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VOTE, HOPE, SAVE CANADA

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A fact beyond cavil is that the future of Canada will be determined once and for all by the party controlling the next parliament.

Though never mentioned, all parties must know we stand teetering on the brink of extinction. We can go not a step further on the present path without plunging over.

So it is as Canada faces an early end we live even without pride in ourselves, without purpose or distinction, a [illegible] spangled G-string jazzing to a foreign tune.

Such is the place half-a-century of Liberal and Conservative administrations have taken us, such the perilous and humiliating posture forced on us.

Thus national dignity is the unspoken issue in this election, underlying all other issues and promises. Without true nationhood all the plans of all the parties are so much flatulent nonsense.

History written in the next generation or two will doubtless record that Canada's least desired election was its most fateful. For Nov. 8 likely represents an hour of decision — an 11th hour decision to live or die as a nation.

If Canadians respond as they have in the past, and all the polls indicate they will, this country will surely soon vanish as a distinguishable political entity on the North American continent.

It will come within the span of many now living, and come not with the bang of headlines but with the wet burp from a fat stomach. Only contemptuous laughter from proud young Africans will mark the passing.

Thereafter all decisions taken in Ottawa will be devoid of meaning; empty gestures of native-born satraps awaiting an approving nod from foreign sponsors.

But it is wrong to look for sinister international plots to explain the erosion of independence. Plots and conspiracies there may be, but they are hardly necessary.

For Canadians themselves placed their nation on a platter to tempt foreign appetites. And it lies there today baked, basted and stuffed ready for devouring.

Though historians may some day comment that the willing display of our own palatability amounted to a suicidal desire to be eaten, we may be comforted in that this at least is a truly identifiable Canadian characteristic.

As for the present, many foreign observers believe that the process of ingestion of this country has gone too far to be reversed, even if Canadians wanted to reverse it.

To make the point Europeans will often ask sharply, when has Canada once in nearly 100 years taken an important international decision that hasn't been largely dictated from elsewhere?

Or the African or Asian observer will ask: when has Canada ever stood alone for anything, ever acted alone against anything? When has it stood up for itself alone?

These observers note our admiration for British institutions but they also note our lack of courage to even once elect a socialist government to lead the country as the British have done many times.

They may add that while a third of Canada is French-speaking nowhere can they find any of the national strength of purpose of De Gaulle's France, whatever we may think of it.

If they are being brutally frank they will explain that these are some of the reasons why foreign peoples hardly know what Canada is, let alone where it is.

Naturally we bristle angrily at such talk from foreigners. But strangely we cannot reply. We know the truth. We thought no one had noticed.

A growing number of Canadians, however, are smarting with the awareness of what we are, of what we became through the greed or ineptitude of the entrenched Canadian political establishment.

Many of us despair that against these twin, giant smooth-running political machines the individual has only his vote and his prayers.

So the individual is left with a dream and a hope for a miraculous change, even at the 11th hour. At the last second of the last hour he looks to fate to intervene and divert what seems inevitable.

And he prays the Communists will not besmirch this last tiny hope.

The country yearns to make at least one unique and significant contribution to the pattern of world history before all nations are brought by mortal peril into One World.

Deep within his soul he knows it will never happen with a repetition of the old regimes.

So Canadians who are persuaded thus can only hope that most of their countrymen will vote against the hawking cries of the two old political swarms which alternately nest in Ottawa and regularly befoul the affairs of the country.

They can only hope that all these birds — these parrots, vultures, cuckoos and lady birds—will be replaced by a new species. A species which thrives in clean northern air and doesn't fly south with the first fresh chill.

Hope is all that is left at the last hour, and our hopes are expressed in our vote.

After we vote the election will be history. But only our hopes will be historic.

NOTES

VANCOUVER — Employees must make sure that their employers give them adequate time to cast their vote.

The B.C. Federation of Labour in a special election day release said from time to time employers refuse employees time off for voting.

Time off for voting is provided for in the Canada Elections Act. It states employees shall be given three consecutive hours for voting.

The employer cannot deduct pay for the time off.

The Act states that any employer who refuses or intimidates employees over the time-off provisions "is guilty of an illegal practice . . . punishable on summary conviction."

People who find they are not on the official voters' list and have a right to be on are provided for.

Anyone who should be on the voters' list and isn't should present himself to the polling station in his area with someone who is on the list and can vouch for him.

He will then be asked to take an oath before being allowed to cast his ballot.

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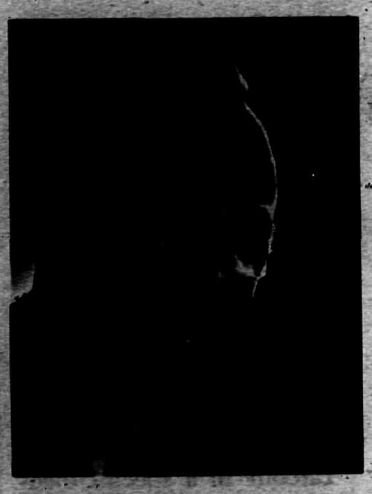
One of the biggest rallies in the current election campaign is slated for Nov. 5 when T. C. Douglas, federal leader of the New Democratic Party, speaks in Vancouver.

Mr. Douglas will address between 1,500 and 2,000 people at the PNE Agrodome. It will climax an NDP campaign which has taken the NDP leader across Canada half a dozen times.

The NDP is contesting nearly all the 265 House of Commons seats from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island.

The current NDP campaign has been one of the most vigorous in its history. Many independent observers are predicting a dramatic advance in NDP representation in the next Parliament.

NDP CHALLENGES LIB-CON GIANT



T. C. DOUGLAS

(The Hon. T. C. Douglas is federal leader of the New Democratic Party. Below is part of a speech delivered after his nomination in Burnaby-Coquitlam.)

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The events of the last three years have made it self-evident that the old parties under Diefenbaker and Pearson are incapable of providing leadership, of imparting a sense of purpose to Canada.

The New Democratic Party can, and will.

A sense of national purpose is important to a country at any time. But in Canada today it is imperative. For we are a country in transition.

We celebrate our 100th birthday in less than two years. Can we take any pride in the fact that we do so without any clear sense of our country's objectives. Are we to be satisfied with another four years of muddling along, incompetence and influence peddling?

Confederation is undergoing a period of intense strain amounting to crisis.

There are economic changes taking place in Canada which will affect the lives of every one of us.

There are new trading markets opening up in which Canada must carve a place for itself if the produce of our abundant productivity is to be sold and our standard of living increased.

And as citizens of a country wealthy in resources and ingenuity, we have a major role to play in assisting the under-developed countries of the world to achieve a just and equitable position in world affairs.

It is in the context of these developments that the need for leadership and decision-making assumes a powerful urgency.

Against this need, what is the situation in Canada today?

Right now in Canada there are over three and a half million people who have not made up their minds how they will vote on November 8th.

In all the history of public opinion polls in this country, such a figure has never been approached, much less equalled . . .

