# Voters did not give pro-nuclear mandate

Vancouver and district trade unionists have protestested the proposed acquisition of nuclear arms for Canadian forces at home or in NATO forces overseas.

Vancouver Labor Council will join in a post card protest to Prime Minister

The Speech from the Throne indicated that the Pearson government intends to press forward with the plan to accept nuclear warheads for Bomarc missile bases in Canada.

The April federal election that gave the Liberals a minority government did not endorse a pro-nuclear role for Canada, Labor delegates declared.

In the popular vote, the Liberal party, which campaigned for Canada to accept its nuclear commitments — commitments that have been denied by the former Tory government — received only 41% of the vote.

Other studies of the April voting show that as high as 60 per cent of the MP's elected either campaigned against nuclear weapons or did not speak in favor of a pro-nuclear policy.

In view of the voting records — which in effect voiced public opposition to nuclear arms for Canada — the prime minister should abandon his stand and negotiate a non-nuclear role for Canadian forces in Western defence.

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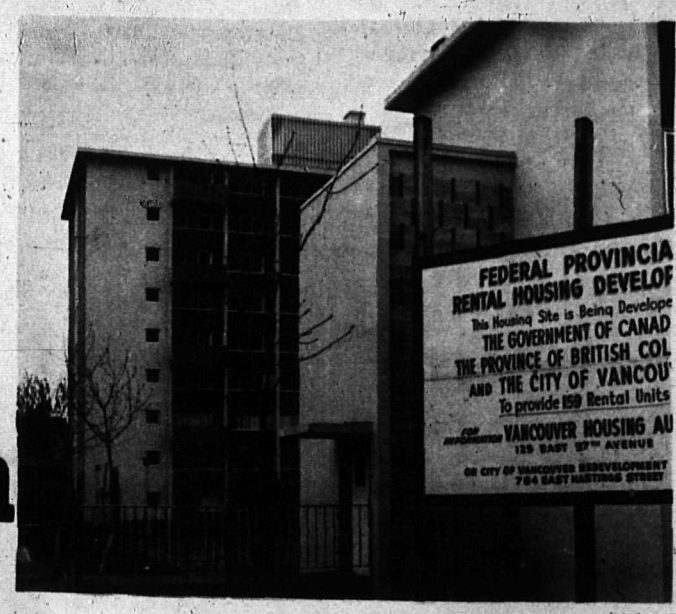

TWO HOUSING PROJECTS recently completed in Vancouver provide low-rent accommodation for citizens who were displaced in the slum clearance program. Upper picture shows part of the federal-provinicial-city housing development at McLean Park; centre, the inner courtyard and some of the smaller units at McLean Park: and bottom, a view of the huge Skeena development at Skeena and Lougheed Highway. There is a great need for this type of housing on the Lower Mainland, to clear out older rundown sections, to provide decent accommodation for many citizens, and to provide work for tradesmen and ease unemployment in the building trades. The combined effort of the three levels of government should continue to work for other similar projects.

### COUNCIL STUDIES PROTESTS

# Students job plan provides no pay

**Protests against the department of education's on-the-job training program for students will be studied by a joint labor committee.**

**Retail Food and Drug Clerks Union has protested that students would receive no pay while working under the proposed plan.**

Said clerks secreary William Wells, "For any person to work without wages is contrary to the principles of trade unionism and contrary to our democratic way of life in Canada."

Earlier protests said the program would merely provide a supply of cheap labor to employers.

Vancouver Labour Council secretary Paddy Neale and B.C. Federation of Labour secretary Pat O'Neal will study the ramifications of the proposal and report later.

The department of education's plan would place students in industries and businesses for training under actual working conditions on the basis of one day a week for a training period of about six weeks.

But they will receive no pay for this on-the-job training.

And it is feared students could replace regular workers on some types of jobs if an employer wanted to use different students each day.

Wells said a type of training has been in effect in the retail industry for many years.

"Our union has recognized the value of student help and has entered into contracts with retail merchants throughout the province to encourage on-the-job training programs."

But, he said, trainees have been included in collective agreements and students have the protection of contract provisions on working conditions, wages and fringe benefits.

"We have welcomed over 1,500 school students who have become strong union members and who have actively taken part in the affairs of the union."

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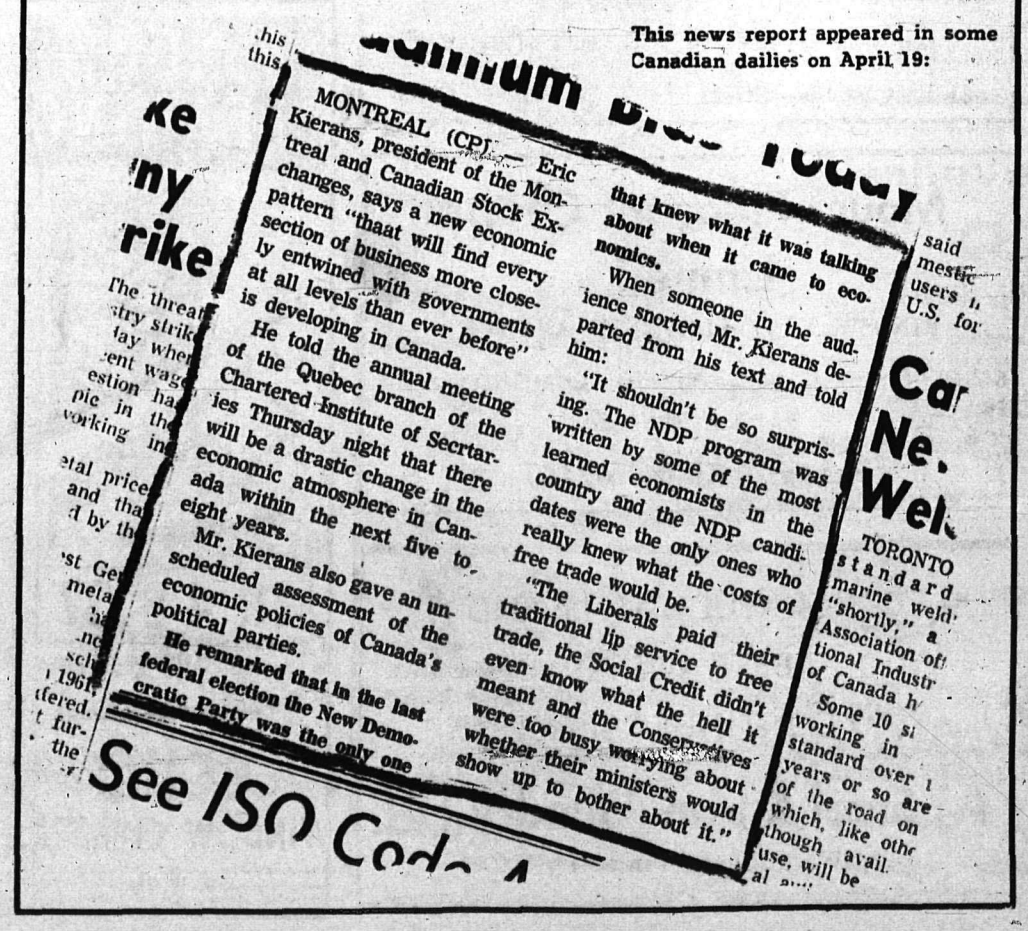
## And why wasn't this said BEFORE the election?

