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CLOSE TO 1,700 DELEGATES attended the week-long second biennial convention of the Canadian Labour Congress in Winnipeg Auditorium this month, one of the biggest labor conventions in Canadian history. This picture shows the majority of the convention delegates, including a strong contingent of labor men and women representing B.C. unions. Full coverage of decisions of the convention are carried in this issue of the Labor Statesman.

Smear Campaign Against Labor Unfounded: CLC

Termed 'Deliberate Move' To Weaken Canadian Unions

WINNIPEG — CLC President Claude Jodoin has condemned the smear campaign by some employers as a deliberate attempt to discredit and weaken the Canadian labor movement.

He told the CLC convention "these smears are entirely without foundation — the Canadian labor movement is a clean movement which has made, and is making, a notable contribution to Canadian life."

And he promised the CLC is prepared to take quick action against any corrupt practices in Canadian unionism.

"There is increasing evidence of a very deliberate attempt to discredit and weaken, if not destroy, the labor movement," he said.

"We have employers banding together for this purpose; we have a very definite pattern of editorial attacks on unions, using every possible excuse; we have efforts being made in a number of provinces to obtain legislation which would deprive workers of the measure of collective bargaining they now enjoy."

The CLC president said smear attempts against Canadian unions come "because of events which have occurred in a few unions in the U.S. and which the American labor movement has already taken prompt and firm action to correct.

"The Canadian labor movement is a clean movement which has made, and is making, a notable contribution to Canadian life," he said. "It is composed of decent men and women, of Canadians who are sincerely trying to advance the causes in which they believe."

He said "we do not expect that everyone will agree with everything we say; but neither do we expect to be the target of insinuations and smears which are entirely without foundation.

"We know that high standards are expected in the labor move-

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Labor Council Broadens Program For Bursaries And Scholarships

Vancouver Labour Council has approved a new scholarship program for university students.

The broadened program, to be set up as funds permit, will extend the benefits of the initial plan introduced last year.

At the same time, council has approved a repeat donation this year of two $250 scholarships for deserving students entering UBC.

The new program recommended by the educational committee will set up a Vancouver Labour Council and Affiliated Unions Scholarship Fund.

It will establish in this order as funds permit:

- A bursary fund up to $200 to enable several active or potential council officers or other labor union members selected by the council, to attend courses, workshops or conferences in adult education held at UBC.
- An annual university prize to be called the Vancouver and District Labour Council prize of $100 open to any undergraduate student for an essay on a topic dealing with labor.
- A scholarship of $500 to be called the Vancouver and District Labour Council Research Scholarship — to be awarded to a student entering fourth year Honors or registering for the Masters of Art degree, in a field lying with the Department of Economics and Political Science, providing the topic of the Masters' thesis or Honors essay is based on data related to labor. The purpose of the award is to facilitate training in labor research.

Also approved was a committee recomendation that the council set up classes in chairmanship, public speaking and public relations this fall which would be open to members of affiliated unions.

Delegates will be asked to make suggestions regarding possible additional courses.

Classes will be held in conjunction with the night school classes of the Vancouver School Board.

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EARLY START—Marine Workers and Boilermakers, Local 1, doesn't want to waste any time getting started on preparations for the next civic election in December. The union recommended at the April 1 VLC meeting that plans be laid "at an early date." Political Education Committee has been advised.

WELCOME — Obligated and seated at the April meetings of Vancouver Labour Council were G. R. Anderson, Fire Fighters' 18; B. McDowell, Molders 281; H. Shilington, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees' 275; M. R. MacKinnon, Construction Labourers 602; and G. A. MacDougall, Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen 652; W. E. Eaton, Painters 138; M. Stephens and D. Dawson,

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SOFT DIET — Then there's the one about the striker at Powell River who left a work shirt in the plant when the pulp and paper workers walked out last fall. No problem with the loss of the shirt, but in the pocket were his false teeth. It was a long wait between steaks, no doubt.

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BOO'S — Vancouver's two senior aldermen who spurned city council's instructions and voted against a fluoridation motion at Greater Vancouver Water Board because of their personal beliefs, got a solid knuckle-rapping from Vancouver Labour Council delegates this month. Council went on record "deploring the conduct of aldermen Jack Cornett and George Miller in not carrying out the wishes of the electors of Vancouver and the city council."

VLC Plans Institute This Fall

Vancouver Labour Council will hold its fall labor institute on October 4th and 5th this year, but location of the parley has not yet been decided.

Tom Alsbury, chairman of the education committee, said the University of B.C. Campus has been ruled out this year because it is not centrally located.

At the same time, he said, Vancouver School Board will not permit classes in any of its schools on a Sunday and therefore Burnaby School Board is being approached.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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The two $250 scholarships this year will carry the same conditions as last year's awards.

They will be available to residents of B.C. who have completed Grade 12 or 13 and are entering UBC. Trade union background will not be a necessary qualification.

Instead, the scholarships will be awarded solely on the basis of academic standards, financial circumstances, character, leadership qualities, service to others and interest in community affairs.

OUT TO WIN

KENOSHA, Wis. — When Local 72 of United Auto Workers goes in for political action in this industrial city south of Milwaukee, it's serious business

Three members of the local are candidates for mayor of Kenosha and two of them are member of city council.

JODOIN

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ment and this is right and proper.

"If there is any deviation, the Congress in its constitution has ample power to act and is prepared to act quickly and without hesitation."

Referring to the U.S., President Jodoin said "we are not ashamed of our close and friendly association with the workers of the United States.

"We regard it in many ways as a model of international relationships between the people of two countries. We are also aware and highly appreciate the tremendous assistance which organized labor in the U.S. has given to organized labor in Canada," he said.

"At the same time, we are proud thatthe Canadian Labour Congress is an autonomous national centre."

On the so-called "right to work laws" and suggestions for their introduction to Canada, he said:

"These laws have nothing at all to do with the right to work as it is sought by the thousands of people who have been and still are unemployed.

"They are rather laws designed to undermine the whole process of collective bargaining."

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GEA Charges 'Breach of Faith' Over Terms Of Wage Settlement

The Provincial government has been charged with "breach of faith" on the strike settlement made on wages last year with government workers.

B.C. Government Employees Association provincial executive made the charge this month and have lodged a protest with the government.

The government has ignored the protest.

The statement from GEA executive declared:

"Payroll clerks have been instructed not to pay agreed retroactive pay increases on overtime worked since July 1 on wages.

"Employees who have left the service since July 1 will not receive retroactive pay unless written application is made and instructions are that persons will not be notified that application is necessary.

"Information has reached the Association that widows and dependents of employees who have died since July of last year will not receive retroactive pay due for time worked between July 1 and the death of the employee," the executive said. (The government has since indicated it would pay widows but there has been no complete clarification.)

"A protest by wire against such discriminatory actions has been ignored by the government.

"The association cannot conceive of an employer deliberately profiting at the expense of widows and orphans. It is inconceivable to the Association that there can be any moral justification for such actions . . . no employer is justified in retaining wages already earned.

"The Association feels confident that the citizens of this province will not tolerate such actions by their elected representatives."

UNION LABEL girl of the month is red-haired actress Rhonda Fleming who poses in costume of her latest film made in Italy.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH

"You look tired, dear," the wife greeted her husband. "Did you have a bad day at the office?"

"I'll say I did," he answered. "I took one of those aptitude tests and boy, oh boy, it's a good thing I own the company."

Labor's Program Goes To Cabinet

Conference Proposed To Study Unemployment

A delegation representing CLC trade unions throughout B.C. will press for government action on uemployment in a meeting with the provincial cabinet May 23.

The meeting was arranged by B.C. Federation of Labour to again urge that the government tackle the serious jobless problem, following up the brief presented to the legislature's select standing committee on labor in February.

The federation at that time declared the government should take the lead in arranging for a debt moratorium to be imposed to protect unemployed persons, and asked for immediate legislation to start an additional program of public works in B.C.

These two views will be pressed again before cabinet ministers.

The Federation presentation is expected to stress an earlier proposal that positive efforts be taken by the government to prevent a repetition of the unemployment crisis next winter.

Labor believes that the government should make a grant towards research into the question of seasonal unemployment.

Also urged is that conference be called to spearhead an overall campaign aimed at fuller employment and avoidance of the 1957-58 winter jobless problem.

It is suggested thatthe provincial government, municipalities, business groups and labor confer on the unemployment problem to set out plans for next winter.

Drew Named Research Man, Mason Quits

John Drew has been appointed on a probationery basis for two months as head of the Vancouver Labour Council research department following the resignation of Owen Mason.

The 26-year-old Drew is a graduate of UBC and holds his Mas-University.
ters in economics from Stanford

He has done research work with the B.C. government in the Bureau of Economics and Statistics and had two years industrial relations work in Montreal.

