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Around The World

Fewer Canadians killed 1962 industrial accidents

OTTAWA — Most of the strikes and lockouts in Canada during June were centred in Ontario and Quebec, statistics released by the federal labor department show.

The monthly summary showed of the total 63 work stoppages: 38 were in Ontario, 13 in Quebec, four each in Newfoundland and B.C. and one each in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Total time loss for the month was 78,400 man-days, up over the May total of 30,300 man-days.

Month's wages for wedding gift

SINGAPORE — The first closed shop agreement in Malaya has been signed by the National Union of Commercial Workers of Malaya with Imperial Chemical Industries here. The contract also provides for a wedding gift of one-month's wages (up to a maximum of $166 in Canadian money), study leave for all employees attending trade union courses on full pay without affecting annual holidays and allowances to help pay costs of finding a new home and moving when employees are transferred.

Most June strikes in Ontario

OTTAWA — Industrial accidents killed fewer Canadians in 1962 than in the previous year but the total still climbed over the 1,000 mark.

The labor department said 1,061 workers died in accidents, compared to 1,086 in 1961. Total accidents in the 10 provinces was 575,007, an increase over the 539,092 recorded in 1961.

Most deaths were in the manufacturing industry. Construction; transportation storage and communication; mining; and logging industries recorded the most fatalities in that order.

Appeal for Spanish unionists

UNITED NATIONS — An appeal for the life of two Spanish trade unionists was launched here by Irving Brown, UN representative from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Brown said that "under the pressure of the dictatorial Spanish government, a military court has condemned to death two democratic trade union leaders, Delgado and Granados, whose only crime was trying to act in defence of rights and interests of the Spanish workers."

Kapuskasing loggers cause upheld by board awards

TORONTO—The cause of a Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union in last winter's tragedy-marred loggers' strike in northern Ontario has been vindicated by decisions of two arbitration boards.

The death of three striking loggers, killed under gunfire, led to government intervention and settlement of the strike under an agreement to arbitrate all issues in dispute.

The arbitration decisions affect 500 loggers at Kimberly-Clark Canada Ltd. at Long Lac and 900 men at Spruce Falls Power & Paper Co. at Kapuskasing.

The arbitration board at Kimberly-Clark upheld the union's position that a wage-increase pattern set in the industry was applicable to all mills.

Kimberly-Clark had refused to grant wage increases and other improvements won by the union at Abitibi Power & Paper Co. on the claim that a s a pulp operation its problems were different from those of a newsprint mill.

At Kapuskasing, where Spruce Falls insisted on a seven-day operation including Sunday in the work schedule, the arbitration board limited the seven-day operating period to eight weeks during the winter haul. It also placed so many restrictions on the company, including premium and penalty pay, that it is regarded as doubtful the firm will introduce the seven-day operation even for the limited period.

As a result of the clash in which the three strikers were killed, 20 "homesteading" woodcutters, who compete on a part-time basis with the full-time logging employees, are being held for trial on charges of non-capital murder.

The Lumber & Sawmill Workers Union has paid $27,600 in fines for 130 strikers who were convicted on charges of unlawful assembly arising out of the incident. The union is a division of the Carpenters.

An investigation into all aspects of the strike was undertaken by Ontario Labor Minister Leslie Rowntree.

The arbitration decision at Kimberly-Clark includes wage increases of 6 cents an hour dating back to Sept. 1, 1962, and the introduction of a 40-hour week effective September 1,1963.

VGH outpatients BCHIS responsibility

The provincial government through the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service is responsible to ensure continued operation of the outpatients department at Vancouver General Hospital. This stand has been taken by local trade unions.

Vancouver Labour Council has sided with city council in the flap over threatened closure of the department. The city has cut off its financial help to the department as of August 31.

VLC acting - secretary Jack Henderson has told Health Minister Martin that Vancouver has been the only municipality that was charged with a substantial contribution toward an out-patient department.

Henderson also made this point: "Through the media of sales tax, the citizens of this community have already made a substantial contribution towards the operation of acute general hospitals and we see no reason for double taxation.

"We have noted the continued press releases with reference to the buoyancy of our economy and we note that our sales tax will approximate $100 million, two-fifths of which was supposedly earmarked for the operation of our acute general hospitals," he said.

"We are also aware that the contribution from the federal government has been increasing substantially."

Labor has expressed concern over the possibility that service in the outpatients' department for many thousands of citizens might be curtailed who are without means and they would be stripped of medical help if the department were to close.

Martin has taken the position that the provincial government did not give similar aid to any other B.C. hospital. The city and the government up to now had split the costs 50-50 with each paying about $322,000 last year.

Although the labor council supported the city's stand, it criticized aldermen for acting too hastily in cutting off its aid. The city should have held off until assurance of provincial help had been given, labor said.

VLC earlier pointed out that the provincial government received in federal grants and sales taxes revenue about $33 million more than expended on hospital finances.

CREDIT UNIONS

Canadian labor union members owned and operated more than 100 credit unions last year, and figured largely in the membership of some 1,850 employee credit unions as well, acording to the 1963 International Credit Union Yearbook just published by the Credit Union National Association.

AUTO AGREEMENT

A seven-cent hourly boost from April 1 and another seven-cent increase on April 1, 1964, has been won in a new contract between Machinists Automotive Lodge 1857 and White Motor Company of Vancouver.

HOTELS SETTLE

VICTORIA — Beverage Dispensers Local 835 have settled a new pact with five hotels here with employers paying the full 10 cents an hour into the welfare fund.

Wage rates set were: engineer maintenance $1.51, elevator boys $1.02; desk clerks $1.14; chambermaids $1.02; janitors and housekeepers $1.21.

MOVE HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON — The Building Service Employeese Union has moved its union headquarters from New York and Chicago to Washington.

Labor Council backs NDP in B.C. election

Vancouver and District Labour Council delegates have voted unanimously to support the New Democratic Party in the Sept. 30 provincial general election.

Delegates to the VLC meeting declared solid support to NDP candidates in the 52 ridings, gave a special " good luck" push to council secretary Paddy Neale who is contesting the Vancouver Burrard riding for the NDP.

Delegates also endorsed the NDP medicare program and mapped out a platform of the issues that labor is vitally interested in on the provincial scene.

CLC urged to press nuclear arms issue

Vancouver and District Labour Council is continuing the campaign against the acquisition of nuclear arms for Caada.

The council has urged Prime Minister Pearson to reverse his decision "and to strive for the ultimate goal of a peaceful world without such destructive arms now that a major breakthrough (limited test ban) has been achieved."

The resolution was sent through the Canadian Labor Congress.

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SNAP ELECTION CALLED

Federation's quick action Saves vote for thousands

Integrity big issue

VICTORIA — The need for a government that can be trusted.

That is the major issue before the people of B.C. in the Sept. 30 provincial election. Opposition Leader Robert Strachan said here following Premier Bennett's surprise election announcement.

"I ask the people of the province to cast their minds back to the 1960 election, to consider the statements made by the premier, then to remember his complete repudiation of everything he had told the people during that campaign," Strachan said.

"Premier Bennett should be the last man to speak of public power as an issue. It must be obvious that only the New Democratic Party can truthfully and honestly fulfill the desire of the people for public power."

PROVINCIAL RIGHTS

If the issue is to be the rights of the provinces in confederation, then the public must recognize that Social Credit, in their handling of the B.C. Electric takeover, have jeopardized provincial rights and confederation more than any government in the history of Canada, he said.

"The real issues in this election revolve around social questions, stability of the legislature and trustworthiness of government, which issues we will take to the people asking them for a mandate."

In the last provincial election 62% of the people of this province did not want a Social Credit government, but because of the diversity of the anti-government vote, Social Credit was re-elected.

REMEMBER 1960

Strachan's statement continued: 'I am appealing to the people of the province to remember the lesson of 1960.

'The New Democratic Party is the only party that can possibly defeat Social Credit and I am appealing to those people who would normally support the Lib-

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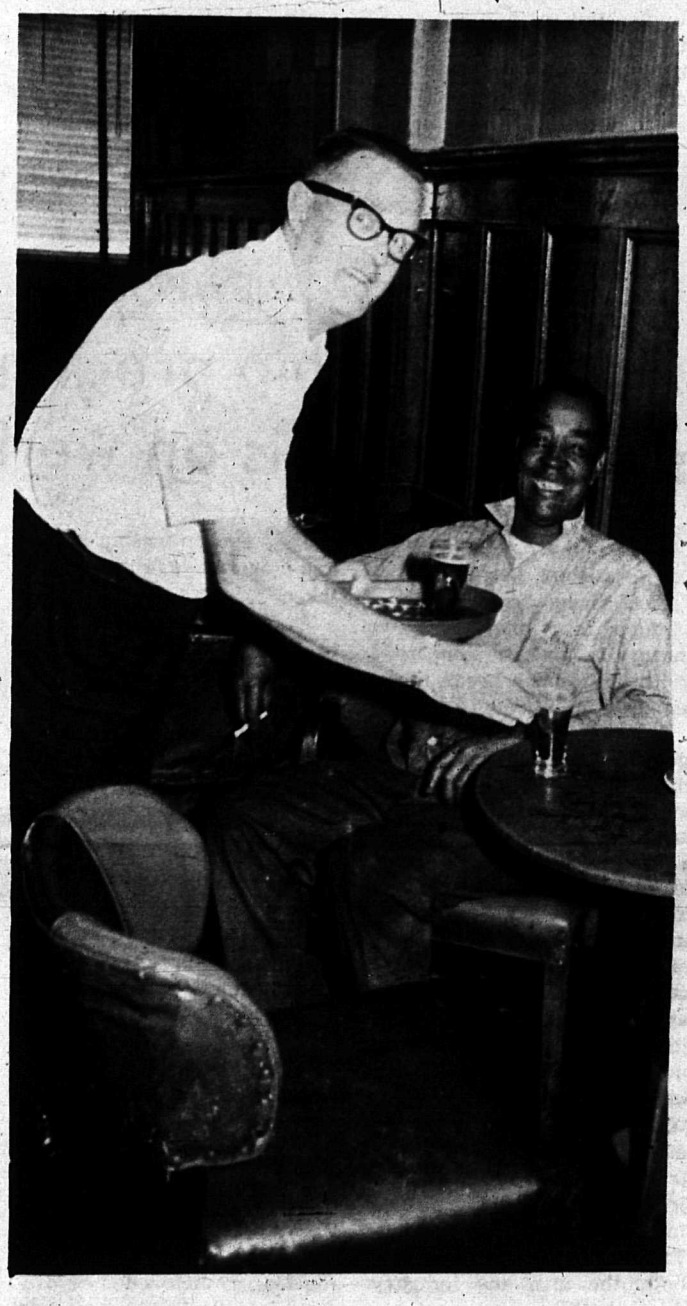
ROBERT STRACHAN



