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Local Union Notes

C. Jenkinson has been elected president and A. Paterson has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Vancouver Hospital Employees' Federal Union, Local No. 180, for 1947.

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The Trades Council Executive has appointed Del. Jack Stevenson of the Carpenters Union to act as council's representative to the Vancouver Housing Association.

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Del. Herb Flesher reports that the Operating Engineers Union, Local No. 115, has signed up the Independent Truck Owners' Association.

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Champion and White, Ltd. Concrete and Building Material Supplies, have signed up with the Building Material, Construction and Fuel Truck Drivers Union, Local No. 213, says Harry Bonnell, Business Agent.

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Brother I. Cawker, of the Taxi Drivers Union, Local No. 151, has been elected Business Agent of the union, to assist Secretary Charlie Gower because of the steady growth of the union.

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Brother Bill Wilson, A. F. of L. Organizer, has been transferred to the Alaska territory to do some organizing work. Bro. Bill Page of the Carpenters Union has been sent to the prairie provinces where he has been bucking snow and zero weather for the past month.

Wednesday Closing Effort Makes Progress

Supported by the Retail Clerks Union in Vancouver, very good progress is being made in the effort to extend the all-day Wednesday closing to all stores. Up till recently a large number of the downtown stores closed all day Wednesday, this having been started as a war effort. Now the union and the Retail Merchants Association are trying to get the Wednesday Half Holiday Act amended so as to make it an all-day closing, in order to give the retail clerks a five-day week, as many other trades now enjoy.

Over six hundred stores are already closing their stores all day Wednesday, but a few stores supported by the finances of the Hudson's Bay Company and Safeway's are remaining open on Wednesday morning.

Through the efforts of the union and other retail employees, over ninety thousand signatures have been placed on petitions, which will soon be taken to Victoria in an effort to get the Act amended. Members of organized labor who enoy the five-day week are signing these petitions, and those who have not already signed are urged to do so, at the earliest opportunity.

Remember that every store that is open on Wednesday morning is now an unfair competitor to the stores that are closed.

Shortage of Canned Salmon Here Explained

At the request of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council meeting, Secretary R. K. Gervin obtained the following data, relative to the shortage of canned Red Salmon in this district. He told the delegates that he discussed this matter with officials of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board who state that the 1947 allocation of the B. C. pack is 500,000 cases for Canada. This is 200,000 cases more than 1946. The allocations are made based on the full pack. Great Britain made a request to the Food Ministry for a certain amount and are allocated as much of that amount as is available. Distribution is made on the basis of 1941 sales and any person who had established a quota in 1941 is entitled to buy 80% of that amount from the wholesaler. The wholesaler is bound to sell this amount to the people who have such a quota. The other 20% can be distributed to new business and this was so arranged to particularly take care of veterans starting new businesses. This is being insisted upon by the Board. The average sales in 1939 or prewar years were 550,000 cases. This figure was based on a population of 10 million and now in 1947 we will have 500,000 cases based on a population of 12 million.

The manufacturer has been granted an increase in price of 6% as of December 12, 1946. No increase in price to the retailer was granted and the Board feels that under these circumstances there is no possibility of salmon being held for a higher price. No complaints regarding canned salmon or the price of such has been received by the Board and the Board's inspectors are constantly on the lookout for unauthorized increases or activities contrary to the Board's regulations.

It would seem that with the increase of 200,000 cases for the year 1947 that salmon should be more easily obtained from now on.

VANCOUVER GETS 1948 COAST SHIPBUILDING TRADES CONVENTION

Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council Convention Held in San Francisco — Plan 25c Wage Increase — 125,000 Workers Represented at the Convention

DELEGATES REPRESENTING 125,000 A. F. OF L. Shipbuilding workers on the Pacific Coast, selected Vancouver, B. C., for the 1948 Convention of the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council, which was held in San Francisco last week. Two hundred and seven delegates from A. F. of L. unions in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia were in attendance at the four-day convention.

Mayor Welcomes Delegates

The Ninth Annual Convention was opened by Bro. Tom Rotell, chairman of the Convention Committee, who then introduced the various speakers.

Mayor Roger Lapham welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city. Deputy Police Chief told the delegates his force would keep a watchful eye on them. John O'Connell, Secretary, and John Shelley, President of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, also welcomed and addressed the delegates, as also did Charles Scully, attorney for the California State Federation of Labor, and Dan Flanagan, Western Representative of the A. F. of L.

Neil Haggerty, Secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, made a brilliant speech, and later on in the sessions, John Frey, President of the Metal Trades Department of the A. F. of L., also addressed the convention.

President Ralph Johns, appointed the various committees, aside from those previously appointed, and the convention carried on from there hearing the reports from the various committees.

Assistant Secretary Tom Rotell continued to act as Secretary in the absence of Mike Stafford, who was in hospital and had resigned the office on account of his health.

Coast-wide 25c Increase

Among the resolutions approved by the convention were several urging the appointment of a negotiating committee to secure a conference with management to negotiate a 25c per hour wage increase for all shipbuilding employees on the Pacific Coast. These were reduced to one resolution and adopted. The scale under the present Coast-wide Master Agreement for mechanics of various trades averages $1.38 for new ship work, and $1.54 for ship repair work. British Columbia does not come under this master agreement. The dual union set-up here prevents the inclusion.

Another resolution adopted called for the negotiation of a uniform agreement for uptown shops on the Pacific Coast, with uniform wages, hours and working conditions in Metal Trades Work, as now applied to the shipbuilding industry.

Because some negotiations are unduly prolonged the convention recommended that a retroactive clause be incorporated in all future contracts.

Want Wartime Controls Removed

There are still some wartime controls over the shipbuilding industry, so the convention endorsed a resolution requesting the President of the United States to free the shipbuilding industry from these controls.

National Zone Standards have proven unworkable and unenforceable, it was pointed out in another resolution which recommended that that these be immediately abolished.

Changes in payments for holidays when worked were approved by the convention.

New classifications not now included in the master agreement were approved for insertion in the agreement.

Another resolution called upon Congress to provide that a proportionate number of warships be built on the Pacific Coast, most of these having been built on other coasts in pre-war days.

A 30-hour week with no reduction in pay was approved as an unemployment measure in the shipbuilding industry.

Anti-Labor Legislation

Strong opposition was voiced in another resolution, to anti-union labor legislation, all councils being urged to take an active part in this opposition.

A change in the vacation pay clause was asked to be inserted in the master agreement, by which a worker shall be entitled to one day's vacation pay for each 160 hours worked for the same employer.

A resolution presented by the Vancouver Painters' Union local urging state and federal legislation to control the use and abuse of spray painting was adopted and referred to the various councils.

These are just a few of the fifty resolutions presented to the convention.

Elected Officials

Ralph Johns of Portland Machinists' Union was re-elected as president in a contest against Richard J. Pickard, Marine Pipe Fitter of Los Angeles, 283 to 166.

Tom Rotell of the San Francisco Molders' Union was elected unanimously to the office of Executive Secretary.

The rest of the Executive are elected by the various districts.

Mike Stafford, the retiring Executive Secretary, was given a substantial monetary gift.

The Vancouver Metal Trades Council was represented at the convention by H. W. Watts, the Council's secretary.

Determined Unity

During the convention a vigorous, determined unity was noticeable in all delegates, a unity that will serve notice upon management of its guilt in inviting totalitarianism through anti-laborism.

Continuance of wartime, coast-wide unity had been hoped for, and its actuality as revealed in sessions aroused cheer and strength among union delegates, officers, district leaders, international representatives, and President John P. Frey, veteran A. F. of L. Metal Trades chief.

It became readily apparent that the Pacific coast shop and shipyard labor movement was to retain in the new peace years, that outstanding wartime leadership by which it has become a model for the nation in good bargaining, high standards, and effective teamwork with management.

Some of the Speeches

Brother John O'Connell, veteran secretary of San Francisco Labor Council, said:

"You people did a tremendous wartime job with your capable leadership."

Anti-Union Legislation

Charles Scully, attorney for the California State Federation of Labor, said:

"The current legislative attack is the most carefully and expertly planned attack on labor in American history, one that is designed to stand up under all attack, including constitutionality."

"The courts have been liberal, but we must awaken now to the fact that we face a program based upon the general premise that labor strife is detrimental to public welfare, a matter of public policy, and therefore it must be eliminated."

John Shelley

"We extend a most sincere welcome and the wish that your mission here will be fully accomplished," said Bro. John Shelley, president of San Francisco Labor Council. "There is a great responsibility on labor and its leaders these days, especially during the usual postwar trend to restrict labor. Your coastwide metal trades groups have a record to be proud of and will assume their full share of the new responsibility."

Dan Flanagan

"It is a privilege to be assigned by William Green to extend to you good wishes for a successful convention," said Bro. Dan Flanagan, head of the A. F. of L. Western Office. "The year 1947 is to be a year of greatest importance, not only to the trade union movement but also to our free enterprise system.

"The halos they gave us in the war days have been changed to brickbats in the form of vicious anti-labor legislation. Gratitude is shortlived. But I feel certain that a group such as yours, with the diligence displayed through the war, will use that same cooperation and teamwork to help overcome in 1947 the obstacles to our continued growth. Your deliberations are the ways and means of continuing the American way of life, as exemplified by the American Federation of Labor.

Neil Haggerty

"The tremendous gains made by organized labor in the past few years have not been taken in good grace by those who would confine the rights of workers," said Bro. C. J. "Neil" Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor. "Evidence of their intentions is too glaring to be missed.

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Ottawa Urged To Plan Health Insurance

The following resolution was endorsed by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, and all affiliated unions are being supplied with copies, which they are requested to forward to Ottawa.

Resolution

The following Resolution was unanimously endorsed at the Health Insurance Conference held Sunday, February 16, 1947, at Pender Auditorium in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, sponsored by the Joint Health Insurance Committees of the Vancouver & New Westminster Trades & Labor Council and the Vancouver Labor Council, to be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Pensions and National Health:

Whereas the health of the Canadian people is one of the most important questions demanding of our governments their immediate attention and action,

And whereas the state of health of the citizens of Canada is a disgrace to any civilized country, as is substantiated by all statistics on Canadian health standards, and particularly at this time when Canada has progressed to the greatest scientific advancement our country has ever known,

And whereas this need of added preventive and medical care was recognized by your government and a number of worthy proposals were prepared by your government for submission to the provincial governments for their consideration and adoption, only to be defeated by the actions of a minority of the provincial premiers,

And whereas the desires and necessities of the majority must overrule the objections of the few,

Therefore be it resolved that this Conference on Health Insurance herewith requests your government to prepare suitable legislation for presentation to the present session of parliament in order to bring into force a Health Plan adequate to cover the needs of all the Canadian people, in line with the various proposals submitted to your government by the Canadian trade union movement, the Canadian Legion and other public bodies.

