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Charles Robertson of Vancouver Auto Workers' Union 1857 is having trouble with his much publicized coffee substitute.

His prize recipe—shred some carrots and roast them brown, break them into pieces and brew as you would coffee—was picked up and broadcast by AFL newscaster Frank Edwards as a public service in these days of soaring coffee costs.

Then the Rochester N. Y. Labor News conducted an experiment with dieticians at the local hospital.

The verdict: "Half successful. It looks like coffee—but it tastes like carrots."

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WATCH FOR—Next month's edition of Labor Statesman done up in new dress. We're going into tabloid size, with many more pages, more features. Your subscription paid up? . . . PAID OUT—$25 from Trades Council to support striking Beverage Dispensers in Alberta who are battling the anti-labor Alberta Hotel Association. A worthwhile donation.

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WORTH FIGHTING FOR — Striking members of Retail Clerks at two stationery firms, on the picket line for six weeks, have turned down a company money offer which was conditional on elimination of the union security clause in their contract. The security clause must be there, said strikers . . . Unions are urged to keep up financial support of these employees. Struck are Clarke and Stuart, 550 Seymour and Mitchell-Foley, 522 West Hastings, Placarded is Willson's 830 West Pender.

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A first in the municipal field is the new Rand formula union security won by City Hall Employees (TLC) for School Board clerical employees. The Rand deal, not common, will make all workers pay union dues.

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UNEXPECTED VISITORS—MLA Bert Price can expect visitors follow-

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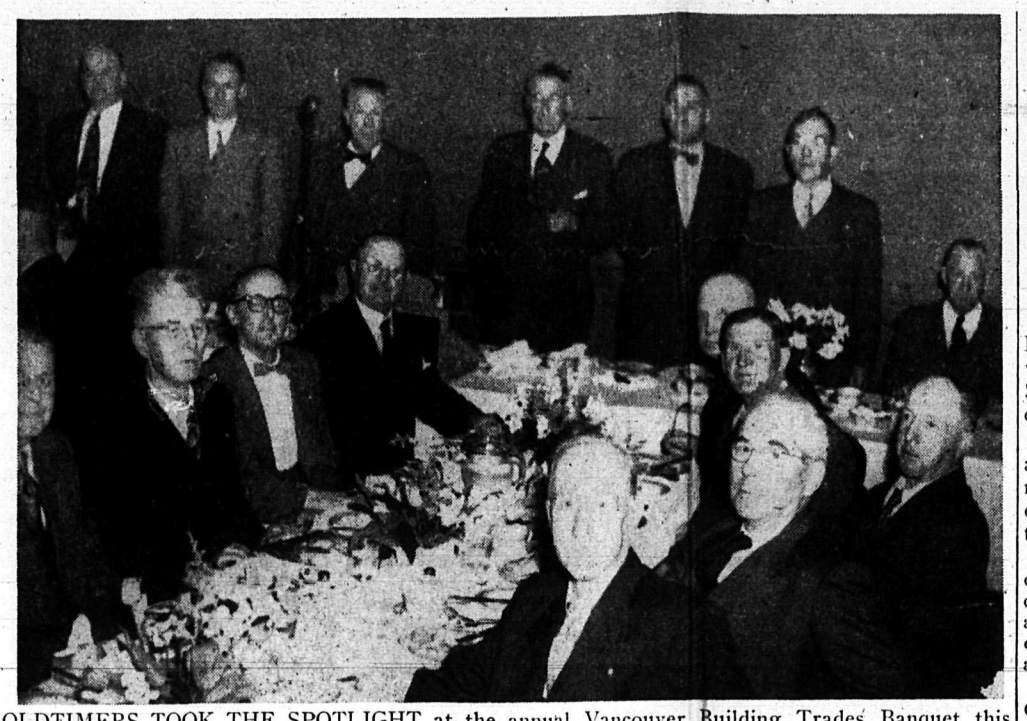


OLDTIMERS TOOK THE SPOTLIGHT at the annual Vancouver Building Trades Banquet this month. Toasted were veterans (from left to right around table): D. MacPherson, Frank Hunt, Ted Atherton, F. Platt, Ed Jones, Ben Morley, Bill Leonard, Bryce Phillips, Joe Johnson. At head table (from left standing) were Bill Horrobin, UIC; Labor Minister Lyle Wicks, Council President Herb Flesher, Mayor F. Hume, Trade Council secretary R. K. Gervin, and WCB commissioner C. Pritchard.

