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LABOR COUNCIL SUPPORT

Macdonald plan go-ahead urged

Greater Vancouver trade unionists have given solid support to the Macdonald report on higher education in B.C.

Labor's position — in the forefront of the drive for better education —was expressed by delegates to the Vancouver and District Labour Council who have urged the provincial government to implement the Macdonald report on a "progressively planned basis" starting immediatelly.

A council resolution described the report — made by UBC President Dr. John Macdonald — as "one of the most comprehensive and progressive ever submitted to the provincial legislature.

The resolution said B.C. is lagging further and further behind in educational opportunities and that bold action was needed to ensure the future of our youth in the technological age.

"Unless some immediate remedial changes are made to our educational system, many of the students presently in junior high or high school will be unable to attend UBC even though they have the qualifications," the resolution warned.

Tom Alsbury, executive director of the UBC development council, told council delegates that the labor movement consistently fought for greater opportunity in education — originally for academic education for all and, now that this goal has been achieved, for higher education for all who can qualify for it.

He warned that unless there are drastic changes in the educational structure in B.C., it would be impossible to attain this target.

B.C. had experienced a tremendous explosion in its school population in recent years and the trend will not only continue, but will expand even further in the next 10 years, he said.

"Education in B.C. has reached the point of no return," Alsbury said. Many of the students now in school may not be able to attend a university in B.C. unless there is quick action.

There are now 17,000 students attending UBC and Victoria College and in the next seven years, it is estimated there will be 37,000 clamoring to enter. These figures point out the hopeless situation B.C. will face unless an immediate beginning is made to expand existing facilities.

The Macdonald report said there is an immediate need to start on decentralized facilities throughout B.C. and for expansion on a progressive plan over the next 10 years.

...IN BRIEF

MINERS — Vancouver labor has urged the Canadian Labour Congress to pledge support to the striking miners in France, a hands-across-the-ocean morale booster.

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PAST PICKETS — B.C. Federation of Labour launched an immediate protest with Liberal leader Lester Pearson when Coast Capilano Liberal candidate Jack Davis was one of the first to cross picket lines of striking flight attendants and traffic employees at Pacific Western Airlines.

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PROFIT — Another B.C. forest industry has bright news: B.C. Forest Products said its 1962 profit had jumped nearly $1.3 million over the previous year.

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NEWEST — Latest affiliation to Vancouver Labor Council is United Steelworkers Local 5404. Welcome aboard.

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OPPOSED — Any suggestion that the $1-a-day charge paid by hospital patients under the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service be increased to meet increasing hospital costs has been strongly opposed by delegates of Vancouver and District Labour Council. The government also has rejected the idea.

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DELEGATES — President Ed Sims, secretary Paddy Neale and legislative committee chairman Jack Henderson will attend the conference on industrial relations as representatives of VLC. The confer-

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Airline workers strike at PWA

Striking stewardesses and traffic employees at Pacific Western Airlines in Vancouver and Edmonton are holding firm despite many obstacles thrown in their way by the company.

B.C. Federation of Labour, Vancouver Labour Council and other unions have pledged support to the 16 stewardesses and 60 traffic workers who struck on Feb. 25 in a dispute over wages and working conditions.

Union loggers and miners are respecting their picket lines.

PWA workers have had no wage boost in about three years and traffic agents working side-by-side with employees of other airlines at the airport are paid 25 per cent less in wages, labor council delegates were told this month.

PWA is one of the few airlines in the world that carries only one stewardess in an aircraft which accommodates 45 passengers and this not only creates an extra burden for the stewardess but is a contravention of all safety rules, a spokesman for the Canadian Airline Flight Attendants Association said.

The company fired six pilots who refused to cross the picket line and 10 stewardesses were fired for calling a scab a scab.

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News in pictures

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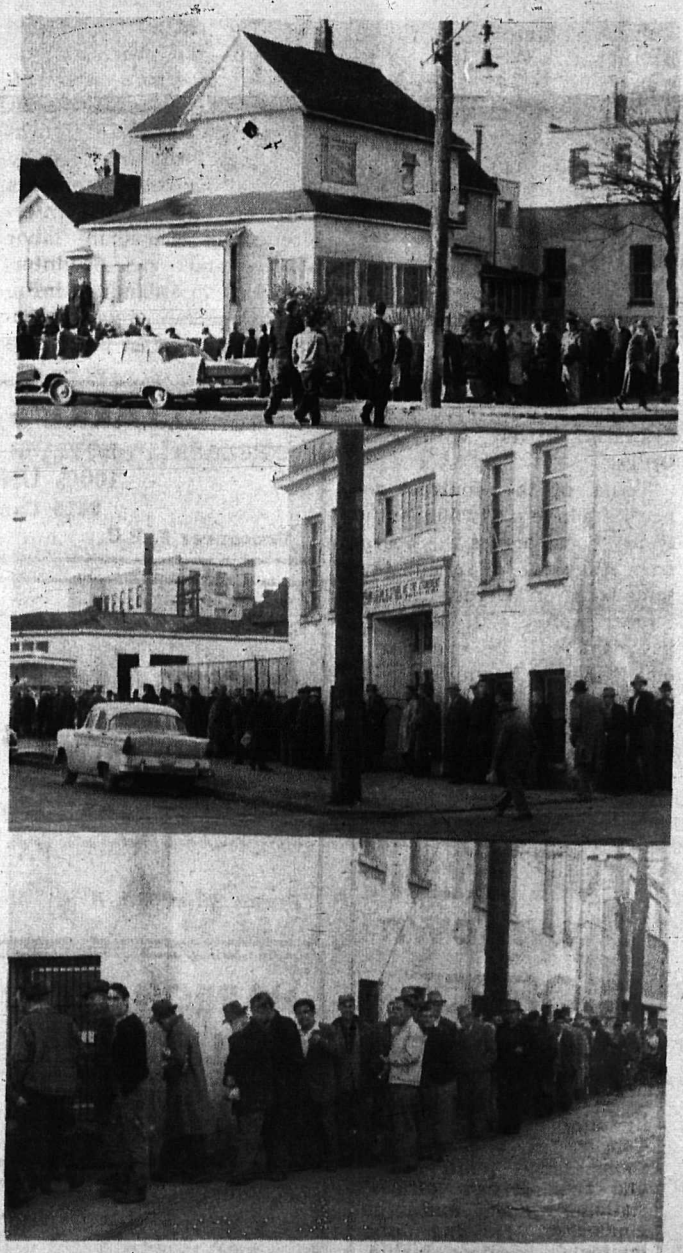
CUTTING "good luck" cake at a farewell reception were these two members of Office Employees Local 15. Pauline Munro (left) who worked in the office of Carpenters Local 452, and Shirley Barkley who was employed by the Barbers' Union. Fellow employees in the Labor Temple gave them a "best wishes" send-off when they left their jobs this month.



A REMINDER of the big unemployment problem that faces our country comes in this series of pictures — prosperity in the Diefenbaker style. These pictures were taken of the lineup of jobless at the Franciscan Sisters of Atonement, 385 East Cordova, men who visit the centre daily to get free food. Top picture shows men going into the building to get a sandwich, while others wait their turn. Centre shows the long line that turns down the side street and (bottom) stretches into the lane. (Pictures by Carl Erickson)

Millworkers forced into arbitration

KAPUSKASING, Ont. — Vice-President of Local 2693 Lumber and Sawmill Workers here said his union had been pushed into accepting binding arbitration to settle a dispute with two pulp and paper companies by threats of legislation.

The dispute — scene of the shooting of three union members — caught headlines across Canada in February.

Union official Carl S. Ekholm said that the Ontario department of labor stepped in and attempted to bring the parties together only after the tragic climax of the shootings.

"Without going into any detail as to the efforts of the labor department, it is suffice to say that through roundabout threats of legislation, the unions, finally agreed to binding arbitration on all matters in dispute.

"It cannot be but obvious to all, he said, "that the effects of this pressure by the Ontario government will have lasting effects on the entire labor movement. We cannot, if we are to survive, allow legislation or the threat of legislation to impose compulsory arbitration during disputes of this kind.

"We are not happy with this settlement but it appears that we must accept it at least for the time being."

Judge Bennett has been named to head one arbitration board and Dr. John Deutsch, of Queens University and formerly of University of B.C. will be chairman of the second board.

Pay boost for drug employees

Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union Local 515 has settled with B.C. Drugs.

Terms of the contract renewal include a $12.50 monthly pay boost across the board from August 1, 1962, and the same boost on August 1, 1963. Supper money will be $1.50, pay days will be every second Friday, a committee will be set up to investigate the pension plan and a $5 adjustment will be made to certain categories.

Store clerks hold in two long strikes

Striking Retail Food and Drug Clerks are sticking to their guns in two long-drawn-out disputes.

A strike against Woolworth's store in Port Alberni in now 22 months old and at Zellers in Whalley, six months.

Union business agent William Wells said two strikebreakers employed in the Woolworth's store in Port Alberni had quit their jobs and the manager is now running the store. He said business is slow and the store is only open a few hours each day.

He said a first agreement is being sought in Woolworth's store in Whalley. The negotiations have gone to the conciliation board stage.

ON NUCLEAR ARMS

Oil workers rap Knight statement

Vancouver and Burnaby oil workers have protested a statement on nuclear arms reportedly made by O. A. Knight of Denver, international president of the Oil Workers union.

Knight was quoted as saying that Canadian armed forces are in a defenceless position without nuclear arms and that it was "like going to war with a gun but without bullets."

He also was quoted as saying that it's difficult for Americans to understand why Canada acquired nuclear weapon carriers but has failed to obtain the necessary nuclear arms to make them effective.

A statement by Oil Workers Local 9-601 in Burnaby said that Knight's comments were an unwarranted interference in Canadian labor policies and "can be interpreted as an attempt to influence Canadian trade unionists to vote against their own policies in the April 8 federal election."