We shall not achieve a national purpose merely by talking about it, nor shall we impart a sense of direction to Canada merely by wishing it were so. We regard it as the responsibility of the New Democratic Party in this election to lay before Canadians a program which makes sense in the middle 1960s.

The first goal we present to Canadians is national unity.

Unless we can move forward as a united people there is no hope that we can tackle successfully the many problems that beset us. To my mind this is Canada's No. 1 problem and to its solution we must direct all our efforts . . .

The second goal we must set for this country is the building of a land of opportunity, the building of a purposeful society in which all the resources of the country and its people are used and developed to give all Canadians the opportunity to lead a rich and meaningful life.

More than one-quarter of all the incomes in Canada are less than $2,000 a year and over 50% are less than $4,000 a year. One-fifth of our population live in a state of poverty and another fifth in a state of deprivation. A quarter of our population live in slums and another quarter are slaves of the mortgage companies.

Ours is a society in which we spend more on advertising than we do on public education, more on cars than we spend on roads. We have enough service stations to look after our cars but not enough hospitals to look after our sick.

The reason for this is not hard to find. Ours is a society dominated by a few individuals who exercise tremendous economic power by virtue of the growing concentration of increasing wealth in relatively fewer hands. Nine hundred and seven individuals control 81 per cent of the dominant corporations and 58 per cent of the chartered banks and insurance companies.

Our task is to expand opportunity for all Canadians: our weapon is government, our ammunition is the ballot.

The scientific revolution can be a blessing, but I point out that it will not come about automatically. Left to itself, automation will cause widespread unemployment and economic dislocation.

The scientific revolution is not the only force which will seriously affect the course of the Canadian economy in the next few years. Of equal importance are changing patterns of world trade.

The recent automobile agreement with the United States shows dramatically the type of problem which will be faced in the future. In an attempt to meet changing conditions it was thought desirable that there should be closer integration of the automobile industry in North America.

It was believed that in the long run this would bring down the price of cars, and at the same time provide more employment for Canadians.

What was forgotten by the Government, however, was that although there might be long-run benefits to the economy by the agreement, there would also be temporary dislocations and short-term costs.

But the Government was not willing to help meet these short-term costs, nor was it prepared to compel the auto manufacturers to use some of the $50,000,000 annual handout they are receiving for the maintenance and retraining of the workers laid off by the auto industry.

The New Democratic Party believes that it is unfair to ask the individual worker who is displaced by changing trade patters or technological change to bear the cost of this change when it is society as a whole which benefits.

But a nation is more than an economy. The New Democrats would assist the arts and media of communication in programs to strengthen our sense of identity.

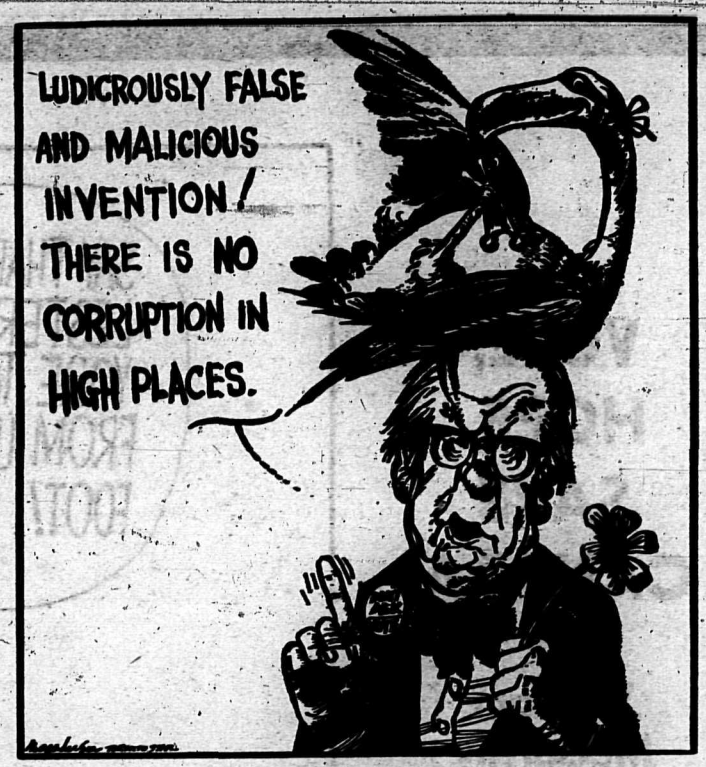
More of our artists, musicians, writers and performers must be given the opportunity to do creative work in Canada and to play their part in shaping a Canadian culture.

Given the right climate and encouragement, we could have a cultural renaissance that would indicate to the world that Canada has come of age.

Independence must go beyond our economic affairs. We must have an independent foreign policy in which we pursue policies that in our opinion will strengthen the United Nations and promote world collective security based on the rule of law.

We do not believe that American opposition to recognizing Mainland China and admitting her to the United Nations should deter us from following this course if we believe it to be in the interests of world peace.

Canada stands at the cross-roads of history. We will either use our unlimited opportunities or we will throw them away.



Pearson's Albatross

"This time I'm after a majority the hard way"

"Now for my next act . . ."

3 IF NDP WINS

CHET 'N' DAVID

(The following is a transcript of the NBC news feature, the Huntley-Brinkley Report, as it might be broadcast after the NDP formed a government in Ottawa).

BRINKLEY: . . . Seldom do we Americans take our good friends and neighbors to the north seriously. Such an attitude is always fraught with danger — the danger that we'll be taken by surprise.

And surprise is the word to describe Washington's reaction to Canada's recent national election in which the New Democratic Party was handed federal power.

HUNTLEY: We Americans have no counterpart to Canada's NDP which is similar to Britain's Labour Party.

BRINKLEY: The significance of the NDP government in Ottawa as far as Americans are concerned is that it is a party which will recognize Red China and implement a national medicare plan immediately.

HUNTLEY: This will be seen as a threat in some quarters of this country. But before we decide whether it is a threat we should know something about the country. Canada is situated just north of Maine and just south of Alaska . . .

BRINKLEY: Canada is a country of 20 million people who are proud and independent. It has a queen and other natural resources. It sells wheat to China and trades with Cuba.

In 1967 Canada will celebrate it's 100th birthday. It enjoys a parliamentary form of government and its first prime minister was Nelson Eddy. Good night, Chet.

HUNTLEY: Good night, David.

BARRY SPEAKS

PHOENIX, Arizona (UP) — Former Senator Barry Goldwater declared that America must investigate to determine why the two traditional Canadian parties were defeated in the recent election.

"We must first make sure that there is no danger to American lives which would necessitate the use of the six divisions standing by in case of such an eventuallity," he said from his desert home.

BURNING ISSUE

OTTAWA (UP) — Dense clouds of smoke hung over the capital on election night and early next morning as out-going Liberal cabinet ministers burned every scrap of paper in reach.

