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Labor's "Formula For Progress"

Council Launches Election Drive, Unveils Civic Political Platform

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is being launched by Building Service Employees' Local 244 and together last week to discuss strategy at conference here were, from left, George Hardy, international vice-president, Business Agent Ben Morley, and Wm. McFetridge, international president.

Metro Government Is Major Plank In 10-Point Program

Vancouver Labour Council's drive to elect a team of labor aldermen to city council next December got off to a flying start this month with the unveiling of a 10-point "formula for progress" platform.

The political platform is the initial step in a move by the VLC to field at least three aldermanic candidates in this year's civic election.

Endorsation of a metropolitan government for essential services on the Lower Mainland is a major plank in the platform.

It says that metro government should cover pollution control, fire, sewage, water, parks, police and roads.

The 10-point policy program that will back the drive to elect progressive men and women to city council was approved at the July 2 meeting of the VLC.

Bill Black, chairman of the Political Education Coordinating Committee, told delegates that the platform can be added to from time to time at the direction of the VLC.

At the same time, he said the committee is continuing to seek out union members who would be willing to submit their names as possible candidates for civic office and that all VLC-affiliated unions are being circularized in this regard.

Here are the other points in the forward-looking platform:

- **A complete revision of municipal tax and assessment laws.**
- **Public ownership of all public utilities.**
- **City to keep the airport.**

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VANCOUVER Building Trades Council President Herb Flesher will attend the Building Trades Department convention in Atlantic City August 5.

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HELP WANTED—Like to give a handicapped buddy a helping hand? Indoor Sports Club, Inc., which seeks out the handicapped who are in need of a more social life, needs volunteer drivers to get its members to the various hobby groups, entertainments and meetings going on this summer. Job will take no more than two evenings a month, so how about calling the Council offices at EXpress 2421.

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OLD FACE, NEW JOB—Vic Galbraith has been appointed full-time organizer in this area with the Building Service Employees in a new drive to organize the large group of unorganized service workers in downtown Vancouver. Vic has been

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Organizational Drive Sparked By BSE Local

Building Service Employees' Local 244 will launch an immediate organizational drive in the Greater Vancouver area.

Strategy for bringing some 4,000 potential members into the union here was mapped out at a two-day western international conference of the BSE in Vancouver last week.

Local 244 business agent Ben Morley said an additional organizer for the Vancouver area has been hired (see Headliner, this page), and that the international union has agreed to assist in paying his salary.

Some 80 delegates from California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Idaho and B.C. attended the two-day parley. Top international officers also were on hand.

Seventy-five members of Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Local 535 are now in their fifth month of strike action against Simmons Ltd. in a fight to remove sub-standard wage rates and win a union contract. Morale on picket lines is good and strikers are more determined than ever to win.

"My head has always been bald. My mother was frightened by a nudist."

Well Known ITU Man Dead Here

A long-time member of the Vancouver Typographical Union died this month only four months after his retirement on a union pension.

Jack McCurrach, member of ITU for 47 years, passed away on July 13.

He was a member of the Scottish Typographical Association before he came to Vancouver in 1910. He worked in many commercial shops in the city over the years.

He was a staunch supporter of the union, and for many years was a delegate to the Union Label Trades Council.

Our sympathy goes to his family in their bereavement.

SUM SET—Council delegates at the July 2 meeting approved an executive recommendation that VLC donate $100 towards the YMCA building fund.

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What's Cooking In Wage Talks?

Sheet Metal

Conciliation board recommendations are expected shortly in the wage dispute between Sheet Metal Workers Local 280 and major contract shops.

Union requests this year include a wage scale of $3 an hour, six percent vacation pay, two per cent on statutory holidays, increased starting rates for apprentices and double time for all overtime.

Business agent Alex McGee aso reports a conciliation board has been set up for the Hale-Co Manufacturing agreement.

The roofers section of Local 280 is still negotiating. Roofers have turned down a wage proposal submitted by employers. The proposal was based on the same percentage boost to sheet metal workers.

Enamel Workers

Enamel Workers' Local 291 and Alliance Ware Ltd., a subsidiary of Crane Ltd., Montreal: new two-year agreement from March, providing for a general wage increase of 12 cents this year and an additional eight cents in March, 1958. One additional statutory holiday for a total of nine, compulsory check-off, and a clause specifying the company must pay the difference on any time loss to an employee called for jury duty, were also won.

Carpenters

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and construction firms in Lower Mainland area: two year contract with 43-cent wage package in three steps—a 19 cent increase back to April 1, another seven cents on Oct. 1 and a final 17 cents an hour on April 1, 1958 to bring the rate to 2.68. Affected are Vancouver, New Westminster, Mission and Chilliwack locals.