Mason, who headed research work for the last five years, resigned effective April 5.

In submitting his resignation, Mason said he is leaving the post for purely personal reasons.

"I have looked upon my five years with the Council as a most pleasant and enlightening association," he said. "In the event that I can be of assistance to the Council and its officers at any time in the future, I will be glad to make myself available whenever possible."

The VLC accepted the resignation with regret.

Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 468 have signed their first contract for employees of Abbotsford Bakery, Abbotsford.

Death Takes Veteran Carl Berg

Carl E. Berg, regional director for Western Canada for International Union of Hod Carriers and Building Laborers Union since 1954, died suddenly at his home in Edmonton April 28. He was 70.

Brother Berg was well-known in Vancouver labor circles.

He held the position of prairie representative and vice-president of the former Trades and Labour Congress for 13 years up to 1954.

Brother Berg came to Canada in 1904 as a youth of 16. He came from the school of hard knocks in his home country where his father had been blacklisted for participation in a strike before the turn of the century.

He started work at an early age and when he came to North America worked as a miner, lumberman and construction worker in various parts of Canada and U.S.

He became active in trade union affairs at an early age and was an officer in the Edmonton Building Trades Council for many years.

Support For A Community Effort: Labor Seminar For 'Red Feather'

Close to 400 trade unionists are expected at a two-day labor seminar on the activities of the Community Chest and Council to be held in May.

The seminar takes place Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, in the Labor Temple and arrangements have been made for workers, chosen by their unions as delegates, to attend Friday sessions without loss of pay.

Purpose of the seminar is to acquaint shop stewards and other union officers employed in local plants with the services offered by the various agencies of the Community Chest.

These union officers will then be in a position to stress the importance of Community Chest to their fellow workers on the job.

Dean Geoffrey Andrew of University of B.C. will open the seminar at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 9. Other Friday speakers will include:

Prof. W. G. Dixon, Director of the University of B.C. school of social work; Derek Thomson, executive director, Family Service Agency; C. Howard Naphtali, executive director, Community Chest and Council; and Brian J. Iverson, Community Chest budget director.

At the Saturday session, Vancouver Labour Council president Lloyd Whalen will discuss "Labour's responsibilities to the Community Chest and how to meet them." Whalen is also first vice-chairman of the 1958 United Red Feather Appeal.

Also speaking to seminar delegates Saturday will be Walter C. Koerner, general campaign chairman of the Red Feather drive, and E. D. Hill, director of planning for the Community Chest and Council.

The two-day parley is being sponsored jointly by the Vancouver Labour Council's education committee and the Community Chest's labor participation committee, and is another example of the responsible role being played by organized labor in the affairs of the community.

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The Smear Campaign

The smear campaign by some employers and employers' groups against organized labor still rages on.

There is no foundation for this campaign. It is a deliberate drive by selfish-interest employer groups to discredit Canadian trade unionism.

The barbs are aimed to weaken Canadian labor to the point where it will no longer be an effective force in today's economic and political life.

Labor over the many years has fought for better old age pensions, health insurance, unemployment benefits, bettering housing. Without labor's determined voice, these and many other social security measures would not be in force today.

Labor has fought to boost the standard of living for all Canadians. It aimed at making Canada a better place to work, to live, to play. It has fought against unsafe working conditions, against child labor, and a list of humanitarian goals that goes on and on.

These are the things that are under attack by a smear campaign which has capitalized on screaming headlines in the U.S.

At the recent Winnipeg convention, Canadian Labour Congress President Claude Jodoin declared the Canadian labor movement is a "clean movement" and he made it clear the national labor body would take action to eliminate any corrupt practices if at any time such action was needed. That was a sincere statement of the course of Canadian unions.

The Canadian labor movement is made up of decent men and women, citizens in most every occupation — ordinary people taking their part in national, provincial, civic and community life.

They are sincere people working for the causes they believe are best for the welfare of our country.

Are these people and the goals they set deserving of smears and unbiased attacks? Should the thinking of well over one million Canadian workers be shackled by selfish financial interests of some employer groups?

By saying that labor is getting too powerful simply means the people of Canada are getting too powerful.

Let's not be misled in this biased smear campaign.

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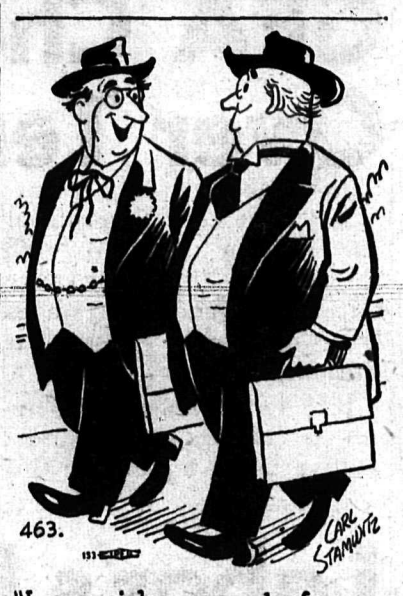

"I appreciate your vote for my special interests appropriation, Senator. Thanks a hundred million!"

FROM THIS ANGLE

The Tax-Cut Promise

At the Winnipeg CLC convention, President Claude Jodoin outlined the need for tax cuts to aid the economic downtrend in Canada.

His words made sense and all eyes will be on the top-heavy Diefenbaker government to carry through on election promises to ease the tax burden.

Here's what President Jodoin had to say on taxation:

"Tax cuts put money in consumers' pockets and so help to reduce unemployment.

"One tax which might well be cut is the sales tax which is not based on ability to pay and thus hits the poor man harder than the rich. Cutting the sales tax in half would put about $450,000,000 more in consumers' pockets and particularly those of the poorer consumers.

"Raising income tax exemptions to $1,500 for single people and to $3,000 for married persons, and raising family allowances as our founding convention proposed, would put about $577,00,000 more in consumers' pockets.

"Allowing deduction of all medical expenses (from taxable income) would add another $15,-000,000 to $25,000,000 to consummers' spending power."

It all adds up to a sizeable amount turned loose in a sagging economy.

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Vancouver plays host for the first time to another labor convention May 5 to 8.

The Pacific Coast District Metal Trades meets in Hotel Vancouver, the first time this district tradesman group has made the trip up this way. Vancouver labor bids it "welcome".

About 150 delegates from California, Oregon, Washington and B.C. will be on hand to tackle the many problems in metal work. The issue of employment; the issue of ship's crews doing repair work on vessels while they are in port.

Dave Chapman, secertary of the Vancouver Metal Trades Council, is the man running behind the scenes in making things ready for the convention.

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Across the border this month, the executive council of the AFL-CIO is squared away for a two-front battle.

The top labor leaders have called for government action to prevent the nation from sliding into a full-blown depression. And they are set to aid in the passage of appropriate legislation to curb improper practices in the labor-management field.

A Statement Of Policies

What does the 1,055,000-strong Canadian Labour Congress stand for?

In convention this month, the CLC again reiterated the five broad principles on which its policies are based — objectives aimed in the best interests of all Canadians.

1. Full employment with a rising standard of living.

2. Satisfactory sharing of the national income which includes comprehensive social security.

3. A nation-wide plan of health insurance.

4. Uniform labor legislation throughout Canada covering all workers including those in the public service.

5. Bread, peace and freedom for all people throughout the world.

From The Prexy's Chair

By LLOYD WHALEN

Unemployment is the greatest robber in Canada.

Do you think that stealing is the biggest crime? It isn't.

Unemployment stole almost 200 times more, through lost production alone, than the amount lost through thefts of property.

Do you think that floods cause the greatest loss — they don't.

Unemployment, last year alone, cost ten times more than the loss through the British Columbia 1948, Manitoba 1950, and Ontario 1954 floods, together.

Do you think that strikes are costly. Last year alone, unemployment cost 80 times more through lost production than the amount lost in salaries and wages by strikes.

Look at the losses:	
Stolen property, 1952	$ 6,895,000
Business failures, 1953	32,818,000
Auto accidents, 1952	77,139,000
Wages lost through illness, 1951	159,016,000
Strikes and lock-outs, 1953	15,148,000
Production loss through unemployment, 1953	1,235,000,000

Unemployment the latter part of 1957 and the winter months of 1958 was double the amount of the figures shown in 1953 so, the losses indicated above in dollars and cents would be doubled as well.

What is causing unemployment?

The chief cause is the failure of our Governments, both Federal and Provincial, to plan for full employment.

The Canadian Labour Congress — a million and a half strong — must develop a plan that will co-ordinate the activities of all affiliated unions in a drive to establish the six hour day, five day week.

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. . Almost 500,000 homes need electric lighting?

DO YOU REALIZE THAT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OVERSEAS CAN USE THE PRODUCTS OF OUR FARMS AND FACTORIES?

With all these needs to be met, why should any Canadian be unemployed?