Grim-faced, the defeated Liberals set about the task with a determination bordering on panic. Desks and filing cabinets were stripped clean of confidential records.

An aging civil servant who tried to throw a pail of water on a fire burning in the main rotunda was knocked senseless by a female aide of former health minister Judy LaMarsh.

Former Vancouver-Burrard MP, Ron Basford, was in charge of fire control. "We Liberals believe in delegating authority," he said shooting a stream of water at Miss LaMarsh whose dress suddenly burst into flames.

The defeat of the Liberals and election of an NDP government seemed to unhinge many otherwise stable politicians. Jack Pickersgill was forcibly restrained from pouring gasoline over himself and turning himself into a human torch in front of the Peace Tower.

Inside all seemed confusion as the Liberals groped with watering eyes through the smoke with armfuls of official documents.

Hal Dornan, formerly a PR man with the Liberal administration, was on hand to assure reporters that what they were witnessing was not confusion.

"As you know every outgoing government needs an opportunity to clean out a few things. You might say that the Liberals are now cleaning out," he said.

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BUT NDP TAKES CAPITAL

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U.S. PONDERS NDP VICTORY

WASHINGTON (UP): The recent Canadian election in which the socialists gained power will have far reaching effects on relations between Canada and the U.S.

Americans often make no distinction between a socialist party, such as Britain's Labour Party or Canada's NDP, and "Communism."

Thus it might be hard for the U.S. to accept an NDP government on its northern border and a near-socialist government to the south in Mexico.

This perhaps accounts for the midnight cabinet sessions in the White House as the first startling results began to show an NDP victory in Canada.

The White House denies any connection between the tow events, but highly-placed officials privately term it "cause and effect."

These officials, refusing to be quoted and speaking behind masks, say the election of the NDP government created a crisis unequalled since the Fenian raids into Canada in the last century.

However, the official press release from the U.S. capital states that America respects the wishes of the Canadian people and the recalling of the U.S. ambassador is for "consultation only."

"It has nothing to do with any Canadian election at any time, in any place," a press officer declared tartly.

Pentagon spokesmen, however, were less obtuse. "A socialist government on our northern border is unthinkable," said one four star general.

"It is a dagger pointed at the heart of Boise in the great state of Idaho."

He added quickly that this was a private opinion and must not be taken to represent official U.S. policy at this moment.

Man on the street reaction was mixed. A New Yorker, asked what he thought of the Canadian election result, replied: "Canada? What's that?"

A Brooklyn housewife said she solidly supports any party in any country which promises to bring the Dodgers back to Flatbush.

In Hollywood a drunken Canadian actor who has taken up residence in the film capital was seen weaving down Wiltshire Blvd. singing "The Maple Leaf Forever."

He was immediately arrested and is expected to be brought before the House Unamerican Activities Committee.

AIM . . . FIRE!

(The following is a digest of a recent editorial in The New Republic, *published in Washington, D.C. It temporarily replaces Barry Mather who is busy seeking re-election as a New Democrat Member of Parliament.)*

A rumor of a recent addition to the extra-official ranks led to an interesting inquiry the other day.

The new program was said to bear the code letters AIM, for American Idea Men.

The little-i idea, it was said, was that distinguished and otherwise unoccupied Americans would be recruited, suitably briefed, and sent abroad to assist our ambassadors in ways yet to be devised.

A State Department information man said that he had never heard of such a program, was fairly sure that it did not exist, and suspected that somebody had picked up a confused report of a different program known for short as FAIM.

This is a wholly internal affair, the Foreign Affairs Information Management program, which brings in private management experts to wrestle with the question, so far unanswered, of how to route State's overwhelming masses of incoming information to those who ought to get it.

However, the information man said, it was just possible that another officer, who is concerned with volunteer recruitment, might know of the rumored AIM.

"My dear fellow," this man said, "I never heard of it."

His tone implied that he hoped he never would. But, he added with some reluctance, a man in the Bureau of Cultural Affairs might know of such a thing if it existed. And this man did.

There was a budding program designated AIM, the letters did stand for American Idea Men, and a roster of candidates from all fields of American" was being prepared.

It was not to be confused with earlier programs, notably the venerable American Specialists Program, or ASP, which sends musicians, actors, writers and the like abroad in exchange for similar favors from other countries.

STRIKE AGAINST LIB-CON COMPACT

It is important for all Canadians to know and understand what their vote means.

It is particularly important for union members. For union members have their own party fighting in this election.

Business and management have always had their representation in the Liberal, Conservatives and, more recently, Social Credit parties.

But only since 1961, when the union movement aligned itself with the NDP, have the clerks, the drivers, the machinists — all blue and white collar workers — had true political representation.

The *Labour Statesman* therefore advises all union members to support NDP candidates. We say "advise" because we desire that voters make up their own minds.

We give this advice in an honest assessment of the records of both Liberals and Conservatives and what we can expect from a New Democratic government.

In a sense a vote for the NDP is like a strike vote against neglect, corruption and incompetence.

We do not make this claim lightly. Readers are already aware of what Mr. Diefenbaker did with the biggest parliamentary majority in Canadian history. Nothing.

Readers are similarly aware of the outrageous scandals of big business and underworld influence on the Liberal administration.

But there are other reasons for voting NDP. When deciding on your choice of candidate consider these facts:

In July, 1964, Conservative Terry Nuggent killed an NDP proposal to lower the voting age to 18;

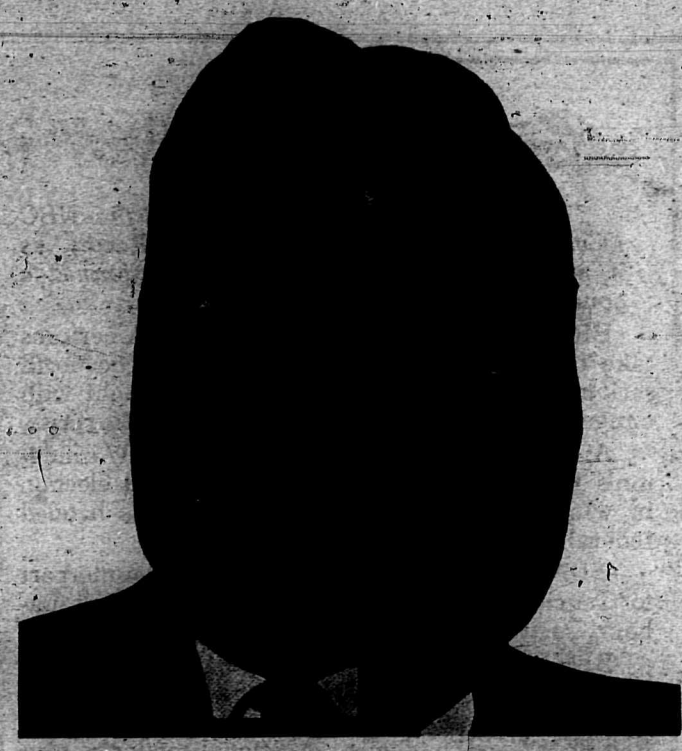
Four days later Agricultural Minister Mays scuttled a Liberal pledge to provide free milk to school children;

Within a week Labour MacEachen refused to protect Canadian sailors being replaced by cheap West Indian labour;

In that same month Conservative Jack Biggs said: "I do not believe we need labour unions at all . . . This is still a jungle and the labour bosses are the biggest apes in the jungle";

There are dozens of other instances when both Liberals and Conservatives betrayed themselves in that year. Incidentally, they were encouraged and supported in these anti-labour tricks by the Social Credit rump.

