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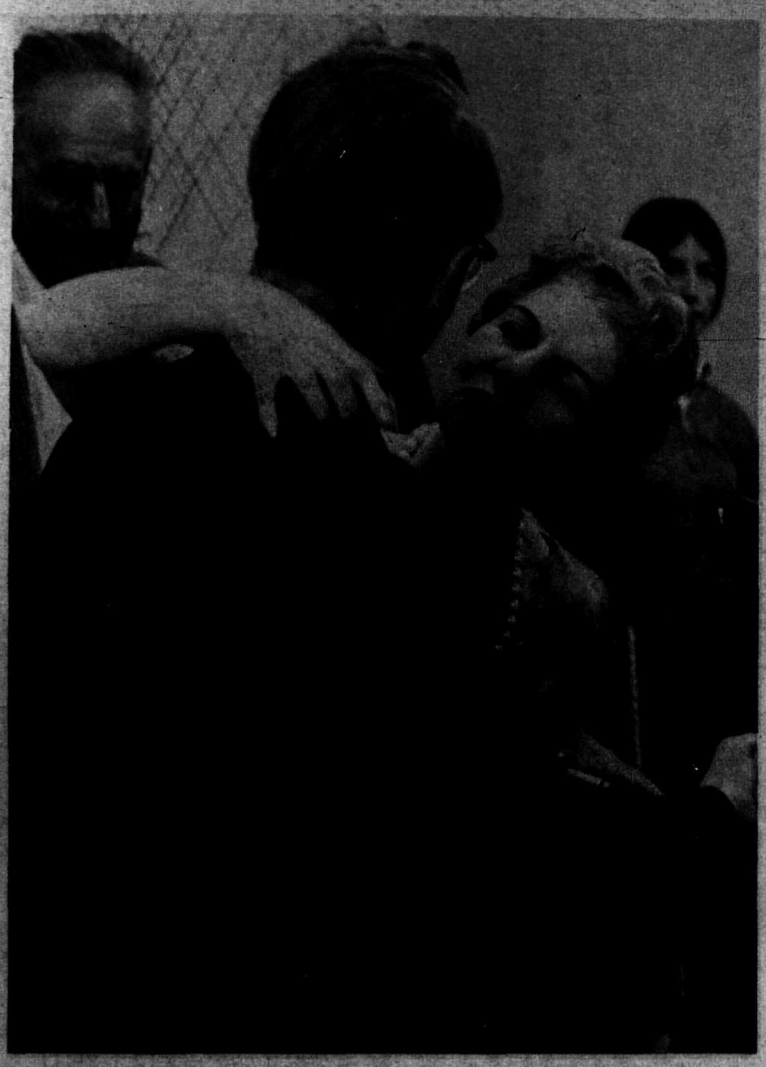

NDP leader Tommy Douglas, about to be kissed by Esther Giesbrecht, while he visited the campaign headquarters of NDP candidate Bill Deverell in Vancouver Centre.

Besides Kissing, We..., What's the Difference?

In the opening weeks of the campaign, Liberal leader Pierre Elliott Trudeau has established beyond reasonable doubt that he can kiss girls.

Tory Robert Stanfield has been less successful in this respect. He has tried all right, but enthusiasm seems lacking on both sides.

NO EASY TASK

Finding other differences between the two politicians is no easy task: Trudeau thinks the Quebec problem should be discussed, Stanfield does not; Trudeau wants a department of Atlantic affairs, Stanfield feels than an amalgam of various existing schemes will suffice.

Tweedledum or Tweedledee?

WHAT TO EXPECT?

Well, what do we expect anyway? Why talk about 400,000 unemployed, 9 per cent interest rates, the proposals of the Carter commission? That's Tommy Douglas' job.

If you talk about these things, people are less inclined to kiss you — thinking about 400,000 men walking the streets in search for jobs does not leave you in a kissing mood.

HOUSING PROBLEM

Or the housing problem—half a million Canadians living in sub-standard housing. It is impossible for wage earners who don't now own a home, to ever get one.

These subjects don't lend themselves well to happy, swinging campaigns.

Nor do the proposals of the Carter commission on taxation. Remember Carter?

TAXATION SYSTEM

He proposed a taxation system that would yield as much revenue to the government while providing a tax decrease of 15 per cent to 47 per cent of Canada's taxpayers. He proposed that money received from investments should be taxed just as wages are. He proposed that the expenses essential to a wage-earner's job should be deductible, just as the "expenses" of businessmen are.

The New Democratic Party has asked and asked again what is to be done about these proposals.

NO ANSWERS

No answers. The subject may not be as unhappy as the others mentioned, but it's not entertaining, rather a little dull.

Well, wage-earners in B.C. will want some answers anyway. Not that we want to be miserable—there's nothing wrong with men kissing girls, in fact we endorse the practice. (See picture.)

GO ALONG

When unemployment ceases to be a problem, when all Canadians can afford decent housing, when we have an honest and just tax system, we'll go along with a happy swinging campaign.

Meanwhile, we'll just have to be miserable and ask the unhappy questions. And, as usual, the NDP will be the only party to provide answers.

Newly elected NDP-MLA Norman Levi, shown here during a house-to-house canvass before May 21 by-election in Vancouver South. See editorial on Page 4.

'Bigger Unions Needed Soon'

TORONTO (CPA) — The age of corporate mergers demands bigger unions and co-operation between unions in collective bargaining, William Mahoney, Canadian director of the United Steelworkers of America, said here recently.

He was addressing more than 400 delegates to the national conference of the union, representing 150,000 members.

"A broader ground for collective bargaining is absolutely necessary," he said.

INCREASED NEED

With many companies coming together into corporate conglomorates, he said, there is an increased need for corporation-wide and industry-wide collective bargaining.

Mr. Mahoney urged the Canadian Labour Congress to recognize the need for changed union structures, encouraging mergers and co-operation between unions.

Mediators Appointed

Labour Minister Leslie Peterson has, after many weeks of fruitless searching, appointed three men to the B.C. Mediation Commission.

They are Mr. Justice John Parker of the Yukon Territories, as chairman, and David Blair and Pen Baskin of the Steelworkers, as commissioners.

For the Federation's reaction to these appointments, see Page 4.

Step Towards Parity

Interior woodworkers took a big step towards parity with their counterparts on the coast voting to accept a wage package of 72 cents an hour which will provide them with a base rate of $2.98 by June 1970.

The seven-month strike finally ended after employees voted by secret ballot to reject a proposal put forth by a conciliation officer who had been appointed to bring the parties together. Within days the companies made a new offer and the negotiating committee recommended acceptance.

Although the loss in wages to the workers for the long shutdown was high, trade unionists recognize that the winning or losing of a strike can hardly be calculated on an adding machine.

The sorriest sight in the dispute was the interference by Messrs. Williston and Bennett, who made irresponsible statements just before the strike started. No one will ever be able to evaluate the damage their statements made in bringing about the strike.

Unfortunately, in contrast to most people, the Socreds do not appear to learn by their mistakes. In the present IWA coast negotiations again most of the Socreds seem to be parroting J. V. Clyne and, as usual, putting their feet in their already overcrowded mouths.

Visit to Big Fanny's Grave

Some Doukhobors Died Waiting

J. J. HESSE

A garland of plastic flowers in a flat plastic container; the price tag, $4.79, is still attached; a shaker of salt; a rotting orange; an earthenware jug holding yellow papers.

These to our mind irrelevant items adorn the graves of several Doukhobors at the cemetery near Agassiz, Doukhobors who died waiting for the release of the last six Sons of Freedom still secured away in Agassiz's Mountain Prison.

VISIT GRAVE

I had come to visit the grave of Big Fanny Storgoff, the Sons of Freedom's last strong voice, who died in 1964. I had last seen her alive on the steps of the Legislative Buildings in Victoria, in 1963.

Big Fanny and her followers had come, then, to petition the Social Credit government for something. For what, they could not really explain. I tried and got no answers. We heard them singing those beautiful, sad, mournful Russian songs in the rain, while the lawn sprinklers were going full tilt so the Sons of Freedom would not camp on the Legislative meadow.

FANNY DIED

One year later Big Fanny died, her dream and the dreams of her followers unfulfilled. You will remember how, years earlier, they had burned down, time and again, their houses in Crestova.

Many of their men were jailed in the prison near Agassiz. Their friends and relations followed them. There they wait, unsure

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Polls Show NDP Lead

Two radio polls in recent weeks have shown a definite feeling among the people that they aren't being taken in by the foofarah of the Tory and Grit conventions.

