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THE COMPENSATION CLAMOR

Here's What Labor Is Yelling About

More and more workers every day are smarting under the "without rhyme or reason" rulings of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Hundreds of justifiable claims are being thrown out because of unrealistic interpretations of regulations by Board members.

Here are four of many cases rejected by the WCB in recent months. Names have been delected for obvious reasons, but the facts are unchanged.

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1 *On Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m., John "X" suffered a severe pain in the small of his back while lifting a pipe fitting on to a positioner. A first aid attendant immediately took information of the injury and John was sent home.*

At home he called his family doctor who diagnosed the injury as a sprained back and told John it should be considered a compensation case.

A claim was submitted and after considerable delay the Board ruled: "The information does not show that the disability from which you suffered was the result of an accident arising out of, and in the course of, your employment. Your claim, therefore, has not been allowed."

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2 A painter and another workman were raising a heavy ladder against a building recently. The ladder twisted and the full weight came upon the painter, straining his back. He was forced to seek medical attention. He made a claim to the WCB for medical expenses only. It was rejected.

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3 *On Oct. 12, a winch driver slipped and severely wrenched his right shoulder while opening a winch elevator, part of his normal duties. He consulted his doctor the next day and was forced to lay off work until Jan. 3.*

A claim was filed with the WCB on Oct 13. More than two months later, on Dec. 19, the Board rejected the claim because it had not been established that the wrenched shoulder was the result of an accident.

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4 A body man in a Vancouver auto repair shop, who spends a good deal of time kneeling while repairing cars, noticed some slight pain in his knees about the end of September. By Oct. 23 his left knee was so painful he was forced to visit his family doctor. He was immediately sent to a specialist who said the knee would have to be put in a cast.

The injured man was off work five weeks and even though both doctor offered their professional opinions that the knee injury resulted from the man's kneeling while on the job, the Board refused the claim. "It has not been established that you met with the accident in the course of your work," the official report said.

WCB Hearing Called On Claim Rejections

Full Attendance Urged VLC To Present Brief;

Vancouver Labour Council will lead lower mainland trade union representatives before the Workmen's Compensation Boad March 6 to demand an immediate investigation into the board's increasing tendency to reject claims.

If they do not get immediate action from the board, a "mass trek" to Victoria will be considered to press labor's complaints.

Delegates to last week's meeting of the VLC agreed to this course of action after hearing a report on rejected compensation claims from Council president Lloyd Whalen.

Whalen termed the problem 'really serious" and urged every interested union member to turn out at the March 6 meeting.

"We have arranged to present a brief to the board in the WCB auditorium at Thirty-Seventh avenue, and Willow and we want that auditorium loaded," he said.

Other grievances of union members against the board will also be aired at the meeting.

A committee has been formed to investigate the alarming increase in number of rejected claims.

The committee, which includes representatives of both the B.C. Federation of Labour and the VLC, was set up at an emergency conference, Feb. 8, of unions affiliated to the council.

Some 80 representatives attended and heard details of actual cases that have been rejected by the WCB (see separate story, this page).

Whalen said, "The information brought out was not hearsay, but came from concrete cases that had been rejected by the WCB due to its interpretation of Section 7 of the Workmen's Com-

JOE MORRIS

LLOYD WHALEN

CONTESTING president post of 34,000-member B.C. District International Woodworkers in referendum vote are encumbent Joe Morris and Lloyd Whalen.

Garment Workers 'Sewing' Plans For 20th Jubilee

Vancouver locals of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union will celebrate their 20-year jubilee on May 9 at the Commodore Cabaret.

Business agent Anne Marshall said the locals—with a total of 600 members—will publish a souvenir journal to commemorate the occasion.

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• The Headliner

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NEW FACE—With operations expanding Hospital Employees Union has added a new business aide. He is Sid MacDonald, formerly chief orderly at New Westminster's Royal Columbian, who takes over as assistant business manager of Local 180.

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GOOD WORK—Operating Engineers this month dug down for

SETTLEMENT TALKS ON

Painters Get Good Offer

Painters Union Local 138 and contractors meet Thursday to decide if a new contract will be settled on basis of a two-year package deal worked out earlier in negotiations.

The offer would give painters one of the highest wage boosts—41 cents—in the building trades industry in recent years.

The settlement proposal, reportedly approved by the union, includes:

16-cent increase April 1, 1957; 10-cent additional increase Sept. 1, 1957; 15-cents more on April 1, 1958.

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$2219 and provided another chest respirator for the polio pavilion at the Pearson hospital. Said engineer's president Charles Wren: "We were told that the Polio Fund was doing a tremendous job and when the proposition was brought before a general meeting, it was passed without a dissenting vote."

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AND MORE—Delegates obligated and seated at last council meeting included: A. Heppner and L. Gavin, UPW Local 44; M. Wright and E. Elliott, Laundry Workers 292; John Thompson, Jr., Plumbers 170; John Thompson, Sr., Heat and Frost Insulators' 118; R. Coello, Civic Employees 407; D. Burgess, UBC Employees 116; J. Ghini, Building Laborers 602; Jean Maissoneuve, UPW 499; A. Nuttall, Tailors 178; F. Rich, Bakery Workers, 468; D. Fletcher, Pressmen 69; C. F. Cornett and G. Dobby, Auto Workers 432.

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Compensation (Cont'd from page 1)

pensation Act where it states that a claimant must prove that an accident took place."