'Youngsters' Show The Way

Nine men with close to four centuries of labor leadership and service were feted at the annual Vancouver Building Trades banquet in Hotel Georgia this month.

The large gathering paid tribute to the old-timers" who have helped make the history of progress of local unions—through both good and bad times. And many are still active in labor matters.

The line-up of veterans reads like a who's-who in labor circles.

Included were two charter members of their unions, Ben Morley of Painters who has 52 years' membership, and Frank Hunt who clocks off 32 years with Operating Engineers.

F. Platt of Carpenters topped the old-timers' service records with 55 years, while Ted Atherton, Plumbers; Ed Jones, Electricians; and William Leonard of Plasterers can claim a long record of 45 years.

D. MacPherson of Sheet Metal Workers has 42 years; Bryce Phillips, Ironworkers, 43 years; and Joe Johnson of Laborers, 17 years.

Morley, Leonard, Johnson and Hunt still keep ther hand in at their trades.

Experts Probe New Labor Act

Mass Meeting Saturday Will Chart Campaign For Better Legislation

Decisive, united action aimed at forcing revisions of the new Labor Relations Act, providing more employment for Canadian workmen, and bringing about the eventual defeat of the anti-Labor Social Credit Government will be launched by TLC unions in co-operation with other labor organizations this coming month.

Officers, shop stewards, and interested members of TLC, CCL and Joint Railway Brotherhoods will meet Saturday to discuss the new labor legislation and draw battle plans to force amendments of the most dangerous sections. Labor organizations throughout the province are formulating similar plans.

Vancouver's joint labor committee on unemployment will meet with church and community leaders when a comprehensive program to fight unemployment will be presented for approval.

Meanwhile, Trades and Labor Council is on record—unanimously—as "urging organized labor throughout B. C. to establish the utmost political unity in opposition to the Social Credit party, as to bring about its defeat at the earliest electoral opportunity."

The resolution approved by delegates, charges that the Socreds have enacted the "most anti-labor legislation in the history of Canada."

Trades and Labor Council in Victoria promptly passed a similar resolution.

MASS MEETING

The mass meeting on Saturday, scheduled for a 10 a.m. start in the Electrical Hall, 111 Dunsmuir, will feature the most detailed and revealing analysis yet attempted of the unfair Labor Relations Act passed by the Socreds last month.

Executive members of the three powerful labor organizations taking part will cover those sections of the Act to which they have given particular study.

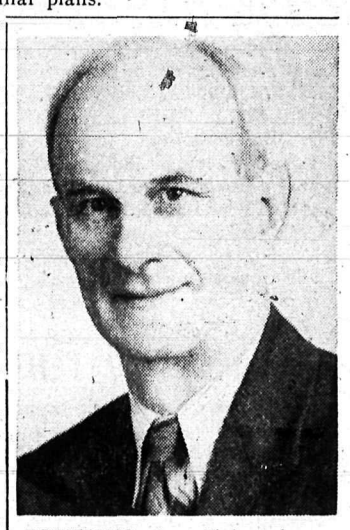
Top priority will be given to those sections which clearly menace trade union organization and activities.

Resolutions which come out of the Saturday meeting are expected to chart the course of a full-scale campaign, which if necessary will be conducted through the summer and fall months to achieve a better deal for labor in Victoria.

PRACTICAL PLAN

Meeting of the full community wide committee on unemployment will hear what promises to be the most comprehensive plan developed yet to deal with unemployment in a positive and practical way.

Plans now being formulated call for organized assistance to unemployed employable at municipal level, with part of the cost assumed by provincial and federal governments.



RETIRING after 45 years' service as secretary of ITU here is Harry Neelands, 73, one of the most outstanding labor figures in Western Canada. See page 2.

Unions Protest Italian Marble

All affiliated unions are being asked to protest the use of marble fully processed and cut in Italy for Vancouver's new Post Office.

As the Labor Statesman went to press it appeared that Vancouver marble cutters, many of whom are unemployed, are being deprived of cutting and finishing work by action of the federal government. Building Trades Council has confirmed this from two different and reliable sources in Ottawa

Letters of protest should be directed to Hon. Robert Winters, Minister of Public Works, Ottawa.