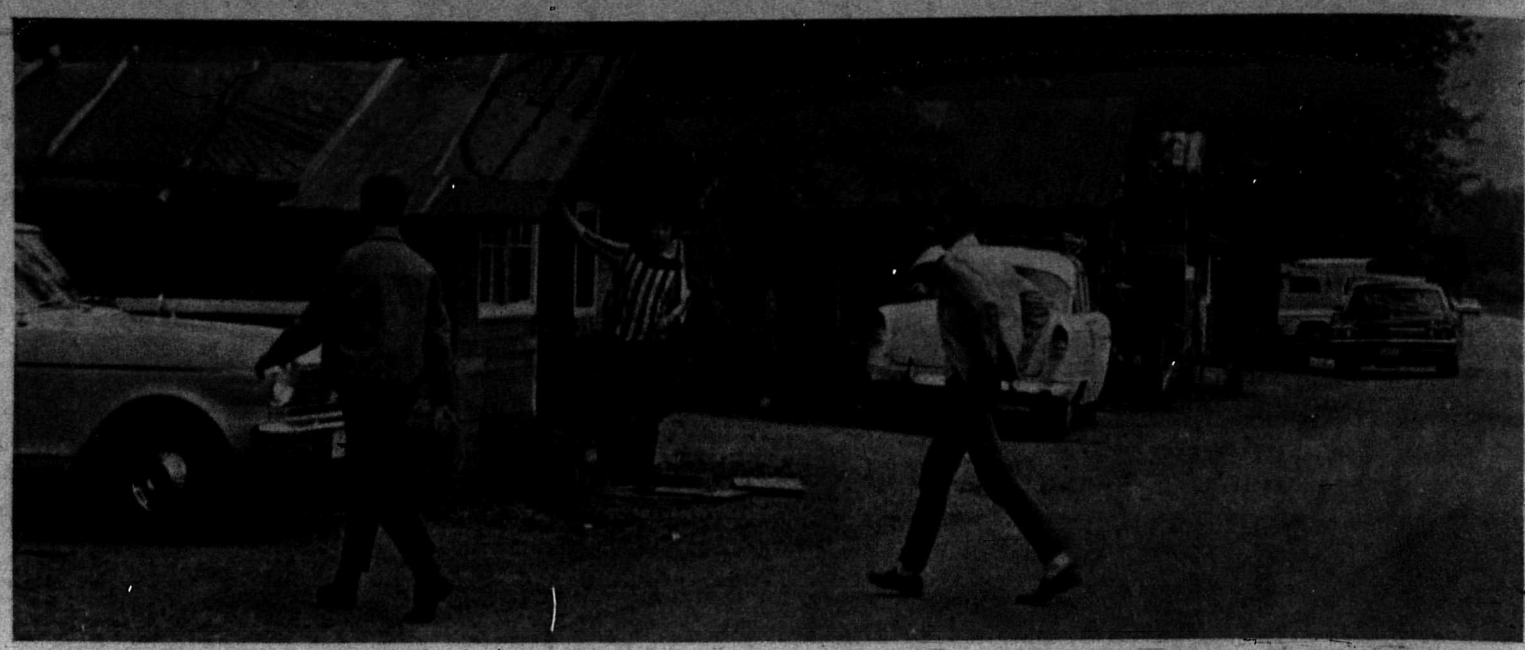
Despite the thousands of inches of coverage the establishment parties have received in the press, both polls placed the NDP well ahead.

In both instances, the polls were taken over a three-day period on open-line radio shows.

One of the polls was taken on radio station CKDA, Victoria, long known as a bastion of staunch Toryism. But amazingly enough the Tories trailed the pack.

In answer to the question "Who do you want as your next prime minister?" Tory Stanfield trailed the pack and Tommy Douglas took the lead from the start. The final results, after three days: Douglas, 320; Trudeau, 267; Stanfield, 211.

The other poll was taken on Radio Station CKSO, Sudbury, Ontario. Those phoning in were asked a question similar to that asked the Victoria listeners. The results: Douglas, 48.8 per cent; Trudeau, 31.0 per cent; Stanfield, 20.2 per cent.



Doukhobor teen-agers ignore passing cars.

Some Doukhobors Died Waiting

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of what will happen to them, except that they must settle no longer in clusters, but disperse. Thus, goes the thinking of the attorney-general, the threat to society will be dissipated.

SIMPLE MOUND

Big Fanny's grave is a simple mound of earth; the headstone (see picture) is pointing away from her headrest. But only hours before, a Doukhobor had been there, watering a short stocky rosebush on Big Fanny's grave.

Doukhobors, Sons of Freedom members, Germans, native Canadians—they all lie together in this beautiful cemetery on a high plateau. It is quiet there, only the occasional drone of an airplane or the gear shifting of a truck shatters the heavy silence.

WHY FENCE?

Why did someone think it necessary to fence in the cemetery with wire? The gate is always open, anyway.

Two young boys and their tiny sister walked through the gate. The older boy was carrying broom blossoms that he wanted to place on the grave of his nanny who died last year in her nineties.

The little girl giggled when she saw the graves and the food for travel the Doukhobors had placed on them.

STARTED DANCING

With the unconcern of the young, she jumped on a grave and started dancing. Her older brother became uneasy. You could see his unco-ordinated thoughts: was she allowed to do that, or was it—not quite proper to dance on a grave?

What matter? The girl enjoyed herself. Too soon she will be told to be awkward when entering a cemetery. To speak in hushed voice of the "dear departed." To become a hypocrite.

LIVE TO FULL?

I stood looking at Big Fanny's grave. Did she have what we refer to as a good long life, did she live it to the full? No one knows and now, no one cares anymore. She was just a "mislead Doukhobor, a member of a fanatical sect that doesn't know what it wants," to quote the timid.

I am not so sure. Big Fanny has made her mark on history, even in only a minor, British Columbian way.

BACK TO LIFE

Back to the living. They live not far from the cemetery, 100 or so feet below the plateau.

Their shacks (in our terms) stand, hastily erected, near the entrance to a quarry on a sideroad. They look as if they tried to hold on to each other, so close together are they.

SOME PRETTY

Some are pretty, with wild flowers growing up walls and onto roofs. Others are less well kept. Wood and cardboard are the materials, and tar paper.

About 18 vehicles, from Japanese motorcycles to passenger cars to pickup trucks are parked in narrow driveways.

Few Sons of Freedom are visible, and then only as shadows through curtains.

HAVE WITHDRAWN

They have obviously withdrawn from protesting, from burning their homes, from stripping.

Very marked is the absence of able-bodied young and middle-aged men. There are only women and children and teenyboppers and teen-agers, and old men.

This random observation was borne out by a gasoline station attendant in Agassiz whose brother-in-law is a guard at the prison that houses the six remaining Sons of Freedom.

GO TO SCHOOL

"The young ones, young like myself, go to school and want to learn something useful," he told me. "They are just like you and me."

The formula of the attorney-general's department—split the Doukhobors up, the Sons of Freedom sect—appears to work.

SOMETHING GONE

But however much trouble to organized society the sect may have been in the past, has not something gone out of British Columbia that was distinctly its own?

As our minds become progressively streamlined for the benefit of—yes, of what really?—"civilization," an original sect that has defied authority for decades has been disembowelled, gutted and thrown on the compost heap.

Council Protests

NEW WESTMINSTER — The New Westminster Labour Council was asked by the IWA to protest the unwarranted criticism of the labour movement and the "pro-government" stand on Bill 33 taken by Radio Station CKWX.

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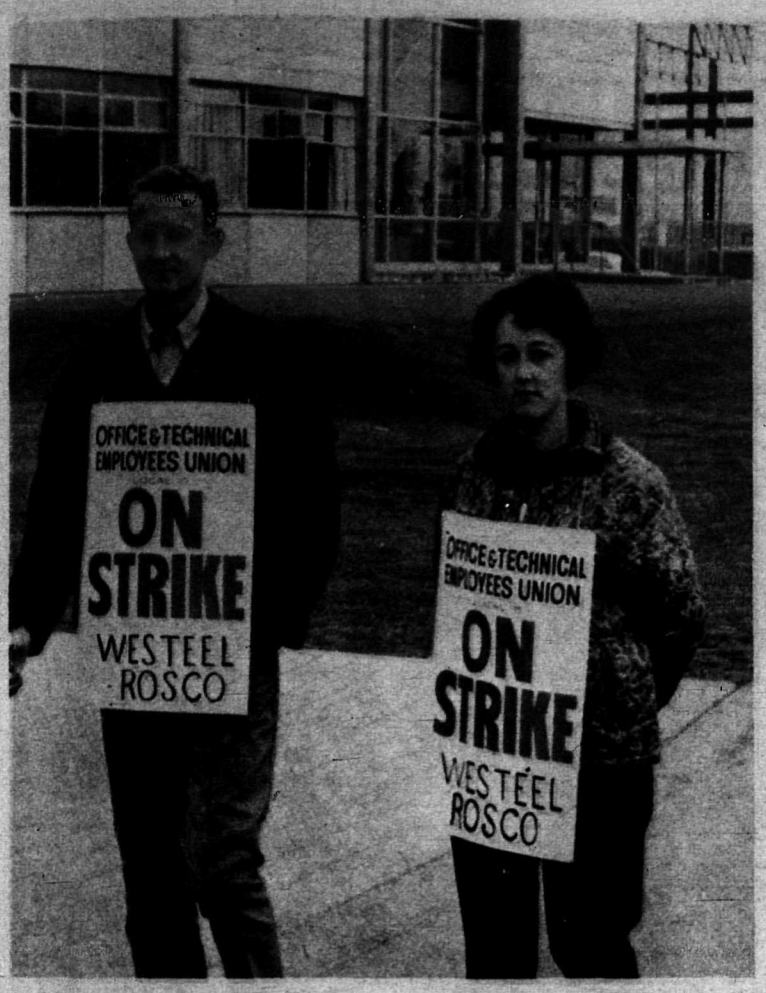