He went on to explain that actual cases were discussed that indicate the WCB is "rejecting great numbers of claims daily" where claimants have wrenched their backs or suffered similar injury in the course of their duties.

Investigation committee formed at the meeting includes William Black, George Home and J. T. Atkinson, representing the Federation, and John Brown, Owen Mason and Whalen, representing the VLC.

First action of the committee was to send a questionnaire to all unions requesting information on their experiences with compensation claims. The answered questionnaires will be used as a basis for the brief to be submitted to the WCB.

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She said the firm holds a contract with Local 28 and with the Teamsters.

CLC Board Meets

OTTAWA—First meeting of the Canadian Labor Congress' general board—with representatives of all affiliated unions—will be held in Montreal May 1 to 3.

Top issues on the agenda are automation and extension of union organization across Canada.

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Contractors Stall Carpenter Wage Talks

By George R. Bengough

There is no agreement in sight between Provincial Council of Carpenters and contractors' negotiating committee.

The council has met contractors four times and the employers' committee adopted new tactics by breaking off the wage parley and applying to the labor department for a conciliation officer in quick time.

All the Carpenters have not been able to review the report of the negotiations owing to the various dates in the month when local unions meet.

But so far the 16 local unions which have met to date are 100 percent behind the Provincial Negotiating Committee and have refused to entertain any of the small offers made to the Carpenters' committee.

At one point the contractors offered a 10 cent hourly increase and three cents towards health and welfare.

At another meeting the contractors offered the same 10 cents hourly increase, and six cents for health and welfare.

Later the contractors withdrew all offers.

During the negotiating the carpenters committee backed down to $2.50 per hour the first year and $2.75 for the second year.

In fairness, we must say the contractors and carpenters while in meetings made good progress on wording many of the minor clauses.

However, now that the negotiations are stalled until the conciliation officer takes over, no claim can be made by either side to any progress.

These 1957 tactics of the contractors committee have done more to make the carpenters' membership determined for a better deal than anything that the carpenters could do themselves.

The carpenters negotiating committee is comprised of G. R. Bengough, Vancouver; A. Zimmer, Vancouver; E. T. Staley, Victoria; J. Mobley, Kamloops; Brodie Shaw, Dawson Creek; A. Davidson, Campbell River; B. Robson and S. Garrett, Vancouver; S. Shymko, Kimberley; E. Oliver, Victoria; T. Hawtree, Penticton; H. Taft and C. Oke, New Westminster.

The Contractors' committee has been D. McCallister, H. Ayling, R. K. Gervin, R. Bental, L. Savage, M. Cameron, W. Mounsell and D. Layden.

Black Urges Civic Election Preparation

Vancouver Labour Council wants "qualified" candidates to be ready for the next civic election.

And to make sure, political education committee chairman Bill Black warned interested delegates at last week's council meeting to get their respective houses in order. He meant it literally.

City charter provides that a candidate must be fully qualified with respect to his property holdings at least six months prior to the first day of the month in which the elections are to be held.

Black urged those interested in coming forward as candidates in the next civic election to report the fact to their unions and to immediately enquire into the legal state of their property to make sure it meets city hall requirements.

He also told council delegates that his committee is investigating "the political atmosphere" of city ratepayers groups to see if any could "fit in" with the policies of the council.

"We plan a full-scale campaign in the next election and we will shortly be asking all unions to propose people who will make good candidate material," he added.

Paper Firm Checked

A resolution that Columbia Paper Company be placed on Vancouver Labour Council's "We do not patronize" list has been referred to VLC's grievance committee.

Motion was made by Orville Braaten, Pulp and Sulphite Workers, Local 433, who told council delegates that his union has been trying to organize the firm for eight years.

He said the company makes union water-mark paper and he added that Office Employees' Union, Local 15, has also been unsuccessful in negotiations with the company.

LIKE THE CHOICE . . . ?

CANADIAN BEAUTY Carol Starkman, seen in recent CBC-TV roles, is this month's choice of union label gal. The choice is by United Packinghouse Workers.

FOR DEFINITE ANSWER

Jury Duty Query Back To Bonner

Vancouver Labour Council will try to get "a definite answer" from the Socred government on whether it contemplates any action on a council request that new legislation be enacted covering jury duty.

The request was made in a letter to Premier Bennett February 1 by council secretary Ted Jamieson.

A reply, Feb. 13, from Attorney-General Bonner said contents of the letter to Bennett "have been noted."

Delegates at the last council meeting agreed that Bonner's reply wasn't good enough and endorsed an executive recommendation to write to him seeking further clarification.

The question arose from a January resolution which urged amendments to the Coroners' Act to provide:

- that jurymen be selected in similar manner to those acting on juries in the Supreme Court.
- that jurymen be recompensed for loss of income for their services.
- that the Attorney-General use the influence of his office to assure that Coroners' Jury recommendations be implemented wherever possible and practicable.

Union Cocktails At Abbotsford

ABBOTSFORD — There are "union" drinks at the cocktail lounge of the Atangard Hotel here. Beverage Dispensers Local 835 have been certified to bargain for lounge employees.

Union Caskets

Vancouver Casket Company has been organized by B.C. Woodworkers' Union Local 2.

The union will bargain for employees, other than office staff.

Annual Fill For Building Trades

Annual banquet of the Vancouver and District Building Trades Council will be held in Georgia Hotel on March 29.

Tickets are available at the council office.