1. Establish diplomatic relations with China and commence trade talks immediately.
2. A planned program of public investment and public works including low cost and low rental housing.
3. An increase in tax exemp-

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A Birthday That Brings A Renewed Pledge

The Labor Statesman feels a bit proud this month. It is our thirty-fourth birthday.

For more than a third of a century as the oldest labor paper in Western Canada, the Statesman has continuously "hit the streets" with honest, straightforward reporting of news on the labor scene.

And our simple pledge is that we will continue to do just that —with eyes on the next third of the century.

The role of a labor paper is paramount today in times when organized labor is undergoing attacks from certain employer groups.

These attacks are unfounded, but unless labor's voice is heard through its publications, the grains of untruths will flower into public belief.

We must ensure that these unfair tactics are exposed.

Organized labor has made tremendous gains for working people and has made sound and worthwhile contributions to the welfare of all persons during the many years the Statesman has been publishing.

The Statesman's role can be, and is we hope, important as one of the chroniclers of labor's increasing part in our society. It is a role that The Statesman guards closely.

Hard-won improvements must not be knocked down and destroyed by those who have only selfish interests.

Labor has proved itself over the years as a capable intelligent and responsible partner in national ,provincial and community life.

And labor needs its publication as voices for its policies.

A lesson could be taken by an announcement made at Buttendorf, Iowa, recently.

It was a simple statement that spelled the end to America's only daily labor paper: "This is the final edition."

The story read: "The decision to cease publication of the newspaper after five and one-half years of operation was based on the general lack of substantial support from the labor movement."

Despite its avowed dedication to trade unionism and its attempt to reflect the philosophy and protect the interests of organized workers, Labor's Daily went down.

It was a tragic and undeserved oblivion.

CROSS-SECTION

The Dangerous Drive By Fear — 'A Precarious Balance Of Terror'

The irrational act, generated by fear, may be the undoing of civilization.

This fact was made dramatically clear recently by Ralph Showlater of the United Auto Workers' Union, in an address to the eighth annual Labour Institute of Race Relations held in Vancouver.

Showlater's theme was "Fear as a threat to human rights." Because of its timeliness, and because of the grave warning it carries for every member of the comunity, The Statesman reprints here a condensation of his remarks.

"Our world of today, our civilization, exists in a precarious balance of terror. Both the Soviet Union and the United States have the terrible power to inflict total nuclear destruction on any nation on the earth.

Because of the fear of immediate and perhaps even **automatic** counter attack, ordinary logic indicates that no nation will deliterately start a nuclear war.

But the dynamic technologies of the great nations are furiously at work, incredibly productive, each trying to get the drop on the other. The goal is to hold the trump card — to tip the balance of terror to the advantage of our side.

And there are those who are saying — if we ever get the drop on **them** again, by some new combination of strategic power for surprise advantage, let us once and for all wipe out those enemies and their ideas.

Hysteria And Peculiar Logic

Some Americans hold this point of view because they fear that some Russians may hold it too. And some Russians hold this point of view because they fear some Americans hold it.

There is a curious and fearsome and fascinating logic about the "preventive war" idea. Although a great majority of us and a great majority of our leaders do not believe in such a policy, we cannot be certain that a sane policy can forever survive against fear and suspicion and hysteria either in the United States or Russia.

Given possible combinations of **weapons in balance** and unfortunate provocation, or even accidental nuclear explosions activating hair-trigger retaliatory weapons, the holocaust can descend upon us. Then, too, there is the posibility of insane, rather than sane leadership of one of the contending powers.

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I am sure we can agree that civilization would be dealt a terrible blow if the Russians were to destroy us. We object not only to being burned out of existence but we believe fundamentally that our ideas and ways of life should not be obliterated by force. The harder conclusion to come to is that agression on our part—nuclear destruction of the Soviet Union, its people, its ideology, its way of life is equally immoral, though much preferable from a personal or national point of view.

In addition there is the terrifying risk of physically destroying ourselves in the process. Exploded nuclear war heads will not guarantee supremacy of a Free World.

Where does the way out lie? I believe it lies in the conscious improvements in practice of our

Fear — the greatest danger in the world today.

Its impact could lead to the destruction of civilization.

Read this timely, thought-provoking address given in Vancouver by Ralph Showlater of United Auto Workers.

constitutional and chartered freedoms, in the vigorous promulgation of these freedoms in every area of national and international life and in expulsion of the fears which motivate opposite tendencies and policies in our government and institutions.

I said earlier that I believe a preventive nuclear war (although probably suicidal) to be a possible act by a world power given an unfortunate combination of antecedents and leaders. I dislike believing this, but I have come to this conclusion after observing that rationalization or justification for acts motivated by fear has become almost a world habit. An individual or a nation who fears someone or something enough can easily defend his act of cruelty or vengeance or destruction directed at the object of his fear. We have all seen individuals act irrationally in rage. Some of us have seen acts of savagery condoned by governments in time of war. And we have seen acceptance of the **immoral as moral** when fear and prejudice rule.

I believe it is **the irrational act generated by fear which may be our undoing as a civilization.** And indeed it is my thesis here today that actions dictated by fear are the folly of our times and the greatest antagonist of Freedom.

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Thomas Jefferson — one of this hemisphere's greatest spokesmen for Freedom wrote into the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, these words:

"To suffer the civil magistrate to intrude his powers into the field of **opinion,** and to **restrain** the possession or propagation of principles on supposition of their ill tendency, is a dangerous fallacy . . . Truth is great and will prevail if left to herself . . . errors ceasing to be dangerous when it is permitted freely to contradict them."

The Challenge Goes To You

This great idea, variously expressed and applied, is woven into the fabric of the culture of your country and of mine. It is called up by our citizens when they express disgust for thought control and brainwashing and bookburning, and the cynical denial of freedoms by totalitarian states.

We believe equally in other freedoms . . . equality under the law regardless of status in life or skin color or national origin; equality of opportunity for all in employment, housing, education, and union membership.

Probably, too, all of us here believe in the economic, civil and political rights set out in the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** written by the General Assembly of United Nations just ten years ago.

But the challenge and the responsibility to secure these rights around the world and in our own countries really lies with each of us and with our governments.

My concern here today, is that as individuals and as members of organizations, and as nations, we people of the Free World are not meeting this challenge. We are failing this great responsibility because of fear.

Youth Views Are Alarming

All around the world there is too great a reliance on persuasion by fear rather than by logic, an acceptance of threat and force as weapons to get things done. We can see this in world **politics.** And we can see it in our national life.

Fear dominates the foreign policy of the United States. For example, we imposed and maintain an embargo on Red China because we are **afraid** that if we trade with China we will improve China's economy and its war-making potential.

How much better it would be if our policy were based on the simple belief of Thomas Jefferson that great truths will prevail if permitted freely to meet their enemies in the field of public criticism and world opinion.

In our life within the U.S., too, there is divorcement from our basic freedoms. In a growing number of circumstances the Bill of Rights itself has become suspect. There is a depressing amount of objective evidence from different segments of our public life which illustrate an indiference or cynicism, or even downright enemity toward the main tenets of free and democratic thought.

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The Perdue University Opinion Poll in a National Survey of teenagers' views last year, found that the **majority** of high school students in the U.S. favor wiretapping and the "third degree." The same survey found that a majority of high school students believe police should censor books, movies, radio and television: 41% of these young people could see no reason for maintaining freedom of the press, 34% would deny free speech to certain people, and 26% would allow search and seizure without a warrant. These young people are reflecting the tenor of the times, **which is to be afraid.** The tragedy is that they are drawn into the philosophy of repression without realizing their denial of the very pledge to the flag which they have said in unison since they began going to school.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Vancouver Converters Local 433 (Pulp and Sulphite Workers) have settled new contracts with Barber-Ellis Ltd. and Pioneer Envelopes. Gained were a nine per cent pay boost and other improvements . . . At B.C. Electric, **Office Employees** in Vancouver and Victoria have gained a 15 per cent wage increase with a wage differential for female workers and other fringe benefits in a new two-year agreement . . . **Marble Polishers Local 179**, near the eve of strike action, won a 15-cent hurly increase acros-the-board retroactive to Dec. 1, 1957, in negotiations with Continental Marble Company.

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Two firms have been added to VLC's we-do-not-patronize list: **Egley's Market**, 702 East Hastings, and **Rosebank Grocery**, 686 Powell . . . **United Packinghouse Workers Local 453** are now affiliated with the labour council . . . **B.C. Federation of Labour** has been asked to prepare a brief for submission to the Royal Commission set up to enquire into the question of education in B.C. Request comes from Vancouver Labour Council.

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tions and social security benefits to provide more purchasing power to the lower income groups.

4. Vastly-increased trade and economic aid to under-developed countries through the United Nations and the Colombo Plan to provide jobs at home, and improve the standard of living of people in other countries and strengthen their ties with democracy.