**This news report appeared in some Canadian dailies on April 19:**



MONTREAL (CP) — Eric Kierans, president of the Montreal and Canadian Stock Exchanges, says a new economic pattern "thaat will find every section of business more closely entwined with governments at all levels than ever before" is developing in Canada.

He told the annual meeting of the Quebec branch of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries Thursday night that there will be a drastic change in the economic atmosphere in Canada within the next five to eight years.

Mr. Kierans also gave an unscheduled assessment of the economic policies of Canada's political parties.

He remarked that in the last federal election the New Democratic Party was the only one that knew what it was talking about when it came to economics.

When someone in the audience snorted, Mr. Kierans departed from his text and told him:

"It shouldn't be so surprising. The NDP program was written by some of the most learned economists in the country and the NDP candidates were the only ones who really knew what the costs of free trade would be.

"The Liberals paid their traditional lip service to free trade, the Social Credit didn't even know what the hell it meant and the Conservatives were too busy worrying about whether their ministers would show up to bother about it."

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**this issue**

**A powerful—and dangerous—anti-labor campaign has been uncovered in the U.S.**

**See story on Page 6.**

# Can the Liberals find those 800,000 jobs?

(Special)

OTTAWA — The star boarder in the house of free enterprise — unemployment — is waiting for Prime Minister Pearson and his minority Liberal government.

The government finds itself with an election promise of quick action on the job problem. That campaigning, heard across the country, said the Liberals would get things moving so quickly that their breeze would curl your hair.

There are more than 500,000 people out of work waiting for Pearson's hair curling gusto and all Canada hopes it will be a permanent wave.

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But what are Mike Pearson's chances of getting things done?

He is faced with the need to create 800,000 jobs in the next four years. And so far, the Liberals have shown no more equipment than a proposed National Development Board — and this will be limited by campaign commitments to big business.

In the next four years 450, 000 of the nation's war babies will be entering the labor market and this added to the 500,000 Canadians already experiencing long bouts of unemployment makes up the big job task.

All of this comes at a time when the Unemployment Insurance Fund, which 10 years ago approached the $1 billion mark, is nearly flat broke.

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Pearson's Liberals are as firmly on record as was the Diefenbaker Conservatives as a party of so-called free enterprise. They continually pooh-pooh the New Democratic Party's plea for more economic planning and just where and when and how they propose to find the 8000,000 jobs — short of using mirrors — is the number one question.

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Desperate attempts are being made by Canadian educators to keep teenagers in school and to go on to higher education. This would tend to stem the tide of youngsters moving into the labor market but there's one big catch: universities can't be expanded fast enough to meet the demand.

Teenage unemployment is already twice as high as the national average and the prospects of lessening this is anything but bright in the next four years.

To add to the Perason problems, virtually nothing is known or being done about the rate of technological change and automation in industry and business. Organized labor has been urging for years that the government make a real attempt to survey this field but the Tories did no more than toy with the idea.

## Bar Union welcomes liquor rule

Beverage Dispensers Union has welcomed the new Liquor Control Board restriction on liquor companies in handling drinks at banquets and parties.

Union business agent Jack Galloway said his union had campaigned for years to have the practice stopped because many times non-union beverage dispensers working at lower-than-union pay rates were used by liquor company representatives.

Liquor companies previously had been able to supply the drinks and bartenders for parties and banquets but the new government edict bans this practice. All liquor must now be purchased through a government liquor store.

## Know your union labels

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada

## Jubilee camp holds meeting

Children's Jubilee Summer Camp Association semi-annual meeting will be held at Orlomah Beach on Sunday, May 26.

Jack Henderson will represent Vancouver Labour Council.

## Council urges end to PWA monopoly runs

Pacific Western Airlines has used its monopoly position for the purpose of strike breaking. Vancouver Labour Council delegates said this month.

A resolution has urged the Canadian Labour Congress to make federal representations to have PWA's monopoly position reviewed by the Air Transport Board.

It asks the transport board to allow applications from other airlines to put the PWA runs on a competitive basis.

The resolution pointed out that PWA, a private company, is now protected from competition by government regulation and that the protection was granted in the public interest.

But in the long strike of Flight Attendants and the traffic employees at PWA, the resolution said, the company has used its monopoly position for the purpose of breaking the unions. This can hardly be construed as acting in the public interest.

## Bookbinders strike now in sixth month

Bookbinders are holding strong in their strike at Mitchell Press. The strikers have been picketing the plant for five months.

The company refused to settle a contract renewal on the basis recommended and accepted by other plants in the city.

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# Engineer rule changes criticized

Proposed revision of the provincial regulations on stationary engineers has been criticised by Vancouver and District Labour Council.

Council secretary C. P. Neale told Public Works Minister Chant that proposed changes would create "extremely hazardous conditions."