Love's Cafe Signs With Restaurant Union

The new management of Love's Cafe, 779 Granville, has signed up with the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, Local No. 28, May Ansell, Business Agent of the union informed the delegates to the Trades Council. They are signed up under the same agreement as twenty-five other union cafes in Vancouver.

Miss Ansell also reported that Mrs. Emily Watts was now in Victoria, negotiating two new agreements in that city.

AFL Membership Now At 7,505,446

Miami, Fla. — Emphatically reaffirming its determination to battle to a finish the flood of anti-labor proposals presented in Congress and State legislatures, the AFL Executive Council, winding up its mid-winter session here, sharply assailed the 45 restrictive measures which President William Green reported were waiting consideration in Washington.

Highlights of the concluding sessions of the Council—one of the shortest winter meetings of that group—included:

1. Announcement of Secretary-Treasurer George Meany that the membership now totals 7,505,446—an all-time record, and a quarter of a million above the figure for September.

2. Adoption of a plan to reduce strikes by appointment of a three-man committee of the top AFL leaders to work out settlement formulae for disputes.

3. Approval of a plan for compulsory retirement of members of the AFL headquarters staff at the age of 65. This would not apply to elected officers or organizers, Mr. Green told newsmen.

4. Unanimous opposition to compulsory military training in peacetime.

5. Reiteration of the AFL policy of unrelenting opposition to any proposed legislation, national or state, which would restrict the social and economic progress of organized American workers.

BRICKYARD WORKERS' LOCAL GRANTED CONGRESS CHARTER

Lantz, Hants County, N.S.—A Congress Charter has been granted to Local No. 2, National Union of Brickyard Workers, comprising the employees of the L. E. Shaw Brickyard Company, Lantz, N.S.

There are nearly seven million divorced people in the United States. There were 68 thousand divorces in 1905. The annual total now is 300 thousand.

"Profits Are the Money Of Those Who Produce Wealth"

Ottawa.—A "take on all comers" speech has been delivered here by Agriculture Minister James G. Gardiner. In his typical fighting fashion, he lambasted the "Big Interests" and defended the so-called socialist legislative trend of the Liberal administration.

Gardiner told the big Canadian corporations where they stood on their huge profit making. "These profits," he declared, "are the money of those who applied their labor to the natural resources to produce wealth.

"If you do not or cannot pay these excessive profits out in wages, local taxes, or widespread dividends, then the Federal government must tax them. Where the local authorities cannot, as in the case of family allowances and old age pensions, make the distribution equitably, the Dominion government must."

He lashed out at the two other major political parties, lumping the Progressive Conservatives and the C.C.F. as reactionaries.

The Liberal administration, Gardiner stated, is carrying out many social services which this year will cost the Federal treasury $1,100,000,000. The other political parties are calling for a cut in 1947 expenditures.

What are the specific items that the Progressive Conservatives and the C.C.F. want to have reduced in the outlays? Gardiner demanded.

There will be some sharp repercussions to the Gardiner speech at this session of Parliament. Opposition leaders in the Commons agree in his condemnation of big corporations in their selfishness. But they are sore over the reference he made to them as reactionaries, and at his putting the two parties in the same boat.

Up to date, the Progressive and C.C.F. members have usually voted against one another on divisions in the House of Commons.

Provincial Health Insurance Plan Urged

The following resolution is being forwarded to unions affiliated with the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, for endorsation, and the request that it be forwarded by the local secretary to Premier John Hart, in Victoria.

Resolution

The following Resolution was unanimously endorsed at the Health Insurance Conference held Sunday, February 16, 1947, at Pender Auditorium in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, sponsored by the Joint Health Insurance Committees of the Vancouver & New Westminster Trades & Labor Council and the Vancouver Labor Council, to be forwarded to Premier John Hart of the Province of British Columbia:

Whereas the Province of British Columbia is one of the wealthiest provinces in the Dominion in natural resources and in financial status,

And whereas the report submitted to the provincial legislature by Dr. G. M. Weir in 1935 indicated at that time the dire need of an over-all plan of medical care for all British Columbia citizens,

And whereas according to government statistics the disease incidence and general health level of the people of British Columbia is below that of a maority of provinces in the Dominion,

And whereas under the British North America Act the provision of health services is in the field of provincial jurisdiction,

Therefore be it resolved that this Conference on Health Insurance cannot too strongly urge upon your government the necessity of instituting at this session of the provincial legislature an adequate plan of health insurance and at the same time making provisions for correlating such plan with a national health scheme at the earliest opportunity.

Quebec AFL Plans Big Organizing Drive

San Francisco, Calif.— Campaign plans have been prepared to organize the unorganized workers in the province of Quebec and bring them into the fold of the American Federation of Labor by the Quebec Provincial Federation of Labor, and has been given the endorsement of AFL President William Green.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Chamber of Commerce, and the governments, federal and provincial, are drafting elaborate plans to further extend industry in this province. The greatest inducement for such an expansion is the availability of cheap labor because it is unorganized. The adherents of the American Federation of Labor are determined to eliminate this condition.

In carrying out their campaign of organizing the unorganized, the Quebec Federation of Labor needs the full assistance of the whole labor movement, and they are asking the AFL unions to co-operate with thtm in this campaign.

Washington, D. C.—Public works needs in the United States were estimated at $10,000,000,000 by the Federal Works Agency in a report covering schools, water supplies, sewerage facilities and other services to make up the deficiences left in the wake of the war.

Hospital Sweepstakes Up To Governments

In an effort to get some consideration to the question of providing more hospital accommodation in British Columbia, Alderman R. K. Gervin, Secretary of the T & L Council, presented the following resolution to the Vancouver City Council and it was endorsed.

Following this action the resolution was forwarded to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, the Provincial Government and to the Canadian Federation of Mayors and to the Union of B. C. Municipalities.

Word has been received from the Minister of Justice, who can find no justice in the plan to increase hospital facilities by such schemes.

This matter might well be taken up in other provinces of the Dominion of Canada, in an effort to bring pressure upon the government.

The Resolution Reads

Whereas the present serious shortage of hospital accommodation in the Province of British Columbia and the City of Vancouver in particular is causing needless hardship to our people; and,

Whereas the greatest contributing factor to this shortage is lack of funds to build, equip and maintain such institutions; and,

Whereas other countries have built equipped and made available to all their citizens the best possible in hospitalization, financed by legalized state-supervised sweepstakes; and,

Whereas the citizens of Vancouver by plebiscite overwhelmingly favoured such action:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Vancouver urge the Federal Government to bring about an amendment to that section of the Criminal Code of Canada dealing with lotteries to permit such Provinces of Canada, or any municipality, which may desire to do so, to hold sweepstakes for the purpose of building hospitals or such other allied institutions as may be a benefit to the citizens as a whole, it being understood that such amendment would be effective only until such time as a National Health Scheme is inaugurated for the Dominion of Canada;

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Justice and to the Secretary of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities.

Bakers' Union Sign Up Can. Window Bakeries

After many years of effort, Brother Kemmis, Business Agent of the Bakers Union reports that the Canadian Window Bakeries has signed the Master Union agreement.

This brings fourteen of the largest bakeries under union shop conditions in Vancouver.

These are: Canadian Bakeries, Brown Bros., Maple Leaf Biscuits, McGavins, General Bakeries, Weston's Bread, Safeway, Mother Hubbard, Montreal Bakery, Village Bakeries, Olympic Pie Co., Disher Specialties, Canadian Window Bakeries and Horne's Bakeries in New Westminster.

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"Then there is a new hot cargo bill. All of these cause expense, restrict the activities of a free trade union movement. We honestly believe some employers realize the dangers in these restrictions and recognize the value of constructive agreements, freely entered into.

Chaos Ahead

"We are concerned with a restriction of the free economy of this nation. It will lead to that type of thinking which in foreign countries has led the government to undertake most of these activities. We still have freedom. If it is taken away from us we must hit back and somebody will be hurt. Then will come chaos.

"Somebody must stop this trend, and that somebody must be labor. It's your job to contact your representatives and let them know. In this state we have 20 days left in which to make the contact. Tell them of your concern over this extremely dangerous threat not just to labor but to our nation as a whole.

Hurt Labor, Hurt Us

"The A. F. of L. has always insisted on recognizing management's rights, along with our own. You cannot hamstring one segment of the population without eventually hamstringing the whole country. We believe in free enterprise. Unions are an integral part of that system.

"Above all, ask and look for clear-minded leadership, not blinded by greed, and sincerely interested in the future welfare of this country."

Regional Cooperatives Show Large Increase

Chicago, Ill.—It has just been made public that the wholesale volume of the 22 regional cooperatives that make up National Cooperatives, Inc., rose from $177,400,000 in 1945 to $232,100,000 in 1946, or an increase of 30 percent.

Retail volume had a larger increase in dollar sales but a smaller rise percentagewise. Estimated volume of retail cooperatives affiliated with the regionals was $541,992,000 in 1945 and $698,520,000 in 1946, or 28 percent higher.

Last year a total of 423 cooperative associations were added, making a total of 4,522 affiliated with National. The number of outlets advanced by 594 to reach a total of 5,819 at the close of the year. A total of 180,236 families were added to those served by local cooperatives, bringing the number served through National up more than 1,500,000. Membership at the close of the year totaled 1,516,950, or an increase of 13 percent over 1945.

Labor Economist Claims Higher Pay Is Required

New York, N. Y.—Research Director Dr. Lazare Teper, of the Ladies' Garment Workers Union, in an address to the American Marketing Association here, stated that another round of wage increases is essential if workers are to have the buying power to absorb industry's huge output at current high prices.

The research director discounted claims that sufficient price declines will occur to produce a balance between purchasing power and production.