The union said it disagreed with his statements and that "the more than a million strong Canadian Labor Congress stands emphatically opposed to nuclear arms for Canada — and so does the labor-supported New Democratic Party.

"We resent an American labor leader coming to Canada to pressure us . . ." the union statement said. "We welcome Knight's advice on union affairs but we don't need his advice on what our country's foreign policy should be. That is a matter for Canadians to decide."

Few people realize that the commercial forest area of British Columbia exceeds by about a million acres that of the eight Rocky Mountain states, Western South Dakota, Washington, Oregon and California combined.

CLC taxi union wins bargaining two operations

The new Vancouver and District Taxi Cab Drivers and Dispatchers' Union has marked two significant victories in its battle with the Teamsters.

The Canadian Labor Congress chartered local has won bargaining rights at two operations—a group of B.C. Radio Cabs drivers and dispatchers and at Black Top Cabs (1960) Ltd., covering more than 200 employees.

George Hotra, president of the CLC taxi union Local 1599, said the certification for the Radio Cabs group came after a secret ballot conducted by the Labor Relations Board in January. Local 1599 gained 41 votes out of 45 eligible with only two votes going to the Teamsters.

"As soon as official notice of certification is received from the Board we shall present contract demands to the employer," he said.

The LRB granted the new Congress-backed taxi union certification at Black Top without a vote. The union had applied for certification last November.

Local 1599 represents about 300 drivers, dispatchers and PBX operators in city cab companies.

The initial breakaway from the Teamsters took place over a year ago. As a result of dissatisfaction of employees in the industry, Hotra said, they applied to the CLC for a separate charter to cover employees in the Vancouver taxi industry.

In a vote conducted before the application for a charter was made to the CLC, an information ballot indicated that out of 208 employees voting, 161 were in favor of breaking away from the Teamsters and forming their own union and 47 voted to stay with Teamsters, he said.

Congress granted the charter to the new Union on April 26, 1962.

Some red faces over proposal for gas probe?

VICTORIA—A motion asking the government to set up a Royal Commission to study all phases of petroleum marketing in B.C. and to make recommendations has been put before the legislature by Cyril Shelford, MLA for Omineca.

About six of the government benchers have openly declared their position on gasoline prices and these members will be on the spot if the government refuses to accept the motion.

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John Bruce set a goal more than half a century ago

'Make the world a better place'

John W. Bruce, one of Canada's labor veterans, has retired.

Bruce, 87, a legendary figure in the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, and a pillar in the Canadian house of labor for more than half a century, has called it quits.

He has been a general organizer with the plumbers union since 1910. Although his head quarters have been in Toronto over the years, Bruce was well known in B.C. He looked on Vancouver as his second "home port."

Born in Melbourne, Australia, Bruce became a plumber when he was 21 after he served his apprenticeship in his home country. His family had always been associated with the cause of labor so it was little wonder his path led him in the same direction.

His vivid recollection of events in 1892 forever dedicated him to the cause of the workingman. In that year, he remembers seeing in Melbourne countless starving workers shot down by the militia for daring to parade and make known their grievances.

Such a sight made a lifelong impression and he felt so strongly that he vowed that "when I leave this world it will be a better place to live in."

He has worked toward this goal ever since.

He left Australia in 1902, spent four years in South Africa and then came to Canada where he joined Local 46 of the Plumbers in Toronto. He has maintained continuous membership since that time.

In World War One he served as a member of the Labor Appeal Board and at the close of the war was called to serve on a royal commission which led to the cornerstone upon which the present Unemployment Insurance Act was built.

In World War Two, he again was called up and served on the national labor supply board.

As he retires, he is counted among labor's great.

FUND AUTHORIZED

Congress sets national appeal for families of three shot down

OTTAWA —The Canadian Labour Congress executive council has authorized a national appeal on behalf of the families of three men shot down and killed in a labor dispute at Reesor Siding in Ontario.

The men — Rene Fortier, father of two; Joseph Fortier, married; and Fernand Drouin, single — were members of Local 2995 Lumber and Sawmill Workers, a section of the Carpenters.

Nineteen settlers in the area have been charged with non-capital murder. Nine other union members also were shot and injured.

Congress said cheques or money orders should be made payable to "The Reesor Siding Victims' Benefit Fund" and mailed to the Canadian Labour Congress, 100 Argyle Ave. Ottawa 4, Ont.

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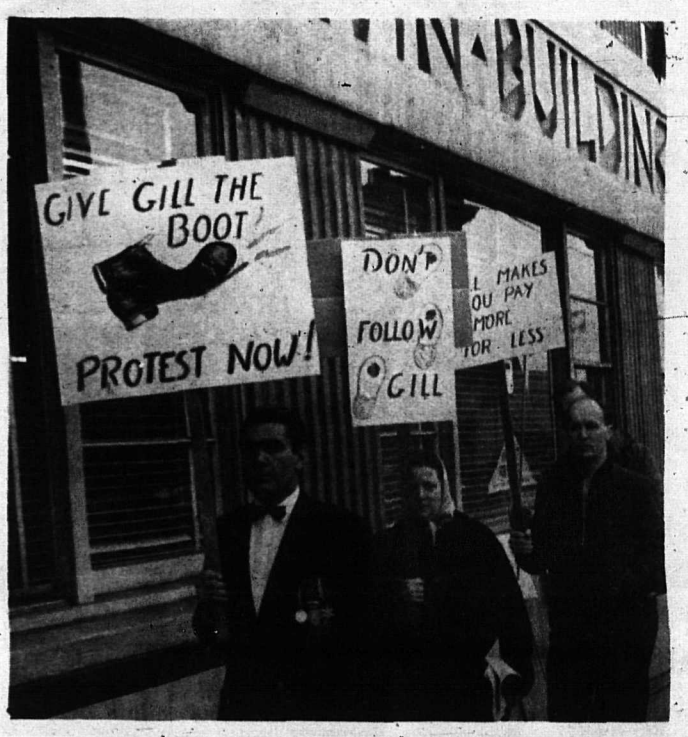
Vancouver and district Labour Council has sent a donation of $100 to the fund.

The council also has protested to the Ontario Labor Relations Board actions in insisting that the dispute be settled by binding arbitration.

It also has sent a demand to the Ontario atorney-general urging that rioting charges which have been laid against 400 of the strikers be withdrawn.



MEMBERS of Vancouver's Unemployed Council this month paraded in front of the downtown office of Unemployment Insurance Commission objecting to the recommendations of the Gill Commission.

Carpenters hold first BC workshop

The first discussion workshop on a province-wide basis was held this month by the Provincial Council of Carpenters in the Labour Temple in Vancouver.

More than 50 delegates from Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and interior points attended the one-day meeting which discussed jurisdictional problems, duties of union officers, labor laws and other legislation affecting the trade and other subjects.

The meeting was described as very successful and officials said that future workshops might have to be extended to two or more days to cover the required ground.

Bakery workers settle contract in Victoria

VICTORIA — Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 267 have settled a new two-year contract with McGavin-Toastmaster and Weston Bakeries.

The new pact provides an across the board weekly wage boost of $3 from Nov. 1. 1962, and a $4 weekly boost on Nov. 1, 1963. Vacations will be three weeks after five years, four weeks after 15 years starting Nov. 7, 1963.

LRB reverses decision, council to appeal case

Vancouver Labour Council will join with the B.C. Federation of Labour in an appeal to the Labour Relations Board which reversed a decision to certify Office Employees Local 15 for office workers at Mother Hubbard Bakery.

The union won certification last November after signing two of the three employees. The union claims that the company fired one worker and demoted an office superintendent to make him part of the bargaining unit and then appealed the certification on the grounds the union did not have the majority.

The labor board also rejected the union's charge of unfair labor practices.

All-candidate meeting set for Pender hall

An all-candidate meeting is being sponsored by the Marine Workers and Boilermakers Union Thursday, March 28 at 8 p.m. in the Pender Auditorium, 339 West Pender.

The Union said that subjects to be emphasized by federal candidates appearing are: A Canadian merchant marine and nuclear weapons.

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When you start tallying up the cost of sending a man to the moon in the current space race, it's no wondre some people are amazed at the strange sense of values which pervades the modern mind.

Dr. F. Cyril James, recently retired principal and vice-chancellor of McG. University, pointed out some staggering statistics. He was speculating on the alternative uses that might be made of the $30 billion the United States will spend to get a man to the moon.

Dr. James quoted Dr. Warren Weaver, former president of the American Association for the advancement of science.

"With this money," Dr. Waever figured, "we could give a ten per cent raise in salary for 10 years to every teacher in the United States ($9.8 billion); give $10 million each to 200 of the best small colleges in the nation ($2 billion); finance seven-year fellowships at $4000 a year for 50,000 new scientists and engineers ($1.4 billion); contribute $200 million each to create ten new medical schools ($2 billion); build and largely endow complete universities for all 53 of the nations taht have been added to the United Nations since it was founded ($13.2 billion); create three more permanent Rockefeller Foundations ($1.5 billion).

And after having done all this there would stil be $100 million left over.

If $30 billion would do all that, what would the hundreds of billions spent in wasteful defence expenditures by all the nations have done for the world?

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The moon-struck thinking of the modern world brings these comments from the paper, The Commonwealth, of Regina:

Think of the enormous satisfaction a nation would derive from carrying out a program such as that suggested by Dr. Weaver. Not only would it immediately open up vast opportunities for constructive employment in which everyone could take pride, but it would quickly produce a great body of better informed people with worthy social goals and skills which would multiply the present capacity for producing needed commodities.

The project of reaching for the moon has little more than a passing interest for most of us. Conceivably it might at some time in the future have some unforseen value. But at present it would seem to be about the most pointless endeavour we can think of.