Neale said that the revision would permit inadequately trained personnel to operate high-pressure plants and that low-pressure boilers in schools, hospitals and public buildings would be allowed to operate unattended for periods up to eight hours.

A newly-proposed annual fee of $2 also was criticized. Neale said that stationary engineers who have been certificated for life will lose their livelihood if they fail to pay the government fee.

"This is nothing more than a right-to-work-law," he said.

# Jobless council opens new NW. Burnaby branch

A Burnaby-New Westminster branch of the Unemployed Council has been set up.

Meetings are being held at the hall of Local 502 Longshoremen at 71 Tenth Street in New Westminster and at the Oil Workers union office, 5550 East Hastings, Burnaby.

Publicity chairman James Hutton said that with total unemployed in B.C. now about 100,000 the tasks facing the unemployed council are "monumental".

He said the council advises and helps persons who have run into hardship.

GETTING set for the summer sunshine is this month's pick for Union Label Gal, Shirley Golden. Her reminder to you: brighter days are ahead if you follow the practice of buying goods that are union made, patronizing services that are union staffed.

# Unemployment time loss reaches staggering total

Figures tell a simple story:

In March in Canada, there were 32 work stoppages involving 5,207 workers. Total time loss: 34,080 man days.

In March in Canada, there were 549,000 persons unemployed. The total time loss: 10,980,000 man days.

# Meat union strikes, first in 25 years

**Amalgamated Meat Cutters Local 212 have launched the first strike in its 25 years in operation in B.C.**

**Eight union members struck the Alberta Meat Company plant in Victoria after the company rejected the recommendation of a conciliation officer that the standard agreement in the industry be signed.**

**Major issue at stake are the portable pension scheme established by the Meat Cutters in contracts with chain stores and independents this year and retroactive pay.**

Employees voted 8-4 in favor if striking before they hit the picket line on May 7.

Union representative Norman Musgrave told VLC delegates that the employer had been driving scabs through the picket line in a company truck.

DONATIONS—More donations to the Labor College of Canada this month from Government Employees with $10 each from Quesnel and Dewdney branches. Total donation of $235 now has been made from provincial government workers.

# Steel wages up to near the top industrial pay

OTTAWA — Primary steel wages are crowding earnings in the petroleum industry for first place.

The average pay in the primary iron and steel industry showed an increase of 77.6 per cent in the ten-year period between 1951 and 1961. The average hourly rate was $2.54 in 1961. Petroleum hourly average was $2.60.

# ITU broadens meetings

The B.C. Typo Conference —provincial organization of ITU printing trades — will increase its number of meetings and hold smaller area conferences on alternate years.

The conference will hold two regular sessions — one in March, one in October — rotating between New Westminster, Nanaimo and Victoria.

In addition, one regular midsummer session will be held on odd-numbered years alternating between the Okanagan and Kamloops, and one junior conference will be held on even-numbered years. The later conferences will alternate between locations in the Kootenays and Prince George.

# Ask UBCM to study retail move

Union of B.C. Municipalities has been asked to study the move of a large oil company into the retail sales field.

North Vancouver city council asked for the UBCM views following a request from Vancouver and District Labour Council for municipalities to use extreme caution in granting unlimited permission to service stations to compete with retail merchants.

New Westminster city council has advised the labor council that it will hold to its present policy of dealing with each retail licence application on its own merits.

Earlier, Vancouver city council said it had no basis for rejection of retail licences to service stations as long as regulations on retail sales hours are respected.

VLC said that many service stations ars using sales of special retail items as "loss leaders" and this makes unfair competition with merchants in the same neighborhood.

In a letter to all civic governments in Greater Vancouver, VLC said:

"We would respectfully suggest that extreme caution be used in granting unlimited permission to service stations to compete with retail merchants presently in business."

Replies have not yet been received from West Vancouver, Richmond, District of North Vancouver and Surrey.

# Bartenders win nine-cent boost

Beverage Dispensers Union Local 676 has won a nine-cent hourly pay boost for bartenders in a new two-year agreement in the Greater Vancouver area.


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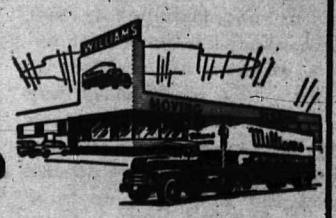


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# Many Medicare prescriptions—use caution

## Alberta plan in trouble as rates zoom

**By C. P. (Paddy) Neale**
**General Secretary, Vancouver and District Labour Council**

Medicare is in the news again.

Two sharply contrasting news items have clearly proved the importance to the public of scrutinizing very carefully all medicare plans to determine their adequacy.

Right on the heels of the announcement by the Alberta government of a so-called Medicare program — based on a subsidy of existing private plans — comes the announcement by MSI in Alberta of a 13% increase in premiums.

Alberta health minister, Dr. J. D. Ross, obviously embarrassed by the sudden cost increase, announced that a cabinet meeting would consider the matter. MSI may have blundered in climbing on the gravy train so soon, because it has emphasized to the public the danger of plans which subsidize private insurance plans.

This should serve as a danger signal to all British Columbians to reject this kind of plan which is exactly the type that the Socreds have been suggesting for B.C.

The second news item which contrasts with the Alberta fiasco is the report of a speech by Dr. E. R. Weinerman, professor of medicine at Yale University, concerning Medicare in Saskatchewan.

Dr. Weinerman told the Canadian Public Health Association that Saskatchewan had achieved a high-water mark of progress, an impressive model of planning and progress from which sister provinces and American states have an enormous amount to learn.

### Working well

Dr. Weinerman also criticized sharply the waste and inefficiency of the medical care structure in other provinces and in the United States, pointing out that the existing private system is as obsolete as "sulphur and molaasses."

Certainly this independent evaluation of the medicare achievements in Saskatchewan is something no amount of propaganda by private insurance companies and the Canadian Medical Association can cover up. Propaganda continues to pour out through the daily press and I would like to correct some of the distorted and misleading statements by the fanatical foes of a comprehensive medicare program.

The Thatcher Liberals and the Keep Our Doctors Committee in Saskatchewan have been having a tough time in their propaganda because Medicare in Saskatchewan is working well.