Civil Servants

B.C. Government Employees Association and provincial govment: 7½ per cent increase retroactive to July 1. Chief Justice Sloan appointed as a board of reference to determine the question of negotiating rights of provincial civil servants with government assurance his recommendations would be accepted.

GEA to negotiate with Civil Service Commission to amend some wage classifications out of line with similar jobs in private industry, and government undertaking that where staff shortages prevent implementation of the 40-hour work week, additional pay will be given for hours worked above 40.

Woodworkers

International Woodworkers of America, District Council No. 1 and Forest Industrial Relations, representing B.C coast lumber operators: Settlement on eve of strike action gives woodworkers one-year agreement with pay increase of 13-cents an hour or 7½ per cent, whichever is greater, effective June 15.

Revised union security clause spells out union membership as a condition of continued employment. Union also wins three weeks' vacation for employees with five or more years of service plus other concessions.

Laborers

Laborers' Union members have authorized rejection of conciliation board awards in two major disputes if their officers are unable to get settlements closer to original demands.

Biggest dispute is with the 38 member firms of the Heavy Construction Association of B.C. which employs some 6,000 laborers. A majority report recommended an eight percent increase retroactive to May 15 plus another seven per cent next March 1 for road construction work and 10 and nine per cent for tunnel and rock workers.

The union originally demanded a 50 cent pay hike from the present $1.41 in a one-year contract, and 10 cents an hour for health and welfare.

A second conciliation award involving 2,000 laborers employed by General Contractors Association recommends a total of 36 cents spread over two years. Union originally demanded 50 cents over two years, and 10 cents health and welfare. Present pay is $1.66.

International representative Herb Flesher termed both recommendations "unsatisfactory." He said the union will endeavour to negotiate from the reports but added that the committee has authorized rejection if negotiations fail to produce improvements on the board's recommendations.

Metal Trades

Mid-month employment report of Metal Trades Council showed:

Sheet Metal—trade good; Molders—work fair; Machinists—trade fair; Shipwrights—trade fair; Painters—trade good at present; Heat and Frost—trade good.

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Committee Studies WDNP Requests

A Vancouver theatre, a soft drink firm and two cigar manufacturers were nominated for the "We do not patronize list" at the July meeting of the Vancouver Labour Council.

B.C. Projectionists' Local 348 requested that the Ridge Theatre, on Arbutus, be placed on the list, and Miscellaneous Workers' Local 351 recommended that the same action be taken against Coca Cola Limited.

At the same time a letter from Tobacco Workers International Union at Montreal pointed out that "Cabinet" and "Trump" cigars, manufactured by Benson Hedges and Simon Cigar companies are not union made, and urged that union members refrain from purchasing these brands.

VLC secretary Ted Jamieson reported that in the case of the Ridge Theatre and the Coca Cola Company, previous applications were already in the hands of the Council grievance committee. He urged that delegates take note of the Tobacco Workers' request.

HEADLINER (Cont'd from page 1)

Local 244 president and has worked in the window cleaning industry for many years.

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VLC ON CHANNEL 2?—Public Relations committee chairman Al Coleman, reporting to the last Council meeting, said there is a strong possibility that radio and TV programs under sponsorship of the VLC, together with the Canadian Labour Congress, may originate in Vancouver shortly. He said preliminary discussions have already taken place between the committee, the CLC and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Vancouver.

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MIGRATION—Printers from all parts of the world are joining the move to B.C. Since the first of this year, seven have arrived from England, four from Scotland, two from Australia, South Africa and Denmark, and one each from Germany and Austria.

UNION GAL is actress Marie (The Body) McDonald dolled up in a $4800 gown, a reminder that union clothes will be modelled at union label booth at PNE this year.

Sign Painters Hold Election

D. Tait was elected president and J. A. Middleton named secretary in annual elections of Sign and Pictorial Painters Local 726.

Other officers elected were: G. Damgaard, vice-president; R. Gambling, financial secretary; A. C. Lacey, treasurer; W. O. Clarkson, executive member; S. White, warden; H. Jenkins, conductor; A. Robb, P. Oxendale and R. Carswell, trustees.

Delegates to Vancouver Labour Council are W. O. Clarkson, F. Crewe and P. Oxendale.

WINTER JOB PROBLEM

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The ogre of heavy winter seasonal unemployment is rearing its head in this area.

And Vancouver Building Trades Council is urging that special steps be taken immediately to head off the possibility of a winter employment crisis.