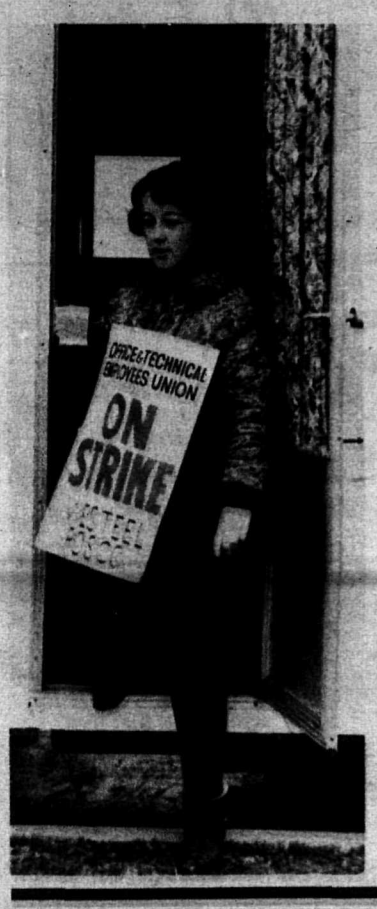

Pickets at Westeel

Joanne Metcalfe and Dez Allen shown picketing Westeel-Rosco in Vancouver. They are two of the members of the Office and Technical Employees Union Local 15 on strike against the company which refused to negotiate over a contract. The strike started on April 25 and is supported by the building trades, railway employees and the Teamsters whose members are respecting the picket line. In the picture at left, Joanne Metcalfe is bringing a cup of coffee to a fellow picket. The strike committee has parked a house trailer in front of the company's buildings so pickets can warm up and eat during breaks.

I Cover the Labour Front

MARK EMARY

The recent Liberal convention's decision to not allow nuisance candidates to participate in the national convention has many possibilities and far-reaching effects. Think what it would do to a CLC or B.C. Federation convention.

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The day Labour Minister **Peterson** made his speech in the Victoria Legislature on Bill 33, former Ontario Chief Justice **McRuer** was reporting at the other end of the country on his one-man study of the erosion of individual freedom by government. Mr. McRuer said, "The government should be the guardian of freedom. Instead, legislatures, by passing badly-phrased laws, prepared by legal experts working for governments, have eroded civil rights to an alarming extent. Power is given to commissions, boards, departments and police without proper safeguards." AMEN.

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Recent notice on bulletin board in the lobby of the Inn of the North in Prince George: Meetings Today — 12:00 noon Mr. **Norman Musgrave**, Amalgamated Meat Cutters, Room 201; 12:30 Mr. **Paul Martin**, Liberal Party, Room 202.

Watch it, Norm; "meat men meet while hatchet men plot."

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A new device to warn of radar traps and over-exuberant Mounties is not always foolproof. Living proof is IWA representative **Vern Griffith**. He had just installed his new "radar sentry" and was rounding a curve in the highway when he was pulled over by the local gendarmes. Unable to prevent the policeman from issuing a ticket, he complained to him about the device on which he had just spent $50. The cop was sympathetic and had Vern back track and try again; still no warning from Vern's radar sentry. The co-operative cop took it out, shook it, banged it a couple of times, then advised Vern that the batteries were dead. If there's a moral for red-faced Vern, it might be "better red than dead."

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Who says the last legislative session was dull? Here's more of their witty (?) sayings: **Campbell** (SC): "Whenever I get up to speak the NDP pigeons get all excited and fly out of the tree." **Barrett** (NDP): "Look what they've done to your suit."

Perrault to **Capozzi**: "You're going to win a Pulitzer prize for fiction."

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Labour Minister **Peterson**: "I've settled more strikes than you have started." **Nimsick** (NDP): "Then you haven't settled any because I haven't started one."

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Harding (NDP): "Mr. Speaker, do you know who is doing the best reforestation job in this province?" **Bonner** (SC): "The chipmunks."

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Solidarity and unity extended to secondary management personnel in the recent IWA interior dispute. It seems that, when the CNR attempted to get its engineers and firemen to put a train through IWA picket lines, they refused and both were taken out of service by the company. The incident took place at North Kamloops and three management officials (trainmasters) were then ordered to cross the lines. They too refused and were subsequently demoted. The unions involved advised that all five must be reinstated. The company agreed to reinstate the union men, but balked at the second request and advised the union the demotion of the management personnel was none of the union's business. The union threatened that all operations including Vancouver would become involved unless all five were immediately reinstated. All are now back at work. End of a most unusual story and a new switch in labour-management relations.

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Long time Social Crediter **Johnny Clark** of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union tore up his Socred membership card at the CLC convention. He is now the newest member of the New Democratic Party.

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A $1,000 fine without a jail sentence was the decision of Judge **James MacDonald** against **A. K. Mathisen**, Director of Arpeg Holdings. The fine was invoked after the Building Service Employees Union charged the company was disobeying a supreme court decision. Mr. Justice MacDonald is the same judge who handed out stiff jail sentences in the Lenkurt contempt case in 1966.

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In the opinion of eastern Canadians, Premier Bennett's egomania is merely a pernicious case of mistaken nonentity.

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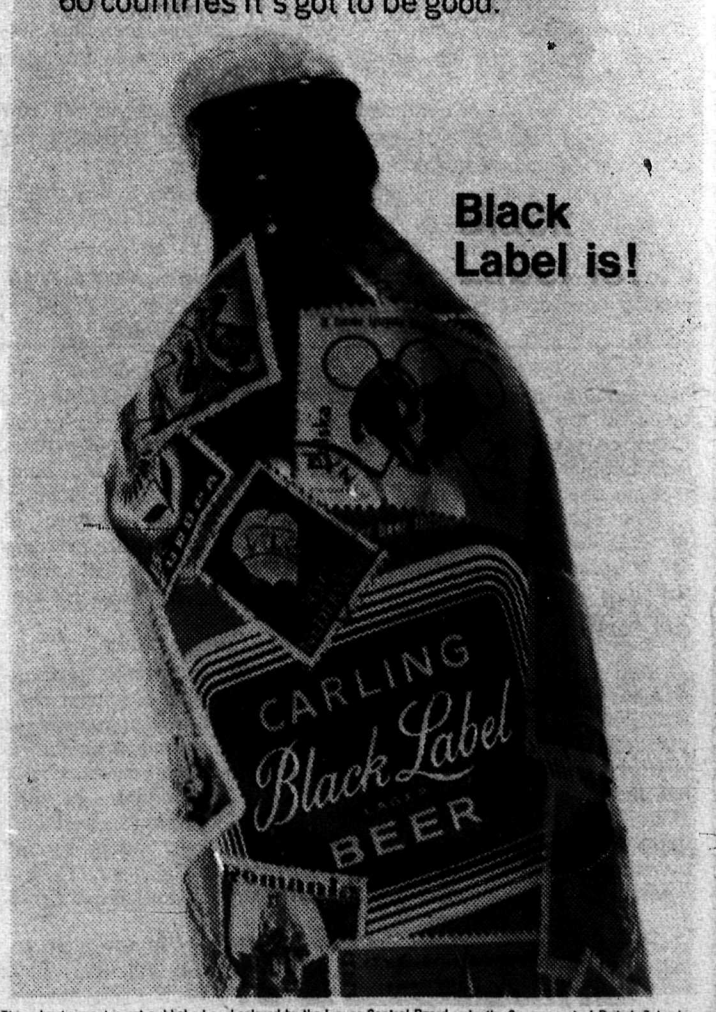

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EDITORIAL

When a New Democrat can invade solid Socred territory and walk away with a solid majority of 2,000 votes it is time to reflect what is happening to the Social Credit phenomenon.

We are talking, of course, about the stunning defeat of Socred George Wainborn at the hands of New Democrat Norman Levi in the May 21 by-election in Vancouver South.

The defeat goes beyond a simple battle having been lost. Socred candidate Wainborn, Premier Bennett and Labour Minister Peterson all tried to make Bill 33 (the new labour legislation designed to handcuff trade unions) the major by-election issue.

The victory of Norman Levi must therefore be seen as a clear and decisive repudiation of this regressive labour bill because Mr. Levi never campaigned on Bill 33 but — and he was right — on what the NDP will do as a party for the province and what he, Levi, will do as an MLA for the constituents.

In more respects than one is this by-election symptomatic of the collapsing Social Credit phenomenon.

Premier Bennett's Bill 33 was chosen by the Socred hierarchy as the main election platform; the people in Vancouver South told the Socreds in effect to repudiate the bill. Had they thought otherwise, Liberal Sandy Robertson or Socred Wainborn could have carried the day.