But perhaps we should look at the record of 1965, the year the Liberals suddenly thought that we needed another election.



We will leave it to the reader to form his own conclusions on Prime Minister Pearson's threat that if he doesn't get what he wants we'll have yet another election.

But earlier this year the record reveals:

In February the Liberals defeated an NDP proposal for a $1.50 minimum wage;

Next day the Liberals decided to hire disabled and handicapped people for less than the federal minimum wage;

In the same month the Liberals defeated an NDP proposal to grant three weeks holiday to workers under federal jurisdiction;

Then in March the Liberals reneged on a 1963 promise to make old-age assistance available to widows and single women at 60;

Three days later Revenue Minister Benson gave a flat "NO" to an NDP proposal to pay old-age security pension of $100 a month at 65 immediately;

At the end of April the Liberals and Socreds combined to defeat an NDP proposal to grant income tax exemptions to single persons earning less than $1,500 and married couples earning less than $3,000 a year;

The list is long and space permits only a few examples. These few, however, should persuade any union member to vote NDP which has a long and honorable record of working for people.

A vote for the NDP is a vote to strike against one of the sorriest and most scandal-ridden managements in the country's history.

LETTERS

Sir:

Just what are you trying to do? You run a "woman's page" and then proceed to show how stupid we are ("Feminine Vote a Scarey Thing" by Susan Dufresne in October issue).

For your information it took us women many years and much suffering wearing uncomfortable bloomers to win votes for women. Now you seem to imply that we should turn the clock back.

If you want to have a Woman's Page you must first make us feel good. All fluffy and cosy. Tell us how nice we are and smart. Furs, big cars and swimming pools, and silky underwear, those are what we want to hear about.

I don't know who Susan Dufresne is but I'll bet "she" is a he.

Mrs. Jane Redief, Victoria

(Miss Dufresne is emphatically a "she." As to women being "stupid" voters she neither said nor implied any such thing. Reader Redef supplied the word.—Ed.).

Sir:

The front page article (October issue) of *The Labour Statesman* nicely avoided the important question of just how many seats you think the NDP can or will win. This is what we want to know. How about it?

Joe Ibenez, Moose Jaw, Sask.

(We called on the Delphic Oracles for an answer but as usual they replied with a riddle: "The NDP will lose and win / Though West will go East / And Ottawa will spin / But not from excess of feast."—Ed.).

Sir:

Some one from a visiting banana boat passed on a copy of your paper. After reading it I just wanted to let you know that I think it stinks and I hate all unions. I dare you to publish this little letter.

Frank Everett,
Bahama Islands

Sir:

Man does not live by bread alone. The Good Book teaches us. Seek and ye shall Find and the Meek shall Inherit the Earth. Think not then, brothers and sisters, of the Earthly rewards but of the Life after Death, of the Heavenly Bliss as Revealed by The One who died that all will be Saved.

Think of Eternal Salvation and help us to spread the Word of God to the heathens and Godless men who run around the jungles of Africa naked. Help us with our Glorious Mission work in far away fields. Think not of yourself. Send a donation to The Crusade for the Great Iife Beyond Inc.

Harry Galardi,
Tulsa, Oklahoma

(Instead of sending any hard earned cash to spurious outfits such as this vote NDP. It will do you a lot of good on earth, and maybe even help you in "the Great Beyond."—Ed.).

Sir:

Congratulations on the excellent make-up of *The Labour Statesman* issue for October which just crossed my desk.

It has superb typography and layout is most readable.

G. K. Cowan,
Economic Council of Canada, Ottawa

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IT'S ELECTION NIGHT IN CANADA!

As in previous elections both National and Provincial, the CBC News Service will utilize its full resources to bring Canadians the fastest and most reliable election news and returns on election night, Monday, November 8.

Reporting of results will start on both radio and television when the polls close at 7 p.m. P.S.T. and will continue until the overall result is known.

At 8 p.m. the Yukon will link up with the Pacific radio network when the polls close in the north.

CBC TV News has organizer election reporting teams at six regional centres to collect results from all 265 constituencies across the country.

There will also be reports from the five party leaders and from the respective headquarters of major political parties in Ottawa.

For campaign and election-night coverage on television, James M. Minifie has transferred from Washington to cover the Quebec scene; Peter Reilly has returned from UN headquarters in New York to report on Ontario; Kingsley Brown is in the Maritime provinces, with assistance from Doug Brophy in Newfoundland; Ken Mason is reporting from the Prairies; and Harry Nuttall is covering the Pacific region.

Also from B.C., on-camera coverage will be presented from Kamloops as the results of that contest become known; and from Burnaby, Bill Herbert will be standing by ready to report the news from the T. C. Douglas headquarters with Len Chapple reporting for CBC radio.

Anchoring election - night coverage at Election Central in television Studio 7 in Toronto, will be Norman DePoe, Knowlton Nash, and Bruce Marsh, assisted by the noted political analyst, Peter Regenstreif, who will analyze and assess the voting trends revealed by the IBM 1440 computer — the most ambitious data communications system yet designed by IBM for CBC election coverage.

Television reporting of results will consist of 20-minute national segments each half-hour.

This will be followed by 5-minute detailed regional coverage which will be broadcast from CBUT Vancouver to the B.C. network and five minutes of local coverage carried by CBUT only.

B.C. coverage will include complete and up to the minute returns and analysis from all of B.C.'s 22 ridings. Harvey Dawes will be "anchor man" and Ted Reynolds will report on ridings.

In addition CBUT will have reporters stationed at the four parties' election night headquarters ready to bring live television coverage of news and interviews with candidates and other party spokesmen.

Reporters will be: Bob Quintrell, Bill Dobson, Terry Dolan and Arch Snow.

CBC radio has had it own team of reporters covering

the election campaign: Tom Leach criss - crossed the country reporting the national scene; Stan Rantin was in the Atlantic provinces; Alan Yates in Quebec; Tim Ralfe in Ontario; Ron Chester in the Prairie provinces and Tom Earle in British Columbia.

These men will be in Radio Election Central, Toronto, on election night and will use the background knowledge gained on their regional campaign beats as results start to flow in from the polls.

The radio reporting staff will be assisted by two political analysts — John Wilson, assistant professor of political science, University of Waterloo, and Val Sears of the Toronto Daily Star—and by CBC television's elaborate IBM computer.