Unionists at work

SERVING UP a thirst slacker to well-known baseball umpire "Old Abe" Mortimer in American Hotel is Jim Morrison, executive member of Local 676 of the Beverage Dispensers Union. Morrison, a delegate to Vancouver Labour Council, has had an active tradeunion life. Abe at 73, is still working for Atlas Iron and Metals and is a member of Local 1 ofthe Marine Workers and Boilermakers Union. He has had an active life as a ball player and has been an umpire for many years. In a recent article in the Province, sports writer Alf Cottrell quoted him as saying: "Now I like umpiring Little League best. One day I'm going to get me a team of real little guys andcoach them all the way up." (Carl Erickson Photo)

Labor distributes cards for voter registration

Quick action by the B.C. Federation of Labour probably has prevented thousands of B.C. citizens from losing their vote in the snap election called by Premier Bennett for Sept. 30.

The federation rolled into action quickly after it had protested that people would lose their vote because of the short registration period.

It is still unknown how many people in isolated areas and on holidays were disenfranchised by the unnecessary haste in calling the election.

Labor was joined by all political parties in dennouncing the Bennett politics of the quick election call. But all welcomed a chance to fight the Social Credit government.

ENUMERATION

All parties blamed the government for not providing for an enumeration before the election.

But it was the Federation that came to the voter's aid.

Election officials rejected the federation's request for 50.000 registration cards labor proposed to distribute to areas where many were not registered to vote.

So, with only one week for registration, the federation speedily printed its own registration cards — 60,000 of them. The cards were shipped to all parts of B.C., wherever they were needed.

CARDS LEGAL

Government officials at first questioned the validity of the federation's move, later said the cards were quite legal.

'Federation Secretary Pat O'Neal said his office had scores of calls asking where to get registration cards.

"For example, we were told that election officials had only 200 cards in Terrace and 750 were required," he said. "And there were only 100 cards available in Nanaimo.

Cards were air-expressed to Terrace, Kitimat, Merritt, Penticton, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Alberni and to labor groups and construction camps in other locations.

"They're available to anyone who wants them," said O'Neil. "We've even had Social Crediters in here for cards.

"We feel the chief electoral officer and the B.C. government should appreciate what we're doing to help."

There was still fear that Bennett's uncalled-for haste in calling the election, would mean many people would lose their vote.

Jack Moore, regional IWA president, had immediately

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It costs still more to get by

The consumer price index — the only measure of how much it costs to live — advanced both across Canada and in Vancouver according to Ottawa's latest figures.

At July 1, the index for Canada stood at 133.5, a good jump up from the 132.8 at June 1.

The figure for Vancouver at June 1 was 131.8, 3/10's of one point up over the May 1 figure. Vancouver's price index on food, clothing, recreation and tobacco and alcohol is higher than the Canadian average and lower for housing, transportation and health and personal care.

...IN BRIEF

KILLED — Richard McLean, former secretary of Jewelry Workers Local 42, and his wife were killed in a car accident while holidaying in Banff. They left a family of seven children.

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WRAPPED UP — The B.C. Labor Relations Board officially has awarded certification to the United Steelworkers for the 385

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SEEK PARITY WITH EAST

Brewery men vote to strike

Workers in four major city breweries have voted to strike.

Ed Sims, Canadian representative of the Brewery and Distillery oWrkers, said more than 80 per cent of the workers voted in favor of strike action in the current disptue.

About 400 workers in Lucky Lager Breweries, Carling Breweries, Molson's Capilano Brewery and Labatt's B.C. Breweries are involved.

The brewery employees rejected the majority conciliation board recommendations and are pushing for wage and fringe benefit parity with brewery workers in Ontario and Quebec.

They are asking for an hourly wage increase of 13 cents retroactive to Jan. 1, plus another 13 cents efective Jan. 1, 1964, with an additional 10 cents for about 50 tradesmen and delivery drivers who belong to the local.

The breweries, which negotiate jointly, but have separate contracts with the union, offeered six cents the first year, plus seven cents the second year and five cents additional for the tradesmen—far below the rates of eastern brewery workers.

PRINCE GEORGE — Meat Cutters have won wage increases and a boost in the night shift premium for employees in the Super-Valu Store here.

JOHN HENRY'S COLUMN

Come now, Mayor Moore, why progress backwards?

Unless the labor movement in British Columbia acts quickly to take a firm stand on the present furore over "work for welfare" programs, the old days of relief camps and cheap labor with no protection for the worker will be back in short order.

The present hysteria is spearheaded by Courtenay Mayor William Moore, a prominent B.C. Liberal candidate.

His campaign — which we must assume is approved by Liberal Leader Perrault and the party — is vicious, completely based on emotional appeal, and generously larded with distortion and plain simple untruths.

In a nutshell, his campaign consists of statements that able-bodied social welfare recipients in Courtenay and in B.C. in general are "leeches and loafers" who have refused employment, and he will therefore force them to work for their assistance. He also said amongst other things, "these people all get free medical treatment." Let's examine the plan in detail and see what the **facts** are.

1. Under Social Assistance regulations, able bodied men are NOT given medical care cards, so if they have no money their families get no medicare.

2. The men concerned have all been required to register for employment at the National Employment Service before assistance was granted.

3. Not one of them has been offered employment on the municipal payroll and they **have not refused employment.**

4. Work done by these men in any municipality means cheap labour at 10c on the dollar because the federal and provincial governments pay 90 per cent of welfare costs. This, of course, is the key to the campaign — cheap labor for the municipalities.

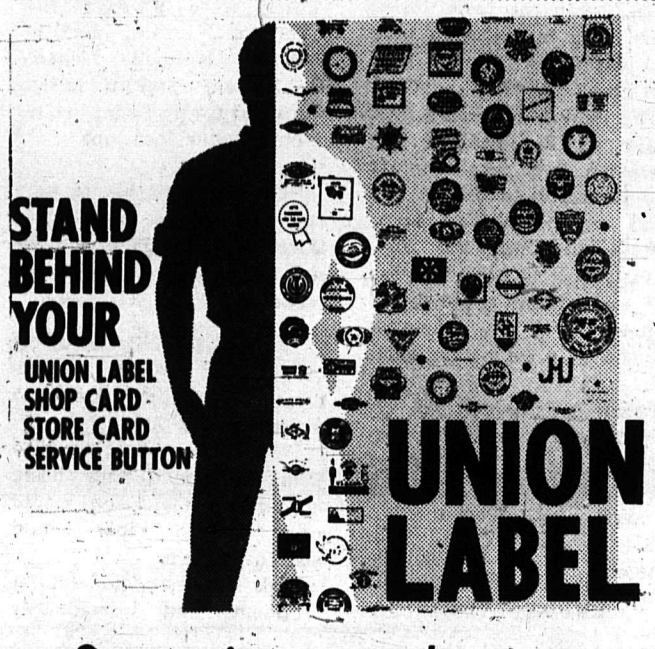
5. Men forced to work under this plan have no Unemployment Insurance coverage and no Workmen's Compensation coverage because they are not "employees" of the municipality. Also, they have no union contract protection.

6. Because of Mayor Moore's propaganda, any man known in his community to be working under this scheme, even if he has asked the municipality for genuine employment and been refused, is branded as a "leech" and a "loafer" who has had to be forced to work.

7. The next logical step in any municipality is to fire or not hire workers on the municipal payroll where it has to pay 100 cents on the dollar and thus force even more men to undergo a means test and be classified as welfare cases before they can obtain "employment."

The whole scheme is as phoney as a $3 bill and every man concerned should apply to the Director of Welfare, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, requesting a Board of Review under the Social Assistance Act if threats are made to force him to work under this plan.

There is no excuse for a fit man to refuse legitimate employment and both the New Democratic Party and the Canadian Labor Congress have condemned "relief work". They take the stand that honest employment should be offered these people; they "should not be subjected to the degradation of a means test in order to obtain work."



Snap, into an election

Premier Bennett has shown his contempt for the B.C. citizen in the calling of a provincial election for Sept. 30. The quick call to the polls, with a very short voters' list registration period and no enumeration, has endangered the vote of thousands.

Full credit should go to The B.C. Federation of Labour for moving quickly, printing and distributing registration cards in an attempt to keep the loss of voting rights to a minimum.