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It was a test also of the rather strained Socred machine politics. A member of that machine, P. A. Gaglardi, had managed to get himself involved in ministerial indiscretions that led, finally, to his resignation as highways minister.

If a government party that has held a riding such as Vancouver South for years is unable to muster enough support in a by-election the signs are clearly written on the wall — the Socreds are on the way out of dictating provincial politics.

Let us wander for a moment to Ontario. In the Ontario riding of Riverdale, the NDP several years ago fought an uphill fight to wrest away the riding from a Tory stronghold of many years.

Riverdale has come to stand as a symbol for the NDP secret formal of minning by-elections. Vancouver South has become, overnight, British Columbia's Riverdale, and provincial politics have gained an immeasurable uplift.

After the Riverdale by-election, the Ontario NDP had eight seats in the 107-seat Ontario House. In the recent Ontario election, NDP strength has mushroomed to 21 seats — and the groundwork for that upsurge had been laid in Riverdale.

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We can safely draw an analogy between Vancouver South and the 1969 or 1970 provincial election due in B.C. But that is far away.

More pertinent to our immediate future is tha moral effect the Vancouver South by-election victory will have for the NDP candidates and, more important, for the voters, in the federal election later this month.

The voters will have a choice between the NDP, a party that has consistently placed the well being of the people before any other issue, and the Liberals/Tories, both parties that have excelled in woolly thinking, locked in tight embrace with Canada's business élite.

Look at the list of candidates in your riding and you will find that in every case the NDP candidate has the clear answer to the problems that concern you and your family.

As to Norman Levi, he will make, in our opinion, a very strong member of the Legislative Assembly in Victoria.

We will listen next year to his statements on labour, with which he has been associated in various functions — among others as president of CUPE local — for many years.

THE EDITOR.

The appointment of a judge as chairman of the Mediation Commission vindicates the position the B.C. Federation of Labour has taken on the whole question of Bill 33. The only way the Social Credit government appears to be able to deal with labour matters is through the courts — and to make a judge chairman of a commission designed to handcuff organized labour proves the point.

The appointment of Pen Baskin, former 4th vice-president of the B.C. Federation of Labour, is, to say the least, disappointing and surprising to organized labour. The B.C. Federation of Labour said in a news release on May 15 that "no respected labour leader can possibly accept a position on this commission . . . " The Federation sees no reason to alter the previous statement.

Had Bill 33 not contained the compulsory arbitration features and had this bill been an honest effort on the part of Labour Minister Peterson to come to grips with the problem of labour-management relations, the B.C. Federation of Labour would have welcomed with open arms the chance to see a responsible labour man who has the confidence of labour on the Mediation Commission. But, since Bill 33 has been tailored to fit the needs of big business and those of the Social Credit government, organized labour cannot be expected to welcome Mr. Baskin's appointment.

Mr. Baskin, by accepting the post, has betrayed the trust of every working man in this province.

Perhaps Mr. Baskin accepted the appointment in the mistaken belief that the Mediation Commission would be an impartial body. His inability to comprehend the implications of such a post speaks for itself.

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

As a union member who is involved in the labour movement in a lay position and who sees *the situation from the outside*, as do the majority of the rank-and file, may I make a few comments on the legal strike of the Office Employees Union at Westeel-Rosco Ltd.

This sad state of affairs does the movement in B.C. great harm at a time when we have battles enough without fighting among ourselves.

It shows that the unions must not allow themselves to be put in the position that they may, in the future, be forced to scab on their brothers; because scab they will, and it's not the fault of the rank-and-file but of the people who put too much faith in a contract. I realize most of the fault lies with provincial legislation but this can be got around by inserting in union contracts a clause that the union would not be expected to cross another union's picket line.

As the voice of labour in B.C. I feel the Federation should have the power to step in and override any orders from any union executive or representative whether that Union is international or Canadian, as long as that Union is a member of the Federation.

W. K. KERMODY,
Cloverdale, B.C.

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Dear Sir:

Very soon our local beaches in British Columbia will be open to the public and fishing is well under way in our local waters. What will the incidence of hepatitis be this year? What percentage of our fingerling salmon will have survived the lethal effects of our polluted waters? Along with the domestic sewage is the industrial bilge pouring into the Fraser River?

Dr. Waldichuk of the federal fisheries research board biological station pointed out "that even slight changes in the condition of water could affect salmon with ultimate disastrous effects. Effluent causing changes in the temperature or colour of the water, reducing the level of light density, affect the fish in their minutely timed journey to the spawning grounds."

In the report prepared for the pollution control board by C. A. Goldie, the water resources engineer and released in July, 1967, the years 1980 to 1985 were recommended for completion of all necessary sewage treatment plants. The estimated cost of this project is $100 million.

As pollution is a problem which directly and indirectly affects every individual, and the municipalities cannot possibly finance this alone, there must be financial assistance from senior governments.

With an annual expenditure of $1.5 billion on defence, surely finances can be found to safeguard health and recreation and protect one of our major natural resources.

PATRICIA ANDERSON
MARIE MacLEAN
2820 East 21st Ave.,
Vancouver 12, B.C.

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Dear Sir:

This letter will be about unions and the part they play in

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Philebus the Politician

(c.i.f. Victoria, via Tsawwassen)

Philebus the politician, who long his office holds,
Sailing, forgets his pledges and the long hard sell
Upon the hustings,
his speeches left bleaching on the stumps;
Forgets his Bible school, the organ's swell,
the lady organist.
As his ferries lift and fall,
He slides to caucus, contracts, taxes, and the squeeze.

Here, where the flooding Fraser's tumid flow
Stains the bright gulf,
Both passenger and ferryman,
He goes once more to his city of forgetfulness,
To sales by watershed of rivers, rocks, and trees,
Purchase of roads and votes — by constituencies.

The great flushed bowl behind the screws
Thrusts his vessel out. He sees salvation.
A sort of death by sale of water. Provincial.
Nothing to be feared. Called prosperity.
Echoed only on the business page and in radical reviews,
Washed up under "Coastwise Shipping" and "Interior News."

Crossing and double-crossing from Tsawwassen through the years,
He slips between the islands of his youth and age,
Entering the harbour of his ministry,
Reminiscences of each ferry voyage
Stir the senile drift above his sunken piers.

Oh young Social Credit M.P.P.,
Climbing upward from the parking deck, Gentile, never Jew,
Who hope to be a wheel and rule and sell the land and sea,
Look to Philebus who, still, is promising as you.

VIC HOPWOOD

(Vic Hopwood, who teaches English at The University of British Columbia, is the author of a biography of David Thompson, and editor of his *Travels*, soon to be published. "I'm a votary of the lyrical-satirical. Let the young pull the bung on Jung.")

John Heston's Poison Pen

LONDON (AP) — The Queen yesterday appointed four Britons to the nation's highest orders of distinction and announced she will install her son Prince Charles as a Knight of the Garter in June.

Is he dry behind the garter yet?

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OSHAWA — The two sons of a woman killed in a car accident are appealing for the return of a purse stolen as the mother lay dead on Ritson Road South last Saturday.

Death, where is thy dignity?

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CHICAGO — A U.S. police department has been testing a computer system that tells patrolment in cruisers what the chances are from hour to hour of specific types of crime occurring in their area as they patrol it.

"Hey, Mary, get on with the dinner! At 6:18 p.m. I've got to shoot a cop, according to the computer . . ."

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PARIS — Another saucy affront from Quebec to Ottawa will be delivered today at the international education conference of French-speaking territories.

Without the French, where would be the spice in life?

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LONDON — Extreme Welsh nationalist groups are in clandestine correspondence with Quebec separatists, and at least one of their members received training in the Canadian province.

VICTORIA — Premier Bennett denied yesterday that he had received similar training recently.

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VANCOUVER (CP) — Women should stop struggling with contraceptives and instead force men to submit to sterilization through vasectomies, a Vancouver sociologist said yesterday.

Who's asking them to struggle, anyway?

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TORONTO — An investigation by the Department of Reform Institutions has revealed nothing unusual in the March 15 parole of Viola MacMillan after she had served seven weeks of a maximum nine-month term, a department spokesman said recently.

What were the mitigating circumstances in the million-dollar fraud she pulled?

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CALGARY (CP) — A portrait of the Queen was covered at the first public hearing in Calgary of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in what chairman Anne Francis calls "a stupid misunderstanding."

When women tell jokes together it's just as well to cover up Regina.

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HAMILTON (Staff) — Apartment living tends to make the husband and father of the family lose his virility, Leon Kumove, teacher of sociology at York University, said here recently.

Damn those thin walls!

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TORONTO — An audience of 200 laughed through the staging of a rape in a theatre at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church recently while watching a skit showing the apathy of people in the face of violence.

Laughing on the outside, wanting on the inside?

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MONTREAL—Canadian young people should perhaps be conscripted into a pioneer corps for a couple of years instead of going straight to university from high school, Dean Donald Mordell of McGill University's Faculty of Engineering said recently.