We do not mean by this to point the finger of scorn at the United States particularly. It happens to be the only nation which has that kind of money to throw away. Canada throws away whatever it can afford with even less purpose than racing for the moon.

Our point is that until humanity can see the need for using its resources to eliminate unemployment, hunger, disease and ignorance we are not fit nor safe to go to the moon or anywhere else.

Unlock the gate

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Examine the policies

April 8 is a crucial day for Canadians. Once again, for the second time in less than a year, we go to the polls to elect our federal government.

The past year has accelerated the growth of confusion and chaos in Canadian government.

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The press has tried to convince Canadians that this confusion and instability results from the existence of more than two major parties. This argument is proved a fallacy when you consider the stability of many Western European countries—like Germany and the Netherlands — where three or more major parties have succeeded in providing strong, stable governments.

Even Britain has a small but significant third party. In fact, the United States is one of the few countries which has retained the two-party system, and students of the American political system point out that both parties are in reality broad coalitions, and survive as such only because members of both Houses of Congress are free to vote against party policy without any danger of toppling the government.

What then, is the cause of the chaotic state of our federal government? The answer is this: that in the past few years so many of us have been voting, not for political principles and specific policies, but for "images", slogans, and leader worship.

Canadians have been "Following John", or voting for "the Pearson Team", or for vague phrases like "strong government" "dynamic leadership", etc. As a result, in most cases, we don't know what we're getting until we get it —and it's usually in the neck.

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Surely we must begin to vote for candidates and for parties on the basis of the policies which they advocate and their record in fulfilling their promises. This requires careful examination of the specific programs and policies of the major parties.

It is only by casting our ballots in favor of parties because of their policy, and not because of their slogans or TV campaigns, that we can hope to achieve sound, responsible government.

In the April 8 election, the New Democratic Party is the only party backing the policies which the trade union movement stands for.

Reporting from VICTORIA

Many dangers in UMI

By ARTHUR TURNER
(Vancouver East MLA)

Since the session began, New Democratic Party speakers in the House have disclosed the information that carefully-planned scheme on medicare has been drafted with the object of it being foisted on the people of this province.

We have copies of the draft. Because medicare is a top-ranking subject it is important to all of us that we know who is plotting what.

How sinister and dangerous this plot is can be judged by some of the underlying principles and proposed controls.

Here are highlights of the scheme, sufficient, I am sure, to expose the dangers of the private control which are the essence of the proposals.

It is provided that the United Medical Insurers of B.C. (UMI) will take over the B.C. Medical Services Incorporated (MSI) and supply to UMI premises, staff and office facilities and shall manage and administer the scheme under the direct control of the directors of UMI. The UMI will be registered under the Societies Act and under its proposed by-laws, the B.C. Division of the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Health Insurance Association, registered societies in the medical and health fields, and all insurers in B.C. transacting accident or sickness insurance shall become members of UMI.

This means that all presently non-profit operating plans will be absorbed into the UMI.

The worst part of the scheme is disclosed when we look at who will control it. It is provided that there shall be seven directors. Two are **appointed** by the B.C. Division of the Canadian Medical Association. Two are **elected** from societies approved by the C. M. Association, B.C. Division. Two are **appointed** by the CHSA and one elected by all the others.

In other words the Medical profession would control 4 or possibly six of the seven directors.

Not satisfied with this control by the doctors "the Executive Director of the UMI shall increase the vote of each member by one for each full $1,000 of its total earned income from medical-surgical care underwritings."

In summary, the proposals mean that the medical profession will control this organization and all present plans will be absorbed or come under its jurisdiction.

We have reliable information that most of the directors of the plans now functioning are alarmed at the proposals and refuse to be associated with them.

The position of the New Democratic Party members in the House has been clearly stated. We have, for many years, advocated a complete health and hospital care plan which shall be controlled and administered as a public service at cost. No private interests must be allowed in any way to either control or profit.

Medicare still top issue

When the minister of education rose in his place in Victoria and paid lip service to the idea of universal medical care—but said that the B.C. government would not move until Ottawa moved first—medicare was out, once again, so far as this province is concerned.

But the idea of medicare is far from dead. Old-timers will recall the health insurance battle of the 1930's.

In 1936 George M. Weir, then provincial secretary in the Liberal government of Duff Patullo, actually placed a health insurance plan on the statute books. But it ran into bitter opposition from the Medical Association and other interests. In 1937 it was placed before the people of the province in a referendum. The people voted for health insurance, the referendum carried, but still it was blocked. Here we are 25 years later, and still no health insurance.

Bismark led the world by introducing health insurance in Germany in 1887. Britain brought in complete health care in 1945. Saskatchewan pioneered medicare in Canada last year.

It is bound to be one of the main issues in the next provincial election.

Bad Politicians Are Elected By Good People Who Do Not Vote

CROSS SECTION

The case for the 35-hour week growing stronger in the U.S.

The push for the 35-hour work week is growing stronger in the U.S.

The AFL-CIO executive council meeting this month stated flatly that the case for the shorter work week is gaining more validity as time goes by.

AFL-CIO president George Meany put the issues clearly in an introduction of a new pamphlet entitled, "Shorter Hours, the Tool to Combat Unemployment."

Meany said there is little satisfaction in making the points in favor of the shorter work week and "for everyone's sake we would rather have been wrong."

But he went on to say: "It is apparent from the government figures issued in January that we are heading into our sixth straight year of substantial unemployment —that is with five percent or more of the labor force out of work.

"And, unfortunately, the most reasonable prediction is that matters will get worse in the months a head."

The Canadian figures for the same period present even a blacker picture with 8.3 per cent of the labor force unemployed at mid-January and the AFL-CIO arguments for the shorter week are equally applicable to Canadian industry.

Meany's summary of the AFL-CIO's case stated:

"First, there is nothing sacred about the 40-hour week; a periodic cut in working hours has been part of the American experience for the last century and has been proceeding even since the 40-hour standard was set.

Not health problem

"Secondly, no one — certainly not the AFL-CIO — maintains that under ordinary circumstances 40 hours a week are excessive on grounds of health, safety or undue restriction of leisure time.

"On the contrary, the labor movement would be delighted if 40 hours of work were available to all who wanted them.

"Thirdly, it seems clear beyond question that 40-hour jobs will not be available to all under presently foreseeable circumstances. This means a continuance of the intolerably high unemployment we have suffered for five full years.

"Fourth, a cut in hours to 35 hours a week, while troublesome in some industries and occupations, could generally be handled without great difficulty and without a profoundly inflationary effect."

These points have led labor to believe that the shorter work week together with increased penalty pay to discourage overtime, is essential to the present and future economic health of the U.S. and therefore of the free world, Meany said.

"Our campaign is unique," he said. "It is based wholly upon the intellectual grounds of the public welfare. It includes no horror stories of exploited, exhausted wage earners dropping beside their machines. These may still be with us but the 40-hour week is not to blame.

"We argue only that the prosperity of the U.S. must be based upon full employment and we believe full employment is possible only if the standard work week is cut."

Bakery workers keeping fight alive at Clancy's

Bakery and Confectionery Workers are continuing their battle with Clancy's Bakery, owned by White Lunch Limited.

Union business agent Mel Kemmis told Vancouver Labour Council that a court injunction prohibiting picketing of White Lunch restaurants is stiil in effect. The company obtained the injunction on the grounds that White Lunch is a different company than Clancy's.

But Kemmis said that the Labor Relations Board recently had ruled that White Lunch is the employer and that the union's certification is in order.

The bakery operation has been closed and all its employees laid off.

Kemmis said that his union had first organized in White Lunch bakery operations in 1947 but at that most of the employees were let out and a no-union vote was successful. A similar situation developed in 1954 but again last year employees approached the union and signed union application cards. The key employees were fired but later were ordered reinstated by the LRB and the union eventually won certification.

What They're Saying

David Lewis of Toronto, deputy Parliamentary leader of the NDP, told a Vancouver meeting that both Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Liberal leader Pearson had surrendered control of their parties to public relations experts and public opinion polls.

The big industrialist had married a sweet young thing and built a beautiful house on a tall cliff overlooking the beach. Late one night the 'phone rang and he answered it. After listening for a second he said: "Yes, it certainly is" and hung up.

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Organized labor is strongly AGAINST nuclear weapons for Canada

The nuclear weapons proposed for Canada will endanger rather than strengthen the defence of our country. This fact stands out clearly in the present controversy and completely vindicates the view expressed on behalf of organized labour by the Canadian Labour Congress.

The question which most deeply concerns the average worker is how this country may provide the maximum security against enemy action in the event of a nuclear war. The worker who applies this test to propaganda favouring nuclear arms for canada will find that billions have been spent to create a shocking illusion.

The labor movement cannot agree with the leadership of the Liberal and Conservative parties that the question of nuclear weapons on Canadian soil is not a major issue in this campaign, nor their contention that this is not a moral issue.

The pursuit of peace, security, and freedom, both economic and political, has always been of paramount importance to trade unionists.

The policy of the Canadian Labour Congress, as decided in democratic convention, is that of steadfast opposition to Canada's acquiring nuclear weapons. This opposition is based on military, economic, and moral grounds.

In the first place, most military experts agree that nuclear warheads will make our Bomarcs efective against manned bombers. The same experts, however, agree that manned bombers would no longer be the principal means by which an aggressor would mount a nuclear attack.

Intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear submarines would be the main source of attack and against these, our Bomarcs and similar interceptors are virtually useless.

In other words, we would be acquiring nuclear warheads which would inevitably fail to provide the defence which would be necessary.

The ridiculousness of such a situation results from the fact that new weapons today are obsolete by the time they are in production.