Labor welcomes the chance to fight at the polls with the premier's Social Credit government because it has been an anti-labor government. This doesn't get away from a second instance of the premier's contempt — very recently he stated publicly that an election was the farthest thing from his mind.

Social Credit has given B.C. unionists the most restrictive labor legislation in Canada. It has continually ignored the issues requiring government action that the working people have placed at the top of the list—such things as medicare, more aid for education, low-cost automobile insurance, etc.

Take time out before this election to study the records, the facts and the platforms. You'll find that the New Democratic Party policies tally best with the aims of most people. That is why labor supports the NDP.

A salute on Labor Day

On the sixty-ninth celebration of labor's own holiday, the Labor Statesman extends best wishes to all affiliated unions and their members—and to all our readers.

We express the sincere hope that everyone will spend the holiday safely. And we hope that some thoughts will reflect on the meaning of the celebration: A salute to those men and women, both those now serving and those in the past, who have worked to make life better for workers everywhere. These men and women, at the same time, did not lose sight of the pledge that labor works for the welfare of all people and thus have bent their efforts to that direction.

VIEWPOINT

Apprenticeship program requires more emphasis on worker's needs

By John A. McNevin
Assistant Secretary,
B.C. Federation of Labor

As a labor movement, we naturally must be concerned with the human needs inherent in apprenticeships.

Too often, the thinking of government and industry is directed only to the immediate needs of industry. The need of the worker to have a bona fide trade that will leave him flexible enough to move into other sections of industry is ignored.

In this day of technological change and automation, apprenticeship programs and job training programs that do not give the tradesman this broad experience and versatility are a failure—not necessarily a failure in that the tradesman does not learn one job well—but rather a failure in that he learns only one job. This type of program fails both the man and industry as a whole.

A versatile and skilled work force is becoming more and more a prerequisite to a healthy and growing economy.

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Training programs should encompass things we would like to see, for example, broad comprehensive training. In most cases they merely train the worker for a specific job—a job which today may be needed, and tomorrow may be redundant.

This is one of the things that concerns labor most. We have consistently asked that a governmental department be set up to look into the future to try to grasp what will be needed, not today, but five years from today.

In my opinion, it is senseless for us to train people on a year-to-year basis, when technological change may be making these people redundant before they ever enter the working force. This type of investigation and planning is one of the first things that must be done before any adequate apprenticeship training program can be undertaken.

The skills required today to be a good tradesman are much greater than they have ever been in the past. A good tradesman must have a much higher degree of education than in the past — Grade 12 becoming quite common as a requirement.

Apprenticeship training programs today don't tend to encourage people of the calibre we are going to require to become apprentices, and learn a trade thoroughly.

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A young person today at 16, 17, or 18, before he graduates from school is entering a world where cars, television sets, getting married young, are all in vogue. We cannot then expect an intelligent young man to take up an apprentice program working for peanuts, when he can just as easily become a salesman, a truck driver, a logger, or a labourer, and be assured of at least making a living wage the day he starts out in industry.

If we are going to attract the type of people we require, no apprentice should be going to work for anything less than the basic labor rate in industry.

With his education, with vocational training supplements, with modern production techniques, a young man entering industry today as an apprentice, is in reality producing the day he starts. He is, therefore, entitled to a living wage and this can and should be done by industry.

Too often apprentices are required to continue doing the same job day after day, month after month, until they have filled out the required time. I think the attitude to take is that as soon as the apprentice achieves the necessary skill in one section of the trade, he then be moved immediately into the other section. This would tend to encourage the calibre of people we need to come into the trade.

The following points must all be considered in any forward-looking apprenticeship training program:

- We must know the future requirements for all industries.
- It must be designed so that the worker is going to have a maximum amount of benefit from the training scheme.
- A higher academic educational standard should be considered for specific trades and vocational training, used as an addition, or a supplement to on-the-job training.
- Wage rates and scales must be high enough to encourage participation in these schemes.
- Lastly, the training programs must be designed and set out by labor and management, so that the trainee knows where he is going, when he is going to get there, and will be given the best possible training.

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Test bans, disarmament and NATO

Test bans, disarmament, and nuclear weapons for Canada have been major issues for discussion among Canadians in recent months.

Labor in Canada has been in the forefront of the demand for an end to the deadly dangerous testing of nuclear weapons, has welcomed the signing of the limited ban by the U.S., Russia and a host of other countries, including Canada.

Labor has opposed the acceptance of nuclear weapons by Canada, still battles the move as the Pearson government indicates that talks have been completed with the U.S. for supply of nuclear warheads for Canadian planes under North American Air Defence and for the Bomarc missile sites on our side of the border.

At the recent New Democratic Party convention in Regina, views on survival —for that's the basic issue at stake in today's international political game — were many.

Whether Canada should continue as a partner in NATO has been a question that still produces strong divisions in labor ranks and in the NDP, and did at the convention.

Here are some views, and some of the debates, on these issues:

LABOR, NDP VIEWS AT CONVENTION

General disarmament study should follow test agreement

NDP national leader Tommy Douglas had this to say:

"This hour in the world's history calls for statesmanship of a high order. The partial test ban agreement needs to be followed by a full test ban.

"The next logical step is a nuclear disarmament treaty to be followed by general disarmament under international inspection and control. Before such a gigantic step can be taken a non-aggression pact between the NATO nations and the Warsaw Pact nations is a prime necessity.

"Here Canada can play an effective role," he said. "Some of the western nations are afraid of a non-aggression pact in the grounds that it may involve the recognition of East Germany.

TOMMY DOUGLAS
. . . Canada has role

FUTURE SURVIVAL

"It's time for Canada to speak out and say that we are not prepared to risk the future survival of mankind merely to keep up the pretence that East Germany doesn't exist.

"No more can we preserve the myth that Chiang Kai Shek rules mainland China. Canada should recognize the government of Communist China and should lend her support to allowing her to become a member of the United Nations. A nation of 700 million people cannot be ignored. If we expect them to conform to the laws of the world community we must allow them to become members of the world community.

"Canada should be neither neutralist nor a satellite of any great power. We should speak out against oppression and injustice and should be prepared to use some of our vast production in the never-ending war which mankind is still waging against poverty, ignorance and disease."

LABOR'S VIEW

CLC President Claude Jodoin said:

"Our Congress has, at every opportunity, placed emphasis on the urgent necessity for action on disarmament. We have repeatedly expressed our opposition to Canada becoming a nuclear power.

"We recognize that we have a responsibility to share with the other members of the western alliance, who were our friends and still are our friends. But we think the way for us to fulfill that responsibility is through more conventional means, rather than by extending the already-too-large nuclear club.

CLAUDE JODOIN
. . . Conventional means

"I have been heartened, as I am sure many of you have been, by the news of the recent test ban agreement signed in Moscow. This has been one of the few concrete measures to relieve world tensions which has been achieved in recent years.

"However, I feel that we must view this step with some caution and observe the spirit which led to this agreement will be continued and expanded.

"It is the belief of the Canadian Labour Congress that the United Nations still holds out the best hope for any lasting measure of peace and security in the world. Any steps that we can take as Canadians to raise its prestige and to strengthen its ability to perform the tremendous task for which it has undertaken responsibility will be a positive measure towards the establishment of world peace and security.

"I am looking forward to the day when national borders will be open and free of military guards, so that all citizens of the world may have an opportunity to see how their neighbors live.

"In the world of the future there should be no need for the building of walls around nations and the construction of fortresses, so reminiscent of medieval days."

NATO DEBATE

One of the most decisive debates saw a 3 to 1 majority of the 775 voting delegates at the NDP convention support the Federal council's policy statement on international affairs which commits the party to support the struggle for world peace while Canada remains within the ranks of NATO.

The resolution as a whole was called World Peace and was carried with few dessenting votes. It proclaimed that "the only lasting safeguard of peace is a world community under the rule of law enforced by a international agency . . ." It advocated supporting the UN and its agencies, putting Canadian troops permanently at the disposal of the UN and pledging 2 per cent of Canada's gross national income in aiding the developing countries.

The debate on the NATO section found dozens of speakers at the floor microphones. The convention ultimately decided to hear four speakers on each side of the issure on a motion from the floor to refer the section back for redrafting so as to take Canada out of the North Atlantic defense organization.

BERGER OPPOSED

Leading off in support of the section as presented by the policy committee and against the reference back, Andrew Brewin MP (Greenwood) argued that the most effective method of carrying out positive policies leading toward world peace was inside international organizations like NATO and not outside them.

Former Vancouver Center MP Tom Berger took the opposite view, believing that Canada's withdrawal from NATO would not alter the balance of power between the two major nuclear forces.

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A thankyou from BSE 244

Editor:

The executive board of this union has directed me to convey to the Vancouver and District Labour Council and the chairman of the public relations committee its sincere appreciation and thanks for the cooperation extended Local 244 in connection with the annual meeting of the Western Conference of Building Service Employees International Unions.

The convention was most successful and the cooperation given us by the council through the *Labor Statesman* assisted us greatly in making it so.

Ben Morley
Business manager,
BSEI Local 244.

Test ban treaty is first step

Editor:

It is very heartening to see the leaders of the U.S., Great Britain and the USSR finally agreeing on a limited test ban agreement. In the interests of peoples everywhere, it is imperative that this limited test agreement finally leads to disarmament.

In his report "A Strategy for American Security", Dr. Seymour Melman, Professor at Columbia University warns that the United States faces mental and financial bankruptcy unless it diverts $22 billion of its $65.7 billion from non-productive defense spending to productive peace time use.

In the United Nations report on the "Economic and Social Consequences of Disarmament", Canadian Arms expenditure for 1961-62 was estimated at over one and a half billion dollars!

