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FRONT PAGE NOTES

We're steeling ourselves the shocks of outrage. As if we hadn't already had our share.

The reaction will come as a result of two entirely different kinds of story, one of which will surprise even *TLS* readers who have come to expect surprises in these pages.

This refers to **Jane Arden's** (an obvious pseudonym) account of her working years in Hollywood. On **Page Five** she tells about one of the more sordid aspects of life in the film capital.

Not that she says anything most people haven't suspected for a long time. But it is nonetheless nasty for all that.

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Many Albertans, and all Socreds, will be unhappy about the unvarnished views of lawyer **Douglas Sanders.** This former Albertan writes about the discriminatory laws against a minority in the foothills province on **Page Two.**

Mr. Sanders, now practicing in Vancouver, has made his subject a specialty and considered one of Canada's outstanding authorities on Hutterite problems.

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Incidentally, we have devoted the whole of **Page Six** to Alberta news in this issue because of the volume of news we are receiving from that province.

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About to erupt into a new source of trouble on an already troubled B.C. labour front is the difficulty facing the International Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers in negotiations.

This trouble is referred to in a "trouble roundup" on **Page 11** and in a report from our Prince George correspondent in Local News on **Page Eight.**

We would also like to draw attention to **Jean Mohart's** prose-poem on **Page 10** on the plight of the lonely picketer in one of B.C.'s strikes.

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And as can be seen by the headlines opposite we are going a way out on a limb on elections to be held in Alberta and B.C. this year.

From a variety of sources of intelligence we have calculated the actual dates of these elections, give or take a week or so. If we are wrong, we'll apologize.

W.M.M.

B.C. ELECTION DATE AUG. 15; OCTOBER FOR ALTA. VOTERS?

Premier Bennett faces much the same sort of problem Hitler faced in 1939 — having decided to attack Poland, the question became when.

Timing is extremely important. Not that the enemy couldn't be overrun regardless of the date; given the condition of the opposing forces one day was as good as the next.

But there are also strategic questions not directly related to the opposition. And strategic questions are what now troubles B.C.'s premier in setting a precise date for his "attack".

One can almost see Premier Bennett bent over B.C.'s new constituency map running his fingers around the boundaries. He needs an election — but when?

Prince Edward Island went to the polls May 30 and Quebec June 5. Manitoba is scheduled to vote June 23. So far he can't be encouraged that the *status quo* won't be upset.

Normally he would have few doubts about defeating the NDP opposition, the only party willing or able to put up any kind of a fight. But there are those bedevilling questions of strategy which have before defeated greater commanders than W. A. C. Bennett.

Sources close to the government say that choice of an election date has caused the closest thing to a cabinet split since Mr. Bennett's 14-year autocracy began.

One of several reasons for hesitating is that, unlike many in the cabinet, Mr. Bennett is not certain about public reaction to again calling an election two years before necessary.

He wants to avoid the charge that he has again put B.C. to the trouble and expense of a needless election for the sake of narrow political opportunism. Delay, therefore, now isn't just a clever political ploy: he is looking for a *casus belli.*

Other considerations are weighing heavily on the Premier's mind. There is the effect of redistribution (slight as it may be), province-wide labour unrest, the general economic picture and B.C.'s own financial position.

Mr. Bennett will make an announcement on June 15. But informants doubt that he will call an election then. More likely it will be to reveal some scheme that will later have the effect of a pre-election bribe.

Apparently Mr. Bennett favors an August date which some cabinet colleagues argue is the most inopportune, most unlikely and most inconvenient election month.

But precisely for these reasons Premier Bennett sees the advantage of complete surprise and general unpreparedness of the mid-holiday season. The leader of opposition may even be out of the country.

Also the Premier is aware of a certain public irritation with labour, an irritation which will inevitably reflect on Mr. Strachan's party. To take advantage of this irritation he must move at its height, that is before September when it is expected the crisis will be over.

An election during a period of labour difficulties will give him an ally in the daily press which has consistently refused to show a whit of sympathy or understanding of labour's difficulties in B.C.

Government financing is increasingly pressing. Largely because of Mr. Bennett's two-river pathology, the province is sinking deeper and deeper into a financial mire, some aspects of which were exposed here last month by Stanley Tasset.

Tight money and growing inflation are other factors affecting his decision. This is a worsening crisis and no less a politician than President Johnson is worried about its effects on the electorate.

President Johnson no more wants his "Great Society" inflated to the bursting point than does Premier Bennett want his "Dynamic Society" to suffer the same end. September may be the bursting point.

But by moving before that, by receiving a fresh, four-year mandate Premier Bennett could ride out the economic storm. So while July might be too early for the usual "softening up" of B.C. voters, September could reveal gaping cracks in Socred administration.

Then, too, each day gives Mr. Bennett's chief enemy time to prepare. The NDP, which, incidentally, is preparing on the basis of a September election, will have a full field of candidates by then.

Mr. Perrault's Liberal forces are also gathering in timid little bands for the election all the politicians and pundits agree is coming soon. But just what the leaderless B.C. Tories are doing to prepare it is difficult to say.

In summary then, according to the sources, Mr. Bennett believes that July is too soon, particularly with labour and the NDP united by common crisis.

And September will be too late, for while labour difficulties may by then be pretty well settled his own economic and financial shortcomings will be all too evident.

Reasoning on this basis and from close government sources TLS has come up with a firm election date, something between a guess and a prediction — B.C. will go to the polls Monday, August 15!

That is the date we believe Mr. Bennett has in mind. But if there is one thing that would force him to change it, it would be that it was predicted here.

EDMONTON — Sources here say that Premier Manning will call a provincial election for the first week of October.

Alberta Social Credit holds all but three of the 63 legislative seats. The sources say that for the first time Mr. Manning may find up to half a dozen new faces on the Opposition benches.

The NDP is the only serious contender for these seats and have already selected a full slate of candidates.

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ALBERTA'S HUTTERITE LAW 'SHAMEFUL' DISCRIMINATION

(Mr. Sanders, now a prominent Vancouver lawyer, formerly practiced in Edmonton. He is considered an expert on Hutterite affairs and has written and lectured widely on the subject.)

DOUGLAS SANDERS

Alberta bears the dubious distinction of possessing one of the most odious laws to be found anywhere in North America.

Smug Canadians like to attack the U.S. south but within their own borders there are discriminatory laws equalling anything found in the deep south.

For example, there is a finely machined piece of Alberta legislation called The Communal Property Act. But Alberta, like Alabama, has a long history of this sort of legislation.

The Alberta law is designed specifically to restrict the rights of a particular group — only 6,500 of them — a people noted as peace-loving, hard working and reluctant to defend their legal rights.

They are the Hutterites. In all North America there are only 15,000 members of this sect and half of them live in Alberta.

Despite the fact that the Communal Property Act has recently been declared valid (by an Alberta court) many of us who have studied the situation closely maintain that the law is at best flagrantly discriminatory, at worst is "attempted genocide," to use a phrase of an Edmonton colleague.

It is the kind of law for which the Social Credit governments of Alberta and British Columbia are becoming famous — or infamous.

The Alberta law's sole purpose is to restrict Hutterite property rights, normally a simple and accepted right available to any citizen or group in a democratic society.

Oddly enough until recently this law caused no outcry from religious leaders, politicians or civil rights groups. Only the Unitarians are now beginning to voice concern.

The Act was passed by Premier Manning's government to appease a large number of Albertans who dislike the Hutterites. The dislike arises from fear of any group which is different.

And the Hutterites work harder on their farms and refuse to accept the values of modern, secular society. They refuse to watch TV, for example, which some people could claim as an indication of good taste.