Visitors in town with Painters' Union secretary Jack Eaves are Mr. and Mrs. Stan Ward of Birmingham. It's the first get-together in 28 years.

MLA Price Says Socreds Lack Knowledge Of Labor

Frank admission that the Social Credit government suffers a "certain lack of knowledge on just what labor problems are" featured the appearance of Bert Price, MLA for Vancouver Burrard, before Trades and Labor Council last week.

Mr. Price appeared at the invitation of council to explain his previous statements that the new labor legislation introduced by his government is "not vicious."

Mr. Price spoke for 20 minutes, and later attempted to answer questions from a score of delegates.

Although not too successful in his defence of the new Labor Relations Act, the MLA's obvious sincerity earned him prolonged applause and the thanks of president Tom Alsbury.

"If your 47 colleagues would do the same sort of thing, they would be performing a real public service," said Alsbury.

"I sometimes feel myself that there is going to be a different interpretation placed on my words than I intended," said Price, apparently referring to his celebrated remarks in favor of the new Labor Act.

"Perhaps if I had gone to school more and read more books I would be more proficient at expressing myself."

NO BUSINESS AGENTS

The Burrard MLA said it was perhaps unfortunate that there are no business agents on the government side of the House.

"I feel we should admit that there is a certain lack of knowledge on just what labor problems are. There is a considerable lack of knowledge."

He said the new Labor Act guaranteed the rights of employees to join unions and employers to join employer associations, and many of its clauses were inserted to ensure

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SEE SPEAKER

Enter Your "Queen" In Label Contest

A "Union Label Queen" will be named this year in conjunction with the Union Buying Week campaign.

As the contest gets underway, unions are urged to enter their candidate with Ed Smith, secretary of the Vancouver Union Label Council. Choose your candidate from members of any AFL or TLC union.

In co-operation with the council, the Labor Statesman will publish pictures of entries in subsequent issues. The queen will be chosen near the end of July, so get those entries in. For further information, give Ed a call.

Council OK's Six-Day Week

Trades and Labor Council this month went on record as favoring the six-day business week with guaranteed five-day work week for employees.

Action was taken by delegates on the request of Amalgamated Meat Cutters led by vice-president George Johnston. Views of many delegates were expressed by Everett King of B. C. E. Office Workers, who said: "If the business is there, let's get it—and give our people more work."

Voters will decide the issue by special plebiscite June 23. If majority are in favor, the way will be cleared for ballots among specific types of stores. If 51 percent of store operators in a given class are in favor, those stores may remain open six days a week, although the five-day work week would be guaranteed by provincial statute.

Barbers' Union objected strenuously to the endorsation, claiming that many barbers would be forced to work the six day week regardless.

Following a special meeting between the barbers and council executive, secretary Gervin announced that endorsation of the six-day business week principle applied only to retail stores and not to barbers.

Secretary Gervin Definite Candidate For TLC President

Now it's official. Council secretary R. K. Gervin, considered by many to be the logical man to succeed Percy Bengough as president of the Trades and Labor Congress, will definitely be nominated for the top job at the August convention.

Bob Beddome of Beverage Dispensers moved council endorsement of Gervin as a candidate at the council meeting this month. Everett King of BCE Office Employees went a step further and suggested that councils throughout B.C. be asked to add their endorsations. The resolution carried unanimously.

Gervin, who is at present vice-president of the Congress, is assured of two adversaries.

They are bilingual Quebec leader Claude Jodoin, also a vice-president, and Gordon G. Cushing, general secretary of Congress and former president of the Calgary Trades and Labor Council.

Kitimat Men Ask Board In First Contract Dispute

Production workers at Kitimat have rejected a conciliation officer's recommendations and the dispute over the first contract with Aluminum Company of Canada will go before a conciliation board.

Herb Flesher, AFL Western representative and acting secretary of the Allied Aluminum Workers Council said men on the job rejected conciliation officer Bob Forgie's proposal at a meeting May 18.

The proposal was turned down on wages, shift differential, vacations and overtime pay.

Negotiations under Forgie started On May 12 after direct talks bogged down.

He recommended a general increase of five-cents an hour to bring basic rate to $1.55. Increase of 13 cents an hour on top tradesmen's rate for a $2.11 rate.