"So far," he asserted, "price reductions in some commodities have been offset by increases in others.

"The history of the economy shows no period during which general price decreases took place while business was good," Tepper said. "Hence wage and salary raises are the only logical means to restore the balance."

COMPETITION

"Your wife seems to have a strange look on her face lately."

"Yeah, she's tryin' to resemble her latest photograph."

In Lighter Vein

THE THREE R'S

At 25, Romance; at 45, Rent; at 65, Rheumatism.

BETTER CHECK UP

Woman on telephone: "I sent my little boy to your store for two pounds of plums, and I got only a pound and a half. Your scales must be wrong."

Fruit dealer: "My scales are all right, madam. Have you weighed your little boy?"

It is not work that kills men; it is worry.—Henry Ward Beecher.

QUITE SO!

"The average woman has a vocabulary of only eighteen hundred words." It is a small stock, but think of the turnover.

HAPPY?

Recently a friend of the family said to an old Boston miser, "Pete, I hear your nephew is going to marry. On that occasion you ought to do something to make him happy."

"You think so?" said the old man. "I certainly do."

"O.K.," was the generous rejoinder; "I'll pretend I'm dangerously ill."

SOBER OBSERVATION

First Drunk: "Whassat sign say?"

Second Souse: "It sez, 'Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Dresses.'"

First Drunk: "Well, it's about time. I'm sick of seein' 'em in slacks."

WELL ANSWERED

The witness was certainly no chicken, and the young lawyer thought it would be to his advantage to get her rattled.

"And now, madam," he said, "I must ask a personal question. How old are you?"

"Young man," she replied. "it isn't more than an hour since the judge objected to hearsay evidence. And I don't remember being born."

HE KNEW

Officer: "Don't you know what the crack of dawn is?"

Private: "Sure, what my wife used to give me when I came home at 4 a.m."

BROKE

Mr. and Mrs. Newlywed were silent as the train bore them swiftly home at the end of their honeymoon.

Mr. Newlywed had spent every available penny and his next pay day was two weeks off.

But as they neared home, the young wife gave a merry laugh.

"I'm going to tell you a secret that will cheer you up, Billy," she said. "Before we went away I hid ten dollars in the dresser."

"Yes," moaned her husband, "I know. I found it."

I never could believe that Providence had sent a few men into the world, ready booted and spurred to ride, and millions ready saddled and bridled to be ridden.—Rumbold.

PROOF

Finally counsel turned to the policeman and said:

"But if a man is on his hands and knees that is no proof that he is drunk?"

"Probably not, sir," replied the policeman. "But this one was trying to roll up the white line!"

CHANGE IN NAME ONLY

Ben is being taught to address his parents as "Father" and "Mother," instead of the former infant prattle of "Daddy" and "Mommy."

One night he was saying his prayers, and had just followed his usual practice of saying, "Lord, bless Daddy and Mommy," when he suddenly paused and in a most solemn and respectful manner, offered the following revision:

"Excuse me, Lord. I should have said Father and Mother."

He paused, still a little troubled, and then added: "But, Lord, they are the same old parties."

Great souls have wills; feeble ones have only wishes.—Chinese proverb.

PLAINLY PUT

A certain rather seedy little hotel down in Alabama has adopted a simple but effective means of forestalling complaints from its disgusted patrons. Prominently displayed near the clerk's desk is a large sign reading:

"This ain't the Waldorf-Astoria; if it was it wouldn't be here.

"You ain't J. P. Morgan; if you was you wouldn't be here.

"We know this hotel is on the bum —well, how about yourself?"

WHERE TALL STORIES GROW

An Easterner wandering through the Arkansas foothills encountered a native carrying a dead rabbit. He didn't see any weapon, so he asked, "What did you kill that rabbit with —a rifle?"

"Nope," was the reply.

"A shot-gun?"

"Nope."

"A sling-shot?"

"Nope."

"Then tell me how you got him," insisted the Easterner.

"Wal, stranger," the native replied, "it's kind of a trade-secret, but I don't mind tellin' ye. We hez run out o' ammunition, so whut we hez done hez been to paint big black spots on the end o' the logs hereabouts.

"When we want rabbits, we sends the dowgs into the bresh to stir 'em up. When the rabbit sees the black spot in the end o' the log he thinks it's a hole and makes fur it.

"Course, there ain't none, and he knocks hisself unconscious. Ain't that a cute idee, stranger?"

YES, INDEED!

Being married saves a man a lot of time making up his mind about things.

URGENT?

On being informed that no absence from chapel would be excused, the student placed on his bedroom door for the enlightenment of the janitor a large sign reading: "Wake me up at 7:30; it is urgent. Don't let me ignore your summons, don't pay any attention to what I may say—wake me up at 7:30."

Then under this firm command, he added: "Try again at 9:30."

Wine has drowned more than the sea.—Publius Syrus.

BOASTERS

"Two days without food and water," announced the World War II veteran to an admiring audience.

"Pretty bad," agreed a middle-aged man; "but how would you like to have fought in the trenches in Flanders? Sometimes we were up to the waist in icy water and mud for a week or more."

"Call yourself soldiers?" snorted a very old man, who had hobbled up. "Pah! When I was in the Zulu war a spear knocked me down and pinned me to the ground. I couldn't move, and I lay there for a week without food and drink."

"By Jove!" exclaimed the World War II veteran. "It must have been very painful."

"Not very," answered the old man; "only when I laughed."

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AFL Charges Labor Foes Use Portal Issue to Penalize Unions

Washington, D. C. — Charges that some members of Congress have seized upon the portal-to-portal pay issue as an excuse to present legislation which would cram down the throats of the American people new laws which would shackle all labor and wipe out the gains scored by organized workmen over a long period of years were made before a House Judiciary Sub-committee.

Walter J. Mason, a legislative spokesman for the American Federation of Labor, declared these anti-labor proposals go far beyond the question of travel time and would "nullify" the Wage-Hour Act as an effective national standard for minimum wages.

"In our opinion," Mr. Mason told the sub-committee, "this situation is being used as an excuse to emasculate certain laws passed to improve the standards of workers everywhere."

Mr. Mason told the group that the measures introduced by labor foes were aimed particularly at collective bargaining. He said they would pave the way to definitions less liberal than had been obtained by the unions themselves "in thousands of cases."

Mr. Mason contended that one pending bill would destroy enforcement of the Wage-Hour Act by freeing employers of liability to violations unless it could be shown that they had not acted "in good faith."

"The enactment of the proposed legislation," he asserted, "would put the American workers back several generations to the time when they were paid $1 per day, regardless of the number of hours they worked.

"In the case of existing agreements, most unions felt that they were bound by the terms of understanding with employers reached in negotiations, and were therefore under obligation to honor such contractual terms for the period covered by these agreements. This has been consistent with the long-established policy of the American Federation of Labor opposed to resorting to courts for the settlement of issues which are proper subjects of collective bargaining."

Discussing the portal-to-portal pay issue, Mr. Mason told the sub-committee that few suits based on this subject had been introduced by AFL *unions*.

"Most AFL affiliates," he said, "have preferred to present their claims directly to the employers concerned and to make every effort to reach an agreement over the definition of 'time worked' in collective bargaining negotiations."

Summarizing the antilabor bills, Mr. Mason declared they are objectionable because they interfere with collective bargaining by excluding "certain activities now considered as compensable working time in thousands of collective bargaining agreements" and endangers labor standards by restrictive definition of compensable working time." He added:

"I don't think any portal pay legislation is needed. I think the Supreme Court could handle this problem very well."

As the House hurried with its hearings, Senate Republican leaders were arranging to bring a portal bill to the floor at the earliest opportunity. This was confirmed by Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, after a meeting of the Senate Republican Steering Committee.

AFL Statement On Anti-Labor Bill Fight

Miami, Fla.—The full text of the resolution adopted by the AFL Executive Council serving stern notice that it will relentlessly oppose all forms of anti-labor legislation, follows

"The American Federation of Labor has opposed and will continue to oppose all legislation, either Federal or State, that disturbs, menaces or destroys its free status; that limits free collective bargaining; that erects legal barriers to stop the economic and social progress of all workers gainfully employed; that makes the legislative representatives of the people a police patrol for employing and financial interests.

"The executive officers of the American Federation of Labor are instructed to decry, oppose and fight such projected legislation in the name of all the members of the American Federation of Labor; they are authorized to utilize all the facilities and resources of the American Federation of Labor and to enlist the cooperation of all the affiliated unions and their membership in such effort. The President, First Vice-President and the Secretary-Treasurer are constituted a committee to supervise such action and make all necessary decisions related thereto."

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Economists' Report Cited As Proof For Wage Increase

Washington, D.C.—Top economists on the AFL staff cited a recent report from the Conference Board Economic Forum which predicted a decline in retail sales in the last half of this year as evidence supporting the AFL's position that labor's buying power must rise "to support the volume of retail sales, which alone can keep our industries busy at full employment levels."

"The decline in living costs which has been forecast will help to increase labor's buying power, but wage increases also are vitally necessary to build up a market for industrial products," the AFL group agreed.

"As the AFL has repeatedly pointed out, the effort of our local unions to secure wage increases without strike and without price increases is an immense contribution to the economic health of the nation."

The report, prepared by 11 of the nation's top-flight economists, who undertook to appraise the business outlook for 1947, forecast a reduction in "gross national product" in the second half of the year, bringing the average of the closing six months to 198 billions. A majority of the group also foresaw moderate declines in national income and income payments.

Regarding retail sales, the economists said that among those who look for an increase in total retail sales for the initial half of the year, the average monthly rate for the first six months was about $8,035,000,000, against a preliminary figure of $7,720,000,000 for 1946. One participant in the discussion said he expects a drop to $6,500,000,000 in the second half, about 28 percent below his estimate of the earlier period.

Two of the economists placed the annual rate of net savings of individuals at $18,000,000,000 for the year. Another participant set the figure at $18,900,000,000, while still another went as low as $8,000,000,000 for the annual rate for the second half.

Another Rail Union Joins AFL Group

Hagerstown, Md. — An agreement carrying standard railroad wages and working conditions has been signed here by the executive board of System Federation 24 and the superintendent of motive power of the Western Maryland.