The Conservative Government, during the recent federal election campaign, made many promises to the effect that they would institute a public works program such as building and extending roads, building new schools, universities, and many other public projects that are necessary and will create employment.

It will be the responsibility of all sections of the labour movement to mobilize our forces to compel the elected government to fulfill the promises they made to the Canadian citizens and to carry out the program and proposals outlined above.

FEAR

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I believe that what our young people need is not more physics courses, but more grounding in history and the Bill of Rights. More practice in thinking and acting democratically. Dr. Philip Oppenheimer, himself the *outstanding* nuclear physicist of our times, has said that unless we cherish man's curiosity, his understanding, his love; cherish "the idea of the dignity of man to which our country, in its beginning, was dedicated" the developing powers of scientific understanding, prediction and control are really monstrous things.

In what former Senator Harry Cain of the State of Washington has called **"a mania to make ourselves internally secure and safe from the probing of foreign espionage agents . . .** we have wound up refusing and afraid to exchange information and views among ourselves. As the web of internal security is drawn tighter and closer, a tendency develops in which the government and the poeple move further and further apart. Each becomes more sceptical about the other's motives." In this atmosphere, freedom cannot flourish.

In regard to political beliefs, national fear of subversive ideas has resulted in serious abridgement of the rights of free speech to the enemies of constitutional liberty (mainly Communists). In calling attention to this fact, my concern is not just the maltreatment of this tiny minority but rather with regard to the effect of such abridgement on the majority.

In other segments of our national life, fear is exploited to prevent citizens from full participation in their rights. Workers in the southern part of the U.S. (and elsewhere to a lesser extent) are being deprived of their right to a Union by racist propaganda of employers. Employers, recognizing the fears of the white workers with respect to displacement and competition with negro workers make fanatical appeals to these prejudices to dissuade workers from supporting unions.

The International Union of Electrical Workers describes a case typical of this exploitation of fear. The IUE organized a plant in Mississippi. Forty hours before the 400 employees were to vote in the Union representation election, their employer called the workers, mostly women, to the plant lobby.

After a few preliminaries, he began shouting that the Union and its president, James B. Carey, were "nigger lovers" He implied that Union outsiders would foment violent strikes, shootings, killings and communism. He returned to the race issue and brandished as evidence a picture of James Carey, President of the Union, dancing with a young negro woman.

The picture had been taken in Geneva, Switzerland, during an official party given by the Swiss Government for delegates to the 1956 International Labor Organization Conference to which Carey had been a U.S. delegate and to which the young woman was a Nigerian Union Representative's wife.

The Union lost the election three to one although a majority had signed representation cards. The plant continues to operate at the Federal Minimum wage plus five cents an hour.

The Upholsterers' International Union recently attributed its defeat in a Mississippi Furniture plant to activities of a White Citizens Council.

The Council tells the white man that the Negro will get his job and they tell the Negro that the white man will take his job away. The result of this agitation and exploitation of fear is the denial of the enjoyment of the benefits of the Union. The Company wins in plant after plant.

The sad effect of these events and hundreds like them which occur each year in the United States is **erosion of the faith of the common man in the Bill of Rights — which is his heritage.**

One thing is excruciatingly certain: We can not proceed in the image of the enemy, borrowing Totalitarian tactics, developing among our youth cynicism and hatred of the Bill of Rights, denying human rights and liberties to any man or woman or child or group of them; making a mockery of our heritage for political advantage or a fast buck.

Everyone who cares about freedom, must strike out against the ignorance and fear which dilute our democracy.

It is no time to step backwards or to allow violations to go unchallenged. Every parent in his family, every worker in his shop, every teacher in his classroom, every gossip at the back fence has a responsibility.

Every day some Canadians and some Americans challenge an anti-semite, or refuse to conform to restriction of liberty, or by example teach a fellow worker or a child to cherish the dignity of man, or defend a new Canadian, or show contempt instead of respect for a bigoted employer.

We need more of these people. We need more committees like yours and more conferences such as this, we need more of these principles taught in our schools.

These people act out of pride and conscience and not out of fear. We need more of them. They are the hope of Universal Human Rights.

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RE-ELECTED unanimously as President of Canadian Labour Congress at the Winnipeg Convention this month was Claude Jodoin.

UNEMPLOYMENT:

Don't Blame Only Immigration

Delegates to the eighth annual Labor Institute on Race Relations in Vancouver said immigration is not solely responsible for unemployment in Canada today.

Immigration may be one aspect of the unemployment situation, the institute said, just as the fall in capital expansion or home construction is a factor, "but immigration by itself is not the cancer that causes unemployment."

It was pointed out that if immigration were cut off completely, there would still be recurring slumps in the economy.

At the same time delegates criticized transportation companies for painting "too rosy a picture" of working opportunities in Canada.. They said that as a result of transportation company advertising overseas many immigrants have landed in Canada with a false picture of the economic conditions they face.

Seventy-three delegates, representing 45 local unions, attended the one-day parley. Theme of the meeting was "Fear — A Threat To Human Rights." Sponsors were the Vancouver Labour Council and the B.C. Federation of Labour.

On the question of government, delegates warned there is a dangerous trend toward the one-man personality in politics.

They quoted examples like "Follow John" and "I Like Ike." They added that this type of adulation can lead very quickly to a "Heil Hitler" brand of worship.

Turning to the community, the institute decided that "we have, to an alarming degree, lost our community spirit of working together, cooperating in various activities that we used to do." As a result, an estrangement has developed that causes man to distrust his neighbor.

Schools, said the institute, should develop broader curriculums in order to develop responsibility and citizenship in our children.

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Central 'Clearing House' Needed For Senior Citizens Accommodation

A central clearing house is needed for the many senior citizen housing societies that have been formed in B.C. in recent years, George Bengough told the Vancouver Labour Council in a report this month.

Bengough, who is the VLC's delegates to the Community Chest's committee on welfare of the aged, said that a resolution has already been passed calling for a provincial federation of non-profit societies that provide housing for older persons.

He added that a meeting is to be called shortly to discuss ways and means of implementing this recomendation.

Bengough pointed out that such a federation could share information and experience on matters of common interest in the design and management of housing projects, and also act in an advisory capacity to groups interested in starting housing projects.

"A federation would also act as official spokesman for the various societies on legislative matters affecting the construction of housing for senior citizens," Bengough added.

He said that during the last year 138 additional units have been built or approved by non-profit societies under section 16 of the National Housing Act, bringing the total of older persons accommodated in this type of project in the Greater Vancouver area to approximately 750.

Accommodation for another 48 old persons will be provided in the city's second low-rental housing project at Forty-First and Nanaimo, he added.

But Bengough warned that as encouraging as these developments may appear, "it is obvious that we have no cause for complacency when the figures are set against the 4,000 to 5,000 old people whom it is conservatively estimated are experiencing serious housing difficulties."

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Study Ordered On VLC Plan

A Vancouver Labour Council proposal that establishment of facilities for higher education be located at strategic points throughout B.C. has been referred to the joint university-labour committee of the University of B.C.

Proposal was contained in a letter to the University of B.C. development fund campaign offering full support of the VLC.

The letter also stated that the VLC "reiterates at this time the oplicy of the B.C. Federation of Labour which favours some decentralization of higher education through the establishment of facilities for advanced education to be located at strategic points throughout the Province."

In acknowledging the letter, Dean G. C. Andrew said the question will be referred immediately to the members of the joint university-labour committee.

Advance Poll Urged For All Absent

All voters who are absent from their polling place by necessity on federal election day should have the right to ballot in an advance poll.

This decision by CLC convention will spark a proposed amendment to the Canada Elections Act.

At present, only certain occupations are eligible to vote in advance polls. Other persons who are absent for reasons beyond their control are in effect disfranchised.

The convention also will press for an amendment to provide that election candidates have the right "to a reasonable leave of absence from their employment without loss of seniority" to run for office, and if elected, to attend to the business of that office.

RESERVATIONS ALREADY MADE FOR COUNCIL FALL BANQUET

Here's a date to circle on your calendar — Friday November 28.

Seems like a long way off, doesn't it?

But it's closer than you think, because Vancouver Labour Council has already reserved the Commodore Cabaret for the evening of Friday, November 28th for the VLC annual banquet and dance.

30-cent Package

TORONTO—International Association of Machinists won a 30-cent package in settlement of a 16-week strike against the Toronto plant of Canadian Laundry Machinery.

There was a young lady named Stella,
Fell in love with a bow-legged fella,
The venturesome chap
Let her sit in his lap,
And she fell clean through to the cellar.

Guild Awards

VICTORIA — Second annual Victoria Newspaper Guild contest for Vancouver Island junior and senior high schools is announced by chairman Courtney Tower.