CAFE ORGANIZED

VICTORIA — Beverage Dispensers Local 835 have organized another capital city cafe—Drake Cafe, 530 Johnson street.

Retail Union Settles Dispute At Prudential

Prudential Housewares Ltd., 1255 West Pender, has been removed from Vancouver Labour Council's "we do not patronize" list.

Action followed a report from James F. Mason, president of Local 535, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, that a dispute between the union and the firm has been settled.

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YOUR BUSINESS, TOO

March 4 is a date every one of us should circle with a red pencil.

March 4 is the start of Education Week and that fact should serve as a reminder that we have a duty both as citizens and parents to get know a little more about our schools and the people who teach in them.

Too often we take the efforts of our teachers for granted. And yet, they are the people who day after day help mould the personalities of boys and girls who will one day be the new leaders in our society.

Education Week offers a perfect opportunity to go back to school and meet and shake hands with the men and women who teach our youngsters, to discuss today's teaching problems, to become more familiar with new ideas in education.

Our teachers deserve our thanks and encouragement, for their's is a truly dedicated task. Despite the valiant efforts of their union representatives at the bargaining table, our teachers are paid far too little for the valuable service they perform.

Let's show them that we appreciate their devotion to duty and let's indicate to them, as trade unionists that we back their stand for better wages, by visiting our teachers in their classrooms during Education Week.

Education is Everybody's Business.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

Like to see the name of your local union in the paper, read what's happening in various unions, or maybe even see your own name now and then . . . ?

Good idea. So would the editors of the Statesman.

Right about now, all 153 unions affiliated with the Vancouver and District Labour Council are being urged by the public relations committee to send along their items of news.

Don't just let it go at that. Each union should have a publications chairman who can funnel the various bits of news, resolutions, activities of individual members, details of new contracts and new plants signed up to the Statesman office.

The mailman is ready to carry the load. How about you?

P.S.: We'd like to have pictures too—activities in plants or on the job, ball teams, queens and the like.

TRADE UNION FOIBLES

"May I borrow your pen, Fred? A friend wants my autograph!"

"I couldn't bear to let our company's founder see these latest concessions we had to make to the union!"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An Angry Engineer

Sir: In response to a statement by Max Pierotti reported in the Vancouver Sun of Feb. 11, I wish to correct some errors.

Pierotti said that our men in small schools with only 10 weeks training at the Vancouver Vocational Institute draw an annual salary of $3048 as compared with teachers' starting salary of $3000.

First—the teachers work nine months of the year while we work 12 taking into consideration July and August, and the closed periods at Christmas and Easter, while the cleaning staff work right through.

Second — the 10 week VVI courses have not produced any custodians as yet, and the men presently employed in the schools mentioned, and other schools as well, are those having as much as 10 years of actual cleaning experience. When the new plan does come to where it will produce custodians, the preference will more than likely be given to those having years of experience.

This union has bargained for these men with the understanding that they are full grown men and need their pay. They have many other duties to perform than just heating. It is not their fault if the teachers pay is inadequate.

There is no engineer-custodian receiving $6000 per year, let alone $6800, no matter how many years they are in service.

His actions are very unethical and do not become a group of such social standing and education as secondary school teachers, i.e. such action as endeavouring to better the conditions at the expense of another group.

George Zailo,
Recording Secretary,
International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 963.

Hey There, Grandpa!

Here's good news—your life span is gaining every year.

According to statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., the average length of life of wage-earners in America—and their families—has reached the Biblical three score and ten.

A study of provisional mortality rate for 1955 shows that the expectation of life at birth among the Metropolitan's industrial policy holders rose to a new high of 70 years.

This is an increase of about one-third of a year since 1954, and of more than five years in the last decade. Since 1909, in fact, the increase has amounted to nearly 24 years.

Life expectancy for industrial workers is now on a par with the population as a whole. In 1909 workers had six percent less life span.

PENTICTON — Plumbers Union Local 423 has been certified to bargain for sheet metal workers of Penticton Engineering Works.

Local 244 Reports

By BEN MORLEY

Local 244 has organized janitors and janitresses employed by the CBC in Vancouver and has applied ot the Canadian Labour Relations Board for certification.

It would appear that some officials from the east are a little upset over these people joining the union, and it could be that they are anxious to maintain the present wages and conditions which include nine-hour days.

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In negotiations with the buildings, we are again running into the old game of "never do today what you can do tomorrow."

After submitting a notice to the Stock Exchange Building in December and making every effort to open negotiations, we were informed at the end of January, that unless we were prepared to sign the present agreement for another, negotiations would have to await the return of Gen. J. A. Clark from his winter vacation in March.

As a result of this imperious attitude ,this dispute has now been referred to a Conciliation Board.

Negotiations are progressing favorably with the Medical Dental, Lyric Building and Metropolitan Building, and we hope to open with the Marine Building soon.

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The window cleaners are getting ready for the coming negotiations and are faced with a number of new problems due to the construction of ultra modern buildings in the city and the manner in which they are cleaned.

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Last August the union appealed a decision of a Board of Referees in the disqualification of one of our members from benefit, because the Board of Referees failed to take into account union rates of pay, in establishing "the average paid in a cross-section of industry.

Our appeal was upheld by the Umpire and the matter has been referred back to the Board of Referees for reconsideration.

It would appear that the Umpire's decision on this case makes it definite that union wage rates have got to be considered by the UIC in arriving at "prevailing rates of pay."