Dear Donald:
That's the spirit!
Adolph H. Argentina

LONDON — Enoch Powell was ousted from the Conservative Party's shadow cabinet recently for urging that Britain bar any more non-white immigrants and pay those already here to leave.

I'm sending Enoch $500 so he can leave for South Africa.

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On a flight between Prince George and Whitehorse during the weekend, Robert Stanfield relaxed in the back seat of the Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-6B and discussed a matter that had been increasingly embarrassing his advisers. Stated bluntly, as it has been often lately, the problem is the opposition leader's public image, rapidly hardening into a picture of colourless, indecisive conservatism.

What image? Who was that again, did you say?

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MONTREAL — Restoring the priesthood as a desirable vocation and involving more lay members in the church's work are the main goals of Most Rev. Paul Grégoire, the newly appointed Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal.

Sounds like a broken LP, played at 78 rpm.

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OTTAWA (CP)—John Diefenbaker, former Conservative Prime Minister, had this comment on Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's dissolution of Parliament Tuesday for an election. "The master of osculation called Parliament back so he could kiss it goodbye." The dictionary said the word osculation, which means kissing, is most often used in a jocular way.

That reminds me of the maid who went in her mistress's stead to a party. "Were you properly esteemed," her mistress asked. Answered the maid: "Yes, twice, in the garden."

TORONTO—A Roman Catholic priest wants sex education included in the religious training program in Ontario's separate schools.

The famous rhythm method, no doubt.

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LONDON (Reuters) — The British controversy over coloured immigrants accelerated recently with further dock strikes and an opinion poll that showed whites claiming the right to discriminate against non-white immigrants.

From the 'right' to discriminate to the 'right' to lynch and murder is only a short step. To wit: the U.S.

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HEERLEN (Reuters)—Twenty-one young Dutch Roman Catholic priests told their bishop in a joint letter recently they no longer accepted the obligation to live in celibacy.

Join the club!

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EDMONTON (CP)—A society that now advocates the pill for birth control might one day be willing to "quietly dispose of all elderly people or misfits" with another pill, the royal commission on the status of women was told recently.

How about a pill that makes emancipated women shut up?

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CAIRO (AP) — President Gamal Abdel Nasser recently called on Egyptians to mobilize for decisive battle against Israel to erase and avenge the defeat of last summer.

GENEVA—From his wheelchair at a lush sanatorium near here, Gamal Abdel Nasser, still lucid at 97, today called on Egyptians for decisive battle against Israel . . .

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WASHINGTON — Canada is fighting a "rearguard action against the inevitable" in resisting entry into a free-trade area with the United States, according to George Ball, new U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. In a recently published book, Mr. Ball says that the inevitable for Canada "is substantial economic integration which will require for its full realization a progressively expanding area of common political decision."

Mr. Ambassador should add an "s" to his name.

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BONN — West Germany's extreme right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) made its most impressive display of strength to date recently as it won 9.8 per cent of the total vote in the state election in Baden-Wurttemberg.

Fed up with democracy? Let a German take you to lunch.

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REGINA (CP) — Canada's many women's volunteer groups never deal with the real problems of their communities, the Royal Commission on the Status of Women was told recently.

Too squeamish for the horrible truth?

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VANCOUVER—John V. Clyne of MacMillan Bloedel said recently a lengthy strike in the coastal section of the British Columbia forest industry is inevitable if the unions persist in their demands.

Is that what His Eminence would call bargaining in good faith?

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STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Vicky Drake, a topless dancer, is running for student president of Stanford University, but the registrar says she's not a student.

Maybe she hasn't got a top, either.

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Governor Nelson Rockefeller, revers-

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NOTICE RE MEDICARE

The picture regarding the implementation of a Medical Care Plan in British Columbia is not yet complete. However, at this time it appears evident that members of our groups will continue to obtain their benefits through C.U.& C. Health Services Society who will be acting as an agent for the Medical Services Commission.

As far as we know, rates and benefits will be standardized among all licensed carriers. As soon as these rates and benefits have been established, literature will be provided to all members giving details. It is assumed, however, that the standard of benefits will not be less than those now provided by C.U.& C. Health Services Society.

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Wanna Piece of Park? Line Forms Right Here

PHYLLIS YOUNG

News Item: The provincial government has authorized the redrawing of Manning Park's western boundary to allow mining development to go ahead in the area.

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On this day Horace P. Smerch was working in his capacity as Minister of Parks and Recreation.

A huge map of the province of British Columbia hung on the wall of his office and Smerch was studying it with his aide.

"We've got to redraw the boundaries of the Ogopogo Provincial Park, Charlie," said Smerch.

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"Who wants a chunk of it now, Chief?" asked his aide.

"Not who, Charlie, but how many. The Scooba Dooba Mining Company, for one, has got its eye on a promising claim about 40 miles inside the park."

"What's it worth to them?"

"Thirty thou for our campaign fund."

"Not bad," remarked Charlie.

"They want it right about here." Smerch stuck the pointer into the map.

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"Now, if we bend the border of the park down like this," he picked up a piece of chalk and swooped it on the map in a graceful arc, "that'll give 'em what they want."

"What about the rest of the claimants?" asked Charlie.

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Smerch shuffled through the documents on his desk. He and Charlie began taking them one by one and plotting them on the map, re-marking the boundaries of Ogopogo Park to accommodate the changes. After an hour's intense concentration they stood back to examine their handiwork.

"There!" exclaimed Smerch. "By golly, it looks beautiful. We've given all the mining interests their claims and the park still looks good."

Charlie started to reply, hesitated, and peered closely at the map. Then he began to fiddle with a slide rule.

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"I think we're in trouble, Chief."

"Why? What's wrong?" Smerch was incensed. "It's a great job!"

"Chief, right here," Charlie pointed to the map, "I estimate that the park is 23 inches wide for a mile and a half stretch."

"Twenty-three inches, huh? Those conservationist nuts would have a ball with that," mused Smerch. Picking up the chalk he sketched in a new eastern boundary. "How about making it like this, over this faint blue line?"

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"I don't think so, Chief. That's Alberta."

"Oh. Do you think they'd miss an itty bitty piece like that?"

"Eventually, I imagine."

"Well, then, we can drop the southern boundary a little," said Smerch, chalking in the change.

"Chief, you dropped it right into Montana, and I think they'd . . . "

" . . . miss it too, I suppose." Smerch drew back and thought a bit.

"How about if we moved this border over a little to the left?"

"I don't think so, Chief. That property you just incorporated into the park is the premier's summer place."

"Shucks. That's out then."

Smerch thought some more.

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"I've got it!" he shouted, "we'll just pinch it in two at that 23-inch stretch. Make the top half Ogo Provincial Park and the bottom half Pogo Provincial Park. That way the people of British Columbia will get TWO parks in place of one. And they will show their gratitude at the ballot box!"

"Chief, you're a genius!"

Poison Pen

(From Page 5)

ing his previous position, threw himself into contention recently for the Republican presidential nomination and vowed to fight Richard Nixon for it, "right up to the last vote."

One for the see-saw.

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BONN (AP) — Defence Minister Leo Cadieux said recently Canada hopes to recover some of the foreign exchange it spends on its brigade in West Germany through sale of a reconnaissance drone system to the Bonn Government.

That price, methinks, is too high.

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NEW YORK — In an optimistic prediction about the future of Canada after the current constitutional negotiations, Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson said here recently the final outcome would be that "Canada will become more federal and less federalist, more uniting and less unitary."

Mr. Johnson, this is 1968, not 1868!

LETTERS

(From Page 4)

our working lives. The history of unions began about 100 years ago. It was during the depression years that unions faced difficult times.

Union leaders were thrown into jail, but with courage and persistence they succeeded in wielding a formidable union in this present day.

You probably will ask yourselves: do unions create security?

The claim is made that unions are the working man's chief source of job and wage security.

When one sees how time and time again unions have won wage increases, shorter hours, vacations with pay, one cannot be blamed for regarding one's union as a fairy god mother.

Unions can easily kill a business, but they cannot easily start one or keep it going.

A few years ago questions were put to the workers. Here they are.

Is it good Canadianism for workers to be allowed to organize into unions?

Eighty-two per cent answered yes, nine per cent answered no, and the rest were uncertain.

Another question was about the closed shop where every worker must be a member before he can get or hold a job. Was that good or bad Canadianism?

Sixty-seven per cent answered it was bad Canadianism, 21 per cent said it was good Canadianism and 12 per cent were uncertain.

What is the solution for having good unions? There are several means at our disposal.

The first is to vote for political candidates who will put the welfare of the country before petty politics. Another method is to introduce college courses in union management in which the candidates would be interested in the welfare of both men and industry.

If we are to see labour and management co-operate, this is what must happen if we are to achieve results.

CLYDE TEASDALE,
Coquitlam.

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(Ed. note: The Vancouver Sun refused to print this letter.)

Dear sir:

Tonight (Mar. 16) your paper reports that the secretary of the B.C. Federation of Labour is concerned that amongst various groups the church has not spoken out on Bill 33.