Many Albertans claim that "Hutterites don't make good citizens because they don't believe in free enterprise," as one of them told me even while I was writing this piece.

Moreover, the Hutterites are the most prolific single group in Canada. Thus the Alberta Act was obviously designed to ingratiate the government with many voters and put the brake on Hutterites both in family and field.

The Hutterite Brethren are members of a four century old religious brotherhood which has proven to be the most stable communal group in history.

There are Hutterite colonies also in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Montana and South Dakota. The largest group, about 65 colonies, live in Alberta.

All property is owned in common after the description of the early Church in the Book of Acts. The members are strict pacifists. They neither vote nor hold public office.

They speak in a unique German dialect and wear dark peasant clothing. Related historically to the Mennonites and Amish, they now find most of the Mennonites on the prairies too worldly for their tastes.

They are reserved, but friendly, and have the traditional virtues of piety, economy and productivity. But with the sole exception of the oriental peoples on the west coast no Canadian group has ever been subjected to such discriminatory legislation as the Hutterite people.

The Hutterites were at first warmly welcomed to Canada. The Federal government assured them of exemption from military service, full freedom of religion and the right to establish their own schools. The Deputy Minister of Immigration stated categorically "there will be no interference with their living as a commonwealth if they desire to do so."

On the strength of these promises the Hutterites moved from South Dakota to Manitoba and Alberta, beginning in 1918.

The welcome immediately evaporated.

In 1919 the Federal Government withdrew the guarantees as far as new immigrants were concerned. Shortly afterwards the Government banned all immigration of Hutterites even though at least one group had sold its land in South Dakota and purchased land in Alberta. But no Hutterite could now enter Canada.

They petitioned the Provincial and Federal Governments but were simply told that there were already enough Hutterites in Canada.

With the coming of the Second World War great bitterness developed towards these German speaking pacifists. In 1942 an act (the forerunner of today's law) was passed "to prevent violence and preserve unity," said Solon Low, then Alberta's Provincial Secretary, later National Leader of the Social Credit Party. The legislation prohibited Hutterites from purchasing any land for the duration of the war.

Hutterite land holdings were completely frozen from 1942 until 1947. In 1947 the "40 mile rule" was introduced. A new colony could only be established if it was at least 40 miles from an existing colony.

Three years later another prerequisite was established: the *permission* of the Provincial Cabinet!

Since 1950 no new Hutterite colony has been established in Alberta without

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the permission of the Provincial Cabinet. The Cabinet, of course, *never* gives any reasons for these or for any of its decisions. Surely no religious group anywhere else in Canada has ever been subject to such control as this.

In 1960 a Board was established to investigate all applications and the 40 mile limit was dropped. Complete control over new colony sites remained in the Cabinet.

Because of the difficulties of acquiring land in Alberta, new colonies began to move to Saskatchewan. The first two colonies were established in Saskatchewan in the early 1950's. The Saskatchewan Government sponsored a study of community reaction.

As more colonies came into Saskatchewan some of the farm groups started to call for legislation similar to Alberta's. The then C.C.F. Government publicly opposed such legislation, stating categorically that it was in conflict with the Provincial Bill of Rights which the C.C.F. Government had enacted.

After more study the Government initiated a program whereby the Government would actually assist colonies moving to Saskatchewan to find suitable locations where they would not be met with local hostility.

Today, however, Saskatchewan's former creative program seems to have been lost in the shuffle of re-organization which took place when the Thatcher Liberals took office.

The Hutterites do not become involved in worldly organizations whether they be trade unions, local governments or courts. For 23 years they steadfastly refused to go to court in Alberta to contest the validity of the Communal Property Act.

In 1965 the Alberta Government took a colony to court for a violation of the Act. At least until recently the Alberta Government has been strongly, but unofficially, of the opinion that the legislation is unconstitutional.

Then to the surprise of many, a judge of the Alberta Supreme Court last November held that the legislation was valid.

On May 13th, this year, the case was argued before the Alberta Appeal Court. Calgary lawyer W. B. Gill argued that the legislation was designed to interfere with the fundamental religious belief of the Hutterites that all land must be held in common.

Whether the legislation is constitutional or not, there can be no question that it is narrow, negative and insensitive to the needs of one small group of Canadians.

It is a shameful part of the history of Alberta, a province with a long history of shameful, unconstitutional laws.

TAKEN LITERALLY

44. And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all MEN, as every man had need.

. . . WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD

LETHBRIDGE—"Broken hearted" Hutterites 30 miles from here are mending today but memories of a Bay Street venture are as fresh as the goose boss's eggs.

Though a rigid religious code forbids pursuit of such worldly things as money, the New Rock Port colony "boss" secretly invested nearly $300,000 of colony money in penny stocks.

Innocence walked into the bucket shop and as of this date the colony has lost on investments that could have been worth $605,000.

GERMAN PRESS HELPS YOUNG 'DROP OUTS'

BAD GODESBERG, DK —Surprised readers of a big daily newspaper in the Federal Republic of Germany noted an unusual picture in the small-ads section — a schoolroom with 14-year-old boys and girls sitting at their desks. Below was the caption "School hours are well paid."

The accompanying text explains. Some of these pupils, after eight years compulsory school, will not leave and start work, but go on to a more advanced school. Not all of them do this altogether voluntarily.

Some would much rather be earning a wage, and there is no scarcity of jobs in Germany. But their parents have explained to them that they can later earn much more money if they decide now to spend a year or two more at the school desk.

In Germany, it is a novelty to use such arguments to advertise education, and, quite frankly, is not always approved by the traditional "possessors" of learning.

But a special action committee in Bad Godesberg, which is behind this campaign, was well aware of what it was doing when it sketched out the advertisements and their texts, paying very special attention to emphasizing the advantages of being properly educated.

Before the campaign reached the public, the action committee carried out very thorough research, employing the services of an institute for psychological research to work out a "market analysis." Previously, there existed no precise details of why many parents in the broad middle class strata do not send their children to the higher schools, but are content to let them leave after eight years basic education.

There were only the mostly rather subjective opinions of school-teachers, who often have a special personal interest in preventing talented children from running off to higher school at the age of 10.

The number of "*Abiturienten*" (children who take the higher school certificate qualifying them for university) in relation to the total number of school attenders in the Federal Republic is only half that of France, the Benelux countries and Scandinavia.

Nevertheless, there was a storm of indignation a few years ago when the first headlines appeared in the newspaper announcing a "German education catastrophe." After all, the learned ones argued, *Abiturienten* cannot be "bred".

Supporters of the ideal of education for the sake of itself and not as a means to money-earning overlooked the fact that young people—including academic ones — were aiming at just those professions and trades in which they could earn high salaries and wages, so that today there are far too few teachers and lecturers.

And if they did not overlook this, they turned the tables and declared that there was no-one there to teach more pupils. The schools were overfilled.

That is true. But the facts about the small number of *Abiturienten* also cannot be denied. The controversy raged on. All parties took up the slogan "education catastrophe" or, somewhat milder "education emergency," and demanded more money for schools and teachers, for universities and colleges.

While the propaganda avalanche rolled on and the financial current began to flow even more sparsely, it began to become clear that there was a lack not only of schools and teachers, but also of pupils who wanted above all to go on with school longer than absolutely necessary.

The learned ones cried, what did we tell you! Are people who are not even interested in educating themselves to be forced into university? But it is not all so simple, as research has now shown. It has transpired that the broad "middle class" of parents and children lack not only interest, but also facts.

Education which "leads nowhere" is unthinkable to them. The entity itself means nothing to them — unattractive because it is abstract.