SRU Negotiators Reach Agreement

Street Railwaymen negotiators announced as The Labor Statesman went to press that agreement has been reached with BCE for a new contract. Three thousand members of the union in Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria will vote on the proposed agreement June 18. Negotiating committee has recommended acceptance, but terms are withheld pending the vote.

ATTENTION, ORGANIZED LABOR!

Here is an important message regarding the much-discussed "open Wednesday" controversy:

Did you know that:

- **Our survey of barber locals in the U.S. shows that they favor the five-day shopping week as we have it in Vancouver.**
- **The six-day shopping week has not created more employment for barbers.**

The following statement from the large Bon Marche department store in Seattle tells the story. Harvey A. Johnston, personnel director, states:

"Maintaining the same number of full-time employees as we had previously, a rough estimate would be approximately $4,000 additional expense per month to have the proper coverage during busy times and on the sixth open day. Naturally this was prohibitive. THERE WAS ONLY ONE ANSWER AND THAT WAS FEWER FULL-TIME, 40-HOUR EMPLOYEES AND MORE FOUR AND FIVE-HOUR EMPLOYEES. . . . As a result we have approximately half the selling force on less than a 40-hour week."

- **66 percent of our membership will have to work six days a week because they are one-chair operators.**
- **70 percent of the retailers will be forced to work six days a week to compete with the department stores.**

WE ARE NOW SURE OF OUR FIVE-DAY WEEK.
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Secretary, Barbers' Union Local 120.

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CASE FOR THE POLICE

There is no justification for the Police Commission's court action to set aside the award of an arbitration board in the contract dispute with the Vancouver Police Federal Union.

The union says it will fight the litigation and labor is solidly behind the union. But we maintain that the Police Commission has broken faith.

The award is by law binding on both the union and the Commission as set out in the city charter, and should be accepted in good faith by the Commission.

We can't agree with Commission member Magistrate Oscar Orr that the issue is whether Police Chief Mulligan will have control of the force or not. That's clouding the issue.

During the board hearings, union representatives brought out that members of the police force were not happy with the present lack of a promotion policy. They asked—and justly — that an equitable, competitive system for promotions be set up.

Judge Sargent and Chief Mulligan both said during the hearings that they wouldn't object to job standards being established. The arbitration board—including the Commission's nominee—agreed that a special committee should study the promotion question.

There is no place for personal peeves in an issue such as this. The Commission should withdraw its legal action and accept the award in the public interest.

STOP THE NONSENSE

Employers and their organizations are talking a lot of nonsense these days to the effect that all the complaints about the new labor legislation come from trade union leaders—"labor bosses" as they are called—rather than "rank and file".

It should be obvious to these people that labor leaders are elected by the membership to do the talking on policy laid down by the members. Our officers would be remiss if they didn't complain. Our so called "captains of industry" should attend a union meeting sometime and find out what really goes on

45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Salute To Neelands

Across North America, the International Typographical Union has 700 local secretaries — and until his retirement this month at the age of 73, Harry Neelands was senior to them all.

Harry Neelands has been secretary of ITU Local 226 for 45 years almost half a century of strenuous and useful service to the cause of organized labor and the entire community.

In addition to conducting the affairs of the ITU through good years and bad, Harry served 16 years on the school board. He was labor MLA for eight years; he acted on the police commission, and was for some years president of Trades and Labor Council.

This pioneer unionist was born in Ontario, came to Victoria as a youngster, and started work as a printer at the turn of the century. He later moved to Vancouver as a journeyman and active ITU member, and in 1909 was elected secretary of Local 226.

He was responsible, as much or more than any one individual, for development of the five-day week in Vancouver.

The Labor Statesman joins the ITU and labor men everywhere in a tribute to a man who combined an extraordinary measure of practical trade unionism with public service—and in the process became one of the outstanding figures of our movement.

This month, for the first time, Harry will get a chance to enjoy his garden and his golf clubs.

TRADE UNION FOIBLES

261. "Don't tell me all these hours go into the minutes of your union meeting!"

263. "We're glad to see your standing here kept in such good shape, Miss Lovewell!"

FROM THIS ANGLE

No More Raids?

Actual signing of the long-debated AFL-CIO no raiding agreement—described by leaders on both sides of the fence as the first solid step in the direction of labor unity—will take place in Washington, June 9.

The document will be signed by the two presidents, AFL's George Meany and Walter P. Reuther of CIO, and by members of the joint "peace committee" who will affix signatures on behalf of the unions which have agreed to abide by the pact.