As in the successful 1957 contest, a shield and $75 cash award will be given to the best high school newspaper for grades 10-12, and a shield and $50 prize to the best junior newspaper for grades 7 to 9.

Invitations have been received by all Island schools falling into the categories, including combined junior-senior schools, the awards chairman said.

Two issues of a paper and an entry form must be in the hands of the guild by midnight May 7.

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NEW CANADIAN POLITICAL PARTY?
Convention Calls For Complete Study

Canadian labor has taken an historical step that may lead to a stronger role in Canadian political affairs.

The Winnipeg CLC convention instructed the executive council to probe the possibilities of formation of a "broadly based people's political movement."

It also urged stepped-up activities in political education or action by all affiliated unions, federations and councils.

Convention call for a study of the political wants and winds is similar to the course charted by the B.C. Federation of Labor over a year ago.

The CLC resolution laid out this plan:

"Instructs the executive council to give urgent and immediate attention to this matter by initiating discussions with the CCF, interested farm organizations and other like-minded individuals and groups, to formulate a constitution and a program for such a political instrument of the Canadian people."

It said the executive will report on a plan, draft constitution and program to the next congress convention for action.

The convention's political education committee tackled many resolutions and came up with its substitute recommendation. Many of the resolutions from affiliates called for outright support of the CCF party.

Here is the basic reasoning behind the committee's recommendations which won convention support:

"The imperative need of the Canadian political scene today is the creation of an effective alternative political force based on the needs of workers, farmers and similar groups, financed and controlled by the people and their organizations.

"During the past quarter century, the CCF has made a tremendous contribution to the welfare of the Canadian people both in and out of parliament.

"The organized labor movement fully recognizes that contribution and knows that, with its limited facilities, it continues to battle for the ideas of social justice, security and freedom, which are also the goals of this congress.

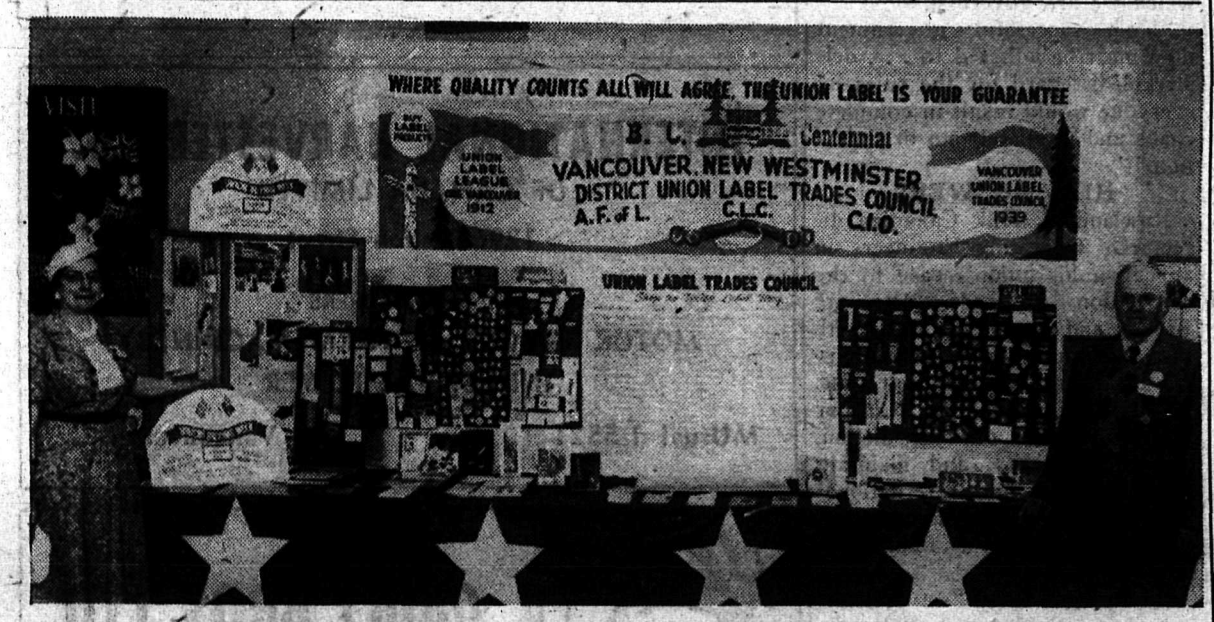
"The time has come for a fundamental re-alignment of political forces in Canada.

"There is the need for a broadly based people's political movement which embodies the CCF, the labor movement, the farmers' movement, professional people and other liberally-minded persons interested in basic social reform and reconstruction through our parliamentary system of government.

"Such a broadly based political instrument should provide that labor and other people's organizations may, together with the CCF, participate directly in the establishment of such a movement, its organizational structure and basic philosophy and program, as well as in its financing and choice of candidates for public office.

"The experience of labor and social democratic political parties elsewhere should be studied for whatever their history and structure might contribute, while recognizing that any effective political instrument in Canada must be Canadian in character and structure.

"In participating in and initiating the creation of a new political movement, labor emphasizes that not only is there no wish to dominate such a development, but there is the fullest desire for the broadest possible participation of all individuals and groups genuinely interested in basic democratic social reform and the democratic planning necessary to such reform."



VANCOUVER UNION LABEL DISPLAY

VANCOUVER UNION LABEL TRADES COUNCIL again proved it's one of the most active "union-made" promoters in Canada with a display at the Winnipeg CLC convention—and with a plug for B.C.'s centennial celebrations this year. Local label council secretary Mrs. Josephine Hallock and Earl Hallock handled the convention display.

LABEL GAL

TRADESMEN'S CHOICE is 17-year-old British showgirl, June Wilkinson, who arrived on this side of the water to take part in a trade fair. For the record, she's five-foot-five and measures 43-22-37 in the usual order.

Teamsters Win 40c., End Strike

Teamsters Local 213 have won an hourly "package" settlement ranging from 40 to 47 cents with Heavy Construction Association contractors.

The settlement was approved by the local membership and the employers group this week to end the strike which started March 4.

The wage settlement gives a 20-cent hourly boost retroactive to July 17, date of expiration of the old contract, 13 cents retroactive to January 1, and a seven-cent hourly employer contribution to a welfare fund.

The strike settlement after long week-end parleys also produced gains on union hiring and overtime conditions for union construction truck drivers.

For Euclid drivers and other heavy construction categories, the package boost is 47 cents an hour.

The contract expires March 31, 1959.

The local went on strike to support a conciliation board award on March 4 at the Bridge River project. Employers followed by locking out employees on other construction projects.

TORONTO—International Association of Machinists Canadian membership climbed by 3,000 during 1957 to top the 50,000 member mark.

IAM is now the third largest union in Canada.

Convention Supports Wage Drive, More Purchasing Power Needed

Canadian Labour Congress convention has given all-out support to efforts of Canadian unions to boost wage rates.

A resolution at the Winnipeg convention said support is given to unions "in demanding substantial wage increases in order to provide additonal purchasing power for the worker of Canada and thereby to alleviate in part, at least, the existing serious unemployment situation."

Other resolutions on the wage question pointed out that manufacturers are engaged in a propaganda campaign "to place the blame for present cost of living on wages rather than on enormous corporation profits."

Greater Labor Unity: 'Bring All Into CLC'

A new bid for greater unity in all Canadian labor groups has been urged by the CLC convention.

The Congress executive has been urged "to make every reasonable effort" to bring all unions into the CLC.

But the resolution didn't accept proposals for an open-door invitation to unions expelled from the former TLC and CCL.

Unity efforts will be made "within the limits of the constitution."

The call for greater unity was urged because of "the mounting offensive of employers shown in bitter resistance in recent strikes and the adverse publicity given the labor movement as a result of hearings of improper practices of certain unions in the U.S."

DUPLEFFICIENCY

An efficiency expert made the rounds of a plant and asked an employee: "What do you do?"

"I don't do a thing," he answered.

"And you?", turning to another employee.

"I don't do anything either," was the answer.

"Hmmm," said the expert, "duplication!"

RR Firemen Win CLC Support

The Canadian Labour Congress has voted to back CPR firemen in their fight to stay on diesel locomotives.

The Winnipeg convention pushed through a resolution of support after an amendment said CLC action would come in consultation with all railway unions.

The resolution declared "the congress support the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in this vital question, in a manner and extent to be determined by the executive council or the executive committee in consultation with the unions representing operating and non-operating railway employees."

W. E. Gamble, international representative of the BLFE spoke to the convention, declaring his union was not resisting progress.

"We have probably lost 3,000 out of 10,000 jobs — we accept that as progress," he said. "We are fighting for the jobs which still exist. More men in the cab speed up the process of operating and moving a train."

The dispute over elimination of firemen on diesels, freight and yard services, brought a nation-wide strike on the CPR. Later a royal commission was set up to look into the dispute — but the findings were not binding.