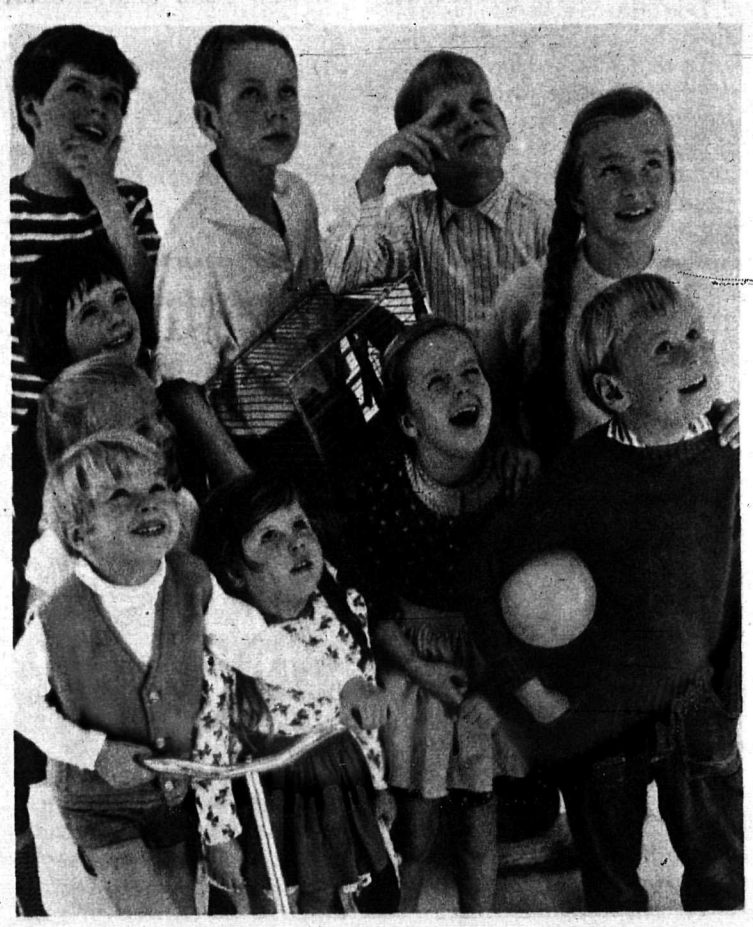
Since culture and education policy in the Federal Republic are the responsibility of the various state governments, and are thus approached differently in Hamburg and in Munich, or in Frankfurt and in Dusseldorf, and cannot be influenced by the Federal Government in Bonn, the whole education system in Germany was for so many years so disjointed that even experts were at a loss.

The Bad Godesberg action committee, formed by private initiative and independent of State, religion and politics, therefore decided that its next advertising campaign (April 1965 to April 1966) would have the motto "Send your child to a better school for a longer time."

It had the courage to attempt to make education attractive, by using modern slogans. "Every report card is worth hard cash," or "The future makes heavy demands of your children."

One schoolboy wrote: "Thanks to your advertisement and after several discussions with my parents, I have now been given permission to continue school. And now that this fervent wish of mine can be fulfilled with your help, I do not know where to begin. Hoping that you can help me further and that your advertisement will make its mark with many parents, I am . . ."

Some 300 German newspapers and periodicals have published the action committee's appeals free of charge, renouncing revenue estimated at a total of some five million Marks. Radio and television stations have regularly bradcast similar material at the suggestion of the committee, also without charge.



OUR MASS MEDIA AND EDUCATION

"We need to prevent the domination of the mass media by small groups of corporations for commercial ends and reverse the direction of our policy in the past 20 years in this regard . . . this means in Canada that we should strengthen the CBC, enlarging its resources . . . that we should be limiting in North America the number of mass media enterprises under one ownership.

"We should be experimenting with new patterns of ownership of mass media enterprises such as by education foundations, colleges, farm organizations, cooperatives, universities, unions and that we should perhaps seriously consider the runaway growth of advertising by tax law amendments which would limit the extent to which advertising would be deductible.

"We should revise our educational policy in the schools and universities to give the young an education in how to identify a problem and how to think about it and how to solve it, instead of training and indoctrinating the young in how to fit into a niche in the technological order. To the extent that we do the latter we are just building people for totalitarianism, not for freedom, not for democracy."

Prof. Dallas W. Smythe, University of Sask.

RATS! MORE OF THAT DAMN MUSIC

HAMBURG, DK — Professor O. Nieschulz of Hamburg taught white rats to press a button for stopping music if they disliked it. The rats proved to be rather discriminating.

All musical pieces were played to them four times at different sessions. Each piece was played for 100 seconds ten times in succession during one musical session. Piece No. 1 was an ordinary bell rung inside the cage.

All animals stopped the bell within four seconds. A tape-recording of the same bell, with the high-pitched frequencies cut out, met with slightly better reception, the rats tolerating it for 90 ssconds.

An Austrian military march, entitled "Old comrades" and played by the band of a once famous Viennese regiment, was disliked by 91 per cent of the rats. They seem to be rather anti-militarist. Still they listened to the military tune for 18 seconds, and a pro-military group of 9 per cent listened for a full 100 seconds without stopping the performance.

When a twist disk was offered, 99 per cent of the animals stopped the music already after 14 seconds. But a French chanson entitled "Parlez-moi d'amour" and sung by Mlle Lucienne Boyer met with an enthusiastic reception on the part of many rats.

Forty-two per cent of the animals listened for the full period of 100 seconds. The remaining 58 per cent were less fascinated but they nonetheless listened for 28 seconds on a average before pressing the button.

This was definitely the best response to any item from this program. The study was made in connection with psycho-pharmacological investigations.

Professor Nieschulz is a pharmacologist testing the action of tranquilizers on the action of transquilizers on the response to external disturbances.

EDITORIAL

FRANK PAYNE

A Halifax reader wonders why there suddenly seems to be so much labour unrest.

From Atlantic to Pacific it looks like its going to be a bad summer. Strikes. Lockouts. Police.

It's going to be a summer of bitterness and hardship. More than one Canadian or American labour leader is going to go to jail.

Why? What's happening?

The Financial Post (or local financial page) keeps reporting "new high corporate profits." But the companies aren't happy.

Unions win wage increases but the people aren't happy. What's the matter with everybody?

The explanation, of course, is quite simple. Groceries.

You can talk about balance of payments, GATT and wage-cost indices all you want. But when it comes around to Saturday shopping, all this means is Groceries.

Groceries is the measure of most peoples' knowledge of economics. How much flour, salt, milk and spaghetti they can buy for a dollar.

It wasn't long ago a wife could take $20 and return with four huge grocery bags full of food. Now she takes the same amount of money and tucks a couple of pitiful little bags under each arm.

That's what inflation means to a lot of people. Whether or not they are going to have enough to eat for the week.

And because most people measure inflation by the grocery yardstick, I believe labour leaders are going to have a hard time keeping many workers on the job.

The worker isn't worried about the niceties of a solemn union-management contract when every day means that what the worker earns buys less and less groceries.

The union leader can exhort the workers. The company can threaten them. The police can intimidate them.

But they can't hide the meaning of the empty cupboard. Not for the first time we're going to have to learn that economics to most people is a simple matter of groceries.

'HELL TO CHINESE WITH BOMB BLASTS'

We have always supported individuals and groups who work for peace through demonstrations, pamphleteering and oration.

Whether marching in your local square or down Fifth Avenue we believe that these men, women and youngsters have contributed greatly to such peace as is left on this disturbed planet.

We particularly supported anti-bomb demonstrators, not only because such demonstrations are the essence of democracy in action but also from the purely pragmatic motive than mankind has cause to fear Atomic and Hydrogen weapons regardless of who possesses them.