CBC radio expects to be able to provide direct reports from about 35 remote locations on election night, including national headquarters of the major parties, home constituencies of party leaders, cabinet ministers, and other candidates of special interest, and key ridings across Canada.

Radio election coverage will follow the pattern of two 10-minute national periods and two 5-minute local periods each half-hour.

Voting figures from all B.C. ridings and the Yukon will be gathered in CBC radio's Studio A in Vancouver and will be fed simultaneously to Election Central in Toronto and to CBUT.

A staff of nearly a hundred people has been organized at CBU for the occasion.

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6 STRIKE REPORTS

A wild and woolly picket line for the month-old strike of Steelworkers at Craigmont Mines Ltd. Members of U.S.W.A. (Local 6523) found the most mobile form of picketing in remote Craigmont, B.C., is by horseback.

The union wants to bring mining conditions to a par with the heavy construction industry and force the company to bargain in good faith. Left to right are Keith Lintlop, Ron Bergen and James Rabbitt.

BEER FIZZ SETTLES

VANCOUVER— Brewery workers who were on strike here for two months are back at work but not all are happy about it.

A third of the 460 strikers voted against accepting the settlement with B.C. five major breweries.

The strike, however, was a success, if for no other reason than it brought the issue of automation starkly before the public.

Under the agreement a form of job security is provided with the guarantee that workers with less than seven years seniority will receive 60 per cent of normal wage rate for time lost due to layoff.

Workers with more than seven years seniority will receive 65 per cent of normal wage rate.

The contract is for three years and also provides an across-the-board wage increase of 42 cents an hour in three steps.

Ed Sims, Canadian director of the brewery workers, said " . . . if the companies had made this offer before the strike began it would probably have been accepted and this strike would have been avoided."

B/A ANSWERS ONLY WITH ADS

VANCOUVER: Bitterness in the current Oil Workers strike increases daily as the time to decide whether to extend the strike narrows.

Oil Workers Union must decide before the end of this month whether or not the strike is to go beyond the now strike-bound British-American Oil Co.

If the strike is broadened, and there is wide suport for this within the Union, it could result in a serious shortage of petroleum products and services in B.C. and other parts of the country.

B/A tankers meanwhile continue to run floating picket lines in and around this west coast port, the latest in the last week of October.

The B.C. Federation of Labour has asked the cooperation of overseas unions in resisting this sea-going strike breaking.

A clash between striking oil workers and the RCMP resulted in a strong protest to the Minister of Justice from David Barrett (NDP, MLA-Dewdney).

Grace MacInnes, NDP candidate for Vancouver-Kingsway, has termed the company's action as "irresponsible."

In his letter to Justice Minister Lucien Cardin, Mr. Barrett said he investigated the RCMP incident personally and was "deeply disturbed at the manner in which the police conducted themselves."

"The OCAW is conducting a legal strike and the company, with the assistance of the RCMP, made aggressive moves to destroy what was in effect a legitimate picket," Mr. Barrett said.

E. P. O'Neal, secretary-treasurer, B.C. Federation of Labour, wrote to Burnaby Reeve, Allan Emmott, and said that while the Federation expects the RCMP to do its duty it expects this will be done "in a reasonable, courteous and impartial manner."

He said the RCMP should not act "like a private police force for B/A Oil Co."

The union bargains for 3,500 workers in the Canadian oil industry. It has been on strike against B/A in various parts of the country since mid-September.

EDMONTON — David L. Ericksen, long an active union worker in Alberta, died Sept. 16.

Mr. Ericksen was 64. Until his death he was active in many posts including those with the Teamsters.

He was president of the Alberta Federation of Labour from 1957 to 1958.

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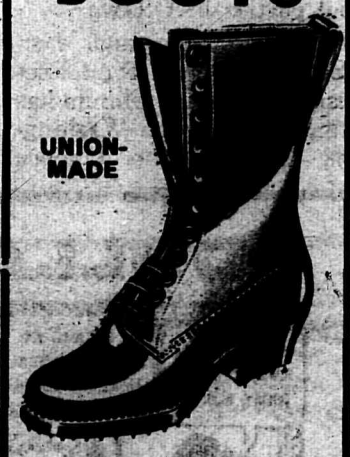
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SLICK HITS THE STAND

Susan Dufresne

Any competent editor knows full well that the standard of journalism improves with spirited competition from fresh new publications.

An so it is with great gusto and hearty fellowship that we welcome Donald Cromie's newest publication *Vancouver Life and About Town*, to the journalistic stable.

In the "Letter from the Publisher" which opens the first issue, the purpose of this monthly magazine is explained—"a colorful chronicling of the new tempo that sparks Vancouver's activities in the arts and sciences, entertainment business, and just leisurely good living."

Apparently the publisher feels that Vancouver, or more precisely, a certain stratum of Vancouver societyfi has matured sufficiently to enter an inner circle of ultimate sophistication.

Their glamorous doings in society, business, the arts, and sports are to be chronicled for posterity.

Vancouver Life promises to fulfill other vital functions as well.

For instance, if you, dear reader, wish to schedule a prominent social event, and make certain that there are no conflicting celebrations on that day, all you have to do is call *Vancouver Life's* Social Desk at 685-8331 to clear that particular date.

As they say in their informative article, "How is that for public service?"

As I continued browsing through this Bible of Sophistication, I learned that the success of this venture is essential to the welfare of our society. But alas, the style of writing is inimitable and, indeed, incomprehensible.

I gather that such exhalted and vaccuous verbosity as is displayed by *Vancouver Life* writers is requisite for "coolness" and urbanity. Consider the graphic description of the B.C. Lion's game by the Sports Editor:

"The packed stands like a great mosaic wall, a brilliant backdrop for the rhythmic movements of the players, who seem to be all taking part in some elaborate dance, the patterns forming and reforming as though in response to the directions of a clever choreographer."

After observing several of these lengthy non-sentences scattered throughout the magazine, I am forced to conclude that correct grammatical structures is no longer *ele rigueur* with the Social Establishment. So be it!

Judging by the content of the social diary, it's not the words that really count anyway. Rather, it's the pictures of the Casual - Life - of - the-Most-Beautiful- People that convey the image.

No doubt, *Vancouver Life and About Town* will succeed in fields that *The Labour Statesman* has never dreamed of entering. Together we shall satisfy the communication needs of all segments of society. We wish them luck.

We only hope that they cover all the social events of interest to the Establishment, including the recent Testimonial Dinner to Tommy Douglas.

Donald Cromie may not have been present—it's true—but then again how many parties given by Mr. Cromie or Mr. McMahon receive so much attention from that elite corps of society, the RCMP?

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History is repeating itself. The striking oil workers are being harrassed by police and subject to a business propaganda barrage.

On October 19 a serious clash took place between R.C.M.P. and legal picketers at the BA Oil plant on Barnett Road in Burnaby, B.C.

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(Inserted by the B.C. Federation of Labour)

The Milestones, a popular Canadian vocal trio, entertain some 450 delegates at the tenth annual B.C. Federation of Labour convention in Vancouver.