Our Bomarcs, with or without nuclear warheads, are obsolete by the time we get them. For this we pour mil-

lions of dollars down the drain annually. This is the second objection. With thousands of our people unemployed, and money required in all sectors of our economy for useful purposes, we are wasting millions of dollars on useless weapons.

Finally, we, as trade unionists, have always believed in a moral responsibility towards our fellow man. Therefore, any policy which endangers the survival of mankind, is totally unacceptable to the labour movement.

The acquisition of nuclear weapons by Canada could provide the excuse for Poland, East Germany, Spain, Cuba, Egypt, and dozens of other small nations to acquire nuclear weapons.

If our actions were to lead to a spread of nuclear weapons which could precipitate nuclear war, we would have to accept a tremendous burden of moral guilt.

I do not believe that trade unionists or any other intelligent, responsible Canadian can accept a policy which is militarily, economically, and morally indefensible. For this reason we must keep in the forefront of our thinking the question of nuclear weapons in casting our individual ballots on April 8th.

Cross appeal endorsed by CLC's Jodoin

CLC President Claude Jodoin has endorsed the 1963 Canadian Red Cross Society appeal.

Jodoin's message said: "For a century the emblem of the Red Cross has been a symbol of help and hope for people everywhere. It has also been a rallying flag for those who wish to help others.

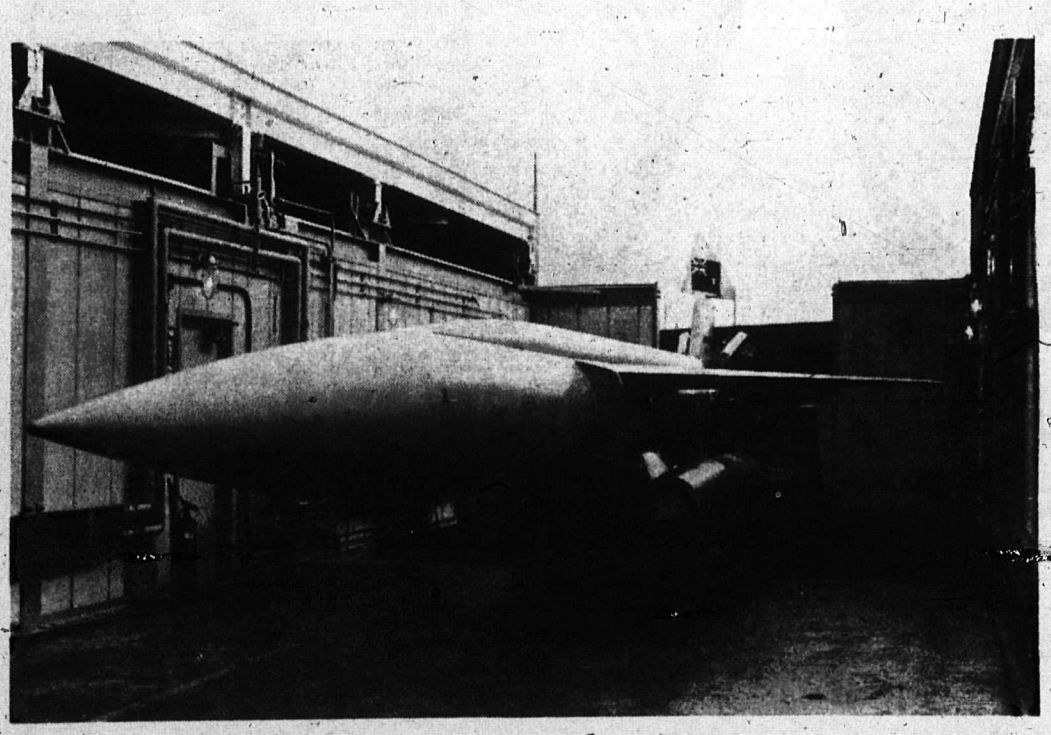
"The Red Cross is embraced by millions of men, women and children in 88 nations and its effort for mankind is carried on regardless of the colour, creed and political belief of those who need help.

"Here in our Canadian Communities we see at first hand the work of the Red Cross through its many services and projects. Far from our shores, in lands not so fortunate, there are grateful recipients of Canadian Red Cross generosity. That help is yours and mine, extended in the traditional Red Cross way.

"In this Century Year of the Red Cross I sincerely urge all workers to be generous in their donation or pledge to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

FROBISHER BAY NWT.—The first conference of Arctic co-operatives was held here this month, bringing together delegates from widely scattered co-ops of Canada's northland.

Eskimo leaders and visitors from the south discussed progress of arctic co-ops, 16 of which have been organized in the last four years.



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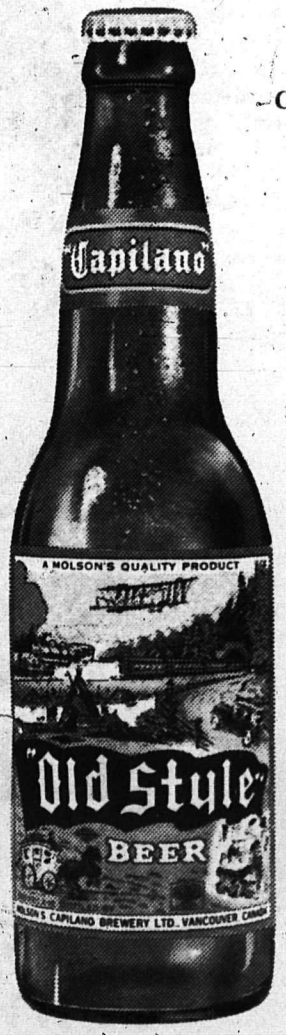

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AUTOMATION
Tax proposed to pay cost of retraining

A new corporation tax to finance retaining of workers displaced by automation was proposed this month by March Bluck, of the Bank Employees' Association Local 387.

Bluck said that the Canadian Bankers' Association had announced that Canada's chartered banks will start a program of automation this month to boost efficiency in banks.

Said Bluck: "The cost of retraining bank employees in Canada should be borne by the banks. The adoption of automation involves a responsibility for displaced employees, it cannot be considered purely from a viewpoint of profit without regard for the social consequences.

"A new corporation tax is needed to place the financial responsibility for disappearing jobs where it belongs and to ensure that displaced employees are retained under government supervision," he said.

There are an estimated 65,000 bank employees in Canada.

The government can't be expected to bear the cost of retaining people displaced by automation while coroporations eliminate employment opportunities by automating to increase profits, Bluck said.

GUEST SPEAKER at the thirty-third annual meeting of the Community Chest and Councils of Greater Vancouver will be David B. Archer, president of the Ontario Federation of Labour and a member of the CLC international affairs committee. Archer will talk on Labor's contri bution to community health and welfare at the meeting to be held in the ballroom of Hotel Georgia at 12 noon on Friday, March 29.

Strike at Coke

HAMILTON—United Brewery and Soft Drink Workers are asking cross-Canada support for strikers at the Coca Cola plant in Hamilton. Seventy employees went on strike in December after eight months of bargaining failed to bring a first contract

Civil servants union to appeal wage award

The B.C. Government Employees' Association will appeal against the inadequate wage increase granted to government employees this year.

The GEA executive said the appeal will be made to a board of reference, the appeal system which has been established to hear disputes.

Raises granted on the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission fall far short of equality with other public services in the province and with business and industry. It is this recommendation by the Commission, which did not follow the lines of comparability unanimously recommended by last year's board of reference, which will be appealed, GEA said.

Hospital employees, such as those at Essondale and Woodlands School, were particularly hard hit by the increases, which in some cases amounted to only $9 per month, and left many employees $30 to $40 per month behind their counterparts in municipal hospitals. The main source of revenue of these municipal hospitals is the consolidated revenue fund of the province.

The Association said that every legal provision now provided for appeal will be exhausted before any other type of action is taken.

Meetings will be held between the officers of the provincial executive and the officers of the Essondale and Woodlands School branches to work out a course of action within the framework of the law, GEA said.

Increases to Cabinet ministers of $292 per month fanned the feeling of bitterness among some hospital workers whose raise was only $9 per month bringing their total monthly wage to only $193 per month.

This is $100 less than the raise alone granted to Cabinet ministers.

Some 1952 Cabinet Ministers have had raises totalling 132 per cent. In the same period hospital workers received wage increases amounting only to 30 per cent to 40 percent.

ED O'CONNOR
. . . government lags

Government ignores board's proposals

The Provincial cabinet has ignored procedures recommended by its own investigative board in setting new wage rates for provincial employees in this year's provincial budget.

B.C. Government Employees' Association said that a board of reference had unanimously recommended that government wages should equal those paid for similar jobs in B.C. private industries and other public service.

This would have required a wage boost from 10 to 24 percent throughout the provincial service.

The board of reference report, made last July, also had recommended that increases be paid retroactive to April 1, 1962.

Although the provincial government set up this board, it has never made comment on the results. However, the new budget rejects the principle that government employees should receive wages comparable to their counterparts in private industry.

OTTAWA — The federal municipal winter works incentive program has been extended this year one month—from April 30 to May 31 — the government has announced.

The extension of the program will apply to all projects already approved this winter as well as to any new projects that may still be put forward by municipalities and approved by the provinces and the federal government under this winter's program.

Full medicare program is essential
MEDICARE

Another major election issue is that of medicare.

The Canadian Labor Congress, as representative of over a million Canadian trade unionists, and their families, is actively advocating a **comprehensive prepaid medical care program** for Canada. To be satisfactory, a Medicare program must embody the following features:

(1) It must be universally available without any economic obstacles between the services to be rendered and those who require them.

(2) It must be comprehensive in scope, providing preventive, diagnostic, curative and rehabilitative services by the physician, specialist, dentist, nurse, and other professional and auxiliary health care personnel, in the hospital, clinic or other institution, as well as in the doctor's office or the patient's home, as circumstances require, and include the provision of necessary drugs and appliances.