But we missed the anti-bomb demonstrators last month. Where were they?

Last month mainland China exploded an enormous and hideously filthy atomic bomb. New clouds of genetically dangerous fallout is now circling the globe.

Yet there was an embarrassing silence from the sometime anti-bomb demonstrators. If there were demonstrations against China's bomb tests we didn't see them nor were any reported.

Not a voice was raised in protest, no placards carried by idealistic mothers were seen. Not a step was taken in a march against China's bomb.

It is our belief that these over-kill weapons are such an abomination that no nation can safely be trusted with them, particularly to test them.

This was the message we received from the demonstrators and still believe it. The danger has been recognized by America, Britain and Russia. We condemn France for continued testing. Is China any different?

China is now emulating all the worst aspects of western chauvinism which has led to some of the worst excesses of inhumanity since the development of the nation-state.

Given China's legitimate grievances against the west, her possession of atomic and hydrogen weapons is like placing unstable and explosive nitroglycerine in a nursery.

Even Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling, who has constantly warned of the genetic dangers of nuclear testing, has been strangely silent about China's bomb. Did he lose his tongue or was he merely unreported?

Doubtless it will be argued by the hawks in Peking that China *has* to have the bomb, that this is the *Realpolitik* of modern nationhood. The west's past and current attitudes toward China strengthen this argument.

But this is the sort of justification for which the demonstrators condemned America, Russia, Britain and France.

Why then the silence in regard to China's bomb?

In the absence of protest from the usual sources we say — to Hell with China's bomb!

THE BIRD LOVER

O'NEAL WON'T BE MISSED

E. P. "Pat" O'Neal, as has been widely publicised, leaves as secretary of the B.C. Federation of Labour June 1.

But the energetic, imaginative administrator of the B.C. Fed's affairs since 1959 won't be missed. This is not to say, however, that his leaving won't leave a void in B.C. Fed affairs.

It means only that Mr. O'Neal won't really be going very far away. In fact, his influence and talents will probably be felt as much or more in the labor movement than before.

O'Neal's decision, surprising even many close associates, was prompted by loyalty to his own troubled union, the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

His union is in urgent need of his considerable managerial and organizational talents.

In his new post, Mr. O'Neal will remain very much in the forefront of union activity. In fact, his decision amounts only to a shifting of emphasis, a concentration of his skills, from general to particular labour affairs.

So we say Mr. O'Neal won't be missed because he'll be still in a commanding position in labour movement. He will not easily be replaced as those charged with finding a successor are now discovering.

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LETTERS

Sir:

As a regular contributor to a number of trade union journals I find *The Labour Statesman* both interesting and informative. News of Union and Labour activities, particularly in Western Canada, is hard to come by in England.

The Press here, as in most countries, is largely interested in spectacular news — which is not always the most important.

On May Day large contingents of Trade Unionists, Cooperators and Young Socialists marched from the Thames Embankment to Hyde Park, where a number of successful meetings were held.

Indeed, the *Guardian* reports that it was "one of the biggest May Day rallies in Hyde Park for many years . . ."

Many speakers and banners emphasised their opposition to American intervention in Viet Nam; some even called for a "Victory for the Viet Cong." Others objected to the government's proposed Trade Union legislation.

Best wishes,

—Peter E. Newell,
London, England.

Sir:

In the negotiations for a new working agreement with the cities of Port Alberni and Alberni (these) negotiations have broken down to the point that a conciliation board is now being set up. . .

R. M. Foxcroft,
CUPE Secretary,
Port Alberni.

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HOLLYWOOD OPENLY ENGAGED IN A SORDID 'DRAG' RACE

(Jane Arden is obviously a pseudonym for a young Canadian woman who worked for one of Hollywood's major studios. Recently she returned to Canada because of disillusionment and, as important, a growing uneasniess over the reactionary political climate of California).

JANE ARDEN

Chalked on the wall of an apartment house on Hollywood's Selma Blvd. is the proclamation: "THE GAY WORLD WILL ARISE."

For aficionados of the late-late show who recall "The Blue Angel" in which Marlene Dietrich kisses a woman admirer full on the mouth, this pronouncement may seem a little late — at least for Hollywood.

In fact, the whole homosexual world of Hollywood is now so overt that *Playboy* could recently refer to Cary Grant thus: " . . . thereafter he bcame a much sought after boudoir adornment of almost every top female star of the 30's —at least in their pictures.

"Like a good many of the male stars of the period, he behaved circumspectly otherwise."

Key words: "circumspectly otherwise." Circumspection may have existed in Hollywood in the 30's, certainly homosexuality did. But circumspection is no longer necessary.

Hollywood Blvd. (a street of losers, I recall) is filled with cruising young men from Ohio or Ontario. Its side streets are crowded with "fag" bars and a depressing assortment of young and aging men, all pandering in one way or another.

Hollywood's brass ring, of course, is fame and fortune. That means an agent. And one of the quickest ways to one of the most powerful agent's heart is through his habits.

He wouldn't give 'thank you' for a combination of Bergman and Monroe. But a young man! If by some quirk the youth has a modicum of talent we find a new star in the constellations, a Rab Bolder, Mack Hunter or Vane Olden.

Adoption of such flack names inevitably entails adoption of new sexual mores, if this hasn't already happened.

Nor are these pecadillos confiined to males — remember Dietrich?

I was very nearly caught off guard when I first arrived. The "she" of the case is an aging child star better known for repeated comebacks than lingering of former talent.

A well-paid job was offered as "laison" between herself and her agency (she's one of the more difficult performers). But the job was predicted on my moving into "Miss Vibrato's" Bel-Air home.

Suspicious, I checked with some studio contacts: my fears were well founded they said. Recently this she-suitor married a much younger man and I'm not too sure about *him*.

A rueful discussion with another Canadian (successful) followed. What about finding work on the basis of talent and merit?

He declared firmly: "Money has no value in this town kid. The only commodity they trade in is sex, and hot the kind you read about in 'Tell Me Doctor'."

For several years I lost one cherished illusion daily. Two favorite stars, both Academy Award winners, who played a delightful husband-wife series, for example.

The pair have remained close friends, each accepting the others preference for members of their own sex. Or one of our own exports, noted for forensic histrionics, who changes into "drag" (female clothes) on the way home from the set.

An amazingly handsome leading man has been known as the "Queen of Beverley Hill" for 30 years.

Agents and managers often arrange "marriages" to squelch rumors about their valuable properties. Three of these convenient nuptials were performed last year, in each case involving a rising young male star.

Directors, executive producers, promoters and PR men could also be cited. The convertible has replaced the notorious casting couch.

What used to be underground is now an open way of life, no longer limited to the film industry but flourishing throughout Southern California.

So after some undistinguished jobs with a couple of studios I was faced with the decision of progressing only by a drastic switch in my normal inclinations or contenting myself with obscurity.

Fortunately, I had another choice and I seized it. I returned to Canada.

THEN

NOW

"Circumspectly Otherwise"

TV DISPUTE

REGINA (CPA) — Meetings between the management of television station CKCK, Regina, Saskatchewan, and officers of National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians and the Saskatchewan Federation of Labor failed to resolve the dispute arising from the company's decision to reduce by one-third its technical and operations staff.

Eight employees in a bargaining unit of twenty-four are affected.

Proceedings leading to the prosecution of the company and seeking re-instatement of the employees have been initiated.