Do you know that cutting out one polaris missile at $1.3 million dollars would provide four-year university educations for 160 students? The cost of one polaris submarine would build 25 160 bed hopitals! The $250 million dollar cost of an ICBM launching base would build a large part of the Columbia River power development in British Columbia and provide constructive jobs for thousands of our citizens!

We must all hope, work and pray that a start is made in this direction soon. The alternative is nuclear destruction.

Carl Erickson.

Civic candidates need party label

Editor:

In federal and provincial elections, candidates for office campaign with a party label which distinguishes them one from the other. They bring forward a program which reflects a particular philosophy. This is a desirable procedure in that the people do have a choice of voting for a program and candidate that represents their thinking.

In municipal elections, this is not the case. Party labels are done away with and programs are obscured. Candidates for office are nominated and supported, either by so-called Non-Partisan Association — a coalition of old line parties using the NPA as the vehicle to elect candidates sworn to uphold "special privilege" — or else candidates endorsed by organized labor who pledge to introduce needed reform within municipal government.

In the case of the NPA, a unity of purpose is maintained for self-interest of "special privilege" and to perpetuate social anachronism. Their candidate is made to appear as to stand above narrow partisan party politics with the desire to serve the community as a whole, while in the case of the Labor candidate, he is made to appear serving a selfish and a dangerous group, apart from society.

It should be obvious to all that this gang-up by the Liberals, Tories and Socreds, under the cloak of the NPA, has isolated Labor from the main body of voters and at the same time has robbed it of its effective political expression, the New Democratic Party.

It could be argued that if only we had the ward system of representation, Labor candidates would be elected. This is fine from a Labor point of view, but how about other segments in the municipalities who vote for a NDP program of reform provincially and federally, but do not support Labor in municipal elections?

Give the people a chance to vote for the NDP in municipal elections, which as yet they have not been able to do.

The New Democratic Party will not grow to become the alternative in Canadian political life if it continues to obscure its program of reform at the grass roots. If we are ever to succeed as the reform government either provincially or federally, we must first show Joe Citizen at the municipal level that we are the alternative party fighting for the many needed reforms to alleviate the heavy burdens that are now on his shoulders.

Nicholas Podovinnikoff,
Carpenters 452.

Columbia talks before hearing

Editor:

The Columbia River for Canada Committee has sent a letter to the prime minister, following up our telegram urging that **before negotiations** with the U.S. commence, hearings be held before the external afairs committee of the House of Commons.

(The Prime Minister replied to the telegram that "rest assured that the modified treaty will not be **ratified** by the government before it has been discussed at length before the external affairs committee." But he pointed out the government is currently negotiating a protocol to the treaty.)

Our open letter to the prime minister said:

"Dear Mr. Pearsoon:

"Your reply to our requests for external affairs committee hearings **PRIOR** to negotiations with the United States, is not acknowledged. We can only conclude that you reject this course. This action of yours casts serious doubts as to the genuineness of other statements in your letter.

"Your recent agreement with the government of British Columbia, which in effect authorizes a province of Canada to commence negotiations with a foreign power, is to be deplored as a step towards disuniting this nation. It is absolutely contrary to all precedent. In this regard we urge you to publically state that neither Premier Bennett nor any other federal government official will have the right to make any kind of commitment to the U.S. Naturally there is nothing wrong with exploratory talks, but there must be no prior commitments.

"Among other things, the recent legal decision of the B. C. Supreme Court re the ownership of the B. C. Hydro makes any commitment highly questionable."

Elizabeth Wood,
Committee Secretary.

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UPHOLSTERERS GIVE THEIR ANSWERS

Union not villain at Restmore as made out

Upholsterers' International Union has strongly denied a statement that union wages were a major factor in forcing Restmore-Madsen furniture out of business.

Karl Reich, business agent for the union, said rates in all local shops are similar, whether union or non-union.

Restmore-Madsen is one of the oldest and largest furniture manufacturers in Western Canada. A statement by Hugh Martin published by the Sun gave his reasons why the firm was closing down.

Reich made these points in repudiating some of Martin's claims:

"The Upholsterers' Union had a working agreement with the former Madsen company from 1947 to 1954 and also with the new firm after the merger of Restmore and Madsen took place in 1954.

"We wish to make it known that the rates of pay established for the workers in the industry are far behind other workers compared to what they were 25 to 30 years ago. At that time the upholsterers' rate was considered one of the highest in a craft trade. Today the rates in the industry do not even compare or come close to many industries.

For example the starting rates today in furniture are from $1.28 an hour to a top rate of $2.45. In mattress work from $1.60 - $2.09 and framers from $1.60 to $2.25.

"One will find these rates in all local shops whether union or non-union.

Further to these wage rates, one will find that the majority of the employees work on a piece-work basis, where one is alloted a limited time to make an article or a fixed price is alloted for the article.

The result is that very few employees are retained over the age of 35, due to the high production ratio and constant pressure.

"In recent years production methods also have changed resulting in higher output.

"Martin's statement that the union was mainly responsible for the company's closure is not according to the facts. We maintain there were many contributing factors, such as poor management, too large an overhead. At one time there were as many non-productive employees retained, as productive, which one would not find in a successful furniture manufacturer.

"Martin did not hesitate to mention the losses to various creditors and share holders, but he made no mention of the losses to the employees.

"When the bank called in the company loan for $145,000, all employees were dismissed and received pay that was coming to them for the past three months. But over $10,000 in wages is still owing to the employees in accumulated vacation pay.

"Deductions were also made from employees pay for M.S.A. premiums, Community Chest, Unemployment Insurance and union dues—all this money that was placed in trust to management was not forwarded to the various sources for the past couple of months prior to closure. Every attempt has been made to recover employee losses. The bank informed us that these deductions are not a legal liability on part of the bank, although they continued to operate the plant to secure their investment for the past two months."

Industrial fire course starts soon

The seventh annual course in Fire Prevention for Industry and Commerce, sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Fire Protection Association will start September 24, in the No. 1 Firehall, 729 Hamilton, Vancouver.

The course will be conducted every Tuesday for ten weeks from 8 to 10 p.m. Instructors will be top men in their field who will cover all phases of fire safety including two full evenings on portable fire extinguishers.

Fee for this course is $10 per student and covers all costs of the course including a bound copy of all lectures and a certificate of attendance.

To register for this course or for further information contact Captain Jim Macbeth, Fire Warden's Office, 729 Hamilton, Vancouver, or phone MU 1-9848.

A woman was visiting her bandaged husband in a hospital. On the way out she said to the nurse: "My husband always says, 'Why should I be the first to dim my headlights?'"

PICK for union label gal is pert Bobby Shaw who reminds you to always look for union labels when shopping for clothes.

FIRST AGREEMENT

CRANBROOK — Electrical Workers have signed the first agreement with Columbia Natural Gas here. The contract includes wage rates ranging form $300 to $475 a month, 40 hour five-day week and nine paid statutory holidays.

CARPENTERS SHOW AT PNE

Apprentices show off skills

Carpentry and cabinet-maker apprentices matched their skills at the PNE this year in a new feature that was sparked by the B.C. Provincial Council of Carpenters.

The competing apprentices were given blueprints, materials and tools — and from then on were on their own. As the public watched, they went to work to complete their projects.

W. J. Cameron, president of the Carpenters committee handling the contest, said "one of the main objectives was to demonstrate to the public, the excellent job our fine vocational schools are doing in training our young people.

"It appears that here at least, labor, management and the government have found a common ground and that is to cooperate in the training of the youth today who will be the craftsmen of tomorrow."

The apprenticeship branch of department of labor, contractors associations and others co-operated in putting on the PNE carpentry display.

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Burrard candidates

NAMED New Democratic Party Candidates for Vancouver Burrard in the Sept. 30 provincial election were lawyer Tom Berger, former MP for the riding, and Paddy Neale, well-known labor leader and secretary of Vancouver and District Labour Council.

Four major conventions slated for this area

Four major conventions of interest to labor will be held in Vancouver and Burnaby this fall.

The IWA holds its international convention at the Bayshore Inn Sept. 16-20 and the IWA's Western Canadian region No. 1 convention is slated for Oct. 8-11 in Woodworkers' House.

The provincial convention of B.C. labor organizations, B.C. Federation of Labour, will be held Nov. 12-16 in Hotel Vancouver and the B.C. New Democratic Party convention will meet Nov. 15-17 at the Villa Motors Hotel in Burnaby.

B.C. unemployed jumps

The number of unemployed in B.C. increased to 35,000 at mid-July, the federal bureau of statistics reported.

The jump was 3,000 over thenumber unemployed a month earlier.

The B.C. picture was the opposite of that across Canada where the total number of persons seeking jobs dropped to 293,000, down 11,000 from June and 15,000 under the total of July, 1962.

Trust firm cancels struck magazine deal

A large trust company will discontinue the practice of sending complimentary copies of Western Homes and Living— a magazine produced by the struck Mitchell Press—to new mortgagors.

Montreal Trust Company said it had inherited the magazine distribution practice from a mortgage firm it had purchased.

Vancouver and District Labour Council protested to the trust company and was assured that subsequent issues will not be distributed to new borrowers.

Bookbinders Union and independent Lithographers have been on strike at Mitchell Press since last year.

IN BRIEF

miners at Craigmont Copper near Meritt. Award of bargaining rights came after workers voted overwhelmingly (See Statesman, August, 1963) in favor of Steel, ousting the Mine Mill and Smelter Worwers.

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NAMES — **T. R. Monks** (Canadian Postal Employees, Vancouver branch) and **H. Davies** (Office Employees Local 378) were among delegates seated at VLC meetings recently.