As a member of the Vancouver seasonal unemployment committee, a body set up under the national Unemployment Insurance Commission, the building council stated this month:

"There is a very strong feeling in our council that something should be done to acquaint the government with a situation which might occur this fall in the way of unemployment due to the large influx of immigrants."

BTC points out:

For the past two months, large numbers of men from all parts of the European continent have been filling the hallways of union offices seeking work—and this is the first year that even the skilled trades report a surplus of labor at this time of year.

Secretary Ed Kennedy outlined the situation with: "We are somewhat alarmed at what conditions might be in, say October or November, should we get adverse weather conditions and 50,000 or 60,000 people are out of work in Vancouver.

"I don't think we should wait until such conditions might develop, but should meet the premier and find out his thinking in the event we are faced with such a situation."

Fear Employment Crisis — Planning Urged Now

The BTC said that hundreds of immigrants are not going to be eligible for unemployment insurance if they do not get work very soon.

"Certainly the City of Vancouver should not be expected to have to support them on social assistance," Kennedy said. "But somebody will have to shoulder the responsibility of housing and feeding these people as well as trying to provide employment."

BTC warns that the situation calls for serious thought by all government bodies immediately.

"We feel an analysis of all industries in B.C. should be considered, lining up the potential employment from now until spring. Construction work contemplated for fall should be started in time so that it can be carried on through the winter months.

Labor Joins New Move On Delinquency Problems

Vancouver Labour Council is joining in the fight to try and solve the problems of juvenile delinquency.

Council, at the July 2 meeting, voted to affiliate with the B.C. Youth Council, which is spearheading the fight with the help of individuals and organizations from every city, town and municipality in B.C. Affiliation fee is $10 a year.

Representing the VLC on the Youth Council will be Jack Henderson and Al Coleman.

Strike Vote At Vernon Hospital

Employees at Vernon Jubilee Hospital have authorized the calling of a Government strike vote in their pay dispute with the hospital administration.

Hospital Employees Union Local 180 business manager Bill Black said employees moved for the strike vote after employers turned down the unanimous award of the conciliation board.

The board recommended a 10-cent hourly boost for male employees, five cents for female workers and elimination of split shifts.

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"Listen, stupid, why don't you join the Union, instead of trying to prove you've got a hole in your head?"

"I demanded a raise like you said, and the boss fired me like I said."

NEW DRESS, OLD STORY

The old story is getting a new dress these days.

The new term is "labor court" and it's being dragged out of anti-labor mothballs following the few healthy union-management tussles on the B.C. front this year.

No matter how you wrap it, it still spells compulsory arbitration. How often does the story of the decades of labor's struggle for bargaining rights—including the right to strike—have to be repeated before it sinks in?

The strike weapon is a working man's only comeback when his boss bluntly says "no." Sure, lot's of people on the employer's side would like to take it away.

For democratic bargaining between employer and employee, the right to strike must not be tampered with.

IMPORTANT INSURANCE

Every union member should take careful note of the union labels bordering this page. They are a few of many that represent skilled workmanship. They insure that your union dollars are buying union merchandise and services.

Union Buying Week this year is the first week in September when the trade union movement will be focusing attention on the fact that it's smart to "be union and buy label."

But it's not for just one week that union members should think in terms of union label. Every day is Union Label Day. Remember, to keep your income stable, support the union label.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

Labor and the people of Canada should have an opportunity to judge the new Conservative government. A snap election called for the purpose of giving the Conservative party a chance to go to the country to get a working majority without it giving a genuine indication of how it will act would be playing the worst kind of politics.

An action of this kind would, to any serious student of political affairs, only go to prove that the governmental party is fearful that the people would not support it if they knew its real aims.

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Editor:

The National Association of Marine Engineers in February 1949 commenced a crusade on behalf of all Canadian Mariners to relieve the tax discrimination so unfairly imposed on this branch of the transportation industry.

The Association's confidence in this campaign was rewarded and confirmed by the receipt on June 25 of an official notification from the Department of National Revenue.

Income tax has been removed from the value of rations and quarters of marine engineers employed in the Canadian Merchant Marine service.

Effective on signing new agreements all seafaring personnel will be fully exempted from the pernicious taxation to which they have so long been subjected.

The N.A. of M.E. is very proud to have spearheaded this campaign for its membership and on behalf of all brother seafaring organizations.

F. E. MacLEOD,
President.

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Whether the public likes newspaper monopoly or not makes very little difference. It's the trend all over the American continent—in fact all over the world.

Of course the publishers lay most of the blame on the printers, who are trying to ensure a decent standard of living and participate in some of the huge profits being made by these newspapers. There have been increasing costs of producing newspapers, but only a fraction of it is attributable to the composing rooms.