While this may be so, it by no means indicates that the church is indifferent to the principles involved. Probably the government would not listen to the church any more than it does to labour. When the government cannot distinguish or act on principles of plain justice when they are set forth, they are not likely to be persuaded even though a moral "authority" set forth its mind.

It so happens that the United Church in B.C. opposed unanimously, in the late fifties, the principle of compulsory arbitration in labour-management relations.

This was reaffirmed in the early sixties, and the church has counted this to be its position. Perhaps by now everybody else has forgotten, or it may not have been widely publicized.

There is more support than Mr. Haynes thinks. But like him, I'm sorry it is not more vocal when the heat is on.

HAROLD T. ALLEN
2140 Kings Road,
Victoria, B.C.

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The Honourable Isabel Dawson,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Dawson:

Once again our membership wishes to protest the inadequate ferry service, even though appeals to the Socred government seem to be a waste of time.

It should be noted that before the government decided to form its own navy, we had a late ferry every night, enabling the residents of this area to visit evening events in Vancouver without the cost of staying overnight. There was also a ferry early enough in the morning that a day-worker could get to work by 8 o'clock. Since the government take-over both these advantages have disappeared. So much for the government's consideration for the voters and tax payers of this area.

Now the government has the nerve to propose a schedule with two hours and forty minutes between ferries. If this is an example of progress, we are in sad shape.

To sum up, the government collects taxes from this area, in an amount larger than the average person thinks and gives nothing in return.

We are soliciting the support of our sister local at Powell River whose members are also subjected to this disgraceful service, and no doubt our displeasure will be demonstrated at the polls during the next election.

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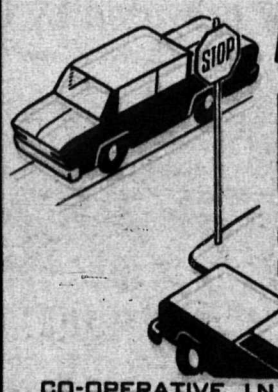

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CLC Slate Upset by Rancourt

Most of Business Dealt With

Convention Defies Rules of Thumb

The recent convention of the Canadian Labour Congress held in Toronto defied all normal rules of thumb by accomplishing more in its one-week convention than had been achieved in the last half dozen conventions.

What was so surprising is the fact that it was done under such adverse conditions that make one wonder how the convention could get anything done, namely to deal with some of the most complicated and controversial issues that have ever come before any convention.

BAD FACILITIES

The facilities were abominable. The acoustics were the worst in the history of CLC conventions, even worse than the arrangements at the Pacific Showmart building when the CLC held its convention in Vancouver.

The fact is that, with nearly 2,000 delegates, any CLC convention is an unwieldy monstrosity that does not lend itself to any facilities, particularly the Queen Elizabeth auditorium on Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

CLOSURE MOTION

Regardless, the convention was successful. The majority of convention business was dealt with and, in most cases, the rank-and-file delegates did manage to speak on the major issues. An unfortunate exception was the debate on the structural committee report and the minority report submitted by the Quebec Federation of Labour secretary, Gérard Rancourt.

Mr. Rancourt agreed with most structural committee recommendations and, although no arrangements were made for a minority report, time was accorded to the pros and cons of whether or not federations of labour should have the right to charter affiliates, handle education and other numerous projects which are currently responsibilities of the Congress.

GO WHOLE HOG

Quebec's decision to go whole hog alienated possible support from other quarters. A straight fight on whether federations should handle their own education programs could have received wider support if the chartering of locals had not been included in Quebec's overall demands.

The unfortunate aspect, however, was the handling of the debate by chairman Donald MacDonald. Through some weird arrangement three microphones were installed to facilitate the debate.

MIKES RESERVED

The first mike was reserved for those in favour of Quebec's report, the second for those supporting the structural committee's position and the third, believe it or not, for those who wished to move the previous question to end debate.

Joe Morris, of the IWA was re-elected executive vice-president

In all fairness to MacDonald, those who were not in favour of either position and who wanted to offer other alternatives were also to line up at the third microphone.

NEVER BEFORE

Such an arrangement has never been used before and, if the results are any indication, will never be used again.

Just as the debate was getting properly underway, president MacDonald recognized the third microphone, the previous question was put, and the debate ended with a poor taste left in the mouths of many delegates, even those opposed to the Quebec position.

TOWARD MERGERS

On the positive side, the recommendations of the structural committee — which was set up at the 1966 Congress convention —were adopted and promised to steer the Congress in a more modern, efficient, effective direction during the next two years.

A major change, and one about which even Quebec seemed pleased, was the enlarging of the executive council. There will be, in addition to 10 vice-president at large, 10 vice-presidents from the provincial federations. This change should ensure better representation of the provinces' views in the inner councils of the CLC.

MORE EFFORTS

In another area, the Congress Executive was instructed to make better efforts in trying to get unions to merge. Since the formation of the CLC in 1956, brought about after the AFL and CIO came together in the USA, mergers between individual unions have not occurred as quickly as had been anticipated.

Although there have been 10 mergers, the structural committee urged this be given top priority by the incoming executive. This recommendation was advocated by the B.C. Federation of Labour in its brief to the structural committee when it visited Vancouver.

TO BE CHARTERED

The structural committee made other recommendations. Two of these were somewhat controversial and received anything but unanimous convention approval. One was the proposal that trade councils — such as building trades councils, port councils, etc.—should be chartered by the CLC and not by the AFL-CIO.

The resolution passed, but those opposed reasoned that the building trades unions were able to solve the problem internally.

STORMIEST SCENE

The stormiest scene blew up after a two-thirds convention vote approved a change in the CLC constitution which requires all affiliates to the CLC to join respective federation and labour councils in their areas. Most amendment supporters saw the change as a lever to assist local unions, federations and councils in encouraging more participation in all Congress bodies.

The stiffest opposition came from the Public Service Alliance Federation and the B.C. Government Employees Association.

UPSETS SLATE

In a well-organized campaign designed for more efficient lobbying than in the past, Quebec delegates were able to buck the CLC executive and get their man, Gérard Rancourt, in as a full-time executive vice-president. The vacany occurred after Donald MacDonald had been elected to fill the ailing Claude Jodoin's post and William Dodge had moved into MacDonald's position of secretary-treasurer.

The choice appeared to be Rancourt, who had been unable to work with the Congress executive, versus Roméo Mathieu, a Quebecker not accepted by the Quebec delegation. After being defeated in two earlier showdowns during the week, Rancourt defeated Mathieu by better than 300 votes.

DOUGLAS CHEERED

The climax of the convention was the tumultuous welcome given to NDP leader Tommy Douglas. Delegates from all unions applauded, cheered and waved banners supporting the New Democratic Party and, in particular, Tommy Douglas.

Noticeable was the number of unions that had made up banners and placards and waved them at every opportunity during Douglas' speech. Delegates raised placards reading "Machinists for NDP," "CBRT for Douglas," "NDP for CUPE;" nearly every major union used the occasion to state their support for labour's party.

CHEERING OVER

Now the cheering is over. The Congress executive has its work cut out, and the flag-waving and placard-carrying delegates will be able to prove their worth on the election on June 25.

Resolutions, speeches and tub thumping are for naught unless the resolutions passed with respect to political action are carried out.

SCATHING ATTACK

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Should School Students Respect a Picket Line?

JOHN HESTON

Who is right — 350 secondary students respecting a picket line of striking school employees or the other 1,400 who crossed it and went to classes?

Society will have to decide whether this phenomenon falls into the category of playing hookie or whether it is the beginning of a new era of awareness among high school students.

THE FACT

Here are the facts: On Friday, May 10, school employees' picket lines went up around, among others, Kitsilano Secondary High School. About 1,750 students attend the school, and about 350 chose not to violate the inveterate right of strikers who wish the place of their employment boycotted.

Why did the students abide by the old trade union principle?

FOR UNION

Jill Cranston, 15, a bright-eyed student, said: "I'm for the union. They (the school employees, janitors, engineers and 'matrons') treat us better than some of the teachers.

"I know how it is to support a family. No one can live on chicken feed."

(One of the pickets said he was paid $428 a month when negotiations between his union and the Vancouver School Board broke down).

BEHIND THEM

Frank Sharp, 16, another student, said: "I'm a supporter (of the strikers). "I'm right behind them all the way."

Another student, who would not give his name, said: "I'm backing up the union as a matter of principle."

As these interviews were conducted on a sunny warm day, dozens of students milled around and strengthened each point made by their spokesmen with emphatic head-nodding.

NOT TO CROSS

Some explained their fathers had told them that morning not to cross the picket lines.

The fact remains that in this case the youngsters, who don't very often listen to their parents' advice, did in the case of the picket line.

Jill Cranston said some students went into the school to try to get other students to abandon classes and come out to support the pickets. It was then, apparently, that the school doors were locked temporarily.

VERY INTERESTING

The point can be made: Is a school allowed to prevent students from entering the school during class hours, if only to prevent further desertions? Very interesting — and very educational.

The students quickly said that "our principal's a real good head — he's strictly neutral in this."

OFF SICK

Some teachers, said a picketer, had reported for classes but had "booked off sick" when they found the pickets walking up and down.