Administrative difficulties have been quickly ironed out and the processing of accounts is, on the average, considerably more rapid than it is under private plans. Ignoring this fact, Medicare's foes seize on and exaggerate isolated instances of delays in processing.

A more serious misrepresentation of the facts is the cry that over 200 doctors have left the province, causing an acute shortage of doctors. The fact is that there is, and has always been a steady movement of doctors from province to province, just as is the case with every other occupation.

The College of Physicians' own figures prove that there is no unusual outflow of doctors. On January 1, 1962, the College showed 900 doctors registered. On April 1, 1963, there were 896 registered. In other words, there were 4 less doctors registered as of last month than there were prior to the introduction of Medicare.

Considering that the Medicare program is making possible 140 medical scholarships and bursaries per year, it is obvious that the scare tactics of medicare's foes have no basis in fact.

A further activity of the Keep Our Doctors group, which is disgusting all fair-minded people, is the continuous slanderous insinuations against British doctors who have arrived to practice in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan has had for years a steady influx of British doctors who have proven their ability and competence repeatedly. Now, to suit the campaign by these fanatics, they are trying to destroy the reputation of the British medical profession.

PADDY NEALE

Even more despicable is the campaign being conducted to stop British doctors from emigrating to Saskatchewan. Those planning to emigrate are being contacted systematically and, by lies and misrepresentations, are encouraged not to emigrate.

Perhaps KOD no longer stands for Keep Our Doctors. Instead, it apparently should now stand for Keep Out Ooctors.

All of the lies and misrepresentations are, however, failing to obscure the fact that Canada's first comprehensive Medicare plan is operating successfully and benefiting the people, unlike the pseudo-medicare programs, such as Alberta just introduced.

## Worse than a traitor

As most people know, American author Jack London could turn a very descriptive phrase. His definition of the Scab—the strikebreaker — fits well among author's ability to vividly describe life stripped of its frills and the people who are a part of that life. Here is his definition of "The Scab":

After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire, he had some awful substance left with which he made a Scab. A Scab is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a water-logged brain, and a combination backbone made of jelly and glue. Where others have hearts he carries a tumor of rotten principles.

When a Scab comes down the street men turn their backs and angels weep in heaven, and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out. No man has a right to Scab as long as there is a pool of water deep enough to drown his body in or a rope long enough to hang his carcass with. Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared with a Scab. For betraying his Master, he had character enough to hang himself. A Scab hasn't.

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judas Iscariot sold his Savior for thirty pieces of silver. Benedict Arnold sold his country for a promise of a commission, in the British Army. The modern strikebreaker sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children, and his fellowmen for an unfulfilled promise from his employer, trust or corporation.

Esau was a traitor to himself, Judas Iscariot was a traitor to his country.

A strikebreaker is a traitor to his God, his country, his family and the working class.


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## Too many loopholes

When it comes to fighting for the best in education for our children, Labor is probably the No. 1 champion. In line with labor policy, there would be no objections to an on-the-job training program for high school students — if the program is drawn up and administered in a business-like way.

But the current plan underway in B.C. which excludes students from minimum wage regulations if they don't work more than four hours in one day or 20 hours in one week — they get no pay if under those ceilings — is wide open to abuse.

There have been many complaints already. We have reports that: some students who are NOT in occupational classes are being sent out to companies; employees have been laid off for a day and students brought in; students have worked the green-chain in a mill on an eight-hour shift with no pay; one school principal has urged employers to put girls to work for a full day, not the minimum four hours.

There are just too many loopholes. A company could take students in different shifts of four hours, without pay, and temporarily lay off some regular employees. He could save on his payroll — and what sharp operator wouldn't jump at that chance?

Our understanding is that if a collective agreement exists, students are covered, no matter how many hours they work. This means the union has to be on the job policing the contract. But that doesn't stop the non-union operator from taking advantage of students to trim costs.

The whole scheme needs tightening up.

OUR READERS WRITE

## Job lack is national emergency

Editor:

According to the latest figures, 720,500 applied for unemployment insurance in Canada. Many thousands more have run out of U.I. stamps and have been forced on social assistance. According to an official of the Family Service Agency of Vancouver, British Columbia spent 56 million on welfare last year!

These facts were hardly noticed in the papers, but could you imagine what would happen if ¾ of a million workers went on strike? A state of civil emergency would be declared, with police dogs and riot guns used on the workers, as well as the militia called out. There would be banner headlines from Newfoundland to B.C, and the editorial writers and business men would have a field day in condemning the walkout which they would claim is ruining our economy!

### What They're Saying

"It has been said that it is too much to expect countries fully engaged in building their economies to make sacrifices for education. 'Sacrifice' is a word I cannot accept. There is no such thing as making sacrifices for education, and the funds set aside for this purpose are never sacrificed. On the contrary, they are an enrichment and investment for a nation . . ."
— RENE MAHEU, acting director-general of Unesco.

But now, as our private enterprise system is on strike, though making more profits than ever through automation, hardly a thing is said. The problems of the unemployed increase, and families suffer both mentally and physically through this situation. The dignity and well being of the workers are affected through this enforced idleness, which should be classed as a crime in a country as rich as ours. This situation is a national emergency.

Instead of our prime minister hurrying to Washington to discuss the acquisition of nuclear weapons, he should stay at home and solve our unemployment problem, as no armaments of defense are as reliable as a secure and contented people.

Carl Erickson.

# CROSS SECTION

## We can survive disarmament if we submerge the politics

**From Financial Post**

Should peace break out and defence factories disappear, Western countries could expect abundance and well-being never seen before. The U.S., as the richest of the lot with the biggest budget for weapons, would come best through the change.

These opinions are, in some quarters, sheer heresy. Washington rumors of a cut in defence spending have more than once sent stock prices clattering down in Wall Street.

But do we really believe in North America that disarmament would spell inevitable black depression? If we do, surely we admit there is something seriously wrong with us and with our economic system.

Gerard Piel, distinguished American writer and editor, examines this question in The Atlantic Monthly. He asks: Why is the U.S. devoting 25% of its labor force, one third of its manufacturing plant and half of its budget to making bombs, missiles and other warlike gear?