(3) It must be so organized, nationally, provincially and regionally, and foster the group practice of medicine, so as to provide health care services of the highest quality.

(4) It must be equitably financed and free of deductible or co-insurance features.

(5) It must contain the necessary means and incentives to establish a more equitable redistribution of existing personnel and facilities, add to such health care resources to the extent necessary, and make provision for expanded medical education and research.

(6) Its administration must be free of any undue control or influence by any interest group.

(7) It must provide for an advisory council as part of its administrative structure, such council being representative of the interests of those who benefit from, as well as those who provide health care services.

(8) It must include an appeals procedure.

Both the Social Credit and Conservative parties have consistently opposed a comprehensive Medicare plan as outlined above. Instead, they have from time to time supported the idea of subsidizing existing doctor-operated plans and profit-making plans operated by insurance companies.

The Liberal party's policy has been very inconsistent on this question. For many years they have promised such a plan. However, whenever specific proposals have been made, they have opposed them. This was particularly evident during the introduction of the Saskatchewan Medicare plan, when the Saskatchewan Liberals led a campaign of violent opposition to Medicare.

Federally, NDP leader Tommy Douglas has repeatedly supported the Medicare campaign of the Canadian Labour Congress.

Labour believes a proper Medicare plan is vital to Canada's welfare and urge trade unionists — indeed, all Canadians — to consider this when voting on April 8.

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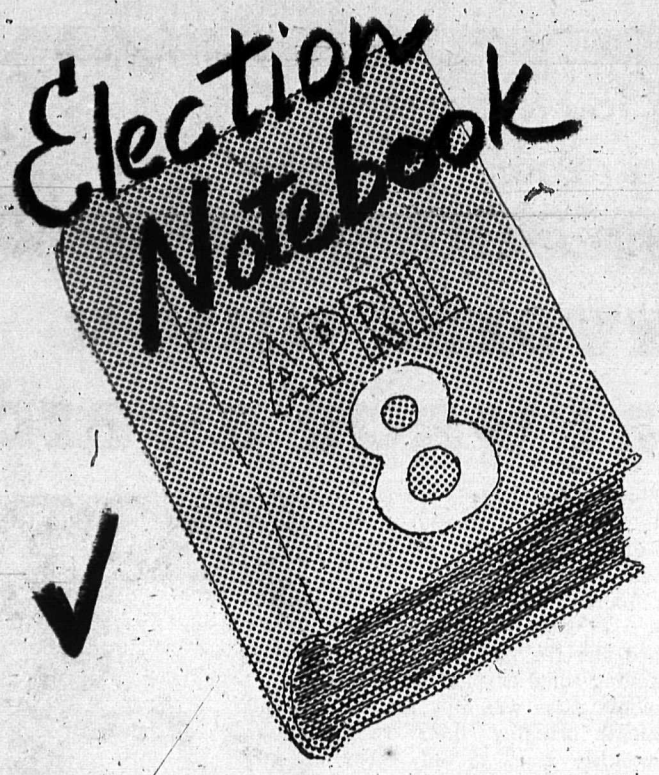

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Berger

Vancouver Burrard

A young and very able lawyer, Tom M. Berger is NDP candidate in Vancouver Burrard. He held the seat in the last Parliament.

He was born in Victoria in 1933 and graduated from UBC with two degrees. Prior to graduation he spent four years working in B.C. sawmills and was a member of the International Woodworkers.

He is former president of the B.C. New Democratic Party, elected at the 1961 founding convention by acclamation.

Berger established himself in law practice in Vancouver and his capabilities have been shown in several labor and criminal cases. He was defense counsel for the Ironworkers in 1959, was defence counsel in 1960 when the B.C. courts for the first time set aside a decision of the Workmen's Compensation Board which refused to pay compensation. He is counsel in the current test case on Bill 42 involving the Oil Workers.

He is a former director of John Howard Society.

He is married with three children.

Erickson

Vancouver Centre

Mrs. Margaret Erickson has been active in political and public affairs for many years. She has lived in the Vancouver Centre district for 22 years and knows the problems of the riding.

With her husband, she operates Harbor Tours in Stanley Park.

She was born in Saskatchewan and educated in Manitoba. She joined the CCF in 1952 and is provincial council delegate.

Mrs. Erickson is past president of Lord Roberts PTA. She is secretary of the West End community council, a vice-president of the West End Business Association and executive member of the Vancouver branch of the World Federalists.

She also is an active member of other organizations; United Nations, comunity planning, Vancouver Housing Association and Canadian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. The Ericksons have one daughter.

She ran for NDP in Vancouver Centre last June.

Webster

Vancouver Kingsway

Popular high school principal Arnold Webster has been active in the CCF since 1933 and was provincial president three times. And he has a long service in public life.

He was a member of the B.C. legislature from 1953-56 and was leader of the Opposition during his term. He is also well-known for his work on the Parks Board to which he was consistently elected for 22 years until he dropped out last year to take his seat in Parliament in Ottawa.

Webster was born in Vancouver and holds his B.A. and M.A. from UBC. He has been a high school teacher since 1922 and a principal since 1945, his last position as principal of Killarney Secondary School.

He is a member of the University Senate and has been elected four times to three-year terms to that body.

He is married and has two sons.

Prittie

Burnaby-Richmond

Bob Prittie has had a wide experience in politics, government and public service. He won the Burnaby-Richmond seat for the NDP in the last election.

He has lived in B.C. all his life except during the war, is a graduate of UBC and has post-grad work in Quebec and Washington.

He is a school teacher and before his election to Ottawa taught at Burnaby North High.

Mr. Prittie served with the department of external affairs in Ottawa from 1947-49, was a councillor on Burnaby municipal council from 1959 to 1962 and was chairman of the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board.

He is a former president of Burnaby Teacher's Association, a former director of teachers' federation credit union, was a member of the department of education social studies revision committee in 1955-56 and was a director of the Burnaby Association for retarded children.

He was president of Burnaby-Richmond CCF association for three years, was provincial vice-president of the CCF in 1958-59. He is married with three children.

Steeves

Vancouver Quadra

Dorothy G. Steeves was born in Holland and has a degree of Doctor of Law from the University of Leiden. After practising as a lawyer in Holland for some years she came to Vancouver in 1919 with her husband, R. P. Steeves, who had served in the Canadian Army overseas.

Mrs. Steeves has been a student of history, political science and international affairs. She is well-known in this province as a lecturer and writer. Her book "The Compassionate Rebel", a biography of the late Ernest Winch, has been widely read.

In 1932 Mr. and Mrs. Steeves participated in the formation of the CCF which was the forerunner of the New Democratic Party. Mrs. Steeves served on the National Council of the CCF and as Provincial President of the B.C. CCF. In 1934, at a by-election, she was elected as a Member of the B.C. Legislature for North Vancouver and was re-elected twice.

Of late years, Mrs. Steeves' chief interest has been in international affairs and disarmament. She has been an outstanding opponent of the acquisition of nuclear arms by Canada.

Winch

Vancouver East

Able parliamentarian Harold Winch needs little introduction. He has been a part of B.C. political life since 1933, when he was first elected to the B.C. Legislature.

He was an MLA continuously from 1933 to 1953 when he was elected to the House of Commons. He also won the federal seat in 1957, 1958 and 1962.

Winch was born in England and came to Canada in 1910. He was educated in Vancouver, became an electrician and a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He was leader of the Opposition in the B.C. Legislature from 1941 to 1953, is a founding member of the CCF and assisted in organizing the party.

He is a national vice-president of the NDP and is vice-president of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of Canada. He was a member of the Canadian delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in Australia in 1959, parliamentary observer on the Canadian delegation to the U.N. in 1960-61 and a member of the Canadian delegation to the NATO parliamentary conference in Paris in 1961.

He is married with three children.

Greer

Vancouver South

Templeton Secondary School eacher Cliff Greer is a veteran campaigner with the CCF and has been active for many years n public affairs organizations.

A graduate of UBC, he is an executive member of Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association.

While at UBC, he led a successful campaign to have the student body provide scholarships for students from foreign countries.

He was one of the organizers of the Vancouver Newspaper Guild, is a former secretary of the B.C section of the CCF and has been an election candidate several times. He contested the South seat in the 1962 election.

During the war, Greer served as navigator with the RCAF Ghost Squadron and was a POW for nine months.

He is married with one daughter.

Douglas

Burnaby-Coquitlam

Thomas Clement Douglas needs no introduction to anyone.

A dynamic speaker, a brilliant leader, a man with a keen understanding of national and world problems and who is in close touch with the needs of the people of his constituency: That is Tommy Douglas.

Douglas was born in Scotland in 1904. He came to Canada at the age of six and attended Brandon College and McMaster University. He took post graduate studies at Chicago University and obtained his Bachelor of Arts and his Masters degree.

His first entry into politics was as a candidate of the Farm Labor group in 1934. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1935 and was re-elected in 1940. He bowed from the federal field to lead the CCF party in Sas-

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HOURS FOR VOTING

The Elections Act in part reads.