YOU CAN PLAY IT PRETTY FOXY

WITH THOSE BARGAINS ON THE SHELF,

BUT LOOK FOR THOSE UNION LABELS,

OR YOU MIGHT OUTFOX YOURSELF!

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CROSS-SECTION

The Early Bird Gets At The Job

At first, the thought of automatic production — push-button industrial palaces grinding out goods—visioned a Big Killer to labor. Automation was a giant to be reckoned with and there were groups of knotted eyebrows in labor offices.

Then heads got together. The big scare wasn't so bad after all, said labor. Automation could bring great benefits to our country and its workers—with proper control and guidance.

Labor has generally outlined its plan on how to live with automation. But it warns that much study is needed to ensure the safeguards and the benefits.

The Canadian Labor Congress urged the appointment of a tri-partite council representing management, labor and government to study the whole question of the effect of automation in Canada. So far, the proposal remains shelved.

This month, the CLC, rolled up its sleeves, said it would at least make a start on the problem by itself until the other two parties were ready to join in.

An industry-wide survey on the effects of automation will be made.

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Said the CLC executive council: "Reports have been received from regional vice-presidents of a number of instances in which automation is affecting employment.

"While the trend is toward reduced employment in a number of instances, it is recognized that employment opportunities are increasing in other industries and the survey wil be intended to gather a complete picture."

Target date for survey completion is May 1. Then the first meeting of the CLC's general board in Montreal May 1-3 will give it a good study.

Charlie's First: $6,000,000 Drive

Last July, Charlie Millard was named director of organization of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Into the lap of the one-time soldier (one of the youngest sergeant majors in CEF overseas in World War One) one-time cabinet maker, organizer of unemployed, and General Motors plant worker, went a big job.

It was a job of fighting Communism on a world front, organizing and helping the lot of millions of workers in under-developed countries.

But Millard had some valuable background. The man who was named Steel Workers organizing head in Canada in 1940 had been handed the task of rooting out Communists who had infiltrated Steel locals. He went to work with a thoroughness that made him one of the top targets for commie attacks.

In 1942 when Steel became a wholly autonomous union, Millard was named Canadian director. He had boomed its membership from 5000 to 75,000 by the time he took the ICFTU job. And in years in top executive posts in the former CCL, he found time to do work for the ICFTU, particularly in the Caribbean area.

Last week, the husky 60-year-old labor leader was in Vancouver between planes. It was long enough to announce that a five-year drive to organize workers in under-developed countries was his first target as new organizational chief. The drive will take $6,000,000, pledged by world labor to aid workers in Africa, Asia and South America.

With a team of close to 100 organizers, he hopes to boost ICFTU's 54,000,000 membership by 15,000,000 in the first three years.

He planed out of Vancouver for Japan. From there he heads for Thailand, Burma, Indonesia and India, returning to Brussels headquarters by April.

Said Millard: "Money donated by our unions is helping to beat Communist infiltration in under-developed countries. The Moscow-supported World Federation of Trade Unions is slipping badly.

"Events in Hungary have opened the eyes of countries with uncommitted labor groups. We have had more and more inquiries about joining the ICFTU from countries like Turkey and the Sudan."

For Injunctions, A Part Answer

Ex-party injunctions in labor disputes have long been an unfair thorn in labor's side. But so far, battering on legislature doors has failed to ease the problem.

Last week, Johnny Brown of Milk Salesmen, produced a newly signed contract from his pocket. It contains a partial and temporary answer.

It provides the usual, that is, that union members can't be forced to cross a legal picket line. But it also states: "... in the event of any employer obtaining an injunction against a union having a picket line or placard line, then the employees (milk drivers) may consider that 'the picket or placard line is still in operation and may refuse to cross same until such time as the matter is settled in court, and if the decision is found in favor of the company obtaining the injunction, then it will be considered that there is no picket or placard line in existence."

In The Sunshine A Dark Cloud

In the sun-drenched conference room of a Miami Beach hotel earlier this month, the men who speak for the world's biggest labor organization took a look down the shabby back alleys of American trade unionism.

What they found wasn't good.

There were glaring examples of intrigue, financial irresponsibility and the concept that union leadership is a chance to milk the membership rather than serve it.

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As a result, the CIO-AFL executive members cleared the decks for a full-scale war on any bums, boodle boys and bomb throwers who may be using labor organizations as fronts for crime.

With only one dissenting vote, the 29-man Council adopted a policy that prohibits anyone from continuing to hold union office who refuses to testify about his financial activities in any fair and legitimate investigation.

At the same time it ordered three unions—the Distillery Workers, the Laundry Workers, and the Allied Industrial Workers to "clean house" or stand suspension from the AFL-CIO in another 90 days. Such a suspension would probably be followed by expulsion at the next general convention in November.

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Behind the declaration of war was the five-man AFL-CIO ethical practices committee which for weeks had been searching out corruptive influences in organized labor.

Thick mimeographed documents, averaging 30 pages each, told the committee's story of payoffs and kickbacks, diversion of funds, jockeying of bank accounts and employment of underworld characters for shakedown purposes.

And from it grew a new code of ethics for AFL-CIO unions.

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Besides covering the use of the Fifth Amendment by labor officials in fair and legitimate investigations, the code set standards for unions on administration of health and welfare funds; laid down policy against crooks and racketeers in posts of union influence, and ruled that no responsible trade union official shall have a personal financial interest which conflicts with the full performance of his duties as a workers' representative.