This agreement is of special significance because it climaxes a successful campaign started a little over a year ago to bring the shopcraft employees on this carrier back into the fold of the Standard Railroad Labor Organizations.

With the signing of this contract, all Class I railroads, except one, are now operating under standard agreements with AFL shopcraft unions.

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Labor Shortage Is Acute In Australia

About $13,000,000 a year is lying around Melbourne in unearned wages because of the shortage of labor, says "Labor Call", official organ in Victoria of the Australian Labor party.

Industry is at present looking for nearly 19,000 male and female workers for all classes of trade, the paper says.

Melbourne wants more than 10,000 female workers for clothing and textile trade, food, drink and tobacco factories.

Hospitals are critically short of nurses, domestics, and unskilled labor.

Not registered with the Australian Employment Service and therefore not included in official figures, are the thousands of vacancies for private domestic workers, waitresses and catering trades industry employees.

More than 9,000 vacant positions for males are registered with the Australian Employment Service in Victoria. The greatest shortage of male workers is in the metal industry. If the number of female textile workers is increased, a big shortage of male labour will occur simultaneously in this industry, because more machines will be brought into use.

Electricians Win Raise In Philadelphia Area

Washington, D. C.—A report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Labor Department states that union wages for electricians in the building trades in the Philadelphia area have been increased to $2.25 an hour. The bureau said that the new rate for electricians was the only increase in the period between November 10 and January 15 in the building trades.

The report cited that other wage scales on January 15 are: bricklayers, $2.25 per hour; plasterers, $2.25; plumbers, $2.00; carpenters, $1.77; painters, $1.75 and building laborers $1.02.

Living Cost In Britain Above Those In Canada

Montreal, Can.—The International Labor Office has just disclosed that Canada, Great Britain and South Africa have outstripped the United States in keeping down the cost of living since 1937. Price increase percentages in the general cost of living between 1937 and late 1946 are:

Canada, 26; Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 32; Union of South Africa, 38; United States, 48; Sweden, 50; Norway, 65; the Netherlands, 82; Brazil, 125; Mexico, 300; France, 900; Rome, 1,900; Indo-China, 2,000; China, 4,300, and Japan, 4,800.

On food alone the percentage increases were: Great Britain, 21; Canada, 42; South Africa and Sweden, 49; Norway, 61; United States, 78; the Netherlands, 101.

Vice-Pres. Gwinn Of Lodge No. 756 Passes

Brother Cecil Gwinn, vice-president of Aeonautical Mechanics Lodge 756, passed away February 1, 1947, at Shaughnessy Military Hospital. He served in the First Great War with the 10th Battalion. Interment, Field of Honor, Mountain View Cemetery.

Brother Gwinn was Head Shop Steward at the large Sea Island Plant for a time and did real work for Lodge 756 in ironing out many grievances within the plant and organizing the employees as well as maintaining a real live wire Shop Steward Movement.

Also during 1946, Brother Gwinn was President of Lodge 756, and this year was the lodge vice-president. He will be deeply missed by the lodge membership, and was a good and loyal trade unionist.

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HOUSING COSTS HIGH

A lot of people in Vancouver are being agitated over the housing question. While there is undoubtedly a shortage in housing, a lot of the agitation is fomented with ulterior motives, and several of the proposed remedies will have no effect upon the situation, or are not possible of achievement.

In the face of all this agitation what do we find?

We find that there are about four thousand unfinished houses or residential units in the city.

The asked for price on houses today is getting beyond the ability of workers to pay, and the monthly payments necessary creates a question in the mind of the worker as to his ability to keep up the long constant payments, in view of unemployment possibilities.

Hundreds of unfinished houses are those that are being constructed by owners or speculators on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

There is a great shortage of houses or apartments for rent. Many people desiring homes are not in the market for the purchase of homes, and very few builders or speculators are attempting to build houses for rental purposes.

In reviewing the above mentioned conditions this is what we arrive at. The unfinished houses are being generally held up because of a shortage of many kinds of material, and lumber is not the chief one of these.

Because of high prices, while many houses are available, people are not willing to accept the burden of paying for such houses, hence despite the supply, houses are still in demand, but they must be cheaper.

The delay in finishing these thousands of houses, intensifies the situation, because the material already in the houses—mostly lumber—has actually curtailed the construction of other houses where continuous work could be carried on by responsible contractors.

Houses for rent is probably the greatest drawback to relieving of the situation. Who is going to assume the responsibility to provide such houses? The houses or apartments being erected to rent are being offered at rents much higher than those in need of them are able or willing to pay, but again we ask who will venture into erecting houses or apartments at rents satisfactory to these people?

A review of these factors gives us these conclusions. Lumber supply is not the real cause for the housing shortage, and the curtailment of so-called unessential building will not relieve the situation. More lumber will not cheapen the cost of houses, neither will it make provision for the construction of houses for rent.

Let us also remember that every large city on this continent is suffering from a housing shortage. There is more lumber and other building material being used today than ever before in the history of Canada or the United States. There are five times as many workers employed in the construction industry in Vancouver today than in the pre-war days.

Is there a remedy? There is no remedy for the present situation unless we could divert all building material to Vancouver. The other cities' needs are just as great as ours, that is why you cannot divert the material to any one place.

There was a remedy when the City Council was asked to go into the business of erecting blocks of apartments for rent. If the council had taken advantage of the finances then available, hundreds of apartments could have been made available since. And if such apartment blocks had been built continuously, the present need for rented places would probably have been met.

COMPANY UNIONS(?)

Squarks are being made by some CCL/CIO groups in the Okanagan Valley and elsewhere, because the workers in the unions sponsored by these organizations have revolted against the leadership and sought charters from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada or A. F. of L. unions. Those squarkers are making press statements to the effect that these moves are company inspired, but it is far from the truth. Actually the workers have become fed up with the communist leadership and where they have had the courage to do so, have switched to our organizations. It may be quite true that the companies have given assistance and support to the change, and we welcome that assistance, because we cannot blame these companies for desiring to be rid of organizations that tend to cripple their industrial operations by a continuity of strikes and chaos. An ever increasing number of business men have come to realize that they cannot eliminate trade unionism and if there is to be a choice between unions they are selecting ours and we welcome that selection. Industrial chaos means a greater loss to the worker than to the employer. At times strikes are necessary, but a great many are now started with the idea of creating industrial chaos rather than benefits to the workers. Most of the anti-union legislation now being proposed is as a result of communist inspired industrial strife.

RISING PRICES

Price ceilings and controls are being removed or raised and this is creating a somewhat chaotic condition among merchants. Manufacturers are raising prices, but an ever increasing number of merchants are finding that the higher priced goods are not being bought up as fast as they would like.

Because of this there is every indication that prices will not remain up, no matter what efforts are being made to keep them up. This tendency to raise prices is going to create more industrial chaos and we look forward to a lot of strife before prices begin to go down, which they ultimately must.

It looks as though March is going to be another turning point in business trends. Along with another industrial upheaval there will be another slump in the stock market, and this will be followed by an increasing unemployment trend in many industries. And inasmuch as this condition will tend to get worse instead of better for the rest of this year, workers would be well advised to hang on to what jobs they have, if they can, and to keep close check on their purchases. Prices will go down, and jobs will be more competitive.

Importation of Butter

It is evident in Ottawa now that the warning given that Canadian farmers would get out of the butter production field if prices were not raised has only been followed by a broad hint from the government here that, if Canadian farmers do not produce enough butter, it will simply have to import this product in order to keep the present six ounce ration and not lower it. With the assurance that the ration will not be reduced at this time and no increase in prices will be forthcoming at the same time, it is asked now if importation of butter may follow though it is no secret along Parliament Hill that loud protests would be made if this threat was carried out. Obviously, holders of butter stock in Canada are being tempted to put their product on the market freely and not wait for any possible price increases because this is not coming now, as far as the government is concerned.

UNION MAY REFUSE TO WRECK HOMES FOR TENNIS COURTS

San Francisco, Calif.—The San Francisco Building Trades Council has intimated that it would refuse to work on the proposed demolition of three buildings to make way for two new tennis courts.

The indication that the AFL body might boycott the building project came in a resolution it unanimously adopted, bitterly condemning the California Tennis Club for seeking to evict the buildings' 28 occupants, including a number of veterans, during such a critical housing shortage.

UNDESIRABLES(?)

The Medicine Hat Trades and Labor Council has warned the Dominion government against allowing "undesirables" to enter Canada. This is good advice, if only we can figure out what an "undesirable" is. There are so many different definitions. Some people think Communists are undesirable, and some people think capitalists are undesirable, and some people think Catholics are undesirable, and some people think the Witnesses of Jehovah are undesirable, and some people think prohibitionists are undesirable, and some people think peroxide blondes are undesirable, and so on and so forth. There are probably some dirty rats who think trade union members are undesirable.—Calgary Herald.

Oil Magnates In Peace and War Drama

A situation which threatens the political and economic freedom of the American people—and may involve them in war—was described this week by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (Dem., Wyo.) in a radio talk.

It summed up the findings of a sweeping oil industry investigation ust completed by a Senate Committee headed by O'Mahoney. In short, he said:

1. Back in 1911, the Supreme Court upheld the famous "Landis decision," which was supposed to "bust" the "Standard Oil Trust." Standard "obeyed" by splitting into a number of "independents"—among them the Standard Oil companies of New Jersey, California and New York.

2. Now these three Standard concerns, with the Texas Company, have signed an agreement dividing among them the fabulous oil resources of Saudi Arabia. (Some details of this deal were given in last week's Labor).

Leads to Dictatorship

Thus, O'Mahoney pointed out, the three Standard companies are back together again in a combine which can "direct the production and distribution of petroleum products throughout Europe, and possibly throughout the world," including the United States.

3. "It is but a step from giant combinations of this kind to the authoritarian state," O'Mahoney said. The Standard combine is so big and powerful it deals with Uncle Sam as an equal, makes treaties with foreign governments, and rules the destinies of countless people. To preserve democracy, America must find some way to control such corporations.

Britain, Russia Conflict

4. Standard, with the knowledge and consent of the U.S. State Department, is committing Uncle Sam to a "strong hand" in Arabia and other parts of the Middle East, where British and Russian interests conflict on oil and military strategy. Can the United States avoid a war if it starts there?