As a class of boys was running from the school to the sports field, several students outside the grounds remonstrated with them, asking them to join the sympathy strike. No one did.

As a police car drove by, loud cheering broke out.

STUDENTS CHANTED

"Sock it to 'em," the students chanted and the two policemen grinned.

Jill Cranston offered another thought:

"You know," she said, "a lot of people look down on school janitors and matrons — but they are people too, aren't they?"

And one of the picketers said: "Every comment from the kids has been sensible."

Striking school students argue with "scab" students in sportswear.

To Hold School

CAMPBELL RIVER — The Campbell River, Courtenay and District Labour Council has voted to hold a weekend educational school from Sept. 28 to 29.

Still Hearse

A funeral hearse driven by a French Canadian of 48 who wears sports jackets does not cease on that account to be a funeral hearse.

—Richard J. Needham in Toronto Globe & Mail.

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UNION NEWS

Agreement On 30 Cents

Two hundred employees of Nelsons Laundries at Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Courtenay and Campbell River, B.C. — members of the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union, Local 580 — have voted to accept the terms of settlement recommended by the union and employer representatives.

John Squire, international representative of the union, said recently: "The new 30-month agreement, effective Nov. 1, 1967, provides for a wage increase of 30 cents an hour in the first year and from 21 cents to 93 cents for the second year; four and five week vacation provisions; sick leave; severance pay, and improved contract language."

The new agreement covers office, stores, plant and drivers on Vancouver Island.

Visit Mill

PRINCE GEORGE — The Prince George and District Labour Council is protesting the pollution of the Fraser River and has agreed to visit the Prince George Pulp Mill in their fight for the protection of natural resources.

Strikes In Progress

RWDSU at Dominion Vancouver Motors.

Printing Specialties Union 598 at Sinclair and Valentine Inks, Vancouver.

International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers Local 433 at Canadian Gypsum.

Steelworkers Local 3452 at Armco Drainage and Metal Products.

Office and Technical Employees Union, Local 15, at Westeel-Rosco, Vancouver.

International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, Local 433, at Huntington Rubber Mills.

Good Prospects

RED DEER, Alta. — Prospects are good for increased membership for the Red Deer Labour Council with five locals of the IBEW planning affiliation in Alberta.

Jamha Runs

ALBERTA—Roy Jamha, president of the Alberta Federation of Labour, has tossed his hat into the ring as a NDP candidate in the Edmonton East federal riding.

Bill 33 Donation

The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 101 has donated $2 per member to the Federation's Bill 33 Fund with a commitment by the union's international to put up $1 for every $2 donated by the local membership. The Federation fund is now richer because of this unique arrangement.

At the same time Local 480 of the USWA has made a donation to the Beat Bill 33 Fund even though the local has been strapped due to the long copper strike by their union in the U.S., on top of other financial commitments. The local also wired Socred Donald Brothers, protesting his action in supporting compulsory arbitration legislation.

Brand New Union Wants More Beer

What kind of a union would go around brandishing signs reading Victory Through Beer or, even worse, A Plastered Worker Is a Happy Worker?

There is such a union, and it is brand new: the International Union of Political Organizers and Sign Painters, Local 1. Its headquarters were, until May 21, in the campaign headquarters of Norman Levi, NDP candidate for the Vancouver South byelection.

THIRST ROOT

Thirst, and the sufficient alcoholic slaking of it, were at the root of the IUPOSP's making. Some of the workers, being of unsound mind when kept dry too long, protested to NDP campaign manager Michael Lewis about the lack of beer on the premises.

Lewis, a typical management boss type, turned their demands down flat.

TRUE COLOURS

No sooner had management shown its true temperance colours than the political organizers and sign painters held an emergency caucus, formed Local 1, took a strike vote and picketed.

Michael Lewis Unfair to the Working Class, screamed the message from a shoddily painted picket sign.

FIRED ALL

Manager Lewis told The Labour Statesman: "I hired a personnel manager, NDP - MLA Dave Barrett, who had a talk with the strikers and fired them all.

"We were then promptly thrown out by the shop steward of the union because neither of us was wearing safety boots.

"I immediately rehired them all and have since taken over, besides being chairman of the board of directors, the position of labour-management public relations man. They are now happy.

"We buy them beer regularly and treat them with the kind of respect deserved by the rubby-dubs-dubs of the lowly working class." Lewis sighed contentedly.

But Bob Smith, a member of the IUPOSP, had a slightly different story to tell about the settlement:

"Our contract leaves something to be desired. Our major grievance is: still not enough beer."

SHOP STEWARD

As he was passing by, shop steward Gordon Dale chipped in:

"The beer doesn't get here early enough in the morning. It's terrible.

"Our union wage is a bottle an hour a work. I will have to raise that in our next contract negotiations.

"We are in the process of affiliating our union with the Canadian Labour Congress and the B.C. Federation of Labour.

WILL SPREAD

"We tried to organize Liberal and Socred workers — but they don't have any. However, we are going to spread all over the province."

Since the strike ended, management has requested the union vacate its union office on the premises, and the workers—after all, they are only a miserable company union — have silently acquiesced.

DONATIONS BOX

What remains is a donations box affixed to the wall — for beer, what else? — and some washed out placards in the back room, reading: More Booze Means More Work and Beat Bennett — Buy Beer.

A word of advice is perhaps in order: The International Union of Political Organizers and Sign Painters had better think of disbanding and joining the Plasterers Union.

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Some 'Drop Out' To Make Sandals

Some of the young people who disagree with the North American way of life (more money, bigger homes, better ulcers) have dropped out of the race. Some are called hippies and believe in love and write poetry. Others just "do their thing," as they call it, and live the kind of life many disillusioned rat racers dream about at night.

One of these is Gerry Nairn, a man in his twenties who calls himself Leather Smithe. In a little shop on Fourth Avenue he makes sandals, belts, purses, pouches, branklets, leather rings and ties, watch straps, mocassins, and soon, he hopes, also custom made leather clothes.

DOING THING

Doing his thing means several things for Gerry Nairn. He works when he feels like it. No nine-to-five job for him. Surrounded by the pleasant odour of cured leather he works away on his leather goods — unhurried, content, leisurely.

He learned treating leather and making useful items out of leather from Douglas Hawthorne when Hawthorne ran his store, The Blind Owl. Since then, Hawthorne has moved on to better things, such as running the Psychedelic Shop.

NICE LEATHER

"I like creating things and working with my hands," says Gerry Nairn. "Leather is nice. It's nice to change a two-dimensional hide into three-dimensional objects."

For Gerry, his Leather Smithe shop on Fourth is not a money-making venture. "I just have fun, it keeps my time occupied. I don't think I'm practical enough to play the business game.

CAN BARTER

"What I'm trying to do with my artist friends is this: we can barter, trade things. This is much more pleasurable. Nobody is placing monetary value on the objects we create."

As a quasi businessman, Gerry is all hepped up about the concept of non-work, as spelled out by such U.S. economists as Robert Theobald — an early advocate of the guaranteed annual income.

IT'S HAPPENING

"It's happening already," Gerry explains. "Some large firms in the United States which are very advanced in technology and need fewer and fewer employees are keeping their old employees on and are paying them not to work.

"I think this is a general trend. We are getting away from gold and paper money.

"For instance, the Canada Council is opening up a lot more possibilities: there are people in electronics who are able to get grants because electronics is a creative art form — shapes, wires, colours and things.

COMING BACK

"The old crafts are coming back. In Vancouver, especially, we have fine potters.

"Yes, people are changing their values. Businessmen get ulcers and heart attacks at 39 because they think that money and material things are worth more. But it's an illusion."

Swing to Super Campaigns

In the following editorial the Globe and Main (April 8) raises an important point on the high cost of modern electioneering and the need for doing something about it.

Would you like to be the leader of the federal Liberal or Conservative Party?

Well, unless you are loaded or have friends who are, give up the idea. Canada in the sixties has swung to super campaigns—high-geared enough, glossy enough and gutsy enough to merit endless newspaper and magazine coverage and to saturate prime time television.

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For the parties themselves, the hijinks (both hard work and hokum) pay off in publicity. When the Conservatives figure what their convention did to their Gallup poll ratings, the $200,000 price tag on their September convention must seem a bargain. The Liberals recently, for slightly less money, probably achieved as much.

But what of the money invested by candidates? Eric Kierans, who ran one of the more modest efforts in the Liberal leadership campaign, indicated that his bills would top $100,000. Another unsuccessful aspirant was said to have poured out more than $300,000 before the balloting began.

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Where does all the money go? It pays for professional assistance, for jet aircraft, coffee parties, tons of literature, posters, bands, ballrooms, scarves, candies, postage, telephones, fake snowballs, booze and more booze. That's the way it's done in the sixties.

Where does all the money come from? Well, Mr. Kierans acknowledges that most of his came from out of his own pocket. A few donations from friends but nothing from business. Pierre Trudeau was asked yesterday if he believed that the sources of election money — shouldn't be made public. The new Liberal leader wasn't sure. He seemed to see a difference. Elections were public affairs, but leadership campaigns were within the party.