Laugh With Us

The woman, filling out an application form, puzzled over the line, "Are you a natural born citizen of Canada?" Finally she answered—No, Caesarean.

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After the family had increased to three it was decided to employ a girl as nursemaid.

"My husband is very particular whom we engage," said the mistress to the girl who applied for the job. "Are you faithful. Have you a kind of loving disposition? Will you . . . "

"Excuse me, madam," said the girl but am I to take care of the baby or your husband?"

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A college student signed up for the Reserve Officers Training Corps. The first thing he did was to fail to salute the commanding officer.

"Do you realize who I am?" the officer fumed. "I'm in command here. I command a thousand men."

"You got a good job," the young man answered, "don't louse it up."

A hillbilly visitor at an observatory paused to watch a man peering through a large telescope. Just then a star fell.

"Man alive," he exclaimed, "you're a fine shot!"

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The defeated candidate for election as shop steward was contesting the election. "I know it was crooked," he exclaimed. "I voted for myself three times and yet I didn't get a single vote!"

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I never saw a purple cow,
Of tears my eyes are full.
I never saw a purple cow
And I'm a purple bull.

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The preacher came along and wrote upon the signboard: "I pray for all."

The lawyer wrote underneath: "I plead for all."

The doctor added: "I prescribe for all."

The plain citizen wrote: "I pay for all!"

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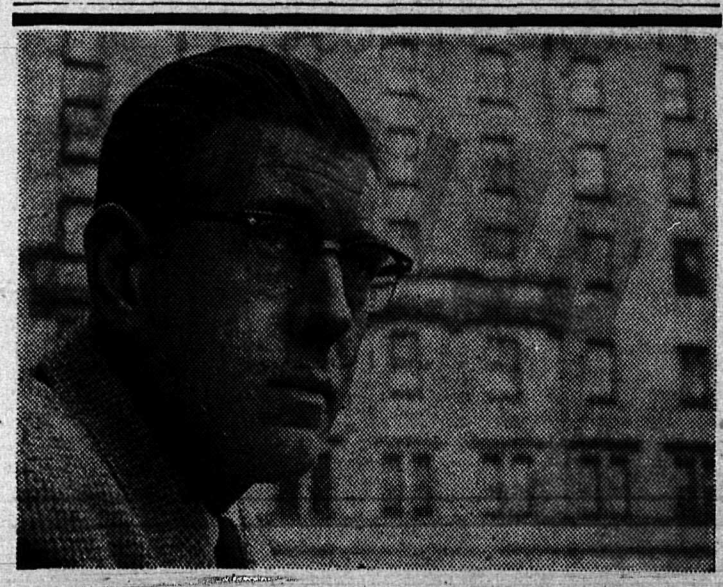

People Are Always Important
Bill Dunford believes people are more important than anybody —and he really knows people. His column, "Talk of the Town" is great reading for everyone, every day.
The Province

Split Shift Danger

What's behind the repeal move on Shops Regulation and Holiday Act? What is being done by Organized Labor? . . . . This article pinpoints the dangers of the move and the fight that needs Your Support.

C. E. HERRETT

. . . sees dangers

Vancouver Labour Council this month continued to do battle against proposed repeal of the Shops Regulation and Weekly Holiday Act as the legislature session opened at Victoria.

Warned the council: the change proposed by the Union of B.C. Municipalities would lead to a deterioration of working conditions of retail trade workers.

The biggest danger would be return to widespread use of split shift work.

Council's brief outlining its position has been sent to the cabinet and all MLAs. Last week a delegation led by Clarence Herrett of the Barbers Union, interviewed MLAs, stressing the dangers of the proposed change.

Most significant in the council's brief is the notation that the agitation for repeal of the Act has NOT eminated from the industry itself. The vast majority of merchants and their employees in the industry affected does not want the change.

The UBCM proposes repeal of all control over hours of business of all retail establishments as an aid to the tourist trade by wiping out the Shops Regulation Act.

They claim that the interests of the workers in the industry are safeguarded by the Hours of Work Act and by contracts held by trade unions.

Labor emphatically denies this.

Council's brief points out: "The Hours of Work Act restricts hours of work in any one day to eight. However, the value of such a restriction is severely limited by allowing the eight hours to be worked over a 12-hour period.

"The working of split shifts is completely undesirable for health and social reasons and should be prohibited except under exceptional circumstances."

It states that two sections of the Shops Regulation Act has effectively reduced the incidence of split shifts—but without them, splitting of shifts would become extremely common.

Without protection of the Shops Regulation Act, many employees in retail stores may be obliged to revert from a five-day work week to a six-day work week.

Only a minority of employees in the retail industry are organized in trade unions and "if the Shops Regulation Act is repealed economic forces will be set in motion which will exert a downward pressure on union standards."

The brief points out that "repeal of the Act will automatically increase the number of hours for which a store will be open for business; certainly where the operation is unorganized.

"It can readily be seen that a unionized store must follow the precedent established by t he non-union store if the latter is not to obtain an overwhelming competitive advantage."

Mrs. Ed Smith

Sincere condolances were given this month to Ed "Mr. Union Label" Smith on the death of Mrs. Smith, Feb. 10.

Mrs. Smith died after a lengthy illness. She was 73.

Only last July, Ed and his wife had celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary.

Funeral was held Feb. 13 from Hamilton Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Joseph Herdman officiating. Burial was at Ocean View.