More light is thrown on this situation by the O'Mahoney committee report. It emphasizes these points:

"The story of oil now unfolding on the international horizon is a drama of peace and war. It may affect the future of civilization."

A nation must have plenty of oil to be strong in peace, and absolutely must have it to win in war.

Uncle Sam is comparatively fortunate in "proved" oil resources at home, but he should promptly start doing two things.

Enough For Centuries

One is to encourage exploration for new oil fields, on our land and under the water along our coasts.

The other is to develop methods for manufacturing "synthetic" gasoline and oils from natural gas, coal, and "oil shales." "These sources of supply are capable of meeting all our petroleum requirements for centuries."

If we do not do those two things, the report says, we have "only one alternative."

That is, continue what we are doing now—depend on "hope" and foreign oil resources.

Thus we may get into war by seeking foreign oil for use in war.

Automobile Insurance Covered Increased

The Saskatchewan government is going to increase the coverage of the automobile insurance legislation, at no extra cost. The owner of a car or farm truck in Saskatchewan is to get for $6.00 protection which would cost him more than $30 in any other way. More important still, every person in Saskatchewan is protected under the legislation and no negligence must be proven to collect the insurance.

Four point insurance coverage will be provided as it is proposed that the benefits of the Automobile Accident Insurance Act will be extended to increase benefits under the personal inury coverage which has been in effect since the last session and collision insurance will be added as a new feature of the insurance legislation.

POWER COMMISSION PROFITS

Report of the operations of the Saskatchewan Power Commission for 1946 revealed a net profit of more than $400,000. This is the first profit the Commission has ever shown. It has been brought about by the extension of public ownership. It has been done in spite of two decreases in prices charged to consumers.

CANADIAN AFL SEAMEN GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL RAISE

Montreal.—The Canadian Seamen's Union (AFL) negotiated increases averaging $20 a month for able-bodied seamen on Canadian National steamships. Stewards who were receiving as low as $30 a month will now get a minimum of $125 a month and chief stewards will receive $250 a month.

An overtime rate on the 60-70-80-cent basis is an innovation. Heretofore there was no premium pay for overtime—ust straighttime rate. An added victory for this union is abolition of discrimination in pay formerly worked on British West Indian crew members, who got lower pay for the same work.

GOVERNMENT BY A JUDGE

Here's how government-by-inunction works in Alabama. Culinary crafts in a Birmingham cafe walked out when the boss refused higher wages, and put a picket line on duty. The boss got an injunction against picketing, had the officers of the union put in jail, and finally the judge ordered the union to call off the strike entirely. The union officers were forced to call off the strike or remain in jail.

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES SIGN PACT

Brother Joe Cherrington of Edmonton, business agent for the Hotel and Restaurant Employees, spent a few days in Drumheller recently getting agreements signed and assisting the local union. As a result of his visit all hotel agreements are signed and nine restaurants have also signed agreements.

—The Call, Calgary.

AUTOMOBILE OUTPUT

Passenger car output last year reached 56.8 percent of the 1941 level, with 2,148,677 leaving assembly lines, the Automobile Manufacturers' Association reports. More civilian trucks were produced than in any previous year.

WHO IS FAIRER?

Here's a little table which shows simply how the International Typographical Union (A. F. of L.) treats its 85,000 members and how the Southam Province deals with its employees. As they say in the cigarette ads, "Compare, comparison proves."

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On this Autumn evening, after four years service in World War I as a medical officer, Banting was engaged in his duties as a part-time teacher at the Medical School of Toronto University. In his typically careful and conscientious way, he plodded through the vast mass of accumulated data on the pancreas in preparation for his lecture on diabetes the next morning. As he wearily closed the last medical journal of the evening, his attention was suddenly arrested by a report by Baron on the pancreatic ducts.

In that instant the great idea was born. Sleep was out of the question. At 2 a.m. Banting got up and wrote three short sentences in his notebook. "Tie off pancreatic ducts of dogs. Wait 6 to 8 weeks for degeneration. Remove residue and extract." Those three sentences were to start him on the way to world recognition and the Nobel Prize.

Years of useful service to humanity came to an end on the lonely shores of Newfoundland in February, 1941, when a trans-Atlantic plane on a vital secret mission to Britain fell from the sky carrying three men to their deaths. One of them was Sir Frederick Banting, discoverer of Insulin, who, at the age of 48, died as he had lived, gloriously in the service of humanity.

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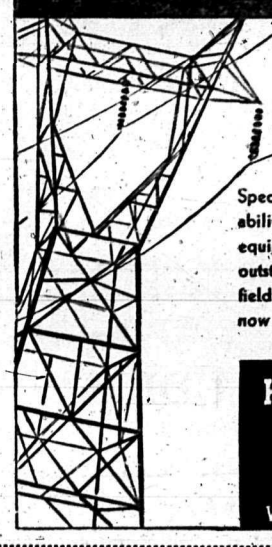

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Peace Plan In Building Field Hailed By President Truman

Washington, D. C.—In a dramatic announcement before a specially-called news conference, President Truman revealed that the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, embracing 19 unions and 2,000,000 members spread across the nation, and their employers, represented by the Associated General Contractors, had written a new pattern for settlement of disputes in the construction field on a voluntary and binding basis.

Obviously pleased that labor and management in the far-flung building industry had been able to work out an amicable formula for settlement of differences, the President told newsmen that this das a definite step along the road to labor peace throughout the country.

He cited, also, similar developments in other labor-management fields in which other millions are involved, and indicated a hope that such action would strengthen his stand for collective bargaining.

The unusual course of calling a special Saturday press conference, which had not been anticipated by newspapermen, was decided upon, the President said, because he felt the labor picture had improved so well.

He expressed deep hope that the earnest efforts of the AFL unions to bring about labor peace would spread to other industries than the building field and said he believed it indicated "a widespread willingness" to settle labor-management issues peacefully and bring the country closer and closer to the real spirit of collective bargaining.

"The making of such agreements indicates a widspread willingness to resolve industrial disputes without resort to force," Mr. Truman said.

AFL President William Green, attending the midwinter meeting of the AFL Executive Council, expressed hope that Congress would note this latest development, which he termed "a method of settlement of disputes in a constructive and workable way."

"This settlement is being made at a very important time," Mr. Green said. "Congress, which is considering legislation on the subject, may realize that labor and management are sincerely concerned about working out a solution of disputes which arise from time to time.

"It is significant that this agreement was negotiated without Governmental assistance or participation. We hope this plan can be extended to cover the metal trades and other industries and organizations."

Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, informed of the new voluntary settlement plan simultaneously with President Truman, hailed the new pattern as "an action of industrial statesmanship."

Signatories to the White House letter explaining the new peace plan were Richard Gray, President, and Herbert Rivers, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL Building Trades Department, and Herbert E. Foreman, managing director, and James D. Marshall, assistant managing director of the Associated General Contractors.

The unions involved are those of the carpenters, teamsters, roofers, plumbers, stone-cutters, sheet-metal workers, plasterers and cement finishers, painters and paperhangers, lathers, bricklayers, marble polishers, hod carriers and common laborers, iron workers, granite cutters, operating engineers, elevator constructors, electrical workers, boiler makers and asbestos workers.

Terms of the agreement do not apply to employers hiring nonunion help in any of the crafts represented by the above unions and contractors are not required to be members of the employers' organization.

The agreement also does not specifically cover jurisdictional disputes between unions. But, if both parties to a dispute consent, the issue can be put before the joint committee, whose decision will be final.

Under the new machinery set up for collective bargaining, both parties would agree to "binding and final arbitration," but the arbitration agreement must be voluntary.

Green Warns of Physicians Voice in Labor Medical Funds

Washington, D. C.—Grave warning of a recent development in the field of medical care, of vital concern to all unions which have established sick benefit plans or have evinced an interest in such plans, was sounded by AFL President William Green in a letter to all National and International unions.

Citing the request of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association for official representation on any body in control of funds to promote the health and medical care of the United Mine Workers, Mr. Green declared this action was in line with "the long-standing policy of the AMA to maintain monopolistic control of all means of providing medical service."

Declaring that such a policy "affects our plans for securing enactment of national health insurance," Mr. Green asserted:

"In line with this monopolistic practice the AMA and its state societies have been instrumental in passing state laws which, if held constitutional, will prevent wage earners and other nonprofessional groups from organizing or promoting plans unless the doctors are given a controlling voice in every state and every county where such plans may try to operate.

"Such restrictive laws have already been passed in about 15 states and it is reported that bills along this line will be introduced at the instigation of the state medical societies in many state legislatures during 1947.

"Now we see the AMA, while continuing to seek medical monopoly over health insurance plans in general, demanding representation on the controlling body of a plan started and supported by organized workers!

"You understand that the position of the American Federation of Labor has always been that it is proper that physicians have the sole responsibility for the purely professional services supplied through insurance plans, but it is not appropriate that they should have control of the organization and management of such plans.

"I am enclosing a summary of a recent article by Dr. Michael M. Davis, which gives a clear picture of the situation developing within the states. I ask that this matter be brought to the attention of your legislative representatives and that they take proper action. It would also be appropriate to notify your State medical service that you do not propose to surrender the management of medical service plans to monopoly control and to demand of them that adequate representation of labor and other public groups is accorded on the government bodies of all medical care plans."

Packing Plant Workers Sign New Agreement

Packing Plant Employees' Local 105 has completed a new agreement with Swift Canadian Company covering the Union Packing plant in Calgary, recently purchased by the Swift company.

The new agreement is effective from Jan. 14 and will continue for one year, with an automatic renewal clause provided.

Highlight of the new agreement is the wage increases negotiated. Female employees will receive 11c per hour increase and male employees 10½c per hour more, with all increases retroactive to Dec. 2 last year. This will give all employees back pay amounting to about $25 or $30 each, and the total increases for the plant for the next year will be in the neighborhood of $65,000.

The agreement recognizes the union as the sole bargaining agent for the employees in the plant, and also provides for maintenance of membership and check-off of union dues.

At the present time there are approximately 260 employees in the plant and the last membership report of the local showed 252 members in the union.

Some of the former members of Local 104 (Burns) are now making application for transfer to Local 105 so that they can retain their membership in the Trades and Labor Congress instead of the C.I.O.

—The Call, Calgary, Alta.