At least 70 AFL and 30 CIO unions have agreed to sign imdiately.

Meanwhile, 100 national and international AFL unions have agreed—unanimously—to a plan for peaceful settlement of family jurisdictional disputes.

AFL executive council will submit the plan in final form to the September AFL convention for final agreement, after which various unions will sign up on a voluntary basis.

Briefly, the plan calls for unions to try to settle their jurisdictional problems by themselves. If that fails, the AFL will name a mediator who will try to bring about harmony.

Should this too fail to bring about settlement within a set time limit, the president of the AFL will turn the matter over to a single, impartial arbitrator chosen from pre-agreed list. His decision will be final and binding upon all parties.

Decision of the U.S. Supreme Court that racial segregation in the land of the free is unconstitutional has been hailed by AFL president George Meany as a "matter of simple justice."

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It Ottawa, there are indications that the federal government will go at least part of the way to meet TLC president Percy Bengough's suggestion that immigration be cut off entirely for the balance of the year because of unemployment.

Regular half-yearly review of the immigration program is now being carried out by federal authorities, and although no cut-off is contemplated there will probably be a reduction.

Incidentally, Canada admitted 168,000 immigrants last year. Also for the record: peak unemployment finally conceded by the federal government was 570,000—not far from TLC's estimate of 600,000.

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Ottawa has again given the heave-ho to a bill which would write the revocable check-off of union dues into federal labor law.

B.C. Liberals to support the Knowles bill were Jim Bryne (Kimberley), Elmore Philpott Van. South), Tom Goode (Burnaby-Richmond), and J. L. MacDougall (Van. Burrard). Conservatives E. D. Fulton (Kamloops) and Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes (Esquimalt) voted against it.

By BIRT SHOWLER

Airport Fire-Sale

There is every indication that a by-law will be put before Vancouver ratepayers on June 23 asking if they favor sale of the city's interests in the Sea Island airport property and equipment—to the Federal Government for $1,000,000.

Trades and Labor Council is openly opposed to the sale.

It is opposed because member of an affiliate union — Civic Employees (TLC) Local 407—who work at the airport will take pay cuts and lose other benefits if they are taken on Ottawa's payroll.

It is opposed because the value of the land and equipment at the airport has been assessed at far more than $1,000,000; because after a struggle over the years to make it a paying proposition, the city now would sell when it is making bigger and bigger profits each year; because the city would lose all control over development of the important air field.

Birt Showler, city alderman and Teamsters' secretary, has fought against the proposed sale. As former chairman of the airport board he knows what he is talking about. Here are his views specially written for the Labor Statesman:

Why sell the Vancouver International Airport?

Since 1950 the airport has shown ever increasing revenue, which goes into the city's coffers and helps keep your taxes from going up.

Here is the picture of the profits made by the airport in recent years: in 1950, $2,452.01; in 1951, $14,445.56; in 1952, $27,738.27; in 1953, $92,982.21.

The estimated operating profit for 1954 is $116,800.

Every time one of the new giant airliners lands at our airport it must pay approximately $39. With the advent of more and more large airliners in the near future, anyone can see that the airport will become one of our largest revenue producers—and we sure need all the money we can keep in our city.

If Ottawa takes over the airport, ALL the employees will be removed from the city payroll, and go on the Ottawa payroll with a consequent reduction of roughly 25 percent in their pay envelopes.

It will open the way for the old political system of job patronage with no one being able to work at the airport unless they have a good political friend to see that they get the job.

Under the present city system there is no patronage, and all employees are picked on the basis of ability.

We have given away our harbor to Ottawa, and all the city gets in return is a measly grant of $45,000 for which the city must and does provide fire and police protection.

Don't let Ottawa grab off any more of the city's valuable assets.

Vote NO to sale of the airport at the fire sale price—or at any price at all.

By O. E. MASON

Jobs And Immigration

The present employment situation is causing many Canadians to take a second look at our immigration program. Should it be continued at its present level . . . or should we call a halt for the time being?

As usual there's a two-way split between government and labor. Reason of course is that government is taking a long term view while labor is concerned with the short-run effect of immigration.

Labor believes that in a condition of less than full employment, immigration tends to keep wages at a lower level than they should be.