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CROSS-SECTION

After 13 years, The Spark Glows

For 13 years, the people of the tiny Baltic states—Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania have been under the Soviet heel. It is known as "soviet colonialism."

This month, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions gave the Baltic story of those 13 years of oppression, a story that is not often told.

It goes like this:

About 60 to 70 per cent of the persons sentenced to imprisonment and deportation in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania have been liberated during the last three years.

Some of them have returned home; others have remained in various parts of the Soviet Union.

For thousands, however, the release orders came too late. Among those citizens of the Baltic States who were sentenced or deported without sentence, many have died in the slave labor camps.

SPECIAL REPORT ON BALTIC OPPRESSION

The terror has lessened a little during recent years. The police no longer have administrative power to send people to forced labor camps, and the number of arrests has dropped. The wages paid to the lowest categories of workers have been increased and pensions doubled.

Some of the unpopular decrees (disciplinary action for arriving late at work and being forced to stay at the same place of work) have been rescinded.

However, the most important economic change is the decentralization of industrial management. The management of the smaller factories is now controlled by the local councils.

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Nevertheless, all these changes have not affected the fundamental situation resulting from Soviet dictatorship and Russian domination in the Baltic States.

The working class continues to live in extreme poverty and is exploited by the hated norm system. It is true that pensions have gone up to 300 roubles a month, but a pair of shoes still costs 300 roubles.

There is even greater poverty in the country and in the provincial towns, where goods are very scarce. The current five year plan has had to be considerably reduced owing to economic difficulties.

The colonial exploitation of the Baltic republics by the Soviet regime goes on. Most of the goods produced by the Baltic industry and agriculture are exported to Russia and to countries belonging to the Eastern bloc, although the Baltic States are themselves short of these very goods.

Russification and denationalization continue unabated. About 30 to 35 per cent of the inhabitants are now Russian citizens who have come to the Baltic States from various parts of Russia and nave taken over the best jobs. Most of the top officials are Russian communists.

During the thirteen years of Soviet occupation, this situation has led to an increasing hatred of the communist regime among all classes of the population. The revolution in Hungary and the revolt in Poland have produced a state of unrest among the broad masses, while the youth of these countries is menaced by deportation to Kazakstan and Siberia.

The gap is constantly widening between the workers and the communist upper class, which is utterly detested.

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At the end of 1956, strikes took place at two large Latvian factories, and hatred for the Russians is general. The working class is united in demanding the withdrawal of the Soviet troops and free elections.

The workers demand co-determination in industry and independent trade unions. The chief demand of the peasants is for the dissolution of the collective farms and this has been given special stimulus by the Polish example. The same revolutionary processes which have been shaking the entire Soviet bloc recently are now in progress in the Baltic States.

Despite thirteen years of Soviet colonial oppression, the workers of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania are maintaining their resistance to the foreign communist exploiters and this resistance is growing stronger day by day.

Helping Hands For A World Meet

Trade union students from 35 countries will meet September. 8 to 23 in Banff, Alberta, in the first North America Seminar under the sponsorship of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

The program will centre largely on problems of under-developed countries with considerable emphasis on the work of special agencies of the United Nations and the Colombo Plan.

It will deal with the importance to North American trade unionists of the political, economic and social conditions throughout the free world, and with the interdependence of developed and under-developed areas of the world.

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The ICFTU is a powerful force in the link between free countries today.

In this period of world unrest, the understanding of the society we live in and the solidarity of all workers is important. On that theme, Canadian unions are aiding to bring more than a third of the 80 union members from all parts of the world to this seminar.

It's being done in the form of $1,200 scholarships to pay for expenses of students from the time they leave home until they return. It will bring members of unions in many countries which otherwise could not afford to participate.

Division of representation will be roughly 30 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 20 each from Canada and the U.S., and 10 from Europe, Asia and Africa.

Pledges of $1,200 scholarships so far are: United Steelworkers, Ontario Federation of Labor, B.C. Federation of Labor — four each; CBRE — three; United Packinghouse Workers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers and International Ladies Garment Workers — one each.

Labor Watches The New Starr

Back in the days when Michael Starr was earning $68 a week—he had to work nights at an extra job to meet the budget of a married man with a family.

Today he says: "Things are different now and the boys can thank the union for making them better."

Speaking was Canada's new Conservative labor minister. He's a man who's never held a union card "because I've never worked at a job that was organized."

But he says: "My father and my brother were both members of United Auto Workers and with my background, if anyone says I don't understand labor's problems, they're wrong."