Teamsters Expel 4; Cite 30 For Trial

Indianapolis (LPA).—Four members of the St. Louis local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (F. F. of L.) have been expelled and 30 others face trial in the near future "for instigating and participating in wildcat strikes," the Brotherhood announced here yesterday.

The IBT warned the membership that wildcat strikes will not be tolerated and that "It is well that our membership in all other cities realize this without the painful necessity of disciplinary action which may result in the revocation of their union cards."

The four expelled teamsters "were associated with a faction which had kept the freight industry of St. Louis in a turmoil by constant demands on the employers which were unjustified under the provisions of the contract now in force." Resulting strikes tied up four companies employing about 500 men but the big companies employing the rest of the 2300 drivers in St. Louis continued to roll.

Man, As He Is

The wife of a lumberjack at Pondosa, Ore., has submitted the following piece, which no man should read. It's for our women readers only.

What Are Men?

Men are what women marry. They have two hands, two feet and sometimes two wives. Never do they have more than one dollar nor one idea at a time.

Like Turkish cigarettes, they are all made of the same material—the only difference being that some are better disguised than others. Generally speaking, they may be divided into three classes: Husbands, bachelors and widowers.

A bachelor is an eligible mass of obstinacy entirely surrounded by suspicion.

Husbands are of three types: Prize, surprise and consolation prize. Making a husband out of a man is one of the highest forms of plastic art known to civilization. It requires science, sculpture, common sense, faith, hope and charity — mostly charity.

It is a psychological marvel that a small, tender, soft, violet-scented thing like a woman would enjoy kissing a big awkward, stubby-chinned, tobacco-scented thing like a man.

If you flatter a man, you frighten him to death. If you do not, you bore him to death.

If you permit him to make love, he gets tired in the end. If you do not, he gets tired in the beginning.

If you don't believe everything he says, you will cease to charm him. If you believe all he tells you, he will think you are a fool.

If you wear gay colors, rouge and a startling hat, he hesitates to take you out. If you wear a little brown hat and a tailored suit, he takes you out; but all evening he stares at a woman in gay colors, rouge and a startling hat.

If you oin in his gaities and approve of his drinking, he swears you are driving him to the devil. If you do not approve of his drinking and urge him to give up his gaities, he vows you are a "wet blanket."

If you are the clinging-vine type, he doubts whether you have a brain. However, if you are a modern, intelligent woman, he doubts whether you have a heart.

If you act silly, he longs for a smart mate. But if you are brilliant, he longs for a playmate.

Anyhow—

Man is just a worm in the dust. He comes along, wiggles around for a while, and finally some chicken gets him!

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Meant It Literally

Imagine the lumberjack's surprise when he accepted a slick chick's invitation to "come on out and play around"—and she too khim to the golf-course and let him carry her clubs!—The Union Register.

WRONG QUESTION

Father—Now, son, tell me why I punished you?

Son—That does it. First you pound the life outa me and now you don't know why you did it!

Fortunately the Day Was Warm

"The diminutive and lovely bride wore sleeves and tiny bow trimnings, and her two attendants were attired in like dresses of yellow and blue respectively."—From Brooklyn (Wis) Teller.

Labor Productivity Rises In Gas-Electric Fields

New York City.—The National Bureau of Economic Research states that labor productivity in the electric and gas utilities industry has increased more than twice as rapidly in the last 40 years as any other major sector of the economy. According to Dr. Jacob M. Gould, author of "Output and Productivity in the Electric and Gas Utilities, 1899-1942," labor efficiency in the utilities "has risen at the remarkable rate of 4 percent a year."

Showler Attended ILO Oil Conference

Birt Showler of Vancouver, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, was a workers' representative to the meeting of the International Labor Organization's Industrial Committee on Petroleum Production and Refining, at Los Angeles this month

Representatives of 11 of the world's principal oil producing countries attended. On each delegation were representatives of the various governments, labor and oil companies.

Report to Governing Body

Besides Canada, the United States, Mexico, Colombia, Egypt, France, Britain, Iran, the Netherlands, Peru and Venezulia participated.

The committee discussed the oil industry's social problems, and international co-operation on social policy and its economic foundations in the industry. Its conclusions will be embodied in resolutions to be referred to the governing body of the I.L.O. for action.

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Musicians Give 2 Million For U.S. Musical Culture

New York City. — The American Federation of Musicians (AFL) has allocated its entire "canned music fund" of beyond $2,000,000 for promotion of musical culture, it was announced by James C. Petrillo, president of the union.

The union's recording and transcription fund, as of December 31, Mr. Petrillo said, amounted to 1,756,435, supplemented by an additional $500,000 during January.

In consultation with members of a special union committee, Mr. Petrillo has allocated $1,651,058 of the money received up to the end of the year to local unions to be used to pay musicians who participate in public concerts, entertain veterans in hospitals and similar projects.

The union's recording and transcription fund was created through royalties on records which the manufacturers of the records agreed three years ago to pay.

Referring to criticism of his appeal for this fund, Mr. Petrillo said it should now be quite clear that the transcription fund was only something from which the public would derive full benefit.

"This hasn't cost the public a cent," Mr. Petrillo told newsmen at the press conference at which he made the announcement. "When we first suggested it some newspapers charged that we were trying to set up a slush fund. Nothing could be further from the truth, and I think that we now have made very clear the purpose for which these funds were intended."

Mr. Petrillo expressed belief that this program would provide cities which previously have been outside the realm of concerts with "regular concert programs to give the people musical entertainment "and prevent unemployment of good musicians."

Magazine Finds GI's Have Become Staunch Unionists

"Instead of returning with anti-union leanings, veterans generally have fitted easily into trade union membership and peacetime employment."

That's not a labor leader speaking. The quotation is taken verbatim from an article carried in the current issue of "Business Week," a leading magazine of the industrial and business world.

Some anti-labor employers, the magazine pointed out, had counted on returning G.I.'s to smash unions. These bosses, however, have been sadly disillusioned. Millions of veterans have now been demobilized, and in practically no cases, the magazine said, have they allowed themselves to be used as strikebreakers.

"Far from showing anti-union sentiment, veterans frequently have added a militance to local union strikes and demonstrations," the article revealed.

Furthermore, "predictions that veterans would reject unionization have been proved groundless in many collective bargaining elections," the magazine said. It cited the fact that in those industries which hired the greatest number of veterans, union strength grew most rapidly during the reconversion period.

AFL Building Trades No Strike Agreement

The agreement entered into between the A. F. of L. Building Trades Department and the Associated General Contractors of America, covering over 2,000,000 workers and hundreds of employers was the climax of months of negotiations, led on labor's part by President Richard J. Gray and Secretary-Treasurer Herbert Rivers of the Department and participated in at various times by chiefs of all the 10 unions affiliated with the Department. The unions individually signed the document.

It provided for creation of a national joint conference committee, equally representative of both sides, as well as of each major branch of the construction industry. This in turn will be broken down into subcommittees, which will pass on disputes that remain unsettled either in local negotiations or under procedures already in existence in some branches of the industry.

Machinery Is Voluntary

To preserve the voluntary character of the machinery, the pact specifies that both parties to a controversy must agree to submit it to the committees. However, the agreement commits the leaders of both sides to do all in their power to induce the contending parties to make use of the machinery.

Though the Building Trades Department now has procedures for dealing with jurisdictional disputes, the agreement permits such controversies also to be relayed to the joint committees, if the parties concerned consent.

Once such a committee receives a dispute, its decision will be "a final and binding determination of the issues involved."

In a letter he sent to officials of the Building Trades Department and the contractors President Truman congratulated the parties and voiced his enthusiasm in even stronger terms.

"Now that most of the wartime controls have been removed, it is appropriate," he wrote, "that in the American tradition, labor and management assume their full responsibility.

"Notable Step" to Peace

"You have taken a notable step along the road to industrial peace. I know that with the full support of the members of all your organizations—both management and labor—your industry and the nation will achieve a higher level of production and greater stability."

Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenback also lauded the agreement as "an act of industrial statesmanship."

Most peculiar, however, was the reaction of most newspapers. Instead of praising this milestone toward industrial peace, they appeared to consider it as a personal affront—particularly since the agreement may prove to many members of Congress that compulsory legislation is not needed to avoid strikes.

Queer Reaction of Newspapers

The newspapers have been clamoring for "lynch labor" laws and they were obviously indignant that their hullabaloo has been deflated by the demonstration that labor and management can voluntarily settle their own quarrels.

Specifically, the newspapers belittled the pact because it didn't provide for compulsory arbitration and instead was based on voluntarism. As a matter of fact, that was its most valuable feature.

For a quarter century, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and contractors in the electrical construction industry have had a similar voluntary setup—and under it strikes have been virtually eliminated in the industry.

The new machinery was modelled in large part after that plan—and those responsible for it are convinced that, given good faith on both sides, it will work equally well.—Labor.

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MACDONALD'S CONSOLIDATED ARE ORGANIZED

The employees of MacDonald's Consolidated, Calgary, wholesale grocers, have joined Local 987, Teamsters and Chauffeurs and at a meeting held Monday evening elected the local to represent them. 34 out of 38 employees were present at the meeting and voted for the union.

Sun Life Assurance Beats 15-Year Record

Montreal.—More people purchased life assurance from the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada during 1946 than in any similar period over the last 15 years. Arthur B. Wood, President, outlined the world-wide character of the Company's business and revealed many new records of achievement when presenting the financial statement at the 76th Annual Meeting held here today. The Sun Life first extended its operations outside of Canada 67 years ago, and has been established in the United States and Great Britain for well over half a century. Reviewing the Annual Report for 1946, Mr. Wood stated that the volume of new life assurance business for the year had increased by 44% over 1945 and amounted to $348,155,491, bringing total assurances in force to $3,573,132,753. This amount was distributed among the Company's territorial divisions as follows: Canada, 32%; United States, 42%; Great Britain 12%; Other Countries, 14%. The total assets of the Company reached the figure of $1,343,132,974. Other record figures quoted included payments to policyholders and beneficiaries amounting to $101,485,671. The total payments to policyholders since organization stands at $1,920,000,000. Premiums received from policyholders during the year showed an increase of nearly $19,500,000, and amounted to $152,565,625. Income from all sources totalled $242,567,791, exceeding last year's record by over $23 millions. The combined surplus and contingency reserve now stands at $85,323,080. The increased scale adopted last year for the distribution of dividends to policyholders will be continued. Mr. Wood spoke of the importance of the Company's annuity business in the social fabric of our times, and referred to the comfort and peace of mind which a guaranteed annuity gives to its owner, a condition conducive to longevity. More than 400 Sun Life annuitants are now between 90 and 100 years of age. Three have passed the century mark and the oldest is an English clergyman who purchased an annuity 24 years ago at the age of 81 and who, last October, celebrated his 105th birthday. Other significant figures mentioned by Mr. Wood were concerned with the material contribution made by the Company to the housing needs of Canada and the United States. In Canada alone, over 13,000 National Housing Act loans have been placed on the books of the Company, and of the total Mortgage Account, nearly $52 million has been lent in Canada.