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BURNABY MEET — VLC will call a meeting in the latter part of September to elect a new labor committee in Burnaby to coordinate labor activity in the December civic election.

PWA strike settled

Pacific Western Airlines has agreed to reinstate nine stewardesses, paving the way for the end to the six month's strike of the Airline Flight Attendants' Association at the airline company.

Terms of agreement, including a $15 monthly salary boost, had been agreed to in May but the refusal of the company to permit nine of the stewardesses to return to work held up the strike settlement.

ELECTION REACTION

Integrity thrown to wind for political advantage

By CLIVE LYTTLE,
Research Director,
B.C. Federation of Labour

The premier has once again thrown honesty and integrity to the winds in his search for political advantage.

Just three weeks after he stated emphatically that he would not call a provincial election this year, Premier Bennett has called one just a few weeks hence. There is no doubt that these weeks represent a time of crisis for British Columbia and that September 30 is a day of decision.

In spite of the premier's blatant political manoeuvering, however, the labor movement welcomes this opportunity for the people of B.C. to show decisively that the days of intrigue and political deception are over.

Robert Strachan, leader of the Opposition, has quite correctly stated that the overriding issue is that of integrity.

Few governments have achieved a record for political dishonesty to equal that of the Bennett government. The people of this province have paid the price.

DEMOCRATIC

The prime example is, of course, the take-over of the B.C. Electric.

For years, the CCF advocated that this great public utility should be brought under public ownership in a proper democratic fashion. In the last provincial election, Premier Bennett repeatedly threatened the public with the dire consequences of a CCF-NDP government upon being elected, bringing about public ownership of the B.C. Electric.

Then, just a few months after being re-elected, the Premier swiftly took over the B.C. Electric in a fashion which the New Democratic Party claimed was illegal and undemocratic.

Now the courts have upheld the judgment of the New Democrats and as a result of the government's improper actions, power development in the province has ground to a halt.

GREAT LOSS

The result? Great loss to the taxpayers of this province.

Can the situation be rectified? Yes, but only by a new government which would, in an orderly and democratic fashion, develop the power resources of the province in the public interest.

There are other great decisions to be made by the people of British Columbia during the next five weeks. The people must decide whefollow the lead of Britain, Germany, Australia, Sweden and many other countries and have its own prepaid comprehensive medical care system, insuring complete medical to all our citizens, or whether we will be saddled with an expensive and inadequate scheme such as has been hinted at by the government.

British Columbians will have to decide whether we are going to continue paying exhorbitant rates for car insurance and yet still be exposed to the menace of irresponsible, uninsured drivers on the highway while over 50c of every premium dollar goes toward administrative costs—or whether we will have low-cost government auto insurance covering every vehicle in the province with only 18c of every premium dollar going toward administrative costs.

These figures are from the independent and high-respected Consumer's Report).

We have to decide whether B.C. will have fair labor legislation resulting in co-operation in the province's development, or whether the existing government's policy of waging legislative war on labor will continue.

British Columbians have to decide on whether our education system is to continue on an unplanned hit-and-miss basis, or whether a comprehensive plan will be developed for our educational system.

All of these decisions will be made by British Columbians in one way: By registering to vote and by voting.

The decision is simply between the Bennett government and the New Democratic Party. Neither of the other parties — the Liberals with a mere five seats and the Conservatives with none—are a major factor.

We in labor ranks are supporting the New Democratic Party because it is committed to the decisions we have outlined above.

The NDP is committed to re-introducing integrity and open democratic procedures to public affairs.

It is committed to properly planned public development of our great power resources. It is committed to ensuring adequate medical care for all our citizens. It is committed to providing low-cost government auto insurance for the people of the province. It is committed to fair labor legislation and to plan for development of our education system.

We think all British Columbians should consider these matters in making their decision.

Oil workers settlement brings 20 cents

Five-cent hourly bosts on Feb. 1 and August 1, this year and on Feb. 1 and Aug. 1, 1964, plus classification adjustments are part of the settlement terms between Electric Reduction Co. and Oil Workers Local 9-697.

Three weeks vacation after five years also was won.

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CONTRACTS

Wagepact at two city hotels

Wage boosts ranging form four to 10 cents an hour on May 1 this year and May 1, 1964, plus $52 retroactive pay has been negotiated for employees in the Belmont and Castle Hotels by Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28.

The retroactive jay gooes to those employed full-time in the one-year period up to April 30. Three weeks vacation after five years employment also is pro vided.

Door factory agreement

Two four cent hourly increases —on June 1 this year and June 1, 1964—with a sickness and accident insurance plan, union security and one additional statutory holiday are included in a contract renewal at Fleetwood Door, Vancouver. Employees are members of Local 1-217 IWA.

Royal city cafes settle

A new agreement with a minimum rate of a $1 an hour and other wage increases has been settled by Beverages Dispensers Local 835 with Best Coffee Shop and six other cafes in New Westminster.

All employees under the $1 rate will be boosted to that amount and those being paid over $1 will get a seven cent hourly increase. On April 1, 1964, a five-cent across the board boost will be added.

WAYSON CHOY

Choy's bid winssupport of labor

Watson Choy, the 24-year-old Vancouver-born writer, has won support from the Vancouver Labour Committee for Human Rights in his campaign against discrimination of U.S. immigration laws.

Choy is a UBC graduate. He was born and raised in Canada but because his racial ancestry is Chinese, he has been refused entry to the U.S.

(He said he wants to gain experience in types of jobs in the U.S. which are not available in Canada.)

The U.S. classes him as Chinese and not Canadian for immigration purposes and the Chinese quota is full.

Choy said he would carry his fight to Prime Minister Pearson because he said he has a right to government protection as a citizen and should be guaranteed the rights of other citizens.

Bill Giesbrecht, secretary of the labor human rights committee, said the prime minister should be urged to press for equal rights of entry to all friendly countries for all Canadians regardless of color, race or creed.

Vancouver Labour Council has endorsed the protest in principle and asked the CLC to review the case.

New move made for Canadian merchant marine

A new move was made this month by Vancouver and district unions to win government support for a Canadian merchant marine.

Vancouver Labour Council has urged the Canadian Congress of Labor to press for re-establishment of a merchant fleet on the basis of an operating subsidy.

Last month, VLC pointed out that the government planned to scrap the $374 million naval grigate program and that this money could be used to build a merchant fleet of 41 vessels (10,000-ton) and operate complete with subsidy for 10 years.

BLUCK GETS $24,794

Bank makes out-of-court settlement

The Bank of Montreal has made an out-of-court settlement of $24,794 to Marsh Bluck, former employee and leader of the Bank Employees' Asociation. He also received $1,850 in severance pay.

Bluck was fired by the bank in October 1961. The settlement covers pension funds and other benefits.

He was fired following an outbreak of union activity among bank employees here and won the first round of a court battle when he charged he was wrongfully dismissed. The bank appealed and won.

Bluck said the bank made the settlement rather than face a civil action and that the settlement proves that bank employees have rights that can be enforced.

PUBLIC INCONVENIENCE

Hydro directors criticized for night trouble crew cut

Dozens of protests have been lodged with the B.C. Hydro over the potential inconvenience and danger to the public through the elimination of on-duty trouble crews from midnight to 8 a.m.

Vancouver and District Labor Council expressed strong concern over possible effects in the event of emergency breakdown in electrical service.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 213 termed Hydro's action as "unwarranted and callous disregard for customers."

It said the cut is completely unjustified and that it was prompted soley for economic reasons.

The elimination of the trouble service eliminates eight jobs.

B.C. Hydro chairman G. M. Shrum, replying to the VLC protest said that "no other cities on the Pacific Coast maintain this type of service."

EXPERIMENT

He said the elimination is an experiment for six months and "if it turns out that there is justification for maintaining the crews the matter will be reconsidered."

But VLC's acting secretary Jack Henderson said the council is concerned about storm emergencies. "It would appear that large sections of the population could be faced with discomfort, inconvenience or danger in the absence of the trouble crews," he said.

SAFETY

The council wants the optimum safety and service.

IBEW business manager Art O'Keeffe said the Hydro proposes to call off-duty linemen to do trouble work during the midnight 8 a.m. period. He said the company intends to take a calculated risk, hoping that it will be able to locate off-duty linemen who will be available for emergency work.

"An estimated $80 a day is being gambled by the Hydro against the public convenience and public safety," O'Keeffe said.

He predicted many hours of delay in getting trouble shooters on the job.

"Many householders will be inconvenienced and will be confronted with undue hardship because of failure of the B. C. Hydro to provide adequate trouble service."

He also warned that firefighters and the general public will be exposed to unnecesary delays in having high voltage obstructing wires removed or neutralized if the need arises.

Traffic signals, street light outages and wires down during storm troubles all pose further problems, he said.

O'Keeffe said that the eight jobs could not be classified as automation or industrial progress but rather "a victim of penny-pinching policy which if allowed to go unprotested will certainly inspire Hydro management to greater efforts in the name of economy at any price."

He said that the Hydro action was diametrically opposed to the appeal made recently to private employers by Premier Bennett to maintain as much staff as possible to protect the economy.

Minimum wage hearings on eight more categories

Minimum wage hearings on eight wage order categories will be held in Vancouver on Sept. 10.

The Board of Industrial relations will sit in the morning to hear representations on rates for machinist, refrigeration and sheet metal trades.

In the afternoon, it will discuss rates covering bicycle riders and foot messengers, elevator operators, janitors and janitresses, workers in personal service and undertaking.