The commission upheld the railways plan to displace firemen.

WOMEN

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They'll Play Bigger Role

Organization of ladies' auxiliaries to trade unions got a new push at the CLC Winnipeg convention.

Delegates adopted a proposal that the Congress set up a ladies' auxiliary executive with representatives from various auxiliary groups of affiliated and chartered local unions.

The new executive group would give direction in setting up new auxiliaries, co-ordinate the work and objectives of the auxiliaries and "wherever necessary to assist and supplement the work and activities of the CLC."

CLC Convention Expels Two Unions For Raiding

Two unions have been expelled from the Canadian Labour Congress on raiding charges.

Their expulsion was backed by a roll-call vote at the Winnipeg convention.

The vote was 999 to 239 to oust the International Union of Operating Engineers and 944 to 244 to expel the American Asociation of Technical Engineers.

Representatives of both unions appealed their case before convention delegates before the vote was taken but delegates backed recommendations that the CLC constitution must be upheld.

The executive report told the convention that "for some years now it has been recognized that raiding of one union by another is a costly and senseless operation.

"Prior to the merger, many affiliated unions of the former congresses signed a "no raiding" pact. At the time of the merger and in line with this practice, the constitution of the CLC was drafted and approved, incorporating the principle of no-raiding."

CHARGES MADE

Between May 16, 1956 and April, 1957, 25 raiding charges against the Operating Engineers were filed with the congress.

In its report on long negotiations held with OE on the problem, the executive said it "regretted having to take this drastic action."

But the report went on to say "constitutions of labor organizations are adopted as the rules by which we are governed.

"For successful government they must be adhered to . . . deliberate disregard for the rules by everyone would result in complete chaos and ultimately no organization."

HILL ANSWERS

Rowland G. Hill, Canadian director of Operating Engineers, in appealing his union's case to the convention declared: "We are willing and ready to meet with the individual organizations to work out any problems that arise.

"However, we will do all in our power to retain our jurisdiction, our craft identity, and maintain the right of our international headquarters to enter into discussions and make the final decisions."

He charged that "we feel we have been singled out and subjected to this procedure of suspension and possible explusion by virtue of prejudiced thinking."

VL Council To Study Committees

Executive of Vancouver Labour Council will study a protest from Vancouver Converters' Local 433 on representation of unions on council committees.

The union pointed out that some unions have members on several committees while other unions had no representation on any committee.

"We sincerely hope these observations will be received by council with the same spirit with which they are offered by our Local union with a view to their becoming a guide in the choice of committees," a letter from Local 433 stated.

Around The World In Many Days

NEW YORK — New York City's transit system covers enough miles in one year to circle the world more than 14,000 times, and carries passengers in numbers equalling more than 10 trips each year for the entire U.S. population.

That's the report of the Transport Workers' Union of America which represents more than 27,000 of the system's 38,000 employees.

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Congress Pledges Aid To Solidarity Fund

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Urges Ban On H-Bombs

The Canadian Labour Congress will contribute a minimum of $100,000 to the International Solidarity Fund during the three year period ending December 31, 1960.

This decision was reached at the second constitutional convention of the CLC in Winnipeg this month.

The money will be raised from voluntary per capita contributions to the ICFTU Actvities Fund of the CLC and through other contributions from affiliated unions.

A resolution proposing the three-year pledge pointed out thatthe ICFTU has decided to raise $5,000,000 during the next three years for the International Solidarity Fund, and that almost all of the major union centres of the free world have now committed themselves to make substantial contributions to the fund.

The convention renewed its request that affiliated organizations pay a voluntary per capita tax to the ICFTU activities fund.

GOOD PROGRESS

The International Affairs Committee told convention delegates: "Although good progress has been made since our founding convention, a large number of our affiliates have not as yet responded to the initial appeal for the fund."

The committee said that close to $30,000 was collected during 1957, a big jump over the $10,644 collected in the eight month period following the merger in 1956.

But the committee pointed out that bulk of contributions have come from a relatively small number of affiliates, outstanding among whom are the United Steelworkers of America.

"Considering that some local unions are now contributing at the rate of two cents per member per month, and that a substantial amount is collected from payroll deductions of staff people, it is obvious that only about 20 per cent of the members of our affiliates are now contributing to the ICFTU," he committee said.

DUTY BOUND

It added: "We are duty-bound to fulfill our obligations to the free labor movement of the world and the committee feels that there is no valid excuse on the part of affiliates to neglect this important obligation."

The committee urged all delegates and officers of affiliated unions to tackle the problem immediately.

At the same time the convention unanimously endorsed a resolution urging the CLC to pledge its full support to the ICFTU and its activities throughout the world to help workers raise their working and living standards.

The committee said that in its relatively short period of existence, the ICFTU has proved that it can contribute greatly to the fulfillment of its basic goal: bread, peace and freedom for all mankind.

EFFECTIVE

It said the ICFTU has been particularly effective in:

● Promoting the economic, politcial and social interests as well as the larger aspirations of labor regardless of race, nationality, color or creed.

● Aiding wage earners of the economically underdeveloped countries to establish free trade unions which improve living standards and advance the cause of national freedom and human rights.

● Representing the free labor movement before the United Nations and its agencies.

● Defeating totalitarian attempts to capture or destroy free trade unions.

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BAN TESTING

An "efective ban" on the testing and production of thermonuclear weapons and the eventual destruction of existing stockpiles was demanded by the convention.

The resolution also called for:

● Effective international control and inspection to implement a ban on the use of thermonuclear weapons.

● An international agreement on the regulation and control of outer-space travel.

● Disarmament in the field of conventional weapons.

FACE ANNIHILATION

Convention delegates were told in a report from the international affairs committee, "The world's people now face the alternative of either total annhilation, which could be brought about by hydrogen warfare, or hitherto undreamed advances in economic and social welfare, made possible by the peaceful use of atomic and hydrogen energy."

The committe said it is becoming increasingly evident that a stalemate has been reached between the opposing power blocks in the race for arms superiority.

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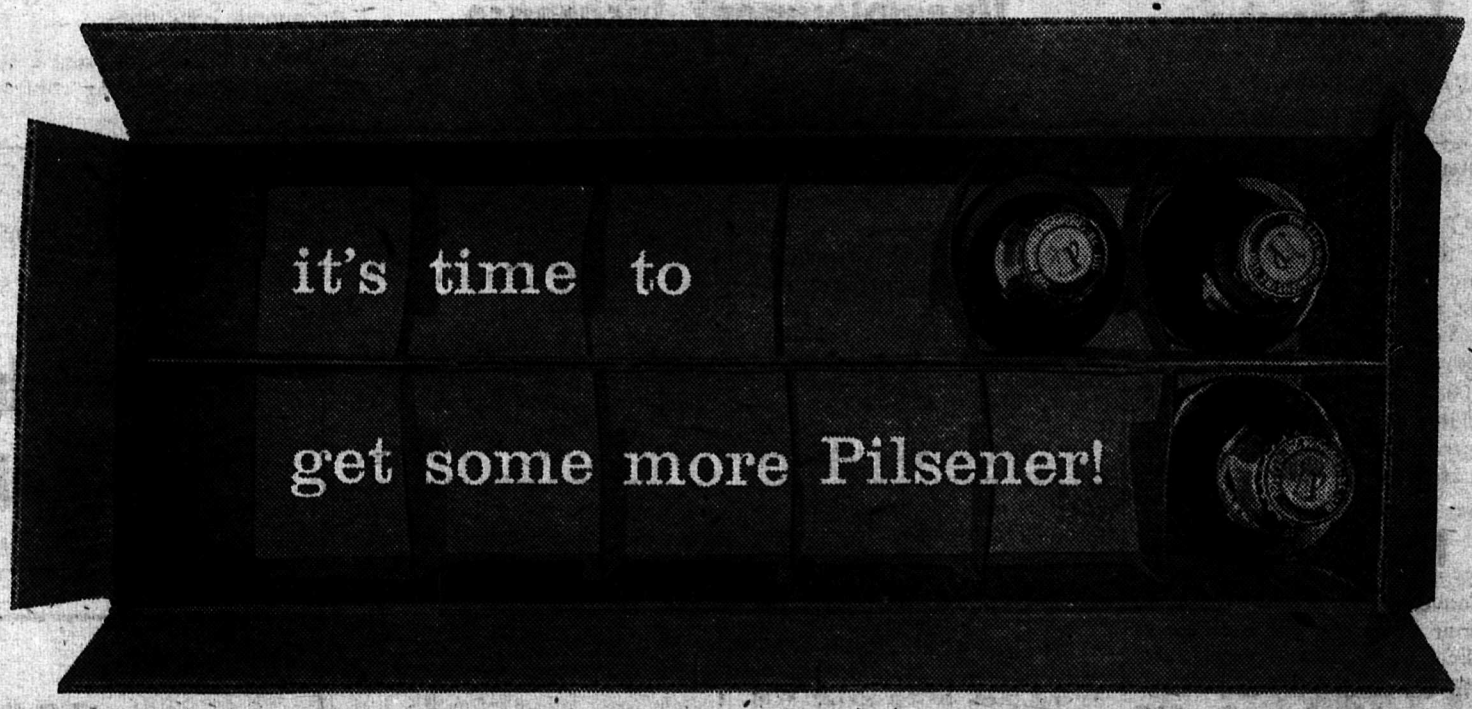

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DATELINES

Price Roll-Back

STOCKHOLM — The campaign to reduce prices started by Kooperativa Forbundet, the Swedish Co-operative Union and Wholesale Society, is already forcing private traders to cut prices severely in a battle to maintain their trade.

