbury was elected president of Local B213, the Vancouver Local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, at the election of officers which took place Monday, June 16th.

The other officers elected at the same time by the union were: Vice-president T. B. Smith, Recording Secretary (acclamation) W. C. Daley, Treasurer (acclamation) A. C. Hill.

Executive members are: Wm. Fraser, S. H. Spring, J. McSorley, C. C. Moore, C. Nelless.

Examining Board members are: W. Halliday, V. Usher and T. Hammersmark.

Frank Plantec acted as Judge of the Election Committee.

The local is composed of over fourteen hundred members employed in the various electrical departments of the B. C. Electric Railway and Power Company; a large group of inside wiring contractors, some electrical manufacturing firms and power plants in various parts of British Columbia.

Unemployment Spreads

The U.S.A. had 2,500,000 jobless workers in April of this year and later reports show that this figure is being increased in 22 labor market areas. 500,000 young people will leave school in June to be added to the labor market and there will be 1,100,000 veterans completing their schooling and training during the next year to swell the ranks of the jobless.

In a recent flash report from New York, unemployment increased by 50 per cent in the last two months to June 12th. The figure on that date was 450,000. Many smaller goods manufacturers are closing down, and others being gobbled up by larger corporations. Adding to the confusion is the report that workers are being "disqualified" for insurance benefits for refusal to accept jobs at their owntrades, in open shops at salaries far below the union scales.

Veterans' job training and apprenticeship programs are being forced to a complete halt because of the layoffs.

Unemployment has also increased on the Pacific Coast, all the larger cities showing increases, in every kind of business.

Unemployment shows an increase in anada, not as great as in the U.S., but a steady trend from last year.

Half a million workers are unemployed in New York, an increase of 150,000 in two months. The Federal government of the United States is now estimating thatthere will be six million unemployed by the end of the year.

In Lighter Vein

TRUE

"Please, can you tell me why the tide is not up this morning?" asked the little girl at the seaside.

"Yes," replied the old fisherman; "it's because it was out last night."

ONE ANSWER

The Sunday school teacher was telling the class a Bible story.

"Elijah built an altar and piled wood on it," he said; "then he cut up the bullock in pieces and laid them on top. Next, he ordered the people to fill four barrels with water and pour it on the altar. Now, can any boy tell me why all this water was poured over the bullock on the altar?"

Up spoke a bright boy.

"To make lots of gravy," he said.

EVOLUTION

When a gal is 16 she's sweet and good looking. When she's 25 she has wrinkles. When she's 30 she has gray hair. When she's 35 she turns blonde and starts all over again.

POOR JOB!

Nod one finds quite so many things of interest in a newspaper as Aunt Samantha.

"Job Printing!" she read from an advertisement in 'The Weekly Clarion.' "Poor Job! They've kept him printing, week after week, year after year, ever since I can remember. If he wasn't the patientest man that ever was, he never could have stood it so long no how!"

YOU DO NOW

"Tell me: Who was braver than Lancelot, wiser than Solomon, more honest than Lincoln, wittier than Mark Twain, and more handsome than Apollo?"

"I didn't know you knew my first husband."

BY GEORGE!

"Dorothy," remarked father, as he frowned across the breakfast table at his comely daughter, "how many times have I warned you not to entertain more than one beau at a time in the parlor? Last night I could distinctly hear two young men talking down here."

"Oh, no, father," rejoined Dorothy, "those weren't two boys—that was just George—his voice is changing."

"What's in this bottle?" asked the Customs officer.

"It's only ammonia," stammered the passenger.

"Oh—is it," sneered the Customs officer, removing the cork and taking a long sniff.

It was!

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A Scotsman was told by his doctor that his wife should have had her tonsils taken out when she was a little girl. He had the operation performed—and sent the bill to his father-in-law!

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The new minister had asked Eph to lead in prayer. It was Eph's first experience of this sort. Twenty minutes passed and he was still praying. The congregation became restless. Finally from one of the deacons came a stronge "Amen."

Eph looked up and exclaimed "Thanks, deacon. That's the word I've been trying to think of ever since I started."

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The doctors, after much consultation, had decided that, after twenty years in the mental hospital, Mr. Blank was fit to be released.

On the morning of his release Mr. Blank was allowed to shave himself instead of having to submit to the attentions of the barber in the home.

Turning to address a remark to one of the attendants who had come to wish him goodbye, his razor caught the string which supported the shaving mirror, which fell to the ground.

When Mr. Blank tried to go on with his shave he looked at the blank wall.

"Well," he said with a sigh, "if that isn't my luck. After twenty years in this place, on the very day I'm going to be let out, I've cut my head off!"

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Two barbers named Wood and Stone were standing on a street corner. A pretty girl passed by. Wood turned to Stone, Stone turned to Wood. They both turned to rubber and the girl turned into a beauty shop.

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"I have a terrible toothache and want something to cure it."

"Now, you don't need any medicine. I had a toothache yesterday and I went home and my loving wife kissed me and so consoled me that the pain soon passed away. Why don't you try the same?"

"It's a good idea. Is your wife at home now?"

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An old Irishman collapsed in the street and a crowd soon gathered, all trying to help and each making suggestions.

One, Maggie Riley, kept shouting, "Give the poor man whisky," but little attention was paid to her.

Then the agonized voice of the Irishman rose above the din: "Will the lot of ye hould your tongue and let Maggie Riley speak."

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JUST LIMBERING UP.

The boss of a midtown hotel noticed some employees parading out in front during their lunch hour.

"What're you guys picketing for?" moaned the bos. "Our contract has three weeks to run!"

"Does it hurt you," flipped a picket, "if we practice?"

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Nelson Antrim Crawford tells of meeting a farmer in Kansas who said:

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