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About 353 students from more than 40 countries have availed themselves of its services.

Many of the graduates now hold high political office and key positions in trade unions and co-operatives in their own countries.

One from Congo's Kwile Province of 1,400,000 inhabitants is minister of economic affairs and he is sending some of his departmental officials to study at the Tel-Aviv Institute.

A graduate from India is in charge of 500 co-operative units. Another East Indian is managing co-operatives embracing 120 villages with a population of 750,000.

In Tanganyika, three graduates are area commissioners in the local government services.

In Guinea, 10 graduates are serving as development officers. Others hold important positions in Uganda, Rhodesia, Ghana, Senegal, Togo and Nigeria.

In Kenya a former graduate has been re-elected president of the Kisii Farmers' Co-op Union.

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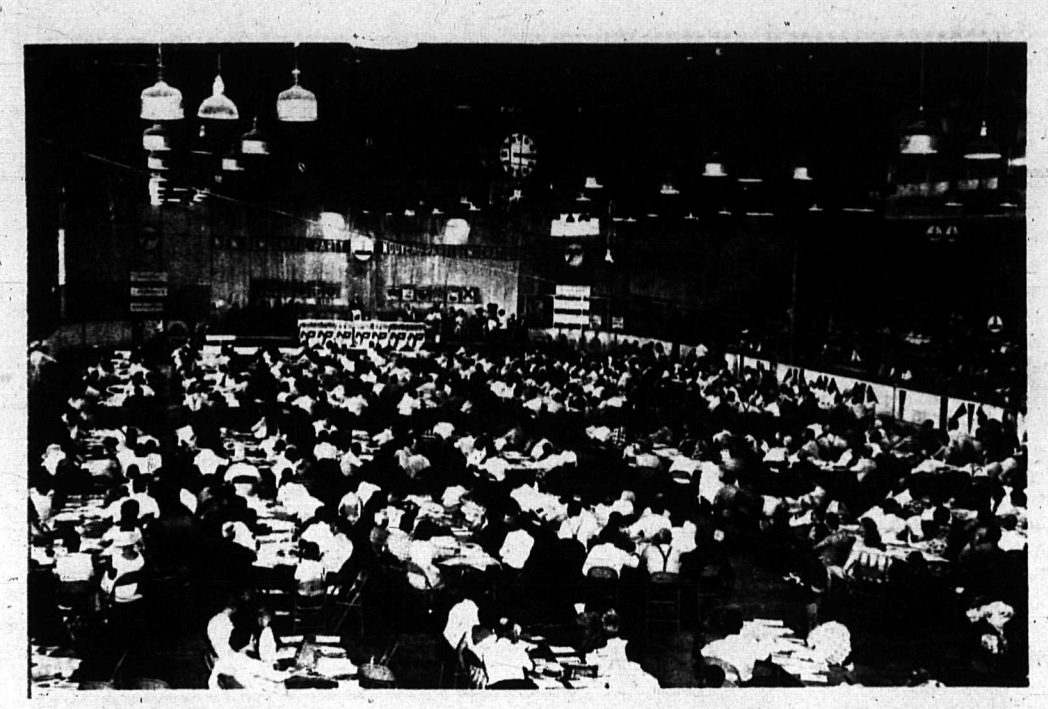

CLOSE TO 800 delegates packed Exhibition Stadium in Regina for sessions of the New Democratic Party national convention, August 6-10. The convention set policies in domestic and intenrational issues, re-elected Tommy Douglas leader.

Douglas re-elected NDP leader six B.C. members on executive

REGINA — The national convention of the New Democratic Party wound up here with goals set at building a stronger organization to fight for greater social progress for all people.

More than 760 delegates unanaimously cheered the re-election of T. C. Tommy Douglas as national leader, named Saskatchewan farmer Mervin Johnson as national president and picked six British Columbians for its federal council.

GO FORWARD

Douglas told the delegates in his acceptance speech that the NDP in the first two years of its existence has "held the beachhead—now we must go forward."

Working hard through four days of sittings, the convention dealt with major items of international affairs, economic planning, full employment, agriculture and federalism and biculturalism.

Canadian Labour Congress President Claude Jodoin told the convention the platform of the NDP and the CLC were almost identical "so it can hardly be surprising if the New Democratic Party has the support of the CLC".

MESSAGE READ

Jodoin, prevented from attending because of illness, sent a message that was read to the convention.

The convention adopted a new statement of aims of objectives which pledged the party to work toward "a new society, more just and humane, in which the needs of humanity will come before the drive for individual enrichment."

Harold Winch, MP (Vancouver East) and Colin Cameron, MP (Nanaimo) were elected vice-presidents and federal council members from B.C. are Vancouver lawyer Tom Berger, H. W. Herridge, MP (Kootenay West), B.C. Federation of Labour secretary Pat O'Neal, and former MP Ernie Regier.

A key resolution on economic and social planning passed with few dissenting votes. It called for fairer distribution of income, social security, full employment and the human and social benefits arising from adequate growth through federal democratic planning in co-operation with all other levels of government.

The statement called for a full-time planning board, a permanent federal-provincial planning and development council, an economic advisory council representing industry, farmer, labor and other economic and social groups, and finally, a Canadian Development Fund to mobilize private and public investment funds in the interest of Canada as a whole.

The convention unanimously rededicated the party to a full employment policy "whereby anyone willing and able to work would either have a job reasonably related to his skills, or would in a short time be able to find one . . ."

"With planning," the resolution said, "jobs can be brought to people and not simply people to jobs . . . retraining schemes can be efficiently applied where they are required by automation and trade expansion . . . regional development is made possible, and public employment offices can be used to complete the full employment program."

One of the hottest subjects debated in an exhibition stadium atmosphere usually around 90 degrees was the relationship between the English and French speaking peoples of Canada. The convention adopted a position aimed at bringing closer together the two nations which created Canada at the time of Confederation.

"We must modify our constitution, our legislation and our political practices in the light of present-day political realities," said the Federal council's statement adopted after long debate.

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LABOR DAY MESSAGE

Full employment goal

By Omer Becu,
General Secretary
International Confederation
of Free Trade Unions

On Labor Day the international trade union movement traditionally sends its greetings to the workers of the world to know that they can rely in their struggles upon their brothers in North America whose trade union movement has achieved such proud standards for the workers. But the battle is far from won. Both on the home front and on the international scene the trade union movement is faced by major challengees.

The goal of full employment which is still the foremost aim in North America, has not yet been achieved. The retraining of workers displaced by increasing automation is one of the key problems to which the trade unions are applying their specialists' knowledge and authority.

In Canada the trade unions are engaged in a vigorous campaign for a national labor code which would establish basic national standards and protect basic trade union rights. These issues are also closely linked with the drive for the full equality of American negro citizens "here and now"; they have been able to play their full part in the continuing campaign of the international free trade union movement for racial equality everywhere.

This action was given its full effect in the repeated interventions of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions before the International Labor Organization and the United Nations against the apartheid policy of the South African Government. The enactment of equal pay for women in most trades and industries, another important social achievement in the United States, will not fail to have important repercussions on the international field.

The international free trade union movement, voicing the longings of the workers of the world for peace, is pursuing its steady campaign to achieve universally controlled disarmament. A first step has been made in that field as a result of the signing of the treaty banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, at sea and in space.

The ICFTU greets the workers of North America on this Labor Day, proud in the knowledge that it is assured of their solidarity in its fight for bread, peace, freedom and social justice for all.

Woolworths press decertification at Pt. Alberni

PORT ALBERNI—The giant Woolworth's chain has ousted the Retail Clerks from its store here.

After the failure of the long strike of union members, the company has now made it official. It applied to the Labor Relations Board to cancel the union's certification and the board granted the request after a vote.

"I wish we had a union agreement so we could rotate this damned graveyard shift!"

Canadians spend less on food items

OTTAWA — Canadians are spending less on food than they did 30 years ago.

The federal department of agriculture said that although consumers' takehome pay has jumped about 50 per cent in the last 10 years, the proportion spent on food has continued to decline.

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Canadian labor wants political co-operation between all people, not government control

Jodoin speaks to NDP convention

REGINA— Canadian labor is not seeking to control government but is aiming at political cooperation between all people, Canadian Labour Congress President Claude Jodoin told national New Democratic Party convetntion here.

Jodoin was unable to attend because of illness but his message was read to delegates by CLC executive vice-president Bill Dodge.

He said that the platform of the NDP and that of the CLC are almost identical "so it can hardily be surprising if the NDP has the support of the CLC".

"We are not suggesting a government run just by trade unions. What we do want is a voice in the affairs of our nation and reasonable treatment from our legislators," he said.

"Free trade unionism is the practice of democracy. We try to practice what we preach and to see that the rights of every individual are protected.

"True democracy also means to the people of this country that no matter what their ancestry may be, all are Canadians," he said.

Record of social progress

"As trade unionists," he said "we see in our participation in the New Democratic Party an avenue of co-operation between various sections of our society.

"To people who regard the labor movement with suspicion I say: let these people see where their friends are. Let them read the story of the struggle to help themselves. Let them study the record of social progress and see where organized labor has stood throughout the pages of history," he said.

"In many nations the only protection of working people has been their united strength when they joined together in free trade unions. It may be an old cliche but it is nevertheless true that where you find the working class of a country living a full and prosperous life, there also you find a prosperous and progressive nation.

"Organzied labor is proud of the role is has played in helping raise living standards and working for improvements in social welfare measures, both in Canada, and throughout the free world," Jodoin said.