Also on the program is Don Crawford, one of the better folk singers from San Francisco.

A huge banquet and dance will mark the end of the five day convention Nov. 5.

LARGEST B.C. 'FED' CONVENTION

VANCOUVER—The largest convention in the 64-year history of the B.C. Federation of Labour is being held here Nov. 1 to 5 with some 450 union delegates attending from every corner of British Columbia.

Delegates from 10 labour councils and 250 unions began arriving for pre-convention registration Oct. 31 at the spacious Bayshore Inn, again the location of the convention.

All but one of the B.C. Federation of Labour Conventions have been held in Vancouver.

During the five-day gathering of B.C.'s most influential union officials, a flood of about 150 resolutions will be debated covering subjects from automation to the high cost of electric power in the Kootenays.

The Federation can trace its origin back to 1911 when 45 union men banded together after years of being hounded by police and employers. They were extremely active until after World War One.

After a period of relative quiescence the B.C. Federation of Labour began to rebuild itself. The merger of the AFL and the CIO resulted in a reconstitution of the federation and a "founding" convention was held in Vancouver in 1956.

First president of the modern B.C. Federation of Labour was Bill Black. George Home was secretary-treasurer.

Officers were Joe Morris, Bob Smeale, the late Vic Midgley and Pat O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal has subsequently subsequently been elected secretary-treasurer.

In the past decade the B.C. Federation of Labour has emerged as an effective champion of the causes of working people in particular and the community generally.

It's voice is articulate and listened to whenever the rights of men and women are threatened.

Officers of the B.C. Federation of Labour for 1964-65 were: E. T. Staley, president; J. A. Moore, first vice-president; R. Haynes, second vice-president; L. Wiseheart, third vice-president; G. Johnston, fourth vice-president.

Executive Council: B. Barker; P. Baskin; D. Crabbe; R. Smeale; C. Stewart; W. Symington; W. Trineer; F. Wood; M. Corbeil.

LABOUR GROWS FAST

VANCOUVER— Another year of growth has been recorded by the B.C. Federation of Labour with nearly 7,000 new members being added to the rolls.

Since 1964 there have been 28 new affiliations with the B.C. Federation of Labour and two reaffiliations, said E. P. O'Neal, secretary-treasurer.

In terms of membership new affiliations added 6,647 new members and reaffiliations raised the figure by 295 bringing total membership well over 100,000 in B.C.

Two new labour councils affiliated with the B.C. Federation of Labour in 1965 — Williams Lake Labour Council and Alberni and District Labour Council.

UNIONISTS SING OUT

A file two inches thick has been growing in the B.C. Federation of Labour offices.

The secretarial staff began to refer to the bulky file as the "hope chest." In it were 150 resolutions to be presented at the twelfth annual B.C. Federation of Labour convention this week.

There are seven resolutions regarding automation and the need for legislation to provide public control. Typical is that from the Prince Rupert Labour Council:

" . . . instruct the incoming executive to organize and sponsor a conference on automation to which all trade unions and labour organizations in B.C. be invited . . . and appropriate departments of federal and provincial governments . . ."

Eight resolutions called for provincially sponsored car insurance, similar to that introduced by the CCF in Saskatchewan.

Amalgamated Transit Union asked the convention to go on record for calling ". . . upon the provincial government to establish a low cost compulsory car insurance."

Vancouver and District Labour Council and four others are behind resolutions which show serious concern for Canada's merchant marine.

Resolutions of the Railway, Transport and General Workers is urging the convention to have "the CLC conduct a national petition and publicity campaign for the establishment of a Canadian merchant marine."

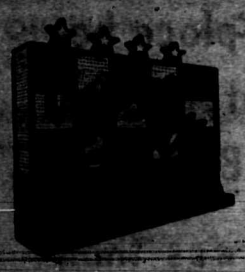
A resolution opposing the tax on restaurant meals came from the Carpenters and Joiners in Port Alberni.

A resolution from Victoria Labour Council wants the 1966 Federation convention held in Victoria.

The Longshoremen of Chemainus said they have been "shocked" by seeing internal problems reported in the press. The resolution states:

"That all unions affiliated with the B.C. Federation of Labour keep their troubles out of the public eye and present a united front to management."

Other resolutions include criticism of the CLC, demands for shorter hours of work, re-admission of expelled unions, and the need for an organization drive in Campbell River.



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CEMENT MEN TAKE HARD LINE

CALGARY — Modernization is often just another word for "cheap shortcut" according to Plasterers' and Cement Masons who met here for their annual western Canada conference.

The 17 delegates representing 11 iocals from Winnipeg to Victoria agreed that the "buying public is being sold short on quality, fire and sound resistance, sanitation, maintenance and economy" by short cuts often used now by contractors.

They advised house buyers to investigate the quality standards of cement and plaster work before investing.

Attending were: John J. Hauck, general secretary, Washington, D.C.; Charles Irvine, Canadian vice-president, Toronto; William McMynn, organizer, Vancouver.

INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE HIT

NORTH BATTLEFORD (CPA) — A charge that industrial espionage appears to be on the increase in Saskatchewan was made by W. G. Gilbey, president of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labor, when he addressed its 10th annual convention here.

The convention was held in the Civic Centre at North Battleford from September 30 to October 2. It was attended by 190 delegates and over a hundred visitors.

"During the past year," Mr. Gilbey said, "we have witnessed actions on the part of managements who are promoting new industrial development which indicates that many of them are determined that their operations will reap superprofits at the expense of the workers involved and the communities where they are situated.

"Facts can be laid on the table which will show that Saskatchewan citizens who have been long-standing and highly-skilled members of their trade unions are being rejected for employment in the construction and operation of new industrial undertakings.

This, in spite of the fact that at the same time there is a shortage of skilled labor in these operations.

"The facts will show that union members participating in efforts to organize these operations are being watched very closely — industrial espionage appears to be on the increase in our province," Mr. Gilbey said.

Bill 86, an act to amend the Saskatchewan Trade Union Act, which was introduced in the dying days of the last session of the legislature, would, he said, have "drastically amended or torn out altogether some of the basic features of the act." He said opposition to the bill by many affiliated organizations, within a few days of its introduction, assisted greatly in bringing about its withdrawal.

PARK TO SPEAK TO B.C. UNIONISTS

VANCOUVER — Eamon Park, federal president of the NDP, was one of many names in an impressive list of guest speakers for the tenth annual convention of the B.C. Federation of Labour.

Mr. Park, who was elected to the NDP post only this year, was to outline his party's policies toward labour to a packed convention floor.

He is expected to tell delegates that the problem of automation — only one of many serious problems facing working men and women in Canada — must be solved through effective legislation.

Only the NDP will provide that legislation.

B.C. Federation of Labour president, E. T. Staley, is scheduled to open the convention followed by an address by Mr. J. Morris, executive vice-president, CLC.

Ernest Cote, Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs, will speak in the afternoon. Mr. Park will provide the main address on the second day of the convention.