A recent investigation has shown that prices of more than 20 foodstuffs — including canned vegetables and fish, baby foods and edible oil — are 20 to 24 per cent lower than before the Society's campaign.

Too Expensive

WASHINGTON—The AFL-CIO is opposing "pay-as-you-view" television on grounds the system would work an economic hardship on the average worker.

AFL-CIO legislative committee told a Congressional house committee that paid TV would cost a family about $228 a year, at 25 cents an hour for 2½ hours a day.

The present system costs about $80 a year—for repairs, depreciation and electricity—for about five hours a day.

Nix To Annual

Conventions of the Canadian Labour Congress will continue to be held every second year.

The convention rejected a resolution urging that the CLC switch to annual meetings.

Port Alberni local of IWA submitted one of the resolutions urging conventions be held every year.

Lamarche Named

Community Chest and Council has now chosen its labor staff representative from a list of four candidates submitted by the Vancouver Labour Council.

He is Charles Lamarche of IWA, who did the job last year.

Other candidates were Bob Jeffries, Everett King, and William Robertson.

IWA Dispute

Negotiations for the master contract between International Woodworkers and coast lumber operations are going before a conciliation board.

Contract demands presented by IWA were rejected in total by the operators' representatives and proposed revisions described by President Joe Morris as "a barefaced attempt to undermine and weaken contract standards already established in the industry."

Unemployment Insurance Questions Answered

As a service to union members, The Statesman in this column publishes questions about unemployment insurance and employment together with answers from the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

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Q. At the present time I am drawing unemployment insurance benefit. I have been offered employment for three hours per day, five days a week, as a bookkeeper in a garage. My earnings would be $12 per week, (1) May I accept this job without losing my benefits or having them reduced? (2) Will this employer be required to affix stamps in my insurance book if I accept the job?

A. (1) Your benefit may be reduced. A claimant is allowed to earn up to a certain amount without loss of benefit. When this amount is exceeded benefit is reduced by such excess. Without knowing the rate of benefit that you are receiving it is not possible to give a more precise answer. (2) Yes. These contributions may be of value in helping you to requalify on a subsequent claim for benefit.

* * *

Q. Why am I restricted to receiving benefits based on my last two years of contributions when I have made contributions ever since unemployment insurance started?

A. The two-year period was chosen so that a person may show that he has had some recent attachment to insurable employment. Such a period must be long enough to prove that an insured person has a substantial interest and to provide a sufficient test for qualification purposes.

* * *

Q. I have lost my insurance book with stamps for the last ten months. understand I cannot get benefit without them. What can I do about it?

A. Report the loss to your local office. They will provide you with forms to take to your employers so that the missing contributions can be re-built. It is your responsibility to see the employers concerned and to return the completed forms.

There was an old hag of Malacca,
Who smoked such atrocious
tobacca,
When tigers came near
They trembled with fear,
And didn't attempt to attacka.

BLUEPRINT FOR PEACE

CLC's Four-Point Plan

A durable peace can only become truly effective through solution of four major international issues, the Canadian Labour Congress warned in Winnipeg this month.

Convention delegates voted endorsation of a four-point program that Canada's major labor body will ask Canada to actively fight for. It includes:

- Reunification of Germany on the basis of genuinely free elections, and the right of a freely-elected all-German government to follow a foreign policy of its own choosing.

- Peace between Israel and the Arab States on the basis of territorial integrity of Israel; the lifting of the economic blockade; a just and lasting settlement of the refugee problem; and substantial assistance to the economic development of the Middle Eastern states and the Arab living standards.

- Diplomatic recognition of Communist China and the reunification of Korea and Viet Nam on the basis of genuinely democratic elections, free from Communist interference and terror.

- The right of self-determination for all colonial people.

The CLC said it welcomes the national independence achieved by Ghana and Malaya, the establishment of the West Indian Federation, and the progress made towards self-government by colonial people in Africa and Asia.

At the same time it deplored the "shortsightedness" of French policy in Algeria, which, if continued "is bound to result in tragic consequences not only to the people concerned but to the entire free world."

It is hoped, said the CLC, that a just solution will be found for Cyprus in conformity with the best interests of the people of the Crown colony.

The Congress urged the federal government to fully support, by all peaceful means, the legitimate demands of captive nations behind the Iron Curtain for freedom and self-determination.

The Congress also expressed its solidarity with the working people of Spain, Portugal and the remaining dictatorships in the Americas, suffering under the yoke of fascist oppression.

"Neither can this Congress ignore the vicious persecution of the native population by the Government of the Union of South Africa, which contradicts the very principles and democratic traditions of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

"We urge our government to condemn this vilation of the most elementary human rights of the majority of the population of the Union of South Africa," said the CLC convention.

This One Sets All-Time Record For Contract Settlement Speed

A new record has been established for brevity in contract negotiations.

Vancouver Converters Local 433 of Pulp and Sulphite Workers met with International Pulpwood Supply Company representatives for 10 minutes to arrive at terms for a new agreement.

Terms for the settlement were identical with those accepted in the up-coast negotiations. Four workrs are involved.

BULLETIN

PLUMBERS' DISPUTE

Plumbers and heating contractors have shown a "total disregard for the public" by lockout action.

This was a charge by J. R. St. Eloi, business agent for Plumbers Union Local 170, in what could be a fast changing situation, as the Statesman went to press.

Plumbers have cut their wage demands from 60 to 45 cents an hour but conciliation recommended only a six-cent hourly boost.

St. Eloi's statement said:

"Local 170 has not instituted strike action or picketing out of consideration for the unemployed people in this province and present economic conditions.

"By taking lockout action, plumbing and heating contractors have shown a total disregard for the plubic by holding up construction of vitally needed schools, hospitals and other projects in the Lower Mainland area.

"The union can produce evidence that the lockout action was supported by a few general contractors. We feel the employers wanted a strike, but when the union did not take such action, we were locked out.

"The onus for the responsibility for the present situation is on the plumbing contractor. The lockout is by the employer against the construction industry. The union has picketed no job or project."

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A Voice In Union Label

Women's auxiliaries of organizations affiliated with the CLC's Union Label Trade Department are going to be given a voice in local and provincial union label councils.

Decision was reached at the Canadian Labour Congress convention in Winnipeg this month.

Resolutions submitted by union label councils in Vancouver, Toronto and Hamilton urged that local and provincial union label leagues be authorized to accept as affiliates with full voice and vote women's auxiliaries of organizations affiliated to the Union Label Trades Department of the CLC.

The councils pointed out that "the powers of persuasion and the determination of women shoppers in making their wishes known to merchants is a potent factor in determining the types of merchandise and services that manufacturers and business firms will offer to the consumer public."

They added that bona fide women's auxiliaries of the trade union movement have always worked diligently to help bring about an increased demand for products that bear the union label and for services identified by the shop card and the union button.

Thomas B. Ward, secretary-treasurer of the CLC's union label department, told delegates to the annual meeting in Winnipeg prior to the CLC convention that affiliates to the department increased in the last year from 22 to 32.

He made special note of the Vancouver union label council for its successful sponsoring of a banquet prior to the last B.C. Federation of Labor convention.

"While its is not always in good taste to single out persons or organizations for special mention, I think when a new procedure is tried out and proves successful, special note should be made to encourage other groups to follow a good example," he said.

A new Unemployment Insurance Commission office has been opened at Quesnel.

Robert Keen, formerly of Vancouver, is the office manager.

Hospital Employees Union Local 180 now bargains for lay staff employees at the Mission Memorial Hospital.

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★ CONVENTION NEWS ★

Tax Exemptions Sought To Help Tradesmen

A new bid will be made by the Canadian Labour Congress to win tax exemption for travel and living allowances and money paid out for tradesmen's equipment and protective clothing.

It is part of the program adopted by the Winnipeg convention to win a better break for the wage earner on income tax.

The convention adopted a five-point resolution on proposed tax changes to ease the burden on lower income groups. Proposals submitted by the B.C. Federation of Labor are included in the program.