Surviving besides her husband, are two sons, Ed jr., and Fred, both of Burnaby; one daughter Mrs. J. H. Monahan of Langley; 10 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith was born in London, England, and came to Canada with Ed in 1905. They arrived in Vancouver 40 years ago.

The Labor Statesman wishes to add its sincere sympathies together with thousands of labor people and friends who mourn her passing.

Fair Employment Institute Theme

Seventh annual labor institute on race relations will be held in Vancouver Sunday, March 31, under the co-sponsorship of the Vancouver Labour Council and the B.C. Federation of Labour.

Knute Buttedahl, executive secretary of the Vancouver Labor Committee for Human Rights said: "Because of the recent enactment of anti-discrimination legislation in B.C., which will affect trade union members, the theme this year will be 'Our Fair Employment Practices Act.'"

Bury Gets ORIT Post

Jim Bury, former secretary of the CCL Vancouver Labor Council and member of local United Packinghouse Workers, has been appointed assistant general secretary of ORIT, the inter-American organization of International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

He will be stationed in Mexico City and is expected to start his new job with an organizing tour of the Caribbean area when he trips south shortly.

Jim spent about 18 months in Africa on ICFTU organizing staff and returned to Vancouver about a year ago. He will move his family to Mexico City.

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Council Sets Debate On Fluoridation

A proposal that Vancouver Labour Council go on record favoring fluoridation of city water supplies will be debated at the March 5 council meeting.

Resolution was proposed at last week's meeting by Geo. Connolly of the Dental Technicians. But President Whalen requested that the question be held over to permit a full discussion on "such an important subject."

Connolly said he supported fluoridation even though its use might eventually put some dental technicians out of business.

"This doesn't matter," he added. "The important fact is that our children's teeth are getting worse and will continue to get worse unless we get fluoridation."

Connolly told delegates that 77 percent of Vancouver people who participated in a poll conducted by his organization recently were in favor of fluoridation. Eleven percent were opposed and the remainder were undecided, he said.

Commies Shunned

ROME—Italian Workers are more and more turning away from the Communist - controlled trade union organization CGIL in favor of free trade unions.

In factory council elections, percentage of votes cast for the communist CGIL has fallen from 70 percent in 1953 to 51 percent in 1956.

POLIO PATIENTS will be able to get home for the weekends with this portable $2,219 chest respirator donated to Polio Pavilion of Vancouver's Pearson Hospital by Local 115, Operating Engineers. President Charles Wren made presentation through B.C. Polio Fund.

Federation To Launch Political Action Drive

An all-out drive to teach trade union members their potential strength through political action will be launched in March by B.C. Federation of Labour.

Sparking the drive wil be a Political Education Workshop at Victoria March 10, 11 and 12.

About 100 delegates are expected to attend. They will discuss government structure and legislation and the need for party politics with Prof. Dave Corbett of University of B.C.'s department of political science and economics.

Representatives of B.C. political parties will be invited to address workshop delegates and explain their policies on labour.

Federation secretary George Home said, "We are hopeful that teams will be organized out of the workshop for actual lobbying of legislative members. Time will also be allocated to allow delegates to sit in the public galleries and watch the legislature in action."

Federation officials, in cooperation with Congress' political education department, are planning the March workshop as a forerunner of a series.

Canadian Dept. Urged

Interprovincial conference of Alberta and B.C. building trade councils is sparking a move to have a Building and Construction Trades Department of international unions established in Canada.

The conference is canvassing all building trade councils across Canada urging them to endorse the idea.

The request would have the Building and Construction Trades Dept. of international unions charter a sub office or branch in Canada.

The new department would handle problems of industrial unions taking in building tradesmen, plant maintenance work, and jurisdictional disputes.

The conference tackled the problem of contractors operating in more than one province and agreed to exchange monthly records of any difficulties encountered in dealing with these contractors.

BIR To Hold Inquiry On Stamp System

Vancouver Building Trades Council will go before the Board of Industrial Relations April 2 to seek immediate establishment of a stamp book system that would ensure workers holiday pay.

The stamp book system has been a long-sought goal of the Council.

The inquiry will be a public meeting at which both union and management in construction will be invited to present briefs.

Council secretary Ed Kennedy said his group will present its views on why the stamp system is necessary and how it should be put into operation.

Recreation Institute

Vancouver and District Labour Council has been invited to send 25 delegates to an Institute on Recreation to be held the evening of March 22 and throughout the day of March 23 at the Vancouver YWCA.

VICTORIA — Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union Local 504 have won certification to bargain for longshoremen employed by Empire Stevedoring on deepsea vessel work in the Victoria district.

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Canadian Sales up 40% in Record Year for Sun Life

New insurance during 1956 largest amount ever sold by a Canadian company in any year; policy dividends again increased; $7 billion insurance in force.

New life insurance sold by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada in 1956 amounted to $854 million, an increase of $93 million over the previous year and once again the greatest amount of life insurance ever sold by any Canadian company in one year. In Canada, a 40% increase was reported. Sun Life's 86th Annual Report to Policyholders, just released, also discloses that life insurance in force has now passed the $7 billion mark, an all-time record. The Company is again adopting new and increased dividend scales which will further reduce the cost of insurance to policyholders. As a result of these increased scales, Sun Life will pay out $31 million in dividends to policyholders during 1957, or $2,700,000 more than in the previous year, and more than twice the amount paid out only nine years ago. During 1956, the Company paid a total of $137 million in benefits to policyholders, largest amount ever distributed by the Sun Life in any year. Living policyholders and annutants received $94 million of this amount. Benefit payments since 1871, when the first Sun Life policy was issued, have now exceeded $3,140 million.