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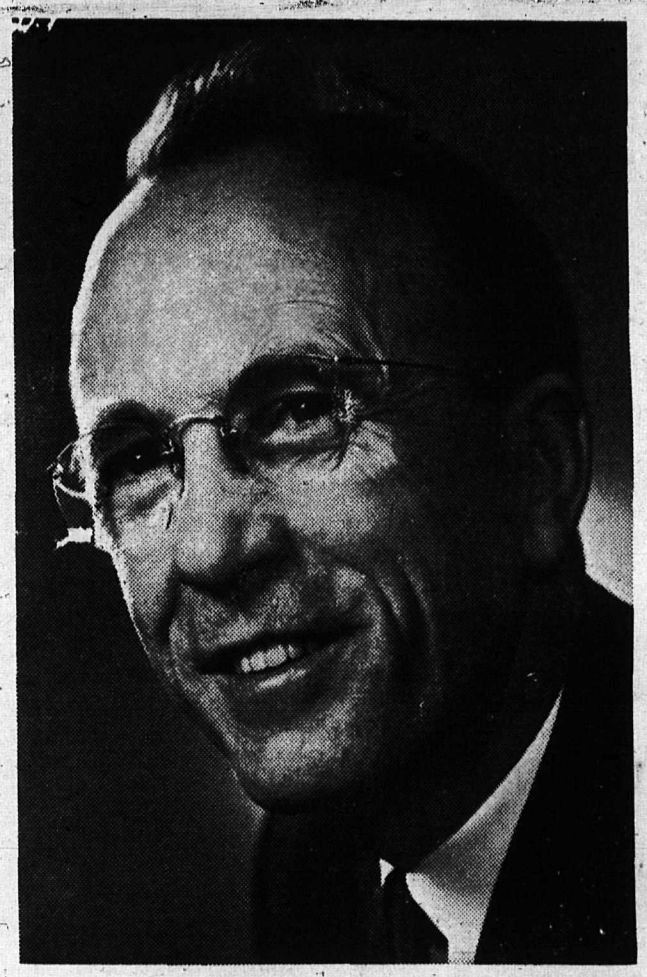

NDP NATIONAL LEADER TOMMY DOUGLAS
Candidate in Burnaby-Coquitlam

katchewan, became the premier of that province with the 1944 victory.

When the New Democratic Party was formed last year, Douglas became its national leader and resigned as Saskatchewan premier. He was elected to the Commons in a by-election in Burnaby-Coquitlam last fall and has become a staunch favorite in the riding he now represents.

Mather

New Westminster

Well-known newspaper columnist Bary Mather is NDP candidate in the large New Westminster riding. He won the seat is the 1962 general election.

Well-known in the publications, TV and radio field, Mather has wide experience and interests in many fields and has proved an able and hard worker in all. He has now shown his capability as a member of Parliament.

He is a founder and past president of the Newsmen's Club of B.C., founder and past president of the Newspaper Guild, founder and past president of Burnaby Historical Society, founder and past chairman of the Non-Smokers' Association of Canada. He was a director of the B.C. Auto Association, director of the Pacific region national council of Christians and Jews, member of Native Sons of B.C.

He first proposed and promoted the 1958 B.C. Centennial celebration and held a provincial post in the promotion.

He edited CCF weeklies during the 1930's and was former news editor of the old News Herald.

He lives at Beach Grove, his wife, Camille, is NDP MLA for Delta. They have two daughters.

Faminow

Coast-Capilano

Peter S. Faminow, 45, is a lawyer practicing in North Vancouver.

He has been active in civic affairs, ratepayers groups and the United Nations Association.

He was first elected to the council of the District of North Vancouver in 1959 and was chairman of recreation and parks in 1960 and chairman of industrial development in 1961.

Re-elected in 1961, he is now chairman of public works, chairman of the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board, a director of Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co. and director of Neighborhood House.

Born in Alberta, he ranched with his father and brothers before entering university. He received his B.A. from Wiliamette University, Salem Oregon, and his law degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

He was active in the CCF for many years and now with the New Democratic Party.

He is married and has three children.

Regier

Fraser Valley

Erhart Regier was first elected to Ottawa in 1953 and was re-elected in 1957, 1958 and 1962.

He resigned his Burnaby-Coquitlam seat last fall to make way for leader Tommy Douglas and was immediately asked to seek the nomination in the Fraser Valley riding.

He was born in Saskatchewan was educated at Saskatoon Normal School, University of Saskatchewan and University of B.C. He taught school in Saskatchewan for nine years before coming to B.C. where he was teaching for six years before his election to a federal seat.

He is an organizer and executive of credit unions and co-ops, an executive member of the B.C. Teachers' Federation.

He was chairman of the CCF national organization committee for several years and is now a member of the federal NDP executive. He is married and has four children.

Regier has proved himself an able representative in the three terms he has served in Ottawa.

PETER FAMINOW
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What about foreign control of Canadian industry?

Another election issue is that of foreign control of Canadian industry.

Many Canadians are unaware of the extent to which Canadian industry is owned and controlled by foreign interests, particularly American interests.

Here are some startling figures showing the percentage of foreign ownership and control in various major industries:—

Rubber — 98% foreign controlled

Agricultural machinery — 55%

Electrical equipment 81%

General manufacturing 57%

Mining 66%

Petroleum & gas 75%

Many other industries show similarly high percentages of foreign control.

The labor movement is opposed to foreign control—but not out of any feeling of anti-Americanism. The close alliance of most of our unions to American labor clearly indicates that we are not anti-American.

Our opposition to the present situation is based purely on the fact that it is not in Canada's best interests.

The parent foreign company formulates its policies not on the basis of the interests of its subsidiaries, but on the organization's over-all interests. Often this means that expansion of the Canadian companies is delayed because some other area can, at the time, be more profitably expanded.

Good example

A good example of this is in the petroleum industry. From 1947 to 1955 the major oil companies developed and expanded exploration and production of Canadian oil at a spectacular rate.

Since 1955, however, because of heavy investment in Venezuela and a threatening political situation there, the oil companies have concentrated on using oil from that country, with the result that Canada's oil industry has been neglected.

A further undesirable feature is that foreign ownership tends to result in a lack of diversification of the Canadian economy, retarding the development of secondary industry in favor of production of raw materials.

Our international trade balance of payments is also adversley affected. Payment of interest and dividends to non-residents now totals over half a billion dollars per year.

Vulnerable

In addition, this dependency on foreign capital puts Canada's economy in a vulnerable position, resulting in economic instability. Any sudden slowing down of investment from foreign sources quickly depresses our economy.

Finally, and perhaps most important of all, foreign-controlled companies are largely unaffected by Canadian economic and monetary policies. This renders ineffective the Canadian Government's ef-

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Protest again on city award of contracts

Vancouver and District Labour Council has again protested the award of city contracts to non-union firms.

The complaint was lodged with city council after Union Label Council secretary Josephine Hallock said a recent award to a firm that had no union agreement saved only $26.

FOR CHILDREN

Holiday camp set for another season

The Children's Jubilee Summer Camp Association again will provide an opportunity for boys and girls to enjoy a summer holiday full of fun at the association's beautiful campsite this year.

The camp is located up the North Arm of Burrard Inlet, a 90-minute boat ride from Vancouver.

Jubilee Camp is operated solely on donations received from trade unions, fraternal organizations and private donors.

These donations make is possible for the association to keep campers' fees at a bare minimum of $22.50 per child for a 12-day camp session.

Girls will start the ball rolling this season when camp opens on July 2. Second session for girls will go into camp on July 15.

Boys will go to camp on July 29 and August 12.

Fees include boat fare and insurance and competent staff supervises your children while they enjoy such activities as swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, arts, crafts and ground sports.

The registration office is open now at 743 East Fifteenth, Vancouver. Telephone number is 874-0402. For further information, call this telephone or AL 3-1951 or LA 1-2461.

Workers' Bank

BERNE, Switzerland —The Swiss government has granted a licence to the Israel Workers Bank to open a bank agency in Switzerland.

Directors of the workers bank said the opening of the agency in Switzerland is an important step in the development of the bank's business both in Israel and abroad.

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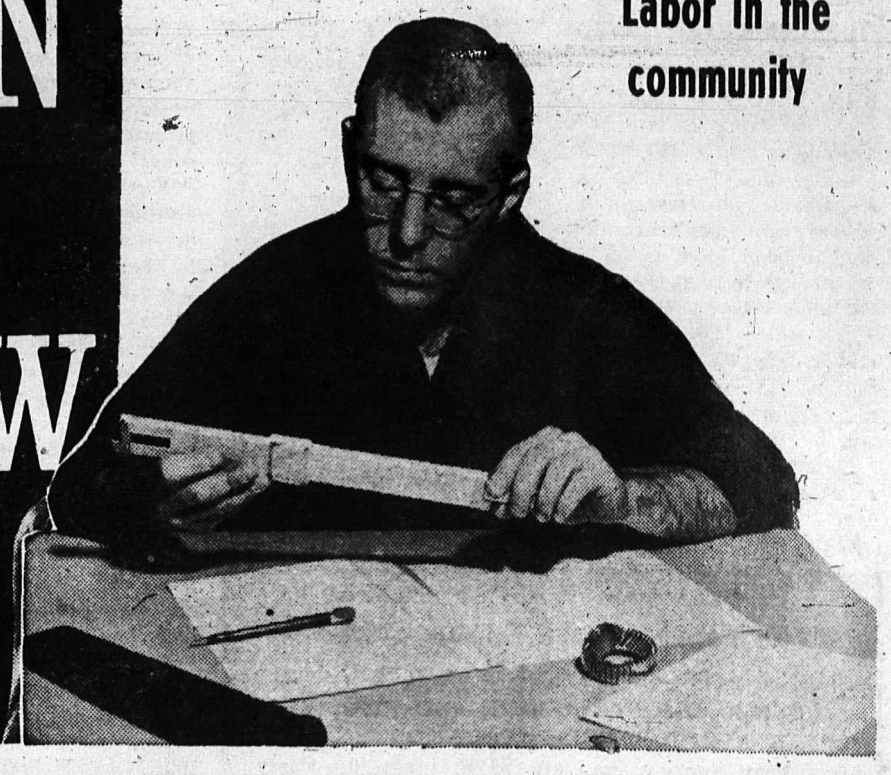

Labor in the community

Vancouver and district trade union men and women endorse the Macdonald report

It is apparent that we in British Columbia are faced with an educational crisis.