Other speakers are: Andy Andras, legislative director, CLC; Clifford Scotton, director of federations and labour, CLC.

The convention is to conclude with a banquet and dance with entertainment provided by a vocal group, the Milestones, and Don Crawford, a folk singer from San Francisco.

LIKE IT OR NOT

CORNWALL, Ont. — A union representative predicts that whether unions want it or not collective bargaining for most Canadian hospital workers may be done on a regional or even provincial basis in future.

E. A. Gilchrist, eastern Ontario representative for the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CLC), also says the union movement may have to change its structure to meet collective bargaining needs in the age of automation.

Mr. Gilchrist addressed the annual banquet of CUPE's Local 783, Cornwall General Hospital Oct. 16. He brought greetings from CUPE National President Stanley A. Little of Ottawa, originally scheduled as the banquet speaker, who was called to Calgary, Alta., on urgent union business.

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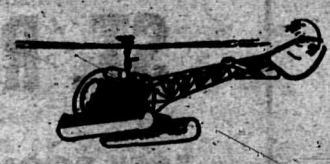

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PIONEERS IN GOLD RIVER RUSH

GOLD RIVER: First families are moving in to B.C.'s newest town on Vancouver Island.

First residents here were Mr. and Mrs. Jean Dion and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Conrad, who moved on Monday, Oct. 18 in to brand-new homes they are purchasing.

They were followed on Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Holst.

Families will continue to move from the traditional company - owned logging-camp homes into the new town as rapidly as the houses are completed.

It is expected that the former logging camp will be vacated when the homes in it will be distributed by barge among other Tahsis Company operations on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The logging camp has to be moved to make way for construction of the Tahsis Company's $60 million pulp mill.

The company reports that the first residents of Gold River appear delighted with the houses, all of which are being sold to their occupants.

The houses are all for sale (rental accommodation in the form of apartment blocks and townhouses, will be built during the winter). All are electrically heated, and all wiring — electric, telephone and television cables — is underground.

The 45 homes of the first subdivision are in a cluster at the north end of the new town, construction of which was sparked by the Tahsis Company primarily to house the residents of its logging division and the new pulp mill.

The families are being moved as rapidly as construction crews complete the homes. It is expected that the move from the logging camp will be complete by November 1.

Two moving vans are running a shuttle-service between the new town and the logging camp, now the site of the pulp mill.

Many residents have bought new furniture for their homes. Chesterfield suites, dining room sets, bedroom suites are being delivered directly to the new town from stores in Campbell River, 50 miles to the east.

Children of the new town attend school in temporary quarters adjacent to the subdivision. The school has been in use since the beginning of the school year, the children being transported until now by bus from their former homes nine miles away.

NANAIMO

One incident which has created much local amusement is a work stoppage on the old Nanaimo River Bridge.

For the past number of years Cedar Ratepayer's Association, in conjunction with Trade Union groups, pressed the Highways Dept. for the removal of this relic from Victorian era and demanded its replacement by a more modern bridge.

This year the Highways Dept. finally decided to move. Workers were dispatched from the Labourers Union to start operations on the new bridge site.

They were welcomed by a band of hostile Indians who threatened to scalp the first white man to trepass on their territorial rights.

The Dept. of Highways suddenly realised that they had miserably goofed, and immediately summoned a meeting for Sept. 2 to rectify the mistake.

Rumour has it that the Indians affected are also calling a special meeting. First item on the agenda we gather is the erection of a unique modern sign which reads "SORRY FOR THE — INCONVENIENCE."

Alistair MacLeod

PORT ALBERNI

ALBERNI: Automation can be blamed for the death of a month-old baby boy.

Unionists were shocked to discover last month that the automation program of the B.C. Telephone Co. was so extensive that the Alberni Valley is left without operators to handle emergency calls.

Mrs. Stan Frank dialed "O" when she found her baby in difficulty and needed an inhalator.

But because of the automation, carried on without regard to the needs of the local community, the mother's call went to Nanaimo.

As a result of the delay the child died.

The story was widely publicized throughout B.C. last month after the recently-installed direct telephone dialing system resulted in no operator being stationed at Port Alberni.

Citizens here feel that rates charged by the B.C. Telephone Co. and the profits of that company are such that they can very well afford to supply operators in this area to handle emergency calls.

The consensus here is that telephone service is a public utility and if any private enterprise does not meet it responsibilities it should be taken over by the government.

Two local unions here have applied for affiliation with the Port Alberni and District Labour Council. They are the I.W.A. (Local 1-288) and Office and Technical Employees Union (Local 378).

M. J. Corbeil

KAMLOOPS

KAMLOOPS— Apologies to Kamloops readers for our missing the last two issues of *The Labour Statesman*. No explanations, just apologies.

This is a bits and pieces report.

First, the Kamloops unit of the Hospital Employees Union voted to donate $50 to the Oil Workers (Local 9-675) for their strike fund.

Appeals are also being mailed to all local unions for financial aid to the striking Oil Workers. Unionists in this area are returning their BA and Royalite credit cards.

Next, L. O. Morgan, president, Kamloops and District Labour Council, is still receiving help from local union families after his home was extensively damaged by fire last month.

Mr. Morgan had just gone to bed after returning from the hospital pgraveyard shift when the fire broke out. His 17-year-old daughter was left with only the clothes she was wearing.

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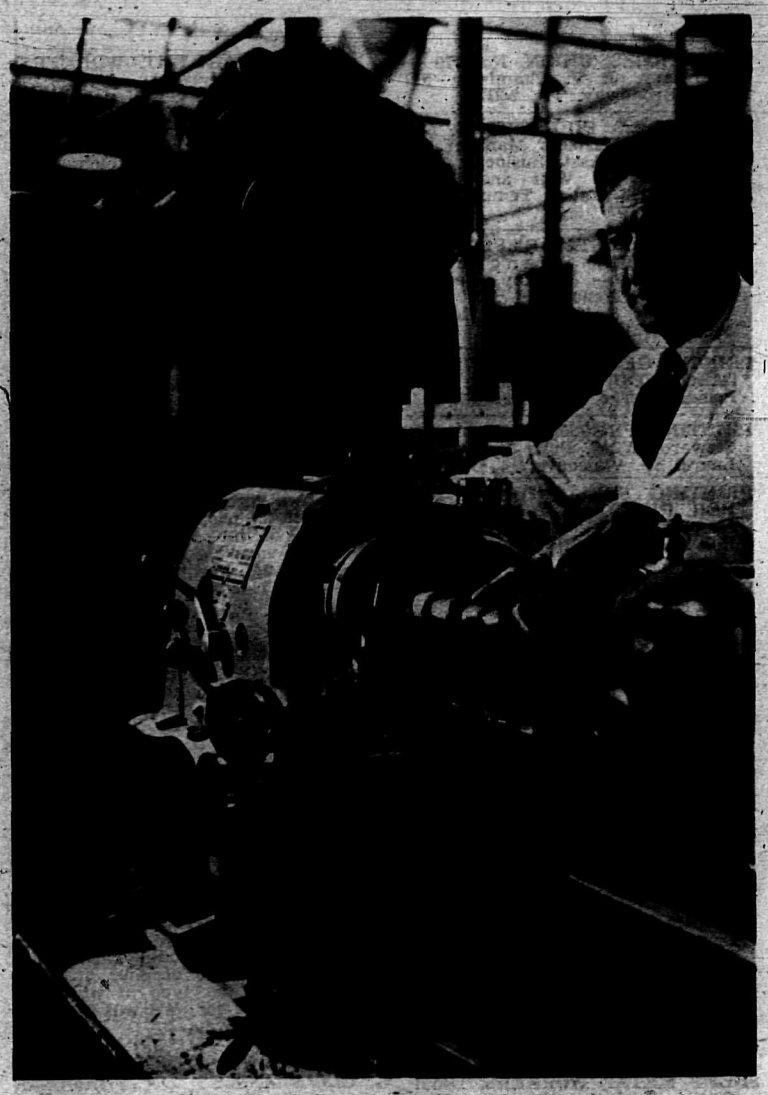