It urges:

- Raising of personal exemptions to $3,000 for married and $1,500 for single persons.
- Raising of exemptions for dependent children to $500 whether family allowances are being received for the child or not.
- Allowing as deductions all medical, dental, optical and hospital expenses including the cost of drugs.
- Exemption from taxable income the cost of or allowances for acquisition of workers' equipment and protective clothing.
- Exemption from taxable income, travel and living allowances paid to or by workers required to work and live away from home.

Cushing Named To Government Labor Post

OTTAWA — CLC executive vice-president Gordon Cushing has been appointed assistant deputy Minister of labor, effective May 1.

Cushing, a member of Calgary Brewery Workers, was formerly secretary of Alberta Federation of Labor and secretary-treasurer of the Trades and Labor Congress from 1949 until the merger.

He replaces M. M. Maclean, who served with the labor department for 16 years. Maclean was secretary of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees in 1918 and helped in formation of that union. He served with the union for 27 years before accepting the labor post in 1942.

DECISIONS IN CAPSULE

In capsule form, here is summary of some of the resolutions at the Winnipeg CLC convention last week.

TV AND RADIO

The CBC be retained "in the dominant and controlling position in national radio and television broadcasting in the interest of the general public in contrast with the field of private enterprise in this field which emphasizes commercialism and whose interest is mainly profit-making."

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MINIMUM WAGE

Urge a national minimum of $1.25 an hour and federal conference with provinces to attempt this minimum for all Canada.

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FEDERAL WORKERS

Urge the government to grant collective bargaining rights to all federal government employees.

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ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

Urge the government to make a complete revision of federal constituencies to do justice to all citizens, and that such revision be undertaken by a politically impartial commission.

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BEER TAX

The CLC executive council will study a complaint from Edmonton Brewery Workers that the tax on beer is too heavy—"these tax burdens rest on the traditional consumers of beer who are chiefly in the lower income groups."

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RAILWAY WORKERS

The convention supported a bid by several lodges of Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen urging action at federal and provincial level to provide that "except with the consent of the bargaining agent, no employee shall be required by his employer to cross a picket line established by a recognized labor organization conducting a strike lawfully . . . and no employer shall dismiss or discipline such employee for refusing to cross such picket line."

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ARBITRATION

Re-statement of the determination "to oppose any legislation, federal or provincial, which would deny the right to strike to any workers and replace this right with any form of compulsory arbitration."

WAGE INCREASES, TAX CUTS NEEDED For An Economic Lift

(Special)

WINNIPEG — Tax cuts and wage increases to give Canada an "economic lift" were advocated by Canadian Labour Congress President Claude Jodoin in his opening address at the CLC convention here.

President Jodoin said that tax cuts "put money in consumers' pockets and so help to reduce unemployment."

Calling for support to unions seeking wage increases, the president declared:

"I feel sure that from this convention will come labor's voice saying "we are solidly united behind those unions which are already being attacked by management and the press because they have indicated they propose to seek wage increases . . ."

Additional money to workers means more purchasing power and "can be cumulative in speeding up the country's economy," he said.

Jodoin referred to election promises and called for prompt action to reduce taxes.

"Mr. Diefenbaker asked for a working majority and he certainly got it. "We now have every right to ask him to put into legislative form the promises which he made in the two election campaigns and which undoubtedly led the people of Canada to give him such an overwhelming mandate.

"He has undertaken to call parliament at the earliest possible date and to take steps to relieve the serious unemployment situation. We shall follow with deep interest the measures he proposes."

In another phase of increased purchasing power, he pointed out that a number of important negotiations will take place this year with most of the unions affiliated to the CLC seeking wage increases which would give additional money to workers, leading to "more business for retail stores, more business for our service industries, busier factories, and a greater measure of prosperity for our farmers."

"The effect of unemployment can be cumulative in slowing down the country's economy; the effect of increased purchasing power can be cumulative in speeding up the country's economy," he said.

"I know that labour is united in this view."

On immigration, he said the CLC was in favour of "an intelligent, planned immigration policy.

"This policy must, however, be implemented with due regard to the factors of employment, living standards and available social facilities, including housing. Prospective immigrants should not be barred on grounds of race, creed or color."

In the international field, Jodoin said organized labor in Canada desired for the world's people what it wanted for its own people —an ever-rising standard of living, political freedom, human dignity, the right of national self-determination, and a world of peace.

As a contribution to peace Canada's contributions to aid programs should be greatly increased. Trade unions should give the utmost support to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, the world labor body to which the CLC is affiliated, he said.

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CLC Convention Lists Social Security Plan

Canadian Labour Congress will continue its campaign for a broad national social security program.

The CLC Winnipeg convention set the goal for a program to give Canadians protection during periods requiring medical, hospital and institutional care.

It also calls for "adequate benefits payable for family allowances, to the unemployed, the sick, the disabled, the handicapped, needy mothers and widows and senior citizens."

Canadian trade unions are set to fight the introduction of so-called "right to work laws" in Canada.

The Winnipeg convention instructed the CLC executive to investigate the anti-labor activities of a new committee that is forming in Toronto.

The organization is known as "the committee for economic rights and freedom" and the convention was told its known purpose is promotion and establishment of right-to-work laws.

The executive also was instructed to take any action necessary to resist any attempt by this organization "to lessen or restrict labor unions' rights and freedoms."

Picketing, Injunction Amendments Studied

Executive committee of the CLC will make a broad study of two major legal problems facing labor today: peaceful picketing and use of injunctions in labor disputes.

The CLC's legislation committee told the Winnipeg convention that these issues demand careful study and said the new executive should have a detailed check "by competent legal counsel."

Representations should be made to the government on the basis of the findings, the convention agreed.

Resolutions to the convention pointed out there have been contradictory decisions by the courts on peaceful picketing, and condemned the growing use of court injunctions to hamper strikes and picketing.

Use of exparte injunctions is being viciously abused by employers to weaken unions and as "a judicial means of strike-breaking" resolutions said.

"But the legislation committee recommended one positive, immediate step to eliminate some injustice regarding picketing under the Criminal Code. It would add words to section 366 (2) to make it read (suggested addition in black face): "A person who attends at or near or approaches a dwelling house or place, for the purpose of obtaining or communicating information **or of peacefully persuading to work or to abstain from working,** does not watch or beset within the meaning of this section."

Mrs. Hallock Elected To Label Post

Mrs. Josephine Hallock has been elected one of three executive members of the CLC's Union Label Trades Department.

At the ULTD convention during the CLC's annual meet at Winnipeg, Mrs. Hallock, the main sparkplug in Vancouver's union label activities, was named as executive member for the area west of Ontario.

Stan Clair of Amalgamated Clothing Workers was elected president and Thomas B. Ward is secretary treasurer. Clair is also executive member for Ontario.

Rene Rondou of Tobacco Workers of Montreal is executive member for area east of Ontario.

Vice-presidents for regions are: Dave Wade for B.C., Mrs. Emily Ross for prairie provinces, Saul Fagan for Ontario, Brother Phillips for Quebec, and Donald Cudmore for Atlantic Provinces.

'Hyde Park' Dispute

Vancouver Labour Council has voted support for the 400 workers at Hyde Park Clothes, Montreal, how have been locked-out by their anti-union employer.

Workers are members of Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The dispute centres on union recognition. Workers had applied for certification but the company obtained an injunction to stop the Quebec Labor Board from taking a vote.

Suits manufactured by this firm are handled in this area by the major department stores as well as other retailers of men clothing.

They are sold under brand names: Marble Arch, Townly, Princeton, Baycrest, Newton Down. Other merchants carry Hyde Park suits under their own personal store names.

When shopping for a suit, remember: demand the union label and you will be sure of getting clothing produced under fair conditions.

Vancouver Labour Council's proposed amendment to the CLC constitution to provide a fairer system of union representation at congress conventions will be studied.

The Winnipeg convention voted to refer the proposal to the executive council. A committee will be set up by the executive to study the proposed change in representation.

LAFF A LITTLE

Two lions escaped from the zoo at Washington, D.C. and didn't meet again for three months. One was fat, the other lean. Said the skinny one: "I've never seen you look better. How did you manage to be so well fed?"

Replied the fat lion: "Oh, hiding in the Pentagon and eating a colonel a day. So far, nobody's missed them."

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Her dress is rayon, her stockings nylon, her coat is orlon, her gloves are dynel, her slip is dacron . . . nobody is going to pull the wool over her eyes.

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When a jolly fisher named Fisher
Went fishing for fish in a fissure
A fish, with a grin,
Pulled the fisherman in.
Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher.

A man to whom illness was chronic,
When told that he needed a tonic,
Said, "Oh, doctor, dear,
Won't you please make it beer?"
"No, no, said the doc, "that's teutonic."

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A barber who lived in Batavia
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