**Not now for defence, he says. At the present enormous rate of output, the reasons are economic and political.**

**His argument rests on the proposition, supported by official data, that the U.S. "ready striking force outnumbers and outweighs that of the Soviet Union by at least five times."**

But surplus weapons ("surplus" just as surely as the mountains of excess grain in U.S. bins) continue to pile up. Why? Because this creates jobs. Automation has caused heavy "disemployment". Millions of U.S. workers are now redundant in that they are not needed to provide the goods consumers normally ask for.

**What to do with them? Busy making unnecessary military hardware (i.e. spilling money down the sink) they earn pay cheques and so qualify for a share of American abundance. But they add not one item to the flow of consumer goods glutting the markets.**

**The worst feature of this madness is the common belief that, if the arms makers ever shut up shop, the whole economy will promptly go to pot.**

But the emerging reality is this. Most of the $50 billion U.S. arms budget could be spent to immense public advantage on education, medical research, control of pollution, public health, conservation, renewal of cities—without endangering U.S. power to defeat the U.S.S.R.

Certainly the western economies could survive disarmament—but only if we think through the question in terms like these. What's needed, Piel asserts, is an honest appraisal of the present fantasy and a new, realistic look at the kind of society possible if the arms boondoogle were abandoned.

## Careless image of adults spells death for children

More than 2,000 children under age 5 die in Canada each year from accidents and half a million are injured, the National Safety League of Canada estimates.

Most of those accidents occur around the home, and most of them are needless.

The League blamed adult carelessness for most of the accidents to children. Most of them could have been avoided.

Accidents are Canada's greatest killers of children and many young Canadian lives can be saved if we work at safety.

Adult example is the best teacher of safety for children, NSL claims. Bad example can distort a child's thinking and acting and could lead to his suffering or death.

## Public hit very hard but penalties are soft

It is impossible to estimate with any degree of accuracy the cost to Canadians of the operations of combines and price-fixing arrangements by business. The burden imposed on consumers by this type of activity on the part of "free" enterprisers is obviously most substantial.

Rarely do we see such penalties imposed as was the case with seven United States' electrical company executives in 1960. The executives were each sentenced to 30 days in jail for their part in price-fixing and rigging of bids, involving annual sales of $2,000,000,000, by 19 of North America's largest electrical equipment manufacturers.

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Mr. Justice Boyd McBride of the Alberta Supreme Court, in a 1951 judgment on price-fixing by six baking companies, declared that he was "satisfied that as a result of the criminal conduct of the accused corporations here, the public was mulcted of very substantial sums of money . . .".

The companies, said Mr. Justice McBride, operated "a system of misrepresentation and fraud, a system of plunder comparable to meeting a man on the street and forcibly robbing him of his money . . .". Yet the combined fines levied against the six corporations totalled only $30,000.

### Penalty small

The penalties for breaking Canada's combines laws amount, in many cases, to a licence to plunder the public. Canadians should press for changes in the combines legislation.

One obvious suggestion is that the present penalties be stiffened considerably so that they act as a real deterrent to those tempted to rob the public through illegal combinations and price-fixing.

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# Confidential report reveals depth of NAM's new anti-labor campaign

## news in depth

The B.C. Federation of Labour has recently reprinted and distributed to its affiliates a "shocker" document.

It is the confidential report of one of the preliminary meetings of the so-called "Center for the Study of Union Monopoly Power" established by the National Association of Manufacturers in the U.S.

This confidential report (a copy of which was secured by a New York congressman) confirms suspicions that the Center was established by the NAM in co-operation with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, to plan and carry out the greatest anti- union campaign in history.

It is not geared to the old-fashioned union-busting campaign that relied on company goons cracking skulls. This is a far more subtle approach—one which has been used increasingly in recent years.

It is a comprehensive propaganda campaign, the admitted goal of which is to condition the public's thinking to accept, even to demand, drastic restrictions on union activities in the form of anti-union legislation.

### The brains

Some of the brains spearheading the campaign are: Charles Kothe, vice-president of the NAM; William Barton, general counsel, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; J. Mack Swigert, law partner of the late Senator Taft and regular representative of corporations in labor disputes; Carroll French, president of Industrial Relations Counsellors; Frederick Atkinson, vice-president, R. H. Macy and Company (department store chain); Dr. John Van de Water, darling of the John Birch Society; Joseph O'Reilly, industrial relations department, Ford Motor Company; and several attorneys and right-wing Southern politicians

Here are some of the statements made at this meeting, and recorded in this confidential report.

J. Mack Swigert, in commenting on the targets at which the campaign is aimed:

**"The essential mechanism of union monopoly power is the picket line — and it is easy to forget that. But those of us who are in the thick of this continuing struggle are very well aware of it. Almost all union power in its essence has a fulcrum on the picket line. So unless we address ourselves to the elementary problem of the picket line, the strike, the boycott, and the related manifestations that lead to these devices, we are not going to have much practical effect on union monopoly power."**

### Restrictions

Referring to the type of anti union legislation which should be sought, Theodore Iserman, New York lawyer, suggested:

**"The labor unions dislike any broad approaach because it will take them 50 years to find out what the restrictions are and they won't know whether they are doing something illegal or not."**

Ellison Smith, a lawyer from South Carolina, demanded a forceful approach. He stated:

**"The only way we are going to beat this is to beat it legislative-wise . . . The trouble is that we don't have the outspoken, the real offensive approach that we need in the American business world . . . Nobody is more aware of what the public is really interested in than Congresssmen, when they are approached in the proper practical manner."**

### Plan of action

Frederick Atkinson, vice-president of the department store chain, outlined a plan of action, suggesting:

**"To look to the roots of the power which we think is inimical (whether it is compulsory membership, the picket line, industry-wide bargaining, synchronized contract terminations, or whatever else) . . . To try to find a remedy in legislation, and along with this has to be a program of public education, because whether the Congressman leads his constituents, or the constituents lead the Congressman, unless they get together, the likelihood of legislation passing is not very good . . . I am not at all sure that the public is aware of this, or that it would be responsive to what we have to say without a considerable amount of very skilful educational effort being put into it."**

Professor Frank Knight of Chicago university adds, concerning the need for obtaining further rsetrictive legislation:

**"So the problem is one of the need for propaganda at the grass roots of general education."**

The Hon. Graham A. Barden from North Carolina, added this advice:

**"I believe that if you can sell the thing we're discussing here, to the American people on the basis that it's fair, we can win."**

Chairman Kothe promised that the National Association of Manufacturers will gather the material — "packaging it in such a way that when it goes out for grass roots education, it has an appeal to the public as being eminently fair, and then the public will respond to that."