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ELECTION SOON: NDP READY, MANNING FACES BIG FIGHT

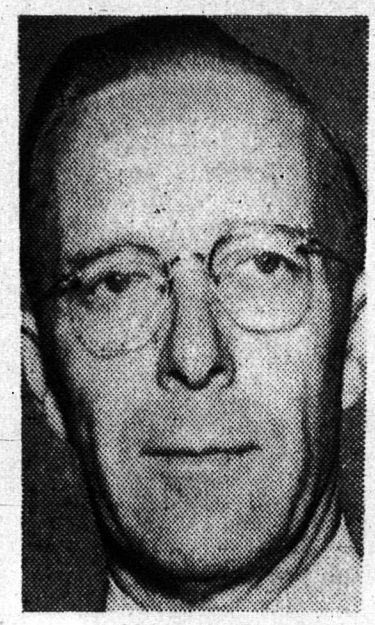
EDMONTON (Special): Is Premier Manning at long last in serious political trouble?

The question is no longer being taken for idle speculation or wishful-thinking by either the long-ruling Socreds or their opponents.

The fact is that there are unmistakable rumblings of discontent rolling across the foothills. From campus to Union hall complaints are growing against the Socred regime.

No where was this discontent more evident than at the recent convention here of the Alberta New Democratic Party, conceded to be the only party with any chance of threatening Manning's administration.

Nearly 800 delegates and union leaders attended the Fifth Annual Convention held at the Edmonton Inn in April — just about four times as many as attended the previous year's NDP convention.



MANNING

The growing strength of the NDP stands out in sharp contrast to the condition of the other parties. The Conservatives, for example, are considered moribund, while the Liberals are financially bankrupt and recently forced to fire the organizing staff.

Against this the NDP recently added an additional organizer to its ranks bringing the number of full time organizers to five.

The NDP claims to have money in the bank (though refusing to disclose the amount) and ready to field a full slate of candidates at the next provincial election expected in late October.

The Socreds themselves privately admit that "we might be in trouble in at least 10 ridings."

These developments were taking place under the nose of the usually apathetic Alberta press which only began to take note of them after the display of vigor at the NDP convention.

"Astounding," commented *The Edmonton Journal.*

For the first time there seemed to be more promise than hope when Neil Reimer, Alberta NDP president declared at the convention: "We have passed the first mile. Now we're ready for the second."

Which could mean Mr. Manning will face the political fight of his life this fall.

PACKING TALKS GO ON

TORONTO (CPA) —The United Packinghouse Workers of America is still calling for substantial wage boosts, a cost-of-living adjustment and reduction of the work week in continuing bargaining with the packing industry's Big Three — Canada Packers Ltd., Swift Canadian Co. Ltd. and Burns and Co. Ltd.

Contract renewal talks at Canada Packers have reached a deadlock while further negotiations are scheduled at Swift's and Burns.

At Canada Packers, the UPWA and the company agreed in April on appointment of H. Carl Goldenberg of Montreal, noted labor arbitrator, as mediator. Labor law in Ontario and Manitoba provides for use of a mediator in place of a conciliation officer and board.

The parties then pressed provincial authorities in British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec and Prince Edward Island to appoint Goldenberg as a conciliation officer —thus providing a single mediator for all provinces with Canada Packers plants.

In separate talks with Canada Packers, Swift's and Burns, the union urged pensions equivalent to 75 per cent of an employee's best earning period level, improved vacations and severance pay. The UPWA has also proposed a full union shop, a ban on contracting out of bargaining unit work and the right to refuse to cross picket lines.

The last set of agreements with the Big Three, negotiated in mid-1964, covered more than 11,000 employees and constituted a pattern-setter for the industry.

The contracts, which expired in April of this year, provided a two-stage wage boost of 11 cents an hour.

QUIET SCENE

EDMONTON — Only one labour-management dispute is causing widespread concern in Alberta at the present time.

This is between the Packinghouse Workers, bargaining nationally, and major meat packing companies such as Swifts, Canada Packers and Burns.

It is of particular concern to Edmonton where meat packing is the major industry.

Other disputes in the province are:

Amalgamated Transit Union (Division 569) with the City of Edmonton;

Beverage Dispensers Union (Local 579) with Corona Hotels Ltd.;

Boilermakers Union (Local 392) in Calgary with Calgary Steel Tank Co.; and

International Chemical Workers (Local 530) with Inland Chemicals Ltd. at Fort Saskatchewan.

TYPO CONFERENCE SET

CALGARY: Thirteenth session of Alberta Typographical Conference is to be held at the Hotel York, Calgary, Sept. 17 and 18.

H. G. Buchanan (B.C. Conference president) and Alberta Conference president Charles Buijert, are working on plans for the Centennial Seminar, and it is expected that this project will figure prominently at the conference.

As for Albertans, the fall conference will be the last before the Seminar which is slated for the long weekend in May next year. It is expected that Mr. Buchanan will lead a strong delegation from B.C. to aid in finalizing the Seminar program.

At the last conference it was decided to promote the exchange of fraternal delegates with the Montana Typographical Conference. An invitation has been sent that conference to attend the fall meeting.

SENATE SUCCESS

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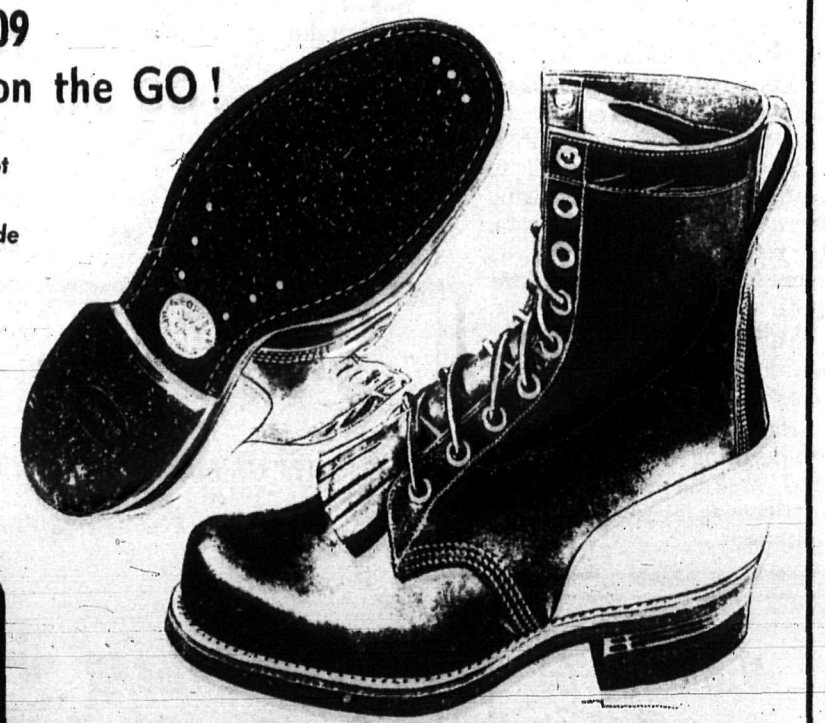

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GENTLEMEN PICKETS IN SALESMEN STRIKE

VANCOUVER— A strike which could put ethics and lower prices in the retail auto market continues here and will mark its first month June 17.

Some 15 car salesmen, members of the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union (Local 580) are on strike for a first agreement.

Believed to be the first of its kind in Canada, the strike could set a precedent for other car salesmen across Canada.

Ray Haynes, local president of the RWDS, has described the strike as a "gentleman's strike," an accurate description from the picture of salesmen pickets Jack Gardner and Al Fyfe (above).

The two pickets were dressed as chauffeur and tuxedoed gentleman as a gimmick to publicize the strike at Dominion Vancouver Motors. On this occasion the picketing was done in a Cadillac.