Planning is common sense

"We share the political thinking of the New Democratic Party with regard to planning," Jodoin said. "To us the idea of planning is just plain common sense — and in these times of a complex society we cannot afford to drift along without some measure of planning. We see nothing wrong with this. The word 'planning' does not frighten us. I am sure every single private business which is operated successfully owes a considerable part of that success to planning. Surely the same principles apply to the government of the country and to our overall administration."

Jodoin noted the contribution made by Saskatchewan in introducing medicare. Plans being proposed in other provinces, he said, were inadequate.

"Giving control of a health plan to private inurance companies and subsidizing them with government funds falls far short of true medicare. These plans are also deficient inas much as they are restricted to providing some measure of service only in time of illness.

"Certainly we want a plan that will cure the sick; but we want a plan that will also keep the healthy from getting sick.

"These people who are advocating these watered-down versions of medicare are obviously people who fail to understand this need. Their approach is not how much can be done for those in need; it is how little can they get away with."

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BOB SKINNER
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Skinner is a winner

A retired union leader has won one of the cars in this year's PNE draw.

He is Robert Skinner, 74, president for seven years of City Hall Employees before he retired in 1954. Skinner was a food inspector for the city.

He was a delegate for many years to the old Trades and Labour Council and at one time wrote a column for The Labor Statesman.

Good luck at the wheel, Bob.

CERTIFICATION

VICTORIA—Bartenders Local 513 have won bargaining authority for employees in the licenced lounge at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

LABOR COLLEGE

Vancouver unionist wins scholarship

Vancouver union leader Max Pierotti was one of two Canadian labor men awarded a scholarship to study abroad following the first term of the Labor College of Canada.

Pierotti, business agent of Vancouver City Hall Employees (NUPE), expects to leave early in October for six weks study in advanced labor economics.

He will attend Ruskin College, a labor college which is one of the Oxford group in England. It's also expected he will attend a session of the International Labor Organization in Geneva.

Pierotti described the first seven-week session at the labor college as excellent.

..."You could only be enthusiastic," he said. "It was an excellent course all around and the instructors were very, very good.

"It makes you realize how badly a college like this was needed."

A number of other B.C. unionists also attended the college.

Jean Beaudry of the United Steelworkers, Montreal, was the other scholarship winner.

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VIEWPOINT

Hunger freedom campaign

By ERNEST PAGE

The World Food Congress in Washington in June reached conclusions which are of deepest significance for the future of the human race.

It was decided that there should be "an extension and intensification of the Freedom From Hunger campaign and the establishment of a world-wide plan of action by 1968 based on the individual needs of food-deficient countries and the capacity of developed countries to assist them in meeting these needs.

One could be pessimistic and suggest that perhaps not too much will happen in the short period before 1968 but this would be to miss the main point.

That main point is that, quite evidently, the nations of the world are setting out to discover how plenty for all, attainable at last, can actually be achieved.

This is a very radical departure from previous methods: typically a nation or, at best a group of nations set out to improve its position and the standard of living of its people using strong arm methods, often militant and highly questionable .

The United Nations, through its Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Congress, now seeks positively to create a world where such conflict will never be the result of food shortage. In contrast to narrow nationalism this is quite consistent with the co-operative concept. Membership in a co-operative does not improve one's position in comparision with the other members; it improves one's circumstances only to the extent that the group as a whole moves up.

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Lighter side

"I'm so glad you joined the Union, dear, and got that nice paid-vacation check—wasn't it?"

"Tch, tch, girls! Why not try a little collective bargaining?"

"When the judge found out I was strikebreaking, he gave me time and a half!"

"The union grievance committeeman to see you, sir, with fire in his eye!"

LABOR DAY 1963

Steady progress from early start way back in 1894

The first significance of Labour Day is that it exist at all.

For when the Parliament of Canada, in 1894, created a national public holiday to be celebrated as Labour Day, it gave formal recognition to trade unionism as one of the institutions of Canadian society: no longer a menace to law and order, but a part of law and order; no longer an outcast, but a legitimate, useful and respected member of the national family.

It is surprising that the Act was passed so early. For, in 1894, it was only 25 years since Parliament had made unions legal at all.

Before the passage of Sir John A. Macdonald's Trade Unions Act of 1872, unions were just conspiracies. Moreover, even in 1894, Canadian unions were not big or powerful.

As late as 1901, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the single national central body of that day, had only 8,381 members, and a total expenditure of only $809.88!

It can scarcely have been union lobbying or union pressure or union votes that produced the Labour Day Act! It must have been rather a simple recognition of justice.

This is one of the few cases where law has successfully outrun practice. For, if Parliament ni 1894 recognized the legitimacy of unionism, most employers, and much public opinion, then and long afterwards, did not.

A second, and very important, thing about Labour Day is its date.

Most European Labour movements celebrate May Day, a day charged with revolutionary meaning. The Canadian and American movements have chosen their own day, to which they can give their own meaning, as revolutionary or evolutionary as they please.

There is still room for argument as to where and when the first proposal was made for celebration of Labor Day as we know it.

Peter J. McGuire, founder of the Carpenters' Union, usually gets the credit. He has been caleld the "father of Labor Day."

But there's some dispute about this. Another school of thought argues that the first Labor Day celebration in North America tok place in Toronto in 1872—10 years before McGuire's suggestion for a "general holiday for the laboring classes" resulted in the first U.S. celebration of Labor Day in New York on Sept. 5, 1882.

The Canadian claim says the idea for a special labor holiday probably came first from Geo. Hewitt of the Toronto Coopers' Union. Hewitt was an immigrant from Britain and brought with him the experience of old country celebrations which originated as a protest against the penal transportation of the "Todpuddle Martyrs" for forming a union in 1834.

It's now a matter of history that the first Labor Day committee in Toronto was formed on April 15, 1872, and a picnic and celebration was held jointly in thanksgiving for the recovery from typhoid fever of the then Prince of Wales. It also was a protest meeting against the arrest of 24 Toronto printing union leaders who were leading the fight for a nine-hour day.

This type of celebration, which was held in 1872, continued annually until the end of the decade when a severe depression led to the almost complete collapse of the trade unions in Canada.

But again, on July 22, 1882, close to 4,000 workers got together and staged a parade and celebration for labor in Toronto.

It's a theory that McGuire got the idea of a Labor Day in the U.S. from that Toronto celebration, as McGuire had been invited to be one of the main speakers at the Toronto celebration (although he never got there because his wife had met with a serious accident).

New York's first Labor Day parade was held the following September.

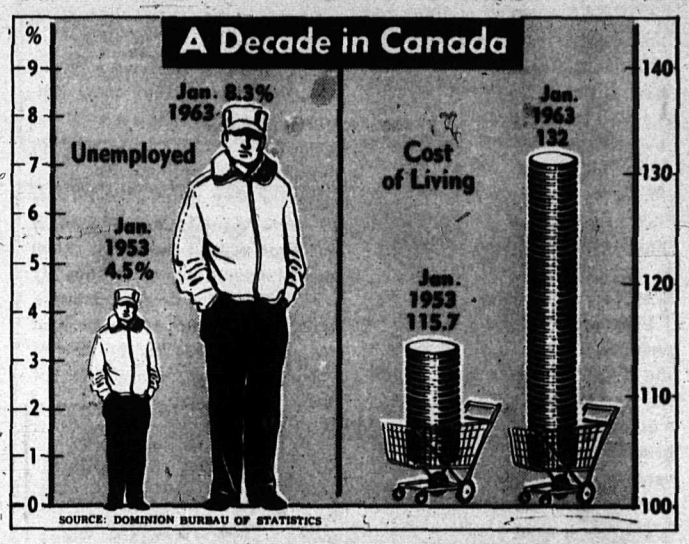
Labor pressure started in both countries for a Labor Day holiday and the governments in both Canada and the U.S. had passed laws in 1894 formally setting the holiday.

* * *

There is a third significance to Labor Day: it provides an occasion for organized Labour to think about where it has come from and where it is going, and to tell, or remind, the rest of the nation of the same things.

Over the years it has accomplished much for people in its own ranks in the social welfare field, for all the people of Canada.

Labor Day is an annual summons to celebrate the struggles and victories of the past—and an annual challenge to face the problems and opportunities of the future.



The chart shows how both unemployment and the cost of living have climbed in Canada during the past decade under both the Liberal and Conservative parties.

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Another year goes by—little done for jobless

OTTAWA—Another Labor Day has dawned over Canada—and still no major realistic step has been taken to beat the growing problem of unemployment.

Canadian Labour Congress President Claude Jodoin warned "there is need now, before the snow flies, for a far more extensive and imaginative program to curb the waste of winter idleness."

Unemployment was cited in Jodoin's Labor Day message as the major problem in Canada today.

He said Canada needs bold, imaginative and realistic approaches to put more people to work.

The CLC president also said that labor is ready to play a full part in development of better labor-management relations but warned that many anti-union employers are jeopardizing progress in this field.

He predicted that CLC unions would intensify its drive for proper wage rates and social benefits in the year ahead.

Here is the text of his message:

"Labor Day is more than a holiday—it is a time for rededication of the labor movement in its efforts on behalf of all mankind. The fact that on this day many hundreds of thousands of workers and their families enjoy a time of relaxation and enjoyment takes nothing away from this serious purpose of our movement.

"One of the objectives of organized labor over the years has been to enable people to find more in life than toil, and considerable progress has been made in this regard.

"At the same time we are very conscious that a great many Canadians are still deprived of the opportunity to work because of the toll of unemployment.

"Labor Day marks the turn of the season and brings with it the approach of a period when unemployment rates traditionally rise. There has been a growing awareness of the seriousness of this situation; but, in the view of our organization, there has not yet been a realistic approach to finding a solution.