Some other comments, at random, include these:

**"We are almost in the position of having to re-educate a whole new generation as to why it's important that certain groups won't have too much power."**

### Propaganda

**"Particularly, we need to 'wholesale' the information through every appropriate organization, to the public of the United States, so that the public will be sympathetic and receptive to legislative proposals."**

**"You'll all agree the general public pays little attention to these things unless somebody takes them by the coat collar and says 'This is it'!"**

**"The missile problem might be a place to begin. Having folks out there stopping our defence effort, I think that touches a patriotic note with anyone."**

So the greatest anti-union campaign in history is launched. Has it reached you? In your PTA, church group, service club, or community organization, are unions presented in a bad light?

If so, chances are that the campaign has infiltrated your community.

## LRB rejects decertification

The Labour Relations Board has rejected an application from the employer and employees at Shoppers Market, 947 Denman, to cancel bargaining certification of Retail Food and Drug Clerks Local 1518.

United Packinghouse Workers Local 283 have been certified to bargain for truck driver salesmen of Made-Rite Sausage Co., Richmond.


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# A New Westminster Labor Council?

## Proposal poses new dangers to labor movement

By O. Braaten
Chairman
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For some time now, moves have been afoot by some people in the New Westminster area to establish a labor council in New Westminster.

This would be a welcome move for all concerned if it could be proved that a council in the Royal City would add to and strengthen the cause of organized labor in the Lower Mainland area.

However, trade unionists throughout this area must study this matter very carefully to make certain that great damage will not be done to the labor movement as such. Let is consider what a labor council in New Westminster could do and how it would operate.

The first question to ask is: Who and what unions could affiliate to a labor council established in New Westminste? Would it be only those local unions with union offices in the City of New Westminster, or would it be unions with membership in plants and industrial undertakings that are located within New Westminster, or would members who reside in the New Westminster area but work in other parts of the Lower Mainlaind form the membership required for a labor council?

### DIFFICULTIES

Those questions pose many and difficult problems, since this Lower Mainland area is indeed a metropolitan one. In travelling from Horseshoe Bay to Surrey, you are constantly in a large populated area, certainly you are travelling in what must be considered once city area: West Vancouver, North Vancouver, Vancouver City, New Westminster and Whalley.

Then how can you properly establish a labour council in New Westminster? This is a question that those who support the idea have not been able to answer.

But the request for a labor council in New Westminster now has been extended far beyond its original plan by those who are pushing for it.

### CIVIC ISSUES

The suggestion is now for the new labor council to take in part of Richmond, Burnaby, Coquitlam, New Westminster and everything else towards Hope.

But again, it must be remembered we live in a very large metropolitan area. Many people living in Vancoucer City work in factories and mills located in North Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Whalley and so on. And conversely, many people living in the areas mentioned have their jobs in the city of Vancouver.

How could such a labor council deal with civic problems that effect their union members as taxpayers, when the problem concerns a city outside of this jurisdiction?

A labor council in New Westminster and one in Vancouver would mean vast duplication of efforts, tremendous increase in administration costs, and a drastically reduced effectiveness on the part of either labor council to properly do the job that local unions expect from labor councils.

Another labor council in New Westminster, in addition to the Vancouver one, will only add fuel and fire to those forces that would like a third labor grouping in this metropolitan area.

Labor would be weakened to a point where its effectveness in civic and municipal affairs would become nil. Its capabilities of assisting local unions in negotiations through the field of research and other matters would be hampered to the detriment of thousands of lower mainland union members.

Any activies in the field of political education or action would come to a grinding halt. Yes, it would open up a field day for those people who have consistently opposed labor and for others who in the back of their mind have the idea they would not mind seeing labor completely destroyed.

The answers?

Some solutions have been discussed from time to time, but no serious action has been taken.

### MOVE OFFICE?

Maybe the day is here when we should seriously consider moving the location of the Vancouver Labour Council offices to some central spot in Burnaby, possibly close to the new Port Mann freeway.

The argument that it is too far for delegates to come from Hope into Vancouver may have some basis of fact. But the argument that New Westminster is so much closer to Hope and Fraser Valley points that a centralized location in Burnaby would not do equally as well is indeed a facetious one.

Whatever other reasons or motivations may be advanced for the establishment of a New Westminster labor council can only be considered as being detrimental to the effect of overall labor unity.

Some people may have personal axes to grind, or want to establish themselves in labor council office; the machinery is presently available to them by affiliating and participating in the affairs of the Vancouver & District Labor Council. The establishment of a new labor council adds nothing, but certainly subtracts a lot.

Let us hope the local unions and the rank and file membership will overrule those who would split the Lower Mainland movement, which inicidentally is the heart of organized labor in the province of British Columbia.

## ICFTU hits anti-British ECM stand

BRUSSELS — The ICFTU European regional executive committee has deplored the breakdown of negotiations which kept Britain out of the Common Market.