George W. Bourke, Sun Life President, in reviewing Company results for the 12-month period, stated that full advantage had been taken of favourable conditions for a record sale of life insurance by the Sun Life. By mobilizing the savings of millions of policyholders, life insurance is playing a vital part in providing funds needed for the tremendous capital expansion that is taking place today.

GROUP BUSINESS NOW OVER $2½ BILLION

Included in new business during the year was $259 million of group insurance, or 30% of the total, bringing group insurance in force to more than $2½ billion. Sun Life's worldwide total of insurance in force now has reached $7,030,000,000, an all-time high. Annuities payable currently and in future under group pensions plans and individual contracts totalled $162 million per annum at the end of 1956. Life insurance and annuities combined, are the equivalent of $9,175,000,000 of life insurance. The division of this figure among the major territories in which the Company operates is: Canada, 49%; United States, 36%; Great Britain and other Commonwealth countries, 13%; elsewhere, 2%.

$89 MILLION IN NEW MORTGAGE LOANS

An increase in assets of $60 million took place in 1956, and Sun Life assets now stand at slightly over $2 billion. "During the year 1956, even though tighter credit conditions existed in Canada and the United States, the Sun Life advanced $89 million in new mortgage loans, throughout the two countries," Mr. Bourke said. "Our mortgage loan account now stands at $460 million."

Sun Life's Report revealed that the success of the year's investment operations was reflected in the gross interest rate earned on the Company's assets, which increased from 4.17% in 1955 to 4.32% in 1956.

CONTINUED GROWTH

Mr. Bourke concluded by saying that with the prospect of continued expansion, the volume of new life insurance will continue to grow. "In the highly competitive atmosphere in which we operate," he declared, "the Sun Life will continue to be responsive to public needs and anxious at all times to improve the service we have to offer."

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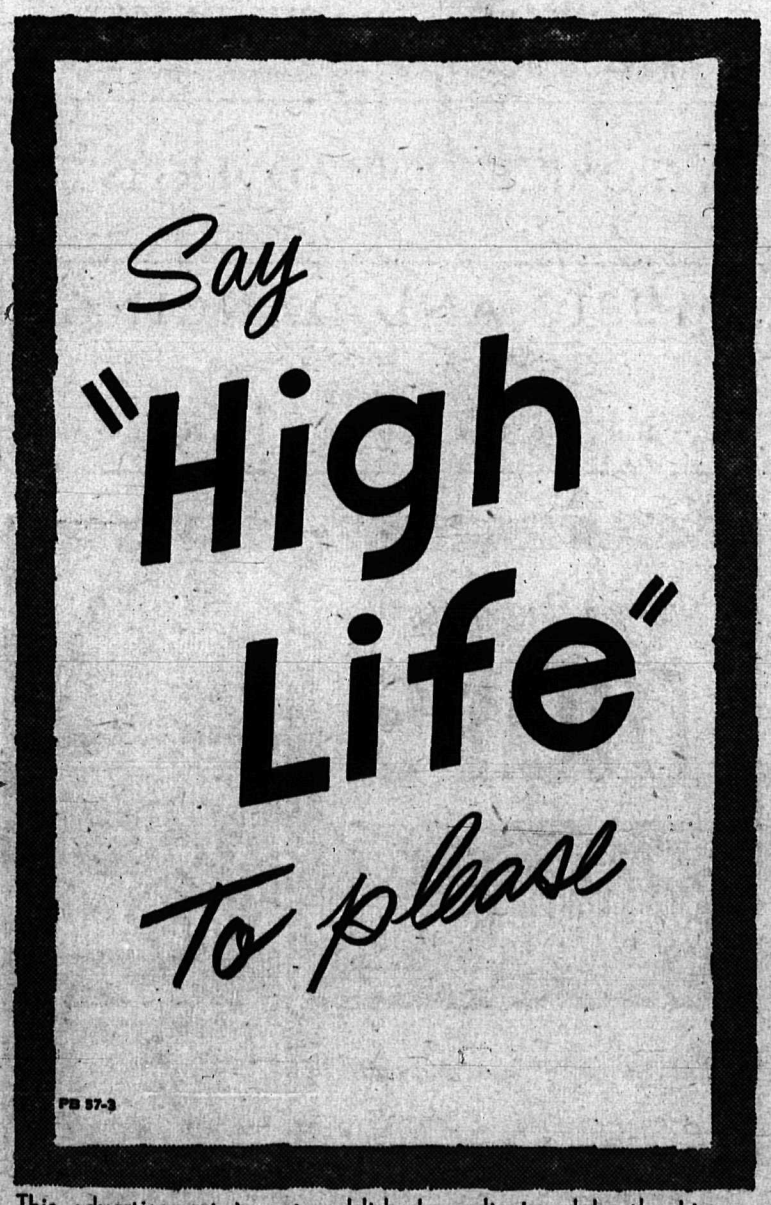

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What's Cooking In Wage Talks?

Tailors Ask More

Journeyman tailors will seek pay boosts ranging from 25 to 37½ cents an hour when negotiations open shortly for a new contract.

Business agent George Droneck of Tailors, Local 178 of Amalgamated Clothing Workers, said "the rates presently paid are certainly no compensation for the years of training required.