Labor Day message

"Certain steps have been taken to strengthen the Winter Works Incentive Program; but they are far from adequate. In some instances other steps have been taken by the government which may counteract the intended benefits.

"There is need now, before the snow flies, for a far more extensive and imaginative program to curb the waste of winter idleness.

"This, however, is still only one of several forms of unemployment from which we have been suffering for some time. There is the unemployment which results from structural changes in our economy. Where such situations arise there should be special assistance to industries which show hope of continuing.

"If an industry finds itself doomed by changing conditions, then adequate provision must be made for retraining or relocating workers, or perhaps both.

"In some parts of the country we are faced with particular situations in an area or a community. Tax incentives alone are inadequate to meet the needs of such situations. These problems call for a program related to the economic resources of the area and designed on a long-term basis to provide people with work at decent wages.

"The welfare of all parts of Canada depends on our welfare as a whole and the need now—as never before—is for bold, imaginative and realistic approaches.

CO-OPERATIVE

"It is the hope of the Canadian Labour Congress that the Economic Council of Canada may provide an avenue for a more co-operative approach to these and other problems which face us as an industrial nation.

"A great deal has been heard during the past year about New Developments in Labor-management relations in Canada. It is likely that even more will be heard during the next year.

"Certainly there is need for an improvement in these relations. Some limited progress has already been made. There is increasing recognition of the possibilities of men of good will from both sides of the bargaining table getting together to discuss matters of mutual concern. These approaches must be on a sound basis.

"Many of us feel that the only way such relationships can be soundly developed is from a firm base at the national level. The need of the moment is for exploration of the areas in which labor and management can usefully work together.

ANTI-UNION

"Instances in which management uses all available means to fight the formation and continuation of free trade unions are a serious handicap to such improvements. While there has been a reduction of this type of anti-union activity, it is, regrettably, still quite extensive in Canada.

"The Canadian Labour Congress is quite prepared to play its full role in the development of better relationships. We do this while retaining to the full our right to press for that which we believe to be just and right for the people.

"There will not be the slightest easing of our efforts to obtain proper wage rates, to establish good working conditions and to advance social benefits.

"The program of the Canadian Labour Congress will continue—and in fact be intensified—in all these areas during the year ahead. We are convinced that through such efforts a free trade union organization can make a great contribution to the future of Canada, just as it has to the past.

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B. C. labor has been loud in its protest against provincial legislation which has severely limited the right of trade unions to picket.

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In 1940 — the United States Supreme Court gave recognition to the right of employees to communicate their grievances to the public. In a test case, the court said that peaceful picketing was a form of speech entitled to the protection of the U.S. Constitution and that, under the 14th amendment, no state legislature could pass a valid law prohibiting it, because such a law would be a denial of freedom of speech.

Giving the court's opinion, Mr. Justice Douglas said, "It is recognized now that satisfactory hours and wages and working conditions in industry and a bargaining position which makes these possible have an importance which is not less than the interests of those in the business or industry directly concerned."

SUCCESSFUL VENTURE

First class graduates from Labor College

MONTREAL — After seven weeks of intensive sessions, 86 union men from across Canada have graduated from the first term of the Labor College of Canada.

Diplomas were handed out at graduation ceremonies held at the University of Montreal.

R. E. Powell, chancellor of McGill University, described the graduation as "the first chapter in a very important history."

The college is under the auspices of McGill, the University of Montreal, the Canadian Labor Congress and the Confederation of National Trade Unions.

Max Swerdlow, CLC education director and registrar for the college, said he hoped Canada's trade union movement would work for the establishment of a "bricks and mortar" permanent national labor college with its own full-time staff.

The college courses crammed much instruction into the seven-week period. Subjects covered economics, history, sociology, political science and the theory and practice of trade unionism.

Swerdlow said the college has now "reasonable assurance of financial support and students for the next two years."

Financing for the three-year project is expected to cost about $240,000.

He reported that about 300 local unions across Canada had contributed from $10 to $1,000. The federal government has allocated $5,000 annually for three years toward the colleges and the governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan each have contributed $9,000.

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while the conversion of the large so-called defense expenditures to the pursuit of peace by raising living standards in needy countries was the more positive policy for Canada and the one that would have most impact. most impact.

Harold Winch, MP (Vancouver East), told the delegates, as the NDP federal caucus's member on the defense committee of Parliament: "This is not the time for Canada to withdraw from NATO. When developments are moving toward the very goals we want is no time to leave the fight to others."

Delegate Larry Sefton, District 6 director of the Steelworkers, urged that the NDP support NATO membership so that "we would be heard in the councils of our friends. . . . Let's not exaggerate the NATO issue out of all importance."

While the final speaker in support of withdrawal, Colin Cameron, MP from B.C., expressed the belief that if Canadians did not see the desirability of our abandonment of NATO today, they would in time, the plea of federal leader T. C. Douglas to adopt the NATO section, as submitted, was supported by a substantial majority.

"We are fighting the battle of yesterday," he told the delegates. The conflict between East and West was in process of being resolved, so this was no time to withdraw.

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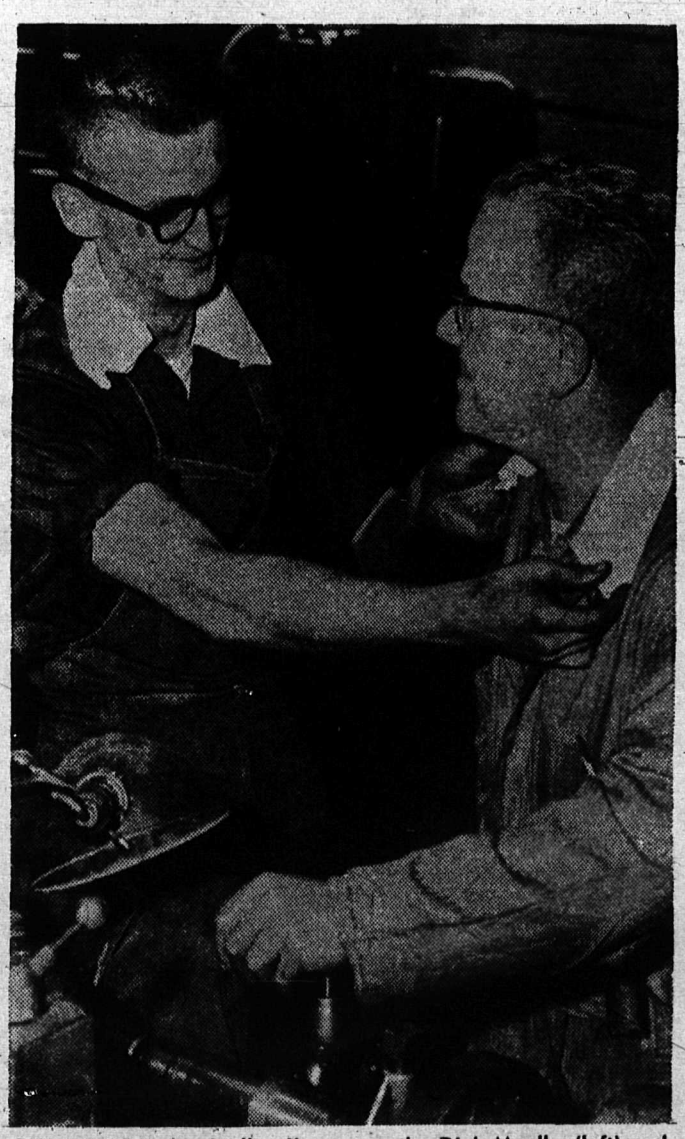
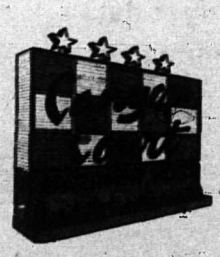
WELL-KNOWN FACES appeared at the annual award for achievement and good citizenship sponsored by the Screen Actors Guild in Hollywood. The award was presented to Eddie Cantor by SAG President George Chandler.

TUITION FEE for one year to Amal Histradrut trade school in Israel for an immigrant child is sponsored by the B.C. Federation of Labour, as Pat O'Neal, federation secretary gives cheque to Tuvia Beham, Histadrut executive director.



SYMBOLIC "white collars" are worn by Dick Mueller (left) and Fred Kunz, members of United Auto Workers, to celebrate signing of a unique contract giving production workers annual salaries and other white collar privileges in Buffalo, N.Y.

INJURED when he tripped over TV cable during press conference at NDP Regina convention was Grant MacNeil, IWA regional public relations director. Best wishes go out for a speedy recovery to Grant in Burnaby General Hospital. He suffered a broken kneecap.



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The seminar has been designed to examine the nature and prospects of the new federation with major emphasis on the external pressures facing it. Impressive list of guest speakers has been invited to attend.

STRACHAN

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erals or the Conservatives to support the NDP in this election so that a government dedicated to the principles of honesty and forthrightness will be elected.

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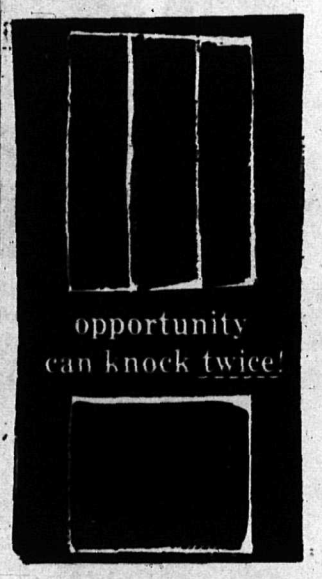

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