The salesmen were certified April 1. They are asking for $375 a month base salary plus commissions.

Salary, however, isn't the main point of the dispute. It is the company's demand to be allowed to fire any salesman who does not earn $500 a month in commissions over and above the basic salary.

The union was successful in obtaining an injunction last month to prevent the company from interfering in union organizing and administration.

A company application for an injunction to prevent picketing was rejected by Mr. Justice Rattan.

The strike has already forced a lowering of car prices in Vancouver with other companies trying to meet Dominion Vancouver Motors "almost give-away" policy.

The strike has been 100 per cent effective with some 50 members of the International Association of Machinists of the company respecting the picket lines.

Salesmen across the country are carefully watching the outcome which if successful will eventually mean increased incomes and job security.

VULNERABLE WIVES

I wouldn't dream of letting my wife go out to work. Her place is definitely in the home. Working women meet so many people in their working life that they become vulnerable. — **Letter in —Sun, London**

EXODUS CRISIS IF IWA STRIKES

Sales representatives of large American corporations are scouting the Canadian lumber industry to entice workers across the border to meet their labour shortage.

This recruitment is based on the expectation of a strike in the lumber industry and the lure of higher wage levels now prevailing in the United States.

If a lengthy strike occurs in the B.C. lumber industry, as some predict, a large scale skill-drain would seriously handicap a return to efficient production.

The long - term consequences of such a development caused concern on the part of IWA officers when the situation was reviewed at a recent Regional Executive Board meeting. The employers continued in adamant opposition to all the union's demands and is setting the stage for a movement of workers that may create a catatrophic vacuum in B.C., some local unions claimed.

IWA negotiations took a turn for the worse when Conciliation Officer John Sherlock announced that his efforts to find an area of settlement were at an end. It is freely predicted that the Labour Department will bypass a Conciliation Board and appoint a mediator, as on former occasions.

IWA Regional President Jack Moore reported to the Union that the employers had made no overtures during the two ten-day rounds of discussion.

"We are as far apart now as when we presented our demands to the lumber opperators," he said. "Conciliation Officer Sherlock was unable to convey to our Negotiating Committee any suggestions from the employers that they are prepared to modify their originally announced intentions to cut back instead of improve our contract."

Statements originating with large American corporations reveal a nationwide search for experienced workers, in which they are competing with each other.

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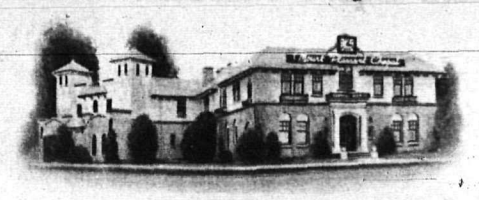

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OUR CORRESPONDENTS WRITE

VICTORIA

VICTORIA — According to Macaulay the Puritans hated bear-baiting, not because it gave pain to the bear, but because it gave pleasure to the spectators.

The new labour organization, known as the Christian Labour Association of Canada, appears to have some Puritan overtones.

The group isn't so much concerned with easing the working-man's burdens as with effecting his purification.

That is the verdict of Victoria's Religion - Labour Council after studying CLAC. The study was called for by the Labour Council, which had been discussing CLAC, wondering what made it tick.

The opening statement of the report, ably written by local clergyman Rev. H. T. Allen, is worth quoting:

"The Christian Labour Association of Canada is a recent arrival on the Canadian Labour scene. It was brought in by the Christian Reformed Church which since the last war has grown greatly in Canada by immigration from Holland.

"It brings a Netherlands and continental approach to labour relations and organizations which is not the traditional one here.

"The CLAC approaches the question of trade union organization from their viewpoint of Christian perfectionism and does not seek to meet and resolve industrial tension merely on the basis of interests that are centered about the situation."

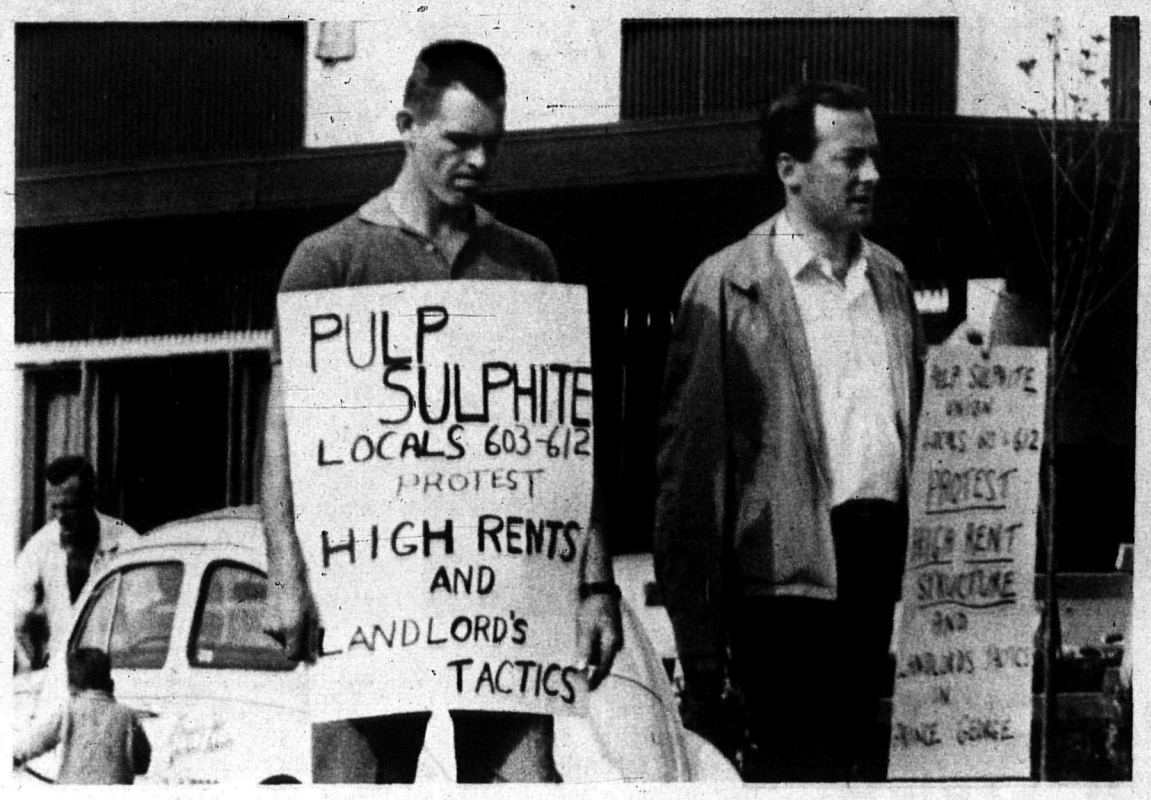
Thus in the gospel promulgated by Antonides, which, among other things, gives sanction to the dismantling of bargaining units, as presently set up, there is little real protection for the worker.

He would be in a most precarious position, left virtually defenseless in the industrial jungle, while all the great problems storm-in on him.

But why worry about such mundane things. The pain will do you good.

CLAC's Committee for Justice and Liberty recently came to town about reforming the labour laws. The brief it presented has at least one claim to our attention. As an exercise in the abuse of sematics it is a prize essay.

Larry Ryan.



PR. GEORGE

PRINCE GEORGE — The "boom" here has brought with it its twin, "housing crisis."

High rents now being charged by local apartment owners have erupted into a major labour problem which has held local headlines.

Pickets appeared outside the Spruce City Apartments to back up demands for a $50 a month "rent" subsidy by International Brotherhood of Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

The *Prince George Citizen* editorialized about a "fix" to seek wage boosts.