During the course of his remarks, Mr. Wood announced that the death rate experienced by the Sun Life during 1946 had been the most favourable on record. He then reviewed the progress of preventive medicine generally, and the important part played by life assurance companies in furthering medical research in the interests of national health. The discoveries made have been largely responsible for a steady improvement in the death rate from diseases of childhood and from tuberculosis, pneumonia and typhoid. Fifty years ago, tuberculosis, typhoid, pneumonia and influenza, combined, caused about 31% of the total annual deaths in life assurance experience. Among Sun Life policyholders today, these diseases account for only about 5% of the deaths from all causes. On the other hand, diseases of the heart, apoplexy, and nephritis formerly caused 23% of the total deaths. Today they form 57%. This comparison, however, does not necessarily mean that the death rate from diseases of the circulatory system has increased. It does reveal that heart disease, numerically, is the most important cause of death today, with cancer occupying second place.

A feature of the Annual Report was the chart first introduced by the Sun Life two years ago, showing the disposition of what is referred to as "Your Company's 1946 Income Dollar". This shows that in relation to every 73 cents paid by policyholders in premiums during the year, 86½ cents was either paid out to policyholders or credited to funds maintained for their future security and benefit.

The financial statement presented by Mr. Wood indicated that 54.1% of the Company's total assets is held in Government Bonds primarily of Canada, the United States and Great Britain. The remainder of the assets are listed as follows: Municipal Bonds, 3.1%; Industrial and Miscellaneous Bonds, 5.1%; Public Utility Bonds, 15.0%; Railroad Bonds, 0.4%; Preferred and Guaranteed Stocks, 2.5%; Common Stocks, 6.3%; Mortgages, 4.7%; Real Estate, 1.2%; Policy Loans, 4.1%; Cash, 1.1%; other assets, 2.4%. The average interest rate realized by the Company in 1946 was 3.52% as compared with 3.51% in 1945.

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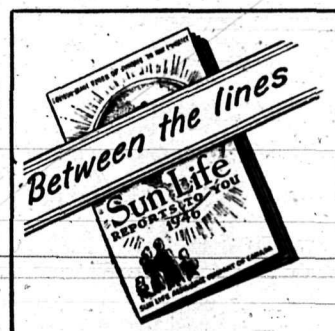

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Annual Wage Plan Backed By Latimer As Key To Security

Washington, D. C. — The use of guaranteed annual wage plans as an important tool for "mitigating the direct effects of unemployment" was urged in the comprehensive study just made public by the Board of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

Prepared under the direction of Murray W. Latimer and based on lengthy and detailed investigation, made in cooperation with many national and international unions of the American Federation of Labor and a large number of employers, the report outlines procedures whereby the hazards and hardships of intermittent unemployment can be reduced. The Latimer report points out that in the 12 years following 1929, $300 billion in real income was lost by the American people with resulting inability to sustain high and stable levels of production.

"That loss," according to the report, "if it had been productively used, would have been sufficient to build all the railroads in the country; to have substantially rebuilt the cities, and to have permitted the replacement of all obsolete and obsolescent equipment in the entire country.

"But this was not done. The principal loser, but by no means the only one, was the American worker. Total unemployment, and the partial loss of income through reduced hours of work, which affected millions of workers, also threatened the security of other millions.

"The tragedy, suffering and frustration which characterized the 12 years produced a deep-rooted demand for security, of which the guaranteed wage is becoming one of the most important expressions."

The experience of many large enterprises surveyed in the study proves, according to the report, that effective guaranteed annual wage plans can be operated at a net cost of less than 1 percent of each individual firm's payroll, provided that the annual liability of employers operating the annual wage plan is properly limited.

A major policy recommendation made by Mr. Latimer, is to modify the present unemployment compensation laws so that the guaranteed annual wage plans negotiated between employers and unions through collective bargaining might be supplemented by unemployment benefits of the social security system.

Because most of the present unemployment compensation laws disqualify workers receiving guaranteed wage payments, while not actually employed, from unemployment compensation benefits, Mr. Latimer recommended modification of these laws to make possible complete dovetailing of guaranteed payments with unemployment benefits.

While the American Federation of Labor has not concurred with the policy recommendation relating to unemployment compensation, and has pointed out the inequities which may readily result from the proposed modification of unemployment insurance laws, it has welcomed the Latimer study as a source of invaluable cost information which will help employers and unions to develop, by mutual agreement, sound guaranteed annual wage plans through direct collective bargaining negotiations.

Top Pay for Lath Work In L. & S. W. Union

Portland.—Employees of J. A. Wiley Lath Mill here now enjoy what is believed to be possibly the highest wage scale in the nation's lath industry.

The firm's employees, members of Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 2881, recently concluded an agreement with management providing a minimum of $1.35 per hour and a vacation clause that entitles all employees to vacations after July 1.

The pact was negotiated by James Whallon, secretary of the Portland District Council of Lumber & sawmill Workers.

Whallon expressed great satisfaction with the agreement, and said he felt that it points the way for gains in other mills.

Redwood Strikers Vote 29 to 1 to Reject Pact

Eureka, Calif.—In secret balloting conducted last week in 16 local unions affected by the Redwood strike in this district, AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers voted better than 29-to-1 to reject a "contract" which had been proposed by the "Big Nine" unfair operators as basis for "settlement" of the 13-month tieup, it was reported late last week by Roscoe C. Smith, a spokesman for the Redwood District Council. When ballots were counted here in the presence of press and radio news representatives, it was discovered that 1,246 voted against the Redwood Lumber Operators Association proposal, while only 42 voted for it.

High-paid A. F. L. Millmen Expect Victory

Portland.—National Labor Relations Board election to determine employee representation is scheduled for Linnton Box operation this week although AFL Millmen's Union No. 1120 has established the nation's highest wage scale and best working conditions in the rotary box industry.

"The CIO-Communist combine has sought to upset the legitimate organization of the workers and to create dissension and disturbance in the hope of breaking up the militant AFL drive for sound organization and good wages," said a local spokesman.

LSWU officials see little danger of a CIO win and consequent loss of the present good contract but predict a win for the AFL by a comfortable margin.

"In the last twenty bargaining elections involving AFL and CIO the AFL has won 18 of them," said one official, "indicating that the men and women who know, vote AFL."

"We see no reason why this election," he concluded, "should result in anything else but the 19th AFL win."

Models Get Charter

San Francisco Models Guild 24196 is now officially a part of the AFL family, and just that many more working girls are wise to the best way to get good wages and conditions. Already these new AFL'ers have won 50-cent increases as follows: $1.50 per hour for "draped" posing, $2.00 for "undraped," and $2.50 plus expenses for out-of-town assignments. The charter was "hung" at Sunday evening's regular meeting by Pres. Rosalie Draeckart. One serious threat to organizational effectiveness remains to be dealt with, namely, the potential powers of naked strikebreakers.

—Labor Review.

AFL TEAMSTERS WIN $10.50 RAISE IN PAY IN SOUTHERN AREA

Atlanta.—Increased wages averaging $10.50 a week were won for some 20,000 truck line workers in over-the-road agreements reached by southeast and southwestern freight operators and the Southern Conference of Teamsters (AFL).

The newly signed pacts call for an hourly wage rate of $1.10, an increase ranging from 10 percent to 15 percent. The mileage rate, the truck drivers' major source of income, was increased a half cent a mile, which is approximately $10.50 more weekly for the average driver.

20,000 CARPENTERS IN AFL UNION GET 20% INCREASE

Chicago.—Twenty thousand members of local carpenter unions affiliated with the Carpenter's District council (AFL) will receive a 20 percent an hour wage increase beginning June 1, Michael J. Sexton, president of the council, announced. The agreement was made in a contract between the union and the builders.

The raise will bring the hourly wage of the carpenters from $1.95 to $2.15. It is part of agreements being signed in various building trade groups affecting the wages of 90,000 union members in the Chicago area.

According to the agreement, the raise will not be put into effect until construction now in progress is completed. The union estimates the increase will cause only a 2 percent rise in building costs.

Machinists To Seek Million New Members

Washington. — A record-breaking drive, aimed at boosting membership from 800,000 to 1,000,000, was authorized this week by the Executive Council of the Machinists at a meeting in Washington.

May, 1948, was set as the deadline for achieving the goal. That's when the I. A. M. will celebrate its 60th anniversary.

President Harvey W. Brown declared the council had voted to earmark $,000,000, over and above regular organizing expenditures, to finance the campaign. The sum will be used also, he said, in a far-flung effort to educate members in the "true obectives of organized labor."

Brown revealed that the union has overcome most of the losses suffered after V-J Day; added 100,000 members in the past year, and won $200,000,000 in wage increases as a result of negotiations with 8,000 employees—and "in 98 percent of the cases without strikes".

Communists, Fascists Barred by Machinists

Washington (FP)—In an official circular sent to its 600,000 members, the International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated) barred membership to any person advocating or encouraging communism, fascism or nazism, and providing for the trial and expulsion of any member of the I.A.M. who advocates or encourages the three philosophies.

The action was taken by the I.A.M. executive council holding its winter meeting here, and expands an original policy statement of 1925 attacking four communist organizations as antagonistic in character and dual in nature to the machinists union.

Declaring that today "communism and other totalitarian ideologies pose an even greater threat to the free nations of the world, the I.A.M. and all other free trade unions," the new statement charged communism, fasciesm and nazism are based on aims forcibly to overthrow existing institutions, abolish private property and are "dual in nature and contrary to the ideals and principles set forth in the constitution of the I.A.M."