Not enough young people are attending university. Fewer still are graduating.

Not enough young people are receiving advanced technical training.

Not enough young people have adequate training and skills to contribute effectively to an automated economy.

Too many—far too many—young people are entering the job markets without adequate education or skills. As a result, many become unemployed immediately.

In 1961-62 only 17.7% of the 18 to 21 year age group in B.C. were enrolled at university, compared to the United States average of 39.5%. In other words, twice as high a percentage of young Americans are receiving higher education.

In view of this fact, how can we possibly expect to develop industrially?

What to do

What can be done? At present, we, in B.C., are discouraging young people from undertaking further education. High fees, costly travel, and the cost and inconvenience for out-of-town students of living in residence combine to discourage all but the wealthy or those who are most ambitious or most dedicated.

Dr. John B. Macdonald, president of UBC, has done an excellent job of analyzing our current needs and outlining a basic plan for meeting them.

In his report, higher education in British Columbia, he makes a carefully-researched estimate of 24,000 students as the probable enrolment in universities and colleges in B.C. in the 1965-66 year, rising to 37,000 in 1971-72. As we have about 15,000 enrolled at present, it is obvious that we will need to accommodate an additional 9,000 in the next three years, and an additional 22,000 in the next nine years. Even at this drastically increased rate, we will still not be adequately filling B.C.'s needs.

To accommodate the anticipated number of students, Dr. following steps immediately:

(1) That Victoria College should have the privilege of becoming an independent degree-granting college.

(2) That a four year degree-granting college be established in the western Lower Fraser Valley on the new Trans-Canada freeway—Burnaby.

(3) That the school districts of the Okanagan Valley cooperate in establishing a year regional college with the expectation of its becoming a four year degree-granting college by 1970. Recommended as a central location is Kelowna.

(4) That a two year regional college be established in the vicinity of Castlegar to serve the school districts from Trail to Nelson.

(5) That a two year regional college be established in metropolitan Vancouver.

Dr. Macdonald also recommends establishment of further two year regional colleges by 1970, for Central Vancouver Island region, Kamloops and South Cariboo region, Central Interior (Prince George) and Eastern Lower Fraser Valley.

Insofar as financing this broad program of development, Dr. Macdonald recommends that the provincial government finance the four-year degree-granting colleges, apart from fees, donations and federal grants.

The capital cost of two-year regional colleges would be provided on the basis of one-third from the region in question and two-thirds from the provincial government. Operating costs would be provided on the basis of 25% from the region, 25% from student fees, and 50% from government grants.

Reaction

What has been the provincial government's reaction? Part-time Education Minister Peterson has applauded the report; however, almost with tear-in-eye, has proclaimed that there is no money available. To comment on this, I would like to quote a rather conservative columnist, Arnold Edinborough of the Vancouver Sun, who said, in part:

"Mr. Peterson says that the money just isn't there. He also says that too many of the graduates of UBC go East to earn their living, and he does not want to pay for education of people who leave the province. He can't have much faith in the province . . . Again, the budget speech said everything in the B.C. garden was lovely. Then why do other provinces have more money?"

Mr. Edinburgh goes on to point out that Alberta gave twice as much for higher education, while Ontario has started seven new universities in the last few years. The mayor of Port Alberni is quoted as saying that he is not going to let education starve his public works budget.

Mr. Edinburgh's answer to Mr. Peterson, the Port Alberni mayor, and others making the same cry has our wholehearted agreement.

He said: ". . . they don't have to raise more; they merely have to get it out of the highway pork barrel and spend it differently . . . At the Provincial level, full classrooms are preferable any day to empty garbage cans. Don't you, as parents, agree?"

It happened this way . . .

In Paris, France, Felix Vitry, manager of several music halls, notified the unions representing his employees that from now on he wants only usherettes who are attractive and chic but who are definitely over 40. To the startled union officials, Vitry explained, "Pretty and young usherettes catch the attention of males and that agonizes the women with them; which means that often they don't come back."

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Far behind us but UK worries at jobless jump

LONDON — Unemployment in Great Britain rose sharply by nearly 250,000 between mid-December and mid-January to more than 800,000, or 3.6 per cent of the civilian labor force.

Although to total is low by Canadian records, British Trade Union Congress secretary George Woodcock said the increase was well over twice as much as usually occurs at this time of year.

Britain's unemployment rate has been below three per cent most of the time for many years.

Economic outlook disturbs AFL-CIO

BAL HARBOR, Fla. — The AFL-CIO has studied the economic propects in the U.S. and doesn't like what it sees ahead.

The mid-winter session of the execeutive council warned that the U.S. is heading for another recession in 1963 "if present economic trends are permitted to run their normal course."

The council said that the Kennedy administration's proposed tax cut of less than $3 billion in 1963 may temporarily curb these trends but is altogether inadequate to reduce the large gap between sales and the economy's rapidly increasing ability to produce.

The meeting of top union leaders said there is nothing in recent business developments or in government programs to provide confidence that substantial improvements are on the way, even in the next few years.

The statement said that only a comprehensive program of job-creating efforts, bolder and more adequate than the Kennedy government proposals, can get the nation on the road to full employment.

Retail Clerks diamond birthday

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British Minister warns Canadians to make a careful decision

'It's intensely insane' to spread nuclear arms

"On moral grounds, the whole policy of politicians and statesmen in pushing nuclear weapons is intensely insane. A nuclear war can be won by nobody. It can only be a mutual genocide and suicide pact and, as such, war is an impossibility to anyone but an insane person."

The speaker was Canon John Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England. And he won a standing ovation by those who came to hear him speak at John Oliver high school.

The 57-year-old cleric warned that moral principles are more important than legal principles in Canada's nuclear controversy.

He said that Canadians, regardless of their political following, should think very carefully who they elect to leadership in the government in the April 8 election.

"It would be very ironic and tragic, in my view, if someone who has been honored as a Nobel Prize winner would be the first one to introduce nuclear weapons into Canada," he said.

Canon Collins, a leader in anti-nuclear forces in Britain, and Mrs. Collins are on a tour of North America sponsored by the U.S. National Committe for a Sane Nuclear Policy (SANE). They spoke at Vancouver meetings sponsored by the B.C. branch of the Canadian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the Voice of Women.

Mrs. Collins told a women's meeting: "Nuclear testing is poisoning our children spiritually and morally, as well as physically. Young people are expected to live normally in a society prepared to deny all morality.

"They hear the language of Christian morality used to describe acts that are utterly immoral and consequently they have not respect for either morality or the church."

Mrs. Collins, in reply to a question on how they were treated in the United States, said: "We were very impressed by the quality of the people we met in their peace groups, however the groups are small and their influence is sadly limited. A widespread timidity is apparent, and the McCarthy influence has had a decided effect. People try to put the word of peace out of their minds to prevent being called communists."

Canon Collins warned that "what we thought was alright in the past is out of date in the nuclear age. We sensible people know that negotiations are a give and take process, taking steps toward reconciliation," he said, "and the present negotiations from strength are not the proper manner in which they should be conducted."

Women have been good at settling domestic quarrels and should take even greater parts in the peace field, he said, adding, "if we do not take the initiative, and risks for peace we could end up with a universe blown to bits."

He criticized his own government for being so foolish as to join in with the nuclear giants, and stated that they tried to persuade Britain that it was not greatness to live with the military powers, but to set a new way in international affairs.

He appealed to his listeners to make sure that Canada would assume the greatness that Britain had refused.

"I hope that Canada will be the first nation which refuses to be caught in the trap of supposing that greatness is in nuclear weapons. There is time for Canada to show all nations that being in this new age needs a new outlook in international affairs."

"We urge all Canadians in peace movements to oppose nuclear weapons for your country, and do everything possible to influence other voters to do the same," he said.

"We must break through the 'thought barrier' that is leading us towards war, and we, altogether will find a way to overcome our problems and bring on a lasting peace."

CANON AND MRS. COLLINS IN VANCOUVER

New contract brings 15 cents to window men

A new 30-month agreement has brought wage increases of 15 cents an hour for window cleaners with seven city firms.

The contract negotiated by Buldings Service Employees Local 244 also provides for improved annual vacations, improved seniority and a more specific description of hazardous work where premium pay applies.

The employers had demanded a 10 per cent cut in wages.

Negotiations started last May and recommendations made by a conciliation officer finally paved the way for settlement.

Companies involved are American Building Maintenance, Modern Building Cleaning Service of Canada, National Building Maintenance, Smithrite Building Maintenance, Progressive Services, Excelsior Building Maintenanc and Vancouver Window Cleaning.

Work stops up in 1962

OTTAWA — The year 1962 had more work stoppages than the previous year but fewer workers were involved and the number of man-days lost was only slightly higher, the department of labor reports.

Total man-days lost in 1962 was 1,417,620 representing .10 percent of the estimated working time. Man-days lost in 1961 were 1,335,080 or .11 per cent of the working time.

New labor law for Manitoba

WINNIPEG — The Conservative government of Manitoba has proclaimed the mendment to the Labor Relations Act making trade unions legal entities capable of being sued as organizations for any infractions of law.

The amendment, along with one which provides for government supervision of strike votes, was passed at the last legislature but was first referred to the Manitoba Court of Appeal after protests that unions would be liable for unlawful actions of individual members.

The verdict of the appeal court was not decisive but it did give an opinion that the Act in its amended form, would not necessarily make unions liable for actions of individual members. The court, however, questioned the propriety of submitting such a question to a court which would have to sit in judgment on violations of the Act.

REAPPOINTED — Bill Dunsmuir, Jack Henderson and Charles Murdoch have been reappointed Labor Council representatives, on the Community Chest and Council board of directors.

And there was the guy who was in hospital. His drinking partner was telling him he was inspired when he bet he could fly out one window and in the other like Superman, but didn't quite make it.