Confirmation of this viewpoint is provided by a nationally known magazine which in its last issue ran as a main feature an article on unemployment. The writer quotes a government official as stating: "The reason 85,000 immigrants can come to Canada and find jobs is that the immigrant will work long hours for $35 a week. Our unplaced applicants would rather get $24 for doing nothing than $35 for working hard. They want work sure, but at not less than a dollar on hour."

This official openly admits that immigrants will take jobs at lower wages than Canadians. Now a job rate is fixed when sufficient men are willing or obliged to work for that rate, and in the long run unions are powerless to do anything about it. Therefore labor is on solid ground when it states that our immigration policy should be modified.

Every Canadian worker should be familiar with the protection that his New Zealand counterpart has against any adverse effects due to immigration. In April of last year only 56 workers were unemployed out of a work force of 770,000. On the basis of our population that's equivalent to only 400 unemployed workers in the whole of Canada.

On the same basis there was an equivalent of 800,000 unfilled jobs —400 vacant jobs for every unemployed worker. That's plenty of protection, but it doesn't end there. The basic wage is set at a level sufficient to support a family in decency and no employer is allowed to pay less.

Canadian workers are not likely to get that kind of protection but personally I think we ought to insist on full employment as a minimum against any undesirable effects which might arise from immigration. That would lead to job competition on the basis of the best man for the job—not who's going to accept the lowest wage.

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SPEAKER

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that everything possible is done to avoid strike action.

He said strikes were a great loss to the country and a greater loss to the employee, and "what is in the best interests of the men is preventing a strike from being called."

NO ARGUMENT

"There is no argument about the right to strike. I believe that is something that can't be legislated away."

Mr. Price said he believed unions were largely responsible for the increasing standards of living of the people.

"We don't think the Act is against organized labor. We think it is a benefit."

DID NOT LISTEN

Delegate Everet King asked the MLA why it was that if there was such a lack of knowledge on labor matters, the government did not listen to the advice tendered consistently by labor organizations.

Price replied: "When a government is approached by certain factions they are often of the opinion that it is a political move. If there were no such thing as politics, this might be a different matter."

BY GEORGE BENGOUGH

Good Gains For Carpenters

Vancouver carpenters at a special meeting May 25 voted to accept the negotiated agreement for the coming year.

This agreement in turn has been accepted by the General Contractors Association of Vancouver and the Heavy and Highway group, which are not a part of the G.C.A.

This agreeemnt has many changes from the old contract:

Wages: Hourly rate for a carpenter as of May 15 will be $2.22; hourly rate of millwrights $2.32. Carpenters in charge of work shall receive not less than one additional hour's pay above the rate for eight hours work.

Overtime: All overtime shall be on the basis of double time, except for one hour each day, which will be at time and one-half. All Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays when worked, double time. On project and heavy highway construction when it is mutually agreed, two hours overtime may be worked at time and one-half Monday to Friday, double time thereafter. If four hours or more of continuous overtime is worked in any one day, the contractor agrees to supply an overtime lunch at no cost to the employee.

Shifts: In case of necessity shifts may be allowed, provided the shifts are continued for three consecutive nights and are in addition to the regular day shift. Seven hours shall constitute a night shift for which eight hours of pay must be allowed.

Out-of-town jobs have provisions for first class transportation, travelling time and meals, and return transportation after 30 days. Room and board to be paid by the employer on jobs five miles beyond city centre, transportation shall be provided and travelling time when it exceeds 30 minutes each way from the city limits.

Union Shop: When carpenters are required union men in possession of a paid-up union book shall be hired.

Discrimination: No contractor shall refuse to employ or otherwise discriminate against any person because of that person's race, national origin, color or religion, nor because the person has made complaint or given information with respect to an alleged violation of this clause.

Working Conditions: Not more than one working employer shall be recognized and he shall be a member of the union.

One hour's notice of discharge shall be given by the employer.

Patent mitre boxes, stapling guns or power machines for carrying out the work shall be supplied by the employer.

A heated lock-up must be provided by the employer for the use of carpenters. The employer must assure the safety of a carpenter's tools while in his employ. On major jobs when shift work is being worked an exclusive lock-up for carpenters' tools for each shift shall be provided.

Any carpenters being called to work and not required shall be paid four hours time.

No workman shall be permitted to use his own automobile or other vehicle in a manner which is unfair to other members or against the best interests of the union.

A five-minute pick-up period prior to quitting time.