"It is high time that tailors received the tradesman's rate of pay they are entitled to."

Tailors also are seeking a sick-leave-with-pay plan with one day per month credit and three weeks vacation after five years service.

The 37½-cent goal for foreman fitters would bring their rate to $2 an hour. A 25-cent boost is sought for tailors, operators and pressers, now getting $1.50 an hour and for tailoresses and finishers now getting a $1.12½.

Said Droneck: "For too many years local tailors have put up with a pay rate which does not compensate for the skill required. A tailor must put in five years as an apprentice and then up to another five years of experience before he is considered as a qualified craftsman.

"I know we will get moral support of every trade unionist when we present our reasonable and justified demands to employers."

Tilesetters Win

Tilesetters' helpers have settled their agreement with local dealers after last-ditch talks. The result: a two-year contract with a 27-cent hourly boost—10 cents to July 1, then another 17 cents.

In Summary

In West Summerland, Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 2742 won a seven-cent hourly increase in sawmill rates and upward revision of some categories in box factory rates in one-year contract with Summerland Box Co. . . . . **Meat Cutters** have signed up another firm—Johnson's Food Market, North Surrey . . . . Empoyees at Vancouver Magazine Service, Vancouver, have wage boosts in new two-year contract signed by **General Truck Drivers, Local 31** . . . . A nine percent increase from Jan. 1 and a further five-cent hourly boost on Jan. 1 next year goes to cocktail lounge employees at Devonshire, Georgia, St. Regis and Ritz hotels, and to beverage room workers at the Devonshire and St. Regis. They're members of **Beverage Dispensers Local 676.**

Hospital Union Sets Up Four Area Councils

Hospital Employees Union has set up four district councils throughout B.C. to strengthen district activities and cooperate with labor councils.

Established are councils covering the East and West Kootenays, the Okanagan, the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

District council officers are:

Kootenays—Chairman R. Cole, vice-chairman S. Wakaluk, Secretary Mrs. J. Muir, provincial executive representative Mrs. Mary Booth.

Okanagan — Chairman and executive representative R. Socquet, vice-chairman A. Tetz, Secretary Jean Schneider.

Lower Mainland — Chairman, Hector Carden, vice-chairman Tony Burrell, secretary Bill McCulloch, executive representative Les Moore.

Said business manager Bill Black: "We feel this new structure will do much to expedite our business in these areas and place us in a position where we will be able in the future to negotiate master contracts."

And Still More Union Barbers

Five more B.C. barber shops are now working under the union label, reports C. E. Herrett, business agent for Barbers' Union, Local 120.

Newly-organized are: E. H. Parker, Fort St. John; John Nordal, Ocean View Hotel, White Rock; Gerald Pilton, Cranbrook; Len Backman, Lougheed Hotel, North Burnaby, and Peter Vershagen, Fruitvale.

MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE

WYMAN TRINEER

. . . member of IWA Local 1 - 357 New Westminster, chairman of Vancouver Labor Council's organization committee.

VLC Lists Committee Workers

Vancouver Labour Council has approved appointment of members to five council committees. They are:

COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: E. L. Eldridge, SRU, 101: William Giesbrecht, Enamel Workers, 291; A. E. Hallock, Piledrivers, 2404; E. Holmes, IWA, 1-217; Anne Marshall, LGW, 287; W. J. Pierce, B.C. Woodworkers, No. 2; R. C. Haynes, Retail, Wholesale, 580; Ken Woods, Steelworkers, 2655; N. Gillan, Laundryworkers, 292, and Josephine Hallock, Hotel and Restaurant, 28.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE: W. Trineer, IWA, 1-357; Sam Jenkins, Boilermakers, No. 1; George Bengough, Carpenters, 452; A. Pflueger, Retail Clerks, 1518, and one othe rto be appointed.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: J. Henderson, Operating Engineers, 882; A. Cameron, Ironworkers, 712; J. Hayward, SRU, 101; E. O. O'Connor, Govt. Employees; Ray Haynes, Retail, Wholesale, 580; George Home, Packinghouse, 283; Pen Baskin, Steelworkers, 2655; Miss E. Quinnell, Packinghouse, 162, and Charles LaMarche, IWA 1-217.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: A. Coleman, Barbers, 120; G. Droneck, Tailors, 178; C. P. Neale, IWA, 1-217; Dudley Kng, Teamsters 605; and Josephine Hallock, Hotel and Restaurant, 28.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: W. Robertson, Boilermakers, No. 1; H. B. Hodgins, Retail, Wholesale, 535; E. Orr, Steelworkers, 3546; C. E. Herrett, Barbers, 120; and H. J. Bell, Teamsters, 351.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: D. Wade, Retail Clerks 1518; Gordon Hall Retail, Wholesale, 535; E. Kinney, Lithographers, 44; E. King, BCE office Employees, 378, and N. Musgrave, Meat Cutters, 212.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: J. Brown, Milksalesmen, 464; Ben Morley, Building Service, 244; N. Gillan, Laundry Workers, 292; E. Holmes, IWA, 1-217, and one other to be appointed.

Metal Trades Keeping Busy

Mid-month meeting of the Vancouver and District Metal Trades Council reported employment conditions as follows:

Sheet Metal—very busy. Engineers — trade fair. Painters — fairly good for this time of year. Molders—work fair, some members not working. Machinists—trade good. Shipwrights—fair, a few men available.

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