But the paper itself admits "there's only one way to keep rent reasonable (sic)—develop an apartment surplus." Which is another way of saying the Pulp Workers are right when they claim rents are unreasonable.

Meanwhile, workers who protested the high rents are threatened with being refused any accommodation by apartment owners.

The rent protest was led by Frank Braithewaite who is to be evicted as we go to press. But organizing behind the demonstration was union business agent Peter Marshall who said the union supports the tenants' stand.

The whole situation worsened with the cut-back in mortgage money available from CMHA resulting in a slow-down in housing construction.

The situation brought a strong protest from Prince George city council and both locals of the Pulp, Sulphite Union to the federal government which then promised "forthcoming action."

Several men have already quit the two new pulp mills because of inability to obtain suitable or reasonably-priced family dwellings.

Meanwhile, the first pulp mill has gone into production, a second slated to start in July.

Prince George and District Labour Council in April endorsed NDP candidate Patrick Denton to contest the Fort George riding.

Council is supporting Plumbers and Pipefitters to have the Vocational School open a course for their apprentices.

C. H. Webb.

PORT ALBERNI

PORT ALBERNI — Our last regular Council meeting was well attended and gave unanimous endorsation to the position taken earlier by the executive of the council in opposing United Appeal for the Alberni Valley.

The executive of the Council had stated earlier that it is an insult to every clear thinking Canadian that research for such things as cancer, heart disease, etc., should depend on charity.

Worthwhile research projects and those which are now dependent on charity should become responsible to the Governments and be financed through proper taxation, so that every Canadian would pay according to their ability.

Council also pledged unanimous support to the By-law on the proposed Centennial project which includes an indoor swimming pool and activity centre.

Executive officers of the Council were constituted as a committee to investigate food prices in the Alberni Valley as they compare with other areas in B.C.

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CUPE STRAINS AT UNFAIR RESTRICTIONS

HAMILTON (CPA) — Public employees in Ontario are willing to put up a fight to free themselves from legislative straitjackets.

That warning was issued here during the annual convention of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Delegates, who had come to Hamilton from across the province, stated the about 40,000 CUPE members in Ontario were ready to wage an all-out battle against discriminatory laws, infringing on the rights to bargain freely of public employees.

Of the about 64 resolutions discussed on the convention floor more than 30 dealt with demands from locals for changes in present legislation.

Coupled with these were calls for more political action on the part of CUPE to replace a government that was both "arrogant" and "unsympathetic" in its attitude towards public employees.

Grace Hartman, president of the Ontario Division said public employees were not prepared to "acept crumbs from the master's table."

"There is a new militancy in the ranks of our members who are beginning to recognize their rights," she stated.

Mrs. Hartman also said that public employees were gaining the respect of other trade unionists and could count on the support of the labour movement.

Percy Huggett, vice- president, said many CUPE members were not yet convinced that political action was necessary.

"But when the members realize that the old-line parties are responsible for discriminatory laws, which turn us into second-class citizens, they will voluntarily support the New Democratic Party," he said.

Delegates expressed satisfaction with the proposed repeal of Section 89 of the Ontario Labour Relations Act, which now grants municipalities the right to exempt their employees from the provisions in the act.

Bitter criticism was levelled, however, at threats by labour minister Leslie Rowntree that compulsory arbitration would replace the right to strike if public employees didn't behave.

In the labour movement of today, said Stanley Little, CUPE national president, there was no place for "creeping compulsory arbitration."

STRIKE POSSIBLE

HAMINTON (CP) —Employees of the Board of Education in Windsor may soon go on strike. George Hardcastle, president of Local 27 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, said the Windsor workers would be forced to take drastic action because of "discriminatory legislation."

Addressing the annual convention of the Ontario Division of CUPE, he said the employees of the Windsor school board were asking their employers to contribute more than 50 per per cent to the health and welfare program.

"Under present legislation they are prohibited from doing so, but if the only way we can get justice is to strike, we are prepared to take that action," he said.

FARMERS URGE CPR TAKE-OVER

OTTAWA (CPA) — A brief to the House of Commons subcommittee on transport and communications from the National Farmers Union has called for the nationalization of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The submission charged that the CPR has "violated the terms of its agreement with the Canadian people," has deliberately downgraded its passenger service in disregard of "its contract signed with the Dominion government in 1880."

It also charged that public regulation of the private railway has been ineffective.

In nationalizing the CPR, the NFU says that public grants in aid of construction and public subsidies paid to the company over the years should be deducted from the price paid.

The NFU brief argues that the CPR could not come into existence except for the extremely large grants and tax concessions provided for in the agreement of 1880 and the tariff wall which prevented development of a normal north-south flow of commerce in the prairie region.

It contends that the very profitable operations of the company's subsidiary, Consolidated Mining and Smelting, became possible only because of the CPR's line through the Crow's Nest Pass from Lethbridge to Nelson built with the aid of a large federal subsidy.

The purpose of the Canadian Government in taking these actions was a political one and not an economic one, says the NFU. The company therefore owes its very existence to political considerations rather than economic ones and therefore cannot claim a right to be treated the same as an ordinary business enterprise.

WITCHCRAFT WIVES

Twenty-six housewives started a course on witchcraft at Codsall Wood, near Wolverhampton, yesterday. The lessons — for women only — are sponsored by Staffordshire County Council.

—**People, London**

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LETTERS (cont'd)

Sir:

The President of the Teamsters according to newspaper reports, is ashamed of the labour movement.

I am sure he has firm grounds for this opinion when one considers that Security Guards who are members of his Union receive the stupendous hourly rate of $1.37 — after having been associated with them for over five years.

According to word floating around labour circles the security guards are bound now by a five year contract with an hourly increase of 5 cents an hour each year.

This is an unconfirmed story. Perhaps Mr. President could throw some light in this direction.

Most of these guards are employed at plants owned by large oil companies, shipbuilding firms, meat wholesalers and newspapers, all firms no doubt should be able to afford a living wage for their security services.

If this is included in the "feeling ashamed", the Teamster President does not have to go very far to do something about it.

—O. Ordling,
North Vancouver

Sir:

Receiving back copies of (TLS) pleased my old trade union heart no end. It's a pleasure to find a union sheet that is not a house organ for the porkchoppers and that still tolerates controversy in its pages, such as the debate with Prof. Young.

I was also happy to note your criticism of the AFL-CIO position on Viet Nam and foreign policy generally — too many unionists who are opposed to the war keep quiet about it.

Labour needs discussion of issues, not silent assent; debate, not simple acceptance of the views of higher ups; probing, not lethargy.

I stand in awe of your paper and wish you well in continuing your fight for the underprivileged.

Sidney Lens, Chicago.

SIR:

. . . All best wishes from the trade union movement in Nova Scotia to our brothers and sisters in the west and congratulations to TLS.

Leo F. McKay, secretary,
N.S. Federation of Labour,
Halifax.

Sir:

Vancouver Centre New Democrats wish to publicly thank all those who helped to make "A Night in Hawaii" such a great success.

A special vote of thanks must go to those constituencies who volunteered their assistance in selling tickets and in attending the dance: Vancouver South, Vancouver East, North Vancouver and Little Mountain.

Encouraged by this venture, Vancouver Centre is now planning a barn dance to be held in a barn on a member's farm near Aldergrove some time in August.

Esther Warrener,
Vancouver.

Sir:

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R. Gregory,
Richmond

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There doesn't seem to be a friend in sight.

I've walked up and down in front of this joint a thousand five hundred and ninety-eight times. Can't somebody do something to end this thing?