Apprentices: All bona-fide apprentices should become members of the union.

Safety Conditions: The employer to supply all safety equipment except personal apparel to the employees at no cost to the employees.

Jurisdiction: The agreement to cover full jurisdiction of the four locals combined, Local 452 Vancouver, 1251 New Westminster, Local 2213 Mission and Local 1843 Chilliwack.

The agreement has been accepted by the four locals and the contractors. It embraces 3600 carpenters on the Lower Mainland.

HEADLINER

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ing his remarks at the last Council meeting. He mentioned he had worked since early age without aid from a union . . . When he left the hall, a resolution from SRU's Syd Wybourn went through—that Price get the long-overdue aid. The organizing committee will take steps to organize the three Price shoe repair shops here.

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DECIDED — The ticklish problem brought on by the Board of Trade's invitation to the Trades Council to take membership went this way: the Council as an organization won't join, but individual delegates can sign up if they wish.

. . . UNDECIDED—Council's stand on joint action with the CCL to put up a slate of labor candidates in this December's civic election.

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MAJOR DRIVE—More than a million teamsters will support the 1954 safety truck check which starts midnight June 6 and extends for five days. Teams of two will check motor freight drivers at weight stations, terminals, docks, etc., to determine degree of union organization. Also stepped up this year will be check of safety equipment . . . MAJOR PUSH—Local 31 Truck Drivers for wage boost . . . Conciliation Board hearing in the dispute starts this week, following members rejection of ATA "big" offer which didn't include a general increase.

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ELECTED — ITU Local 226 officers: President, H. T. Chambers; vice-president, W. H. Watson; secretary-treasurer, Peter Campbell; executive members: M. D. Buchanan, Fred Franks, Howard Jones, S. M. Wilson, J. W. Wood.

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Building Trades Warn Prairie Housing Firm

Building Trades secretary Ed Kennedy has warned that should a prairie "limited dividend" housing construction organization begin operations here, every effort will be made to see that it conforms to union regulations and pay scales

Kennedy's warning came on receipt of a Housing Association bulletin to the effect that Gladmer Developments Ltd., builder of several projects on the prairies, will probably begin operations here.

The Building Trades secretary said he understood that this organization operated on a piecemeal basis without much regard for employment of union labor or proper pay schedules.

He said that although Building Trades members are all in favor of increased legitimate home building, non-union building practices will not be tolerated here.

If the prairie organization starts operations here it will probably build two and three bedroom units renting for $50 to $60 a month.

Board Meets For Painters

Conciliation board awards are expected soon in disputes of two locals of the Painters.

The disputes involve about 50 commercial sign painters of Local 726 and 150 glass workers. The signmen are asking a 25-cent increase and fringe benefits while the glass workers of Local 1527 are asking a 20-cent increase.

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TAXI-TALK

By CHARLIE GOWER

As is the custom each year, our next meeting, Monday, June 14, will be the last of the season. If you have something particular on your mind it would be a good idea to unload it at this meeting, otherwise you will have to hold it until October.

Bro. Ivor Cawker has been moved from Pearson Memorial and now resides at the Jericho Unit, on Marine at Trimble. He always appreciates visits from the members. Why not drop in and see him any time you are in the neighborhood.

Bro. Charlie Hornby although able to get around a little is not up to scratch yet. It seems the doctors have not got to the root of the trouble but when they do watch out for the smoke, because he has a lot of lost time to make up for.

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Suburban Cabs Ltd. have changed management. Messrs. Heggie and Frith will be missed in the industry and we wish them the best in any new endeavor they may undertake. We wish the new management success and assure them the co-operation of our organization.

B. C. Radio Cabs Ltd. have also changed management. Leo Ucik has been replaced by Jimmy Herbert. We note some of the older members are drifting that way and going to work. We think the summer activities of the P.N.E. have a lot to do with this change.

We have not received much response to our appeal for drivers for the British Empire Games so far. Don't forget if you have a little time to spare call FA. 8716 and leave your name and time you are available.

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By the way, a little tip for the Black Top drivers. Watch your left turn from the stand at Georgia and Gilford. You must be in the proper lane before making the turn and the location of the stand does not permit sufficient space without going down to Chilco. Left turns in the middle of a block are not permissable in the eyes of the law either, we have learned to our sorrow in the past few weeks. We are expected to pass these "two dollar" warnings on evidently.