"Advocates of totalitarianism," the statement said, "proclaim that the people exist for the good of the state. The I.A.M. holds and will forever cherish and protect the principle of the state existing for the good of the people."

CONGRESS WINS BREWERY VOTES IN SASKATOON AND PRINCE ALBERT

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada was successful in votes held in Brewery Workers' Unions in both Prince Albert and Saskatoon recently.

Results were as follows: Prince Albert, 50 in favor of affiliation with Congress, 10 against; Saskatoon, 58 in favor of Congress, 3 against.

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Report On Community Chest Activities

The Annual Meeting of the Community Chest & Council of Greater Vancouver is being held at the Hotel Vancouver, Mayfair Roor, on February 24, 1947, at 8:00 p.m., and we are most anxious that all those interested should attend.

We feel sure that your members who have supported the Chest will want to hear what has been done and what is planned for the future and should be glad if you could find some method of bringing this meeting to their attention.

There may be questions they want answered—there may be suggestions they can offer which will strengthen our organization and help us to do more and better work, and we can assure you that any help you or your members can offer will be most acceptable.

Yours very truly,
HUGH ALLAN,
Executive Director.

Beverage Dispensers Elect Executive Board

The following were elected as the Executive Board for the Beverage Dispensers, Local 676, for the year of 1947:

President, T. A. McMullen; Vice-president, Wm. McDermont; Recording Secretary, R. Beddome; Business Agent, F. W. Mills; Inspector, A. Anderson; Inside Guard, T. James; Outside Guard, G. Rourke; Chaplain, D. Kenny; Trustees, J. Galloway and Wm. McEachnie.

Negotiations are being carried on for a new agreement.

Kelowna Millmen Vote 3 To 1 For AFL Union

First fruits of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters' recent organizational activity in the sawmill industry of British Columbia were harvested recently when employees of the large S. M. Simpson Lumber Company's plant at Kelowna voted overwhelmingly to junk IWA-CIO Local 423, in which they were organized, and join the AFL Millmen's Union, chartered by the U.B.C. & J. International Representative J. N. (Jack) Chute of the United Brotherhood said the Simpson workers voted nearly 3-to-1 to abandon the dual organization and set up a local of the AFL union.

Vote 111-to-42

Out of 157 employees voting Wednesday, February 5, only 42 cast ballots to retain the IWA-CIO local, whereas 111 voted for the Millmen's union, a Canadian counterpart of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers' organization under the Brotherhood of Carpenters. Four ballots were spoiled.

Representative Jack Chute revealed that the balloting was conducted by the Simpson employees themselves—"under their own steam."

"Fed Up"

"The Simpson boys merely got fed up with the whole Pritchett regime and decided to cast their lot with a real union—the powerful Brotherhood of Carpenters," Chute declared. "They are now confident they can secure conditions under the AFL which they could only dream about under Pritchett's CIO union."

Ballots were counted by Mayor W. B. Hughes-Games of Kelowna, B. C. It was understood the men had been organized several years under the International Woodworkers of America.

Harold Pritchett, district president of the IWA's British Columbia section, announced Friday that the overwhelming vote may result in a CIO picket line around the Simpson sawmill. He said IWA Local 423 still holds "bargaining rights" in the plant (despite the democratic vote of the employees), and he has registered protests with Labor Minister G. S. Pearson and S. M. Simpson, president of the company.

Representative Chute predicted that more mill crews will desert IWA ranks and join up with the Brotherhood of Carpenters "before the year is over."

"This is only the beginning," he asserted. "We have already made a beachhead in the shingle industry here; and as soon as the sawmill men learn that there is another organization in the British Columbia lumber industry besides the incompetent IWA, they will leave the CIO union and start building a strong Lumber Workers' organization under the banner of the United Brotherhood. I predict that there will be a lot more elections like this one at Simpson's before the year is over."

—The Union Register.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MEN WELCOMED INTO AFFILIATION

The Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada recently welcomed into affiliation the British Columbia Federation of Fruit and Vegetable Workers Unions.

This is a province-wide organization having locals in Penticton, Osoyoos, Kelowna, Salmon Arm, Keremeos, Oliver, Kaleden, Vernon and Winfield.

Executive officers of the Federation are as follows: President, J. W. Blogg; 1st Vice-President, E. Greene; 2nd Vice-President, E. Gray; Secretary-Treasurer, A. T. Kobayashi; Executive Member, Mrs. M. M. Atwood; Valley Representative, W. H. Sands.

CANADA TOURISTS SPEND RECORD OF 212 MILLION

Washington, D. C.—According to reports from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, tourist expenditures in Canada reached an all-time peak of $212,000,000 in 1946, which indicated an increase of nearly $46,000,000, or 27.3 percent over the preceding year and 7 percent higher than in 1929, the previous high mark.

Canadian tourist expenditures abroad during 1946 may well have exceeded $127,000,000, so that the net currency gain or credit to Canada on international travel account is about $85,000,000, the Bureau said.

By-law and Plebiscite On Civic Centre

On March 5, Vancouver ratepayers will be asked to vote on two important proposals having to do with public improvement. One is a by-law to provide $2,500,000 for the purchase of property required for a Civic Centre. The other is a plebiscite on the $50,000,000 ten-year construction program.

The by-law for $2,500,000 follows logically on the December vote endorsing a Civic Centre on the Central School site. The city already owns nearly half the property required for the centre, and needs the money to purchase the remainder. Since the property-owners directed the City Council to proceed with the Civic Centre project, they must, of course, be ready to vote the funds for the work.

Some of the buildings to be grouped in the Civic Centre may not, of course, be erected for years, but for some others there is real urgency. The Vocational School, for instance, cannot be deferred too long. If plans are prepared for this project and the city's share of the money is in hand, a very large contribution—possibly up to 75 percent—can be expected from the provincial and federal governments. But Vancouver must do its share and do it within little more than a year.

As for the $50,000,000 plebiscite, it embraces the city's first attempt to budget its capital expenditure, and for that reason alone should receive endorsement. Never before has the City Council planned its capital improvements in any forward-looking way. Now, it has done so and asks the ratepayers to approve. The city will need the $50,000,000 of improvements within the decade—probably more—and it will be a great advantage to be able to proceed with the various projects and with their financing in an orderly manner.

Victoria Trades Council Elects Officers for 1947

Following is the result of the election for officers held by the Victoria Trades and Labor Council:

Bros. L. Salloway, J. Walsh and G. Robson acted as tellers, and Past President Bro. N. Robertson installed the officers.

President: Bros. A. P. Rayment, Wm. McLaughlin (declined), A. Hart and C. Peck nominated at the previous meeting. Bros. Hart and Peck declined. Bro. A. P .Rayment (Carpenters), declared elected by acclamation.

Vice-President: Bros. N. Robertson and Wm. McLaughlin were nominated at the previous meeting. Fur nominations: Bros. F. J. Bevis and C. Peck (declined). Br. W. McLaughlin (Seafarers), was declared elected.

Secretary-Treasurer: Bro. Geo. Wilkinson (Retail Clerks), was declared elected by acclamation.

Sergeant at Arms: Bros. V. Baines and C. T. Anderson were nominated at the previous meeting. Bro. Anderson Declined. Bro. V. Baines (Typographical), was declared elected by acclamation.

Chairman of Organizing Committee: Bros. W. McLaughlin, F. J. Bevis (declined), H. E. Thayer (declined), were nominated at the previous meeting. Bros. L. Sallaway and E. Neish further nominated. Bro. L. (Pete) Sallaway (Newspaper Guild), was declared elected.

Chairman of Press Committee: Bro. H. Rowland (Chemical & Explosive Works), was declared elected by acclamation.

Chairman of Legislative Committee: Bro. C. Peck (Electrical Workers), was declared elected by acclamation.

Chairman of Building Trades Committee: Bro. C. Davis (Carpenters), was declared elected by acclamation.

Chairman of Hall Committee: Bro. J. Chapman (Typographical), was declared elected by acclamation.

PROFITS ARE INCREASED

According to the Bank of Canada Statistical Summary for November last, 709 of Canada's largest corporations received $273 million in profits after all taxes had been paid. This was $3 million more than in the previous year. But according to the financial Post, December 28, 1946, 28 large Canadian companies actually showed net profits after taxes of $52,000,000, an increase in profits of over 55%. And if we look at the nine large chartered banks their profits during the past year ranged all the way from 9.5% to 19.9% on their paid capital.

CONGRESS GRANTS CHARTER TO LAUNDRY WORKERS LOCAL

Saint John, N.B.—The laundry and dry cleaning employees of the New System Laundry, of Saint John, N.B., have formed a Congress local which will be known as the Saint John Dry Cleaning and Laundry Workers' Union.

400 LEGION POSTS REJECT ANTILABOR RESOLUTIONS

Chicago, Ill.—Some 400 American Legion posts which make up the Cook County Council lashed the legion's national executive committee for committing the veterans' organization to an antilabor position.

The council statement referred to certain "ill-advised" resolutions passed by the top committee last November at Indianapolis and asked that they be rescinded. These resolutions endorsed compulsory arbitration of labor disputes and urged Congress to pass restrictive legislation against charging initiation fees and assessments.

Chicago, Ill.—A deficit of at least 30,000 physicians by 1960 will occur if "present training programs continue on the same scale as they are at present." This was the declaration of U.S. Surgeon General Thomas O. Parran in an address here this week. Citing a population increase of 10,000,000 since 1940, Dr. Parran declared that by 1960 the population should be swollen by another 11,000,000.

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Regina.—Net profit on the 13 industrial and commercial enterprises established by the present Saskatchewan government, for the six-month period from April 1 to September 30, 1946, totalled $190,000 after depreciation had been deducted, Premier T. C. Douglas revealed to the legislature in the throne speech debate. These fifures do not include operations of the Saskatchewan Power Commission.

This represented "a profit of nearly 13 percent per annum on the monies advanced by the Provincial Treasurer for setting up these enterprises," said the Premier.

The 13 enterprises, "started wholly by the present administration," were: Wool Products, Shoe Factory, Tannery, Clay Products, Box Factory, Timber Board, Fish Board, Fur Marketing Service, Transport Company, Reconstruction Corporation, Housing Corporation, Printing Company and the Insurance Office.

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