Wonder does my boss ever think about me now . . . as a person. Does he hope I'll be back . . . soon?

Sure would like to be back on the job. This is for the birds and even they'd chuck it.

Is that Bob's car . . . there's been a meeting. God I hope he has some news. Doesn't look very optimistic. Hell! why can't the Union get a settlement.

P'raps they can give us a few extra cents this week, just enough to have a bit of a blowout.

'This is a picket line, lady."

"For a decent wage."

"Thanks."

That line about joining the ranks of organized labour, wonder where the troops are. Sure haven't seen any oncoming horde. Guess they're in retreat.

How'd we ever get into this situation?

This store's bulging with the stuff, coming into town by the trainload. What a helluva note — me at the front and that lousy guy packing it out the back into station wagon.

We're getting tirder and smaller and no one seems to give a damn.

Brother, can you spare some friendship?

Jean Mohart

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VANCOUVER — Once again B.C. has proven to be Canada's labour hot spot.

Strikes are endemic throughout the province and more are threatened.

IWA members have already voted 94 per cent in favor of strike action. The government has appointed Judge Nathan Nemetz as mediator.

Union officials say they didn't particularly require a mediator, that the government might rather have appointed a mediator for the Vancouver Civic Outside Workers Union.

The Civic Workers went on strike against the city for higher pay late last month and were soon followed by civic workers (CUPE-Local 389) in North Vancouver municipality.

In Vancouver a serious internal dispute is going on because Inside Workers have crossed Outside Workers picket lines. The lines in North Vancouver, however, are being honored.

At press time a strike vote is being taken by the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers. A heavy vote in favor of a strike is expected.

A strike by either or both the IWA and Pulp Workers, the latter engaged in a bitter jurisdictional dispute with a break-away pulp group, would cripple B.C.'s economy.

An unauthorized strike by over 200 members of the Electrical Workers (Local 213) Lenkurt Electric Co. led to violence and police action.

Contempt of court action is now being taken against a long list of Local 213 members and others who participated in a shoving, pushing scuffle with the RCMP.

Under the circumstances some legal authorities say that jail terms may be handed out.

Some union officials not directly concerned in the Lenkurt affair blame RCMP *agents provacateur* for the trouble.

Just before press time the Lenkurt workers returned to their jobs reportedly having failed to achieve their original purpose.

Meanwhile, several other small strikes, such as those by Sherwin-Williams office workers, go on without fanfare or publicity.

In attempting to explain B.C.'s unrest union leaders, the NDP and even some business men state that the government's severe restrictive labour laws are largely responsible.

At press time there was no sign of settlement of any of the current strikes in B.C., nor any way of heading off new ones.

OFFICE WORKERS' GAIN

WINNIPEG — White collar workers are eager to be organized into the labour movement, according to Larry Sefton, Director, United Steelworkers of America.

He made the claim at the union's national policy conference held here April 21 and 22.

"I was encouraged at the response of white collar workers to unionism," Mr. Sefton said. "The union (Steel) organized four new office and technical units during 1965."

He said office and other white collar workers are eager to organize if given the opportunity and unions make appropriate approaches.

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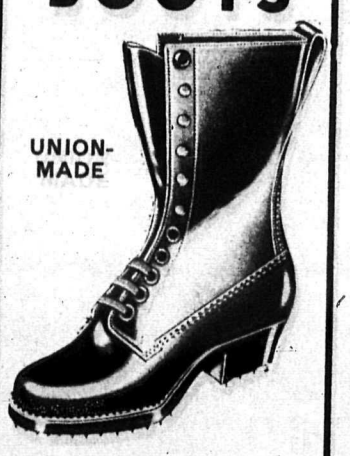

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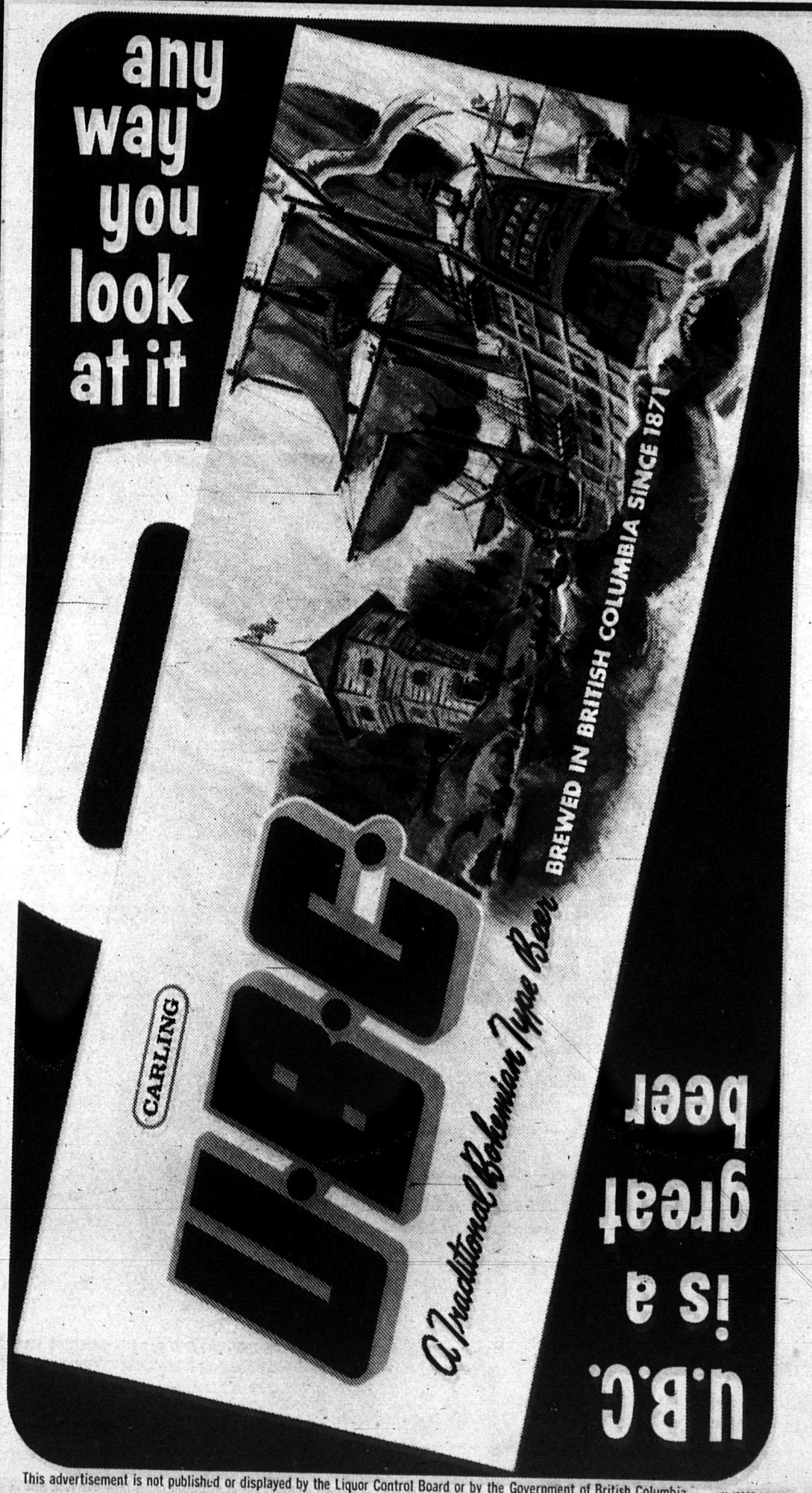

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He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, apprenticed in Ottawa and came to Edmonton in 1906.

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