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We regret to report the passing of an old member, Bro. Harold McMillan. He had worked on a number of our jobs but at the time was at B.C. Radio Cabs. His sister, Mrs. Hagel, was his beneficiary.

A new one-car taxi stand will be set up on the north side of Hastings at the foot of Hornby for a six-month trial period. City's official traffic commission approved the stand last week on application by Yellow Cab Co. Turned down was a second application to move the stand on the west side of Cambie just north of Hastings closer to Hastings.

We note a serious situation developing in the Valley. Employment has not been so good this winter, so it seems everybody that had a couple of hundred dollars saved up and a "B" licence, plunked it down on an automobile took out a Taxi licence and went into business.

It has caused considerable trouble for the legitimate operators by way of unfair competition and thrown a lot of drivers on unemployment insurance.

We hope it can't happen here, and then again the automotive sales agencies quite possibly have not reached the hungry stage yet.

All Teamster Locals of Joint Council No. 36 approved the per capita arrangement to supply the Canadian Arthritic and Rheumatism Society with a mobile unit.

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Office Buildings Stalling

By BEN MORLEY

Owners of major office buildings downtown are holding up negotiations because no one wants to be first to sign the new agreements.

Because of this "slowdown," we're still in negotiations at the following buildings: Medical Dental, Lyric, Dominion, Dominion Bank, and Pacific Coast Fire.

The local has opened the wage section of its two-year agreement with B.C. Hotels Association. The operators say they are anxious to "hold the line" so we are going to arbitration. H. L. Hanson has been named joint representative for Local 28 and 244.

The agreement with Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co., has been reopened. We are after increased wages and two new classifications.

Window Cleaners' section of the local is negotiating for $1.80 an hour, fringe benefits, tightening of overtime clauses, and greater differential for night work.

We're pleased to report that Simpson-Sears in Burnaby is the first department store in the district at which service employees work under union agreement. The store has a contract with American Building Maintenance Co. which in turn has a contract with us.

Large numbers of our members will attend the conference set for Saturday in Electrical Hall to discuss the labor legislation. Our members have already branded the Act as discriminatory as it denies union privileges to "one-man" units.

Name Your Candidate For Label Queen

By ED SMITH

Attention all unions: Now is the time to get cracking on an entry for our "Union Label Beauty Queen." You had better start work on this now.

(Details of the contest, which will be held this year to focus attention on Union Buying Week, are to be found on page one of this issue of the Labor Statesman).

Speaking of contests, the very active Vancouver Ladies' Auxiliary to Photo Engravers Local 54 has already held a local contest for the best slogan plugging union made and label products.

The Photo Engravers' ladies honoured yours truly by making him judge, and it is a pleasure to declare Mrs. Phil Blinken the winner with this slogan: "Where quality counts you will agree—The Union Label is your guarantee."

The contest was held in conjunction with a continent-wide affair sponsored at International Convention of Photo Engravers.

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Here's a final word for the ladies: Your man earns the union dollars, and you are responsible for spending them. Be wise, Buy Union merchandise.

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Here is a reminder: Union Buying Week is set definitely for Sept. 6 to 12. Get behind your committee as never before and patronize union products and services more and more.

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Attention newly organized locals and those not yet affiliated with our council: Never before has it been so essential that we show our strength through unity. This is your council. Get in and do your part in publicizing the products and services of our own members. Each year our job gets bigger. It costs little but we need you. Affiliate now!

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Secretaries of unions in the Interior and Lower Mainland are asked to contact us at once regarding the coming union buying week. We can assist you to achieve a successful campaign in your district. Information as to what you are doing on your own will also be appreciated.

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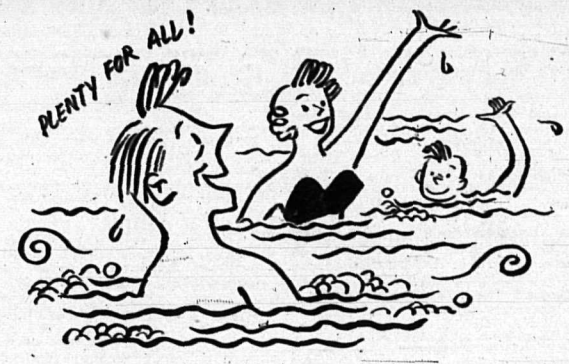

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