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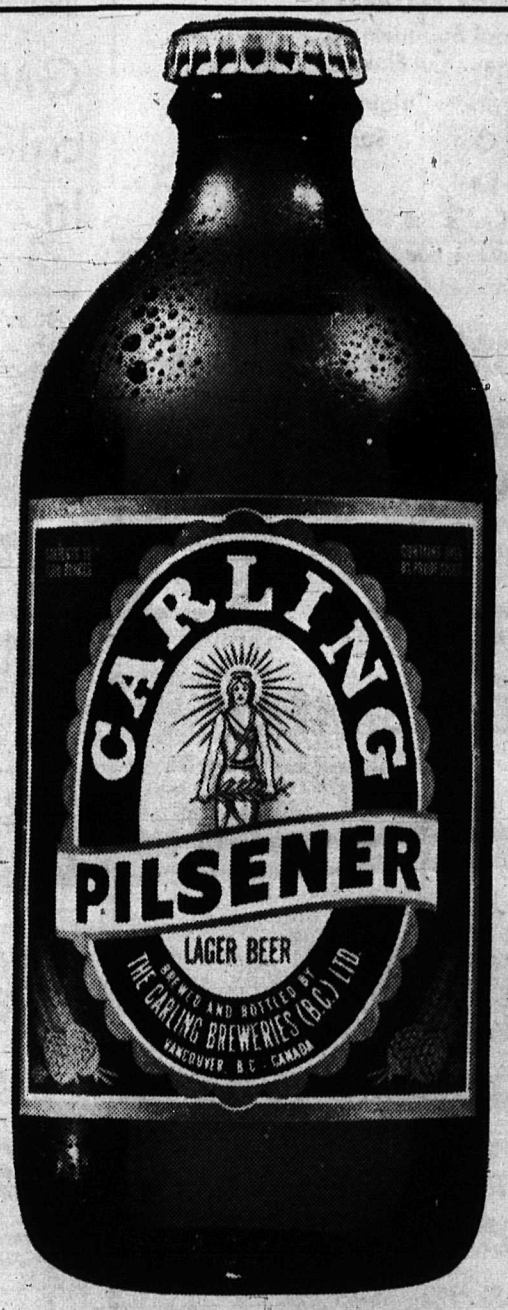


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## World news

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Under the new terms, each woman will receive a bonus of about $170 at the birth of a child and from $1 to $5.50 a day for 150 days, depending on her husband's income. Up to now the bonus received has been $50 and daily amounts of between 75 cents and $4 for only 90 days.

A supplement to old age pensions has been introduced, based on the income of each recipient. Both old-age and retirement pension, being linked to the cost of living index automatically increase when prices rise.

# GM profits call for cut in car price

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. profit figures for 1962 show the company could have cut its prices "significantly" to the common benefit of the corporation, its workers and the public, Vice Pres. Leonard Woodstock of the Auto Workers said here.

Citing GM's 1962 earnings figure of $1.46 billion—"more money than any other manufacturer in any industry" ever made in the past — Woodstock pointed out that these profits were reaped on sales at price levels "equal to or lower than" those charged the previous year on identical models and after taking the full effect of higher wages and improved benefits negotiated by the UAW in 1961.

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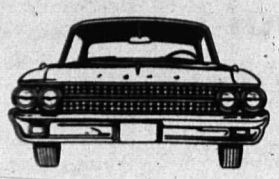

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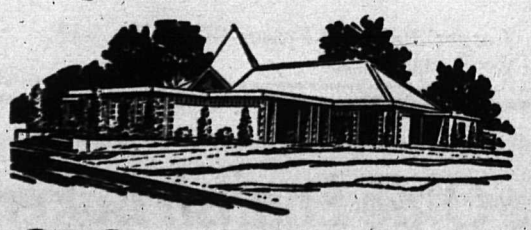

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**MORE TOURISTS — B.C. Government travel bureau received a record-breaking total of 15,985 inquiries in April, far ahead of any other month in other years. Most inquiries about travel in B.C. came from California.**

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ACCIDENTS — Industrial accidents in 1962 climbed to 76,617 — the highest since 1957 — and time loss cases reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board jumped to 23,010, up about 1,500 over 1961. The total bill during the year for benefits: an all-time high of $21.5 million.

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**NOW FIVE — Journeymen Tailors Local 178 has now negotiated five contracts with a new provision on arbitration — a single arbitrator will handle a dispute instead of the commonly-used three-man board.**

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VISITOR—George Home, political education director for the CLC, visited a VLC meeting this month, said he will remain in Western Canada for some time. One eye is on the upcoming provincial election in Alberta, the other on the posibility of a B.C. election within the next two years.

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FACES—Delegates obliged and seated at May meeting of VLC included: **B. Kennelly**, Longshoremen Local 501; **F. Woodward**, Vancouver Mailers Local 70; **W. Strachan**, Packinghouse Local 180.

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Well?—In the new Vancouver telephone directory the Bank of Montreal is after the Bank Empolyees' Association . . . well, it figures.

# Elimination of Grade 12 'supps' causes hardship to many students

Provincial department of education has been urged to abandon the proposed discontinuation of supplementary examinations in Grade 12.

Vancouver and District Labour Council has thrown its support behind B.C. Teachers' Federation and other education groups in criticizing the move.

The supplemental exam ban **will mean a one-year setback for thousands of students. It goes into effect in August this year**

The labor council told Education Minister Peterson that the change is a "short-sighted policy that will force a one-year mental hibernation" on many students.

It pointed out that many students planning to enter such vocations as accounting, banking, military service, nursing, technical or vocation training — or any other employment requiring Grade 12 standing — will be forced to delay plans for a year if they fail a subject and are unable to take a supplementary exam.

**It also means that some students will be unjustly hit simply because they are unable to write the June examinations due to illness.**

The financial loss to students who are held back, and to their parents, would far outweigh any financial gain that might come through discontinuation of supplemental exams.

The Teachers' Federation earlier told the education minister that provision for supplementary examinations for the benefit of students going into employment requiring Grade 12 education — and those who miss exams due to illness — would in no way deny the right of the university to set its own entrance requirements.

**The labor council said that the implication of the government's proposal was not realized when it was issued last year. But, it said, there now is an ever-increasing number of protests by parents and organizations.**

"Public education must be operated to achieve the optimum benefit for all students," John Hayward, chairman of the labor council's education committee said. "To hold terminal exams once per year in June is archaic."

# THE Second Section

LABOR POLICY

## Closer harmony in civic elections

Labor will work more closely with citizens' associations in civic election races in the Lower Mainland this year.

Vancouver and District Labor Council is not expected to field any Labor candidates.