JOHN WALPOLE

LONDON — He had just left school to start work in a factory. Soon he would bring home his first pay. The thought excited him. Four days passed, then . . .

The boy, who started his working life so full of hope, slipped beside his machine. His arm fell across a cog wheel, was caught and smash before anyone could stop the machine. For the rest of his life he must work with one arm.

Unfortunately, in many industries, accidents are especially frequent among boys and girls coming straight from school to work beside machines.

Not only do these accidents cause pain and suffering; they are a great waste of manpower.

Factory inspectors as a rule advise firms about the dangers facing young people who are not given safety training.

Safety cannot be taught just by word of mouth or by a set of written rules. It must be learnt as part of the training for the job.

Nor should such training be delayed. Good firms begin it at once, as soon as a boy joins them, not six months later. Then it may be too late.

Parts of the body, most often damaged by accidents in industry, are head, hands and feet. If a firm bears that in mind, it should not fail to equip its machines with proper guards.

Safety clothing, such as helmets, goggles, gloves and boots — all tested to give the required protection — may be needed for some jobs.

Sometimes a young worker is caught by his hair in a machine; he may have his hair torn off or be killed. It is easy to put the blame on long or untidy hair. But the real fault lies with the machine. Had it been properly guarded that accident could not have happened.

Some industries produce more accidents than others.

Workers in the construction industry, for example, face many different types of risk.

There are accidents at building sites because cranes and other machines make contact with overhead electric lines. Other accidents arise because materials are dropped.

Though toe boards are fixed on scaffolding, it is easy for a workman in a careless moment to drop a piece of timber, brick or stone. Then, if it falls on someone, it can injure and even kill him.

Britain's Chief Inspector of Factories, Mr. R. K. Christy, holds strongly to the belief that industry — both management and workpeople — has the main responsibility for reducing accidents.

Only when both sides work to a sound safety plan can much suffering and wastage be avoided.

And, as experience in Britain shows, training for the job must include training in safety matters. Without it, no-one can learn to do his job the right way.

PAY, PRICES

LONDON — After reaching agreement with the Government on the broad principles of a national policy on productivity, prices and incomes, Britain's trade unions have now made a major departure from their traditional collective bargaining procedure in an endeavour to secure effective application of that part of the policy relating to incomes.

At the recent annual Trades Union Congress 1,000 delegates representing nearly 9,000,000 trade unionists endorsed proposals put to them by the T.U.C. General Council after it had held a lengthy meeting with George Brown, Minister for Economic Affairs.

In April the Government, in consultation with representatives of the unions and employers' organisations, set up a National Board for Prices and Incomes.

The Board was given the task of keeping under review the general movement of prices and incomes and examining particular cases of movements in prices and incomes against the background of the national interest.

The Board was given no statutory powers either to secure the co-operation of parties directly concerned or to see that its findings were acted upon.

The Government, in a White Paper issued at the time, said that the success of its incomes and prices policy would depend on the extent to which business organizations, employers and unions were prepared to apply the policy in practice.

UNION IN BUSINESS

LONDON—Britain's third largest trade union—the National Union of General and Municipal Workers — established a new pattern for trade union activities recently with the announcement by its general secretary, Mr. Jack Cooper, that it intends to use $50,000 of its funds over the next two years to launch a business enterprise.

The business will exist to give special purchasing facilities to the 800,000 members of the union. They will be able to buy goods at cut rate prices through a mail order scheme and to obtain cheap holiday travel facilities and insurance coverage.

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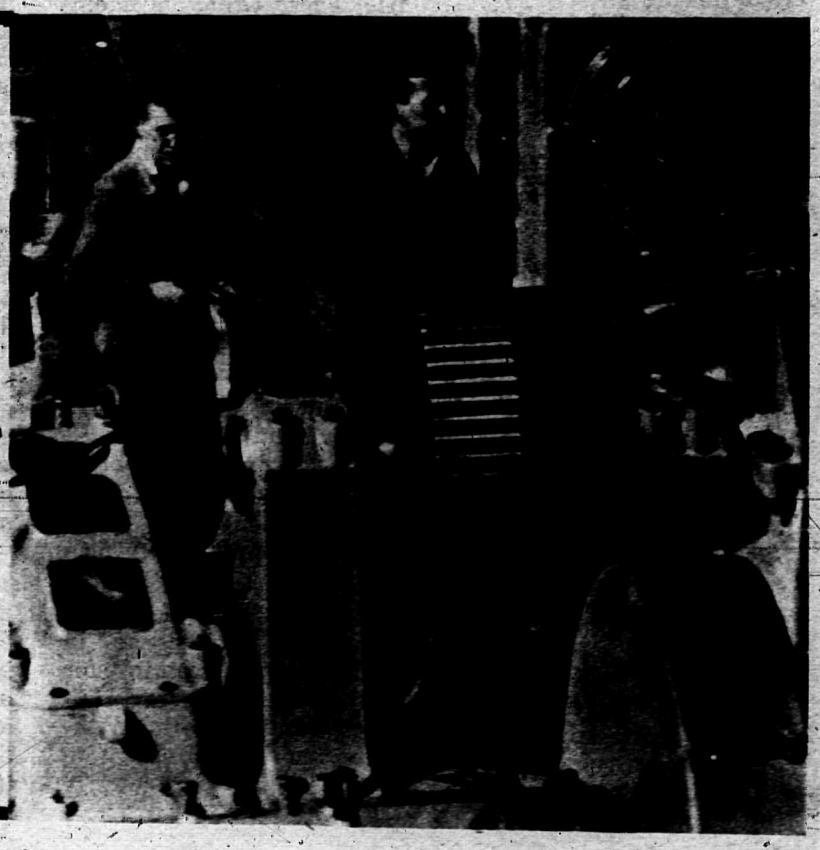
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