"Why didn't you stop me?" he muttered through his bandages.

"Stop you? Man, I lost five bucks on you!"

Support for inmates house

WINDSOR— The Canadian Labour Congress has given its moral support to Canada's first "halfway house", a privately-operated rehabilitation centre for ex-convicts which has just opened here.

The "house" is not an institution nor is it a house of correction. Instead it tries to duplicate normal living conditions by providing rooms in a large converted house in downtown Windsor where former inmates can live and at the same time hold jobs—the halfway mark back into society.

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We need better pension plan

Canada is one of the few countries in the Western world which does not have a comprehensive social security program.

It is true that we do have many of the component parts, but many others are lacking and no broad, co-ordinated program. This results from the fact that up to now no Canadian government has conscientiously applied itself to the development of such a program of planned security for all Canadians.

Instead, those measures which we do have were introduced in some cases as pre-election vote-catchers. Many were introduced by McKenzie King to retain the support of the Progressives for his minority government, while others were introduced to stave off the threat of growing CCF support in the late 30's and 40's.

The labor movement in Canada believes that the time is long overdue for the development of a comprehensive social security program. The gaps and inadequacies in the present body of miscellaneous legislation must be rectified.

In addition to improving protection against the hardship wrought by unemployment through expansion and broadening of our unemployment insurance program and the provision of a proper program, we must provide adequate security for all Canadians in their retirement years.

As an immediate step in this direction, the trade-union movement believes that the old age pension must be increased at least to $75 per month for all Canadians at age 65 without a means test. This step will alleviate at least the present economic distress of many of our senior citizens.

To deal with the long-range problem of providing adequate oldage security for all Canadians, the trade-union movement believes that a portable pension system is necessary.

Two such systems which have been in operation for many years are the American Social Security system and the British National Insurance system.

The British system integrates, under one program, pension and survivor benefits, unemployment benefits, sickness benefits and maternity benefits. Pensions are payable at age 65 to men and age 60 to women.

Under the American system, pensions are payable to everyone at age 65. In the United States, as a result of their program, only 14 percent of the citizens of retirement age require additional old-age assistance compared to 21 percent in Canada.

Under both schemes, the employers and employees contribute equally.

The American system, however, is self-sustaining, while the British fund is supplemented out of general revenue. Both make provisions for voluntary inclusion of self-employed persons.

The British plan has a unique "contracting out" feature which allows firms having plans at least equal to the national plan to contract out of the plan. American social security has no such provision.

There are other details in which the two plans differ. The basic principle, however, is the same — that is, that workers are able to move from job to job, from town to town, while maintaining their contributions and benefits.

The labor movement has repeatedly urged both the Diefenbaker government and the previous Liberal government to establish such a system of portable pensions. Always, however, promises to do so have failed to materialize. We believe this matter has been ignored far too long.

In this election we believe that all Canadians who are concerned with the establishment of adequate social security should consider carefully the policies and the past record of keeping promises of each party. In this way we can insist that the next government will, at long last, be one which will ensure that Canada catches up with other Western nations.

Cemetery men win strike

Graveyard workers have won a pay boost after an eight-day strike at Forest Lawn and Ocean View Cemeteries in Burnaby.

Members of Laborers' Union, the men struck after the company refused to pay any increase until it had permission from the provincial Public Utilities Commission to increase its rates.

Workers won a 10-cent hourly raise on the present rate of $1.85 and will get another five cents from June 7. The contract will run to September, 1964.

Clamp on funds

WINNIPEG — The Manitoba Liberal Party has passed a resolution recommending that legislation be enacted in Manitoba — similar to B.C. legislation —to prohibit trade unions from using any dues money for political purposes.

The Liberals also are recommending changes in the structure of the Labour Relations Board which would weaken the position of the labor representatives on the board.

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Upholsterers launch organizing drive

Five plants signed, but it's only a start

Five firms have been organized in the current drive by Upholsterers International Union Local 1 in the furniture industry.

But union officials said they feel that the organization drive has barely scratched the surface of the potential in the area.

Said the union: "We have found it increasingly difficult to raise living standards and improve working conditions with so many companies remaining unorganized.

"It is very difficult for some to understand what relationship an unorganized plant has to those which are unionized, not only in our own industry but in all."

Like so many other secondary industries, the furniture field is highly competitive. It is for this reason that it becomes vital that standardisation take place thereby eliminating dog-eat-dog, cut-throat competition, the union official said.

"It is in this manner and only in this manner that we can then say that competitive free enterprise exists. We maintain that free enterprise is not a good thing, however, when a company can place merchandise on the market similar in quality but lower in cost merely because living standards being paid to those workers are much lower by reason of them being unorganized.

The furniture industry today

"We can not stand by and allow this situation to go unchallenged."

Unorganized workers anywhere are a threat to organized workers everywhere, the union said.

"While we are sitting down at the bargaining table here in Vancouver, we find contracts being lost locally to eastern and prairie competitors because of lower wages and cost in those areas."

The union said it is more and more apparent that activities be extended into those areas and this is now being done.

The union statement went on: One the one hand, employers who have become organized give lip service to our campaign to standardize this industry, while on the other hand, their spokesmen through the Chambers of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Associations are consistently pressing for more restrictive labor legislation throughout the country.

The net results, of course, are obvious to those who are attempting to organize.

Added to this, we find in our industry a preponderance of recently arrived immigrants who becacse of their lack of understanding their rights guaranteed by law, are being hopelessly exploited by mercenary employers whose motives are for larger and larger profits at the expense of their employees.

We, in the trade union movement, must extend to our future Canadian citizens a broader understanding and a much greater degree of tolerance if we expect them to integrate into our society and assume their role as responsible Canadian citizens.

We would like to point out to our future citizens the importance of their belonging to trade unions and participating in their deliberations.

Watch Dog

We would also like to point out that the trade union movement is the greatest single watch dog over democracy in the free world and that through industrial democracy, as well as political democracy, working men and women can derive from the fruits of their labor an ever-increasing, ever-rising standard of living with dignity and pride.

"Who gains by reason of a union contract?"

We say everybody — first the employee and his family, secondly the industry through more favorable standard, and, thirdly, the community since the workers, through collective bargaining, gains additional purchasing power to buy more goods and services.

The union has won bargaining certification for: Gregg Furniture, Manufacturing Ltd., Birch & Deacon Limited, D. B. Lewis & Company Limited, Dependable Frame Company, and No-Sag Spring Company Ltd.

Foreign control

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forts to stimulate the economy when necessary, and to check inflation when necessary.

For these major reasons, as well as numerous minor reasons, it is clear that the present degree of foreign control is undesirable.

Why does it exist? It would be unfair to blame the foreign companies who have only taken advantage of a situation offered to them. Nor can the Diefenbaker government be blamed for creating the situation — their fault is that of doing nothing to correct it.

It is an undeniable fact that this situation resulted from a wholesale give-away by the Liberal government during the late 1940's and early 1950's. A careful examination of this record is, indeed, shocking.

What is the answer? The Conservatice party seems to offer no solution, other than accepting the present situation. The Liberals have made some rather vague promises about encouraging Canadian investors to invest to a greater degree in Canadian industry.

The only concrete policy, and the one which has the support of the Canadian Labour Congress, is that proposed by the New Democratic party.

The New Democrats propose that the Canadian Government establish a Canadian Development Fund. The Fund would derive capital from bond issues in the open market and from sale of such bonds to insurance companies, trust companies, finance companies, and trusteed pension plans — all of which require substantial amounts of gilt-edged securities.

Legislation could ensure that a portion of the legal reserves of such companies must be in these bonds.

The Fund would be used for investment in those areas of industry where development is most required, and such development would, in turn, expand the economy, resulting in the Fund becoming selfsustaining.

Foreign capital would not be discouraged; however, it would be regulated in the interests of Canada's economy and, as the amount of public capital increased, the amount of foreign private capital which was necessary would decrease.

The result—a more stable, more flexible economy, better serving all Canadians, providing jobs in the areas where jobs are most needed.

Local peace trekkers now in Quebec

OTTAWA —Three Vancouver men, on a cross-continent trek in the cause of peace, are now on their way to Quebec city, five months after their start from the Pacific coast.

The trio — Hans Sinn, Jeff Topliss and Lorne Bennett — left Vancouver last Sept. 30 heading for Berlin.

They plan to board a freighter from St. John, N.B., cross to Britain, the Scandinavian countries and on to Germany.

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hotly denied a company news release stating that other workers belong to unions affiliated with the federation were going to work.

"No union engaged in scabbing or strikebreaking is affiliated with the federation," Fed. president Rus St. Eloi said.

Protests were logged by the Federation with the Machinists International about workers who were crossing picket lines. The Machinists local union is not affiliated with the Federation.

GENEVA—Jamaica has become the 105th member of the International Labor Organization.

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Medical services review

The medical services review committee under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Porritt, given the task of studying the first 10 years of the British national health service, recently published its report.

Evidence from a number of medical sub-committees, lay bodies and a public-opinion poll confirmed that the public overwhelmingly approved of the national health service and doctors thought their clinical freedom had been maintained.

The Porritt committee had no difficulty in concluding from the evidence that, basically, the concept of a national health service was sound, but it made a number of recommendations for improving the administration of the service and for its future in relation to other medical services.

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ence was called by the provincial department of labour, will bring together delegates from labor, industry and government to discuss current problems. It will be held in the Bayshore Inn June 26-27-28.

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FACES —Among delegates accepted to VLC this month were: **Mrs. J. J. McDonald** and **J. Summerby**, Postal Employees; **Ace Smith**, Packinghouse Workers Local 283; **John Zastre**, Tailors Local 178; **Mrs. Phyllis Dahl**, Bookbinders Local 105; **Ronald G. Wilson**, Ironworkers Local 712.

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