The policy adopted by delegates said: "Until such time as political parties contest municipal and civic election, the council will work with citizens' associations which endorse our policies and program in the Lower Mainland area."

At the same time, VLC will urge the B.C. Federation of Labor to set up a standing committee on municipial affairs as directed by a resolution at last year's convention.

One of the main tasks of the municipal affairs committee would be to draft a municipal program for labor. Candidates who endorse the general program drawn up by labor, would win endorsation of the labor council in the civic election.

## Call back General For talks

Bring back General McNaughton.

Vancouver and District Labour Council has urged the federal government to re-appoint the veteran engineer as Canada's chief negotiator on the Columbia river development.

Labor continues its opposition to the present Columbia treaty—which has never won Canadian ratification — and is urging renegotiation with the U.S.

The treaty should be worked out on the plan recommended by McNaughton, labor delegates said. This plan, among other things, would eliminate the controversial High Arrow dam.

## Labor committee plans banquet

The Vancouver Labour Committee for Human Rights wil hold a dinner meeting in November with a guest speaker and panel discussion.

The committee announced the fall dinner after cancellation of the annual human rights institute which had been planned for April 6-7.

## Profits Soar for U.S. Firms

WASHINGTON — Financial statistics on after-tax profits in 1962 for U.S. manufacturing corporations show a new record high of $17.7 billion — 16 per cent higher than the previous year.


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# Canadian union membership holding up despite unemployment, automation

JODOIN

OTTAWA — Trade union membership has been holding in Canada despite heavy unemployment and major changes in industry, CLC President Claude Jodoin said this month.

He said reports that union membership has been slipping have been greatly exaggerated.

Jodoin, in an article in Canadian Labour, marking the seventh anniversary of the merger convention of the CLC, said the downward trends of membership have been extremely slight, far less than those experienced in some other periods of labor history.

He also said that the CLC has been making an intensive study of the white collar field where drastic changes are taking place through automation.

"The work of the white collar worker is almost daily becoming more like the work of "blue collar" production workers," Jodoin said.

"There is growing recognition in their (white collar) ranks that despite differences in the shade of collar, there is little or no difference in the fundamental problems of all workers and employees."

On jurisdiction, he said since the merger, there had been good success in settling differences between affiliates — in an amicable and reasonable way.

Only the conflicts get any publicity, he said. Disputes settled without any outbreak of trouble pass unnoticed.

He said jurisdictional problems have been given top priority by CLC oficers and "consideration is being given to a method which it is hoped will provide an improved method of dealing with differences as they arise."

## Retail Clerks continue fight

WASHINGTON — The Retail Clerks' nationwide consumer boycott against Sears Roebuck & Co. is now nearing the end of its third year and will continue until the chain "recognizes and respects the right of its employees to organize and bargain for legitimate objectives," RCIA vice-president Samuel Meyers said here.


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## $40,000 on mayor's office! What about the cafeteria?

The $40,000 renovation job on the mayor's office at city hall is just a little too rich for Vancouver taxpayers' blood, Vancouver Labour Council said this month.

Besides, there are plenty of other spots in city hall that could use the renovation money.

In a letter to Mayor Rathie, VLC said: "Labor feels that taxpayers' money could be spent to better advantage in other fields, such as the employees' cafeteria or on other facilities that could benefit all employees at city hall."

## Lion's program printing scored

**Vancouver Labor Council and unions in this area have protested the Lions Football Club the printing of the Lions' official program at a struck plant.**

**VLC secretary Paddy Neale said the club had given a commitment last year that the program would not be handled by the struck Mitchell Press plant if the dispute still existed in 1963.**

**Both the Allied Printing Trades Council and the Amalgamated Lithographers have picket lines at the Mitchell plant.**

# Labor directors report on 'Chest'

**Charles Murdoch, Jack Henderson and William Dunsmuir have been labor council representatives as directors of the Community Chest and Councils of Greater Vancouver for the last three years. This month they reported to VLC on some of the many Chest activities during that time. Here are some exerpts:**

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"In April, 1960, a very dramatic example of the scarcity of recreation programs for young people was brought to the attention of the Chest by the owner of a small confectionery store. He phoned to say he was terribly concerned about a gang of young people who met in his store. He felt they would turn to violence soon.

"The recreation and group work section of the Chest with other agencies, Vancouver Boys' Clubs, YMCA and the YWCA, went to work. With special funds from the Chest they provided the badly-needed recreation services in an area where none existed before.

"They worked with the youngsters channeling their energies into constructive and healthy activities. And to do this they used the recommendations resulting from the Chest study done in 1958-60 on the 'Recreation Services for 16 to 21 year olds.'

"The practical result was 20 or more potentially violent delinquents were diverted into constructive courses and ultimately will become worthwhile citizens.

"Aside from the victory on the human element side of the story, it is a fact that there will be a financial saving for the taxpayer, for had these youngsters gone on the same way the result would have been a heavy expense to several of the correction departments in the city."

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"We and our fellow board members are now watching with great interest a project, just embarked on at the Chset — establishing priorities of services throughout Greater Vancouver in both voluntary and government agencies. The system will evaluate services and rank them in order of importance to the community.

"Duplications, if they exist, will be seen and the value of each service in relation to those using the service, the community and the cost of operation will all be assessed."

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# Ontario sets $1 wage, $1.25 in construction

TORONTO —Ontario trade unionists have won a limited victory in the new minimum wage provisions introduced by the provincial government.

The new changes provide a $1 an hour minimum for men — except in the construction industry where the minimum will be $1.25 — and 85 cents an hour for women.

Ontario labor — like B.C. labor — has been campaigning for a $1.25 minimum and equal pay for equal work for female employees. (A $1 minimum in the manufacturing, mercantile and hotel industries was won in B.C. last fall and the female rates were made equal in these industries.)

Ontario previously had no legal minimum wage for men. the government has not indicated any change in labor's request for a cut in the maximum work week from 48 to 40 hours.

Canadian demand for wool cloth showed little change during 1962 from the previous year but domestic mills lost some ground.

Amount of wool cloth used by the country as a whole increased, but per capita consumption was down; imports filled more of the market, and Canadian cloths less.

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