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Hogwash. If we believe that full disclosure is wise in the choosing of a government, surely we must attach as much importance to full disclosure in the choosing of a leader. And surely if we believe that no party should be priced out of a reasonable opportunity to seek election we must believe that no individual should be squeezed out of a chance to head his party because he hasn't enough money to compete with his well-heeled peers.

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- Bill 33 gives unbelievable power to Cabinet to ban certain strikes
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When the B.C. Federation of Labour representatives on the government's provincial labour-management committee resigned in protest, they said:

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Douglas Listens to Complaints

NDP Is 'Very Interested'

Many Frustrations Overshadow High-Rise Life

Is living in one of those tall, graceful apartment high-rises really so splendid as the advertisements would have us believe?

On a recent tour through the West End, Tommy Douglas, federal leader of the New Democratic Party, found out that many frustrations overshadow, if not kill outright, the pleasure of enjoying a view across English Bay.

THREE FAMILIES

Mr. Douglas took time out from his campaign for the general election to visit three families in the West End, together with Vancouver Centre candidate Bill Deverell of the NDP.

The first mother, whose family lives in the shadow of the apartment buildings on Pacific, in a lean-to house, had the obvious story of a woman who cannot make ends meet while paying a high rent.

NDP INTERESTED?

(The three families visited had contacted Bill Deverell's campaign headquarters earlier, asking whether the NDP was interested in some of their complaints. Bill Deverell said the NDP was very interested, and that the NDP has traditionally fought for adequate housing at lower rents.)

Every trace of nervousness disappeared as the woman on Pacific Street started to like Mr. Douglas and poured her heart out to him. It seemed no one had ever been willing to listen to a simple housewife.

ASTOUNDING MEMORY

Mr. Douglas, who consulted frequently with Mr. Deverell on the peculiarities of the riding he represents, was listening attentively. The federal NDP leader is known to have an astounding memory, and those who know him know that the firsthand knowledge he gained during his tour in the West End will be used to make an eloquent case in the next parliamentary session in Ottawa for better housing.

From the lean-to, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Deverell moved on to the apartment of a young couple in a high rise. The young man is still a student at Vancouver City College, and his earnings are meagre.

WHY UNHAPPY?

Why was this couple unhappy? It seemed they had the audacity to want a child. Now the boy is 10 months old, and as soon as he is two years old, the couple will have to move out.

Mr. Douglas was told that this is the rule in most apartment high rises — pets are sometimes welcome, but children over two . . . sorry. The NDP leader told the couple they did not qualify under the NHA mortgage plan because they didn't make enough money, roughly $8,500, to buy a house and to raise the down payment.

SIMILAR STORY

A similar story was the one told by the wife of a man who works shifts. Their apartment block allows children, on the ground floor, but their rent has been raised recently, and other frustrations make life pretty intolerable.

From these three random visits to the West End, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Deverell gained an insight into the singular most widespread social problem in Canada — inadequate, poor, too expensive housing at prices that help the apartment owners, but not the tenants.

As for Mr. Deverell, he has vowed that as soon as he is elected Member of Parliament for Vancouver Centre, he will start to work on the solution to the grave housing situation in the West End and other Centre areas.

Tommy Douglas visits Vancouver West End family.

Where Do You Stand?

JACK MacKENZIE
First Vice-President, IWA

Much has been made of the fact that Pierre Trudeau once campaigned in Quebec for the New Democrats. This is supposed to attract support from people who wold normally vote NDP.

Trudeau fought the tough fight with men like Chuck Taylor and Robert Cliche — but not for very long, because it didn't look to him like the shortest road to Ottawa.

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Chuck Taylor and Robert Cliche are still in there, and they've since been joined by men like Laurier LaPierre and 'Giff' Gifford. The fight is just as difficult for them as it was for Trudeau, but they would rather stay with their principles than jump into bed with the Hellyers, Laings and Winters.

Trudeau got to Ottawa all right, but somewhere along the way he forgot the purpose of getting there.

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What if Tommy Douglas had become frustrated enough to take this easy route to power? There can be no doubt that he would today have been the Liberal prime minister.

What could Trudeau have done in those circumstances, join the Tories? There is nothing in his record that makes that unlikely.

Working people and their friends are fortunate that there are men in Canada like Tommy Douglas, who don't discourage so easily. These men, statesmen rather than politicians, will be needing support from all the men and women in Canada who, like themselves, have not yet given up the fight.

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They will get it.

Trudeau will have to depend for his support on those who can reconcile themselves to politicians who join whatever party offers them the greatest power, regardless of principles. But history is moulded by men and women who stay with the tough fights.

Trudeau in his old age will have to content himself with memories of kissing girls; Tommy Douglas will have the satisfaction of seeing a world that is better because of his long and lonely struggle.

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This is an appropriate division of rewards.

But Tommy would be the first to admit that he can't do it alone. He needs the support and help of hundreds of thousands of Canadians across the land.

Bill 33, Bill C-186, the postponement of medicare, more than nine per cent mortgage rates; we elect the people who pass this legislation, we deserve what we get.

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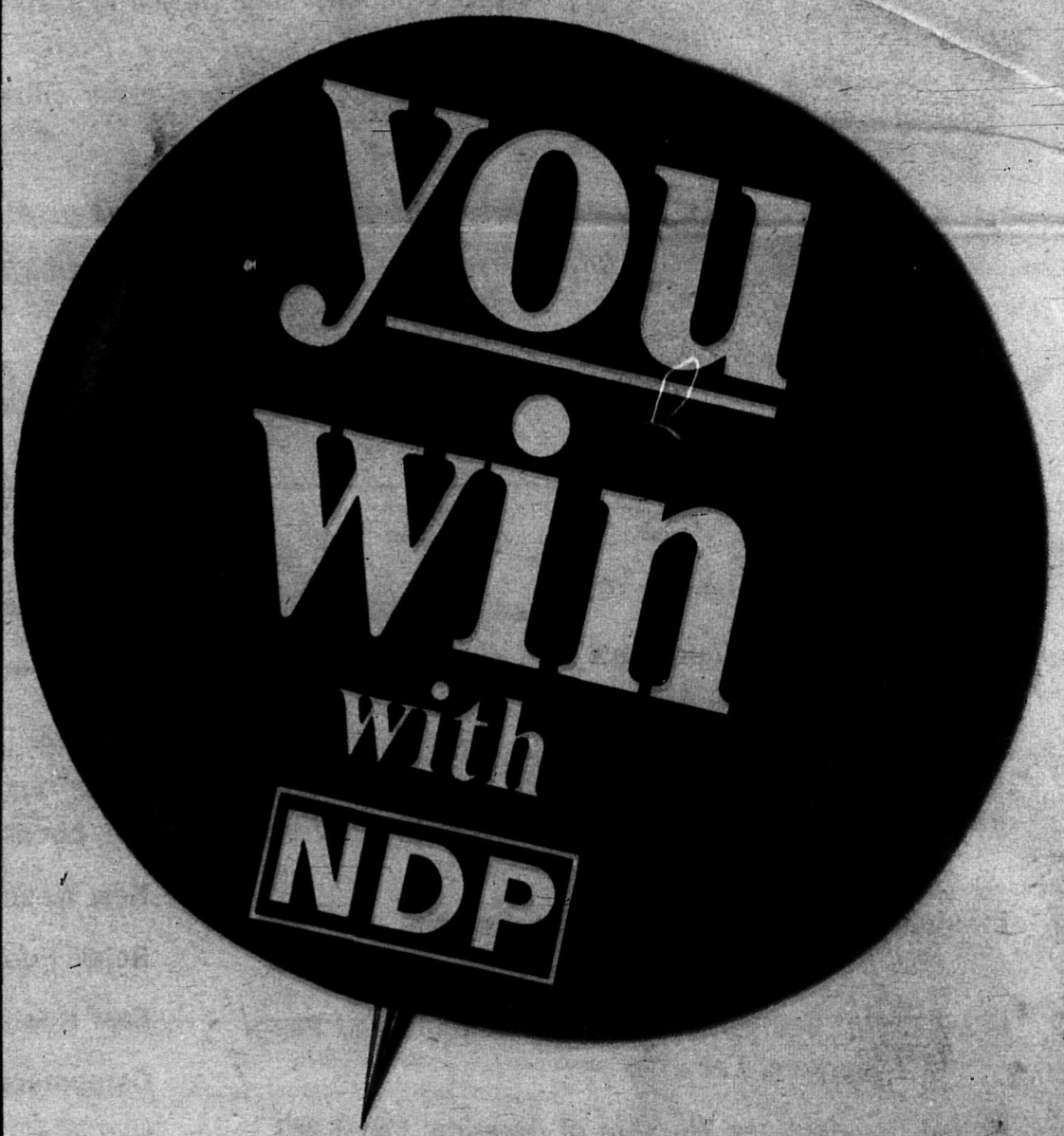
If we elect the same people again, we'll get more of the same.

But if we get out and work for, give to, and support the NDP, there shall be relief, and justice.

Where do you stand?



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