Michael Starr says that labor can expect more from the new Conservative administration than it gained from the Liberals. In an interview he said that the program of the Conservatives and of the CLC "are very closely in line."

What is done eventually remains to be seen.

But he said that his government would review labor legislation in a program that calls for: renouncing of compulsory arbitration as a method of settling disputes; elimination of delays in conciliation procedures; limiting hours of work and providing vacations with pay for federal workers; revising the Unemployment Insurance Act to extend coverage and make other changes; provide representation for labor on all appropriate government boards and commissions.

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"How long has he been talking?"

"Two years."

"Good heavens, man, why have you never told anyone about this?"

"Thought he might outgrow it."

"She jilted me."

"Well, why didn't you tell her about your rich uncle?"

"I did and now she's my aunt."

A conscience-stricken taxpayer wrote a letter to the income tax department saying he had cheated on his income tax ten years ago and had not been able to get a good night's sleep since.

He enclosed $25 and added: "If I still can't sleep, I will send the balance."

"How many people work in your office?"

"About half."

The boxer who knew practically every trick in the game finally met his match. In the third round he found himself on his back, listening to the referee counting over him.

"One," roared the referee, "two, three, four, five, six, seven."

The fighter reached up and grabbed the referee's wrist.

"I'm a little hard of hearing," he interrupted. "Would you mind repeating that?"

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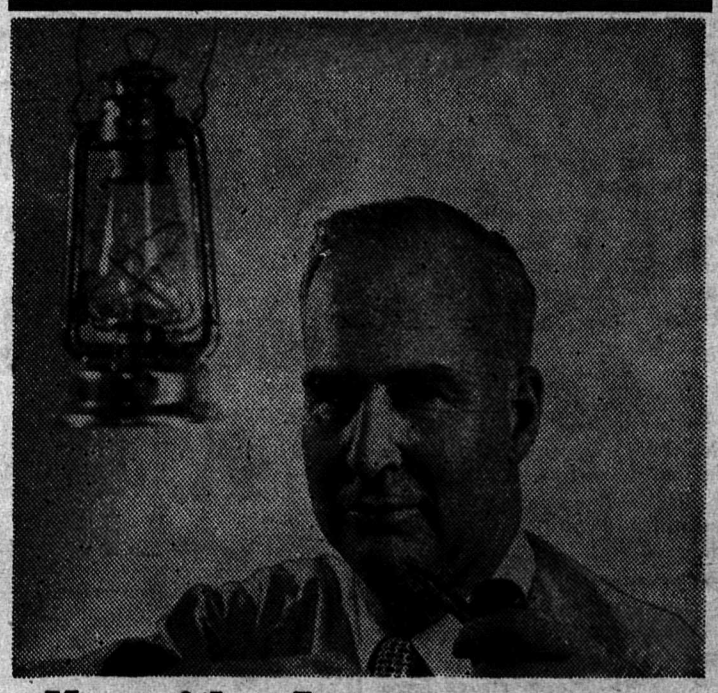

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Local 244 Reports

By BEN MORLEY

Two major contracts have been wound up bringing wage boosts to workers with 15 maintenance contractors and for window cleaners employed by 18 firms.

The maintenance contract calls for a nine-cent hourly boost effective August 1, with another eight cents to take effect on Aug. 1, 1958.

The window cleaning agreement gives our members a 15-cent hourly increase retroactive to July 3, and a further five-cent boost on July 1, 1958.

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Other gains with Maintenance contractors include: increase in overtme rates with time and one-half for janitresses after seven hours in a day and time and one-half on the first day off in the week. Double time is paid for all hours worked on the second day off.

All employees now have a five-day work week.

Members in the window cleaners section also have improved rates for high work performed on staging, and a five day week.

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Our dispute with the Stock Exchange Building is still unresolved. Stock Exchange Building President, General J. A. Clark, has been pulling every legal trick out of the bag that he knows to delay negotiations — by requesting the adjournment of the concilation board in order to get stenographers to take transcription.

We are hopeful, however, the Board will hand down its award shortly.

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Agreements are finished with the Shelly Building, Pacific Coast Fire Building, 525 Seymour Building, and Hycroft Towers. Increases in wages are $15 to $25 a month with employers agreeing to the Rand Formula in union security.

We have commenced negotiations with the Georgian Towers. One meeting has been held.

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We're happy to announce that maintenance workers at the Langara Golf links are all members of the union. The club has finalized an agreement with us on the same basis as Shaughnessy Heights, Marine Drive and Point Grey Golf clubs.

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George Currie, federal conciliation officer, has been appointed to assist in our negotiations with the CBC.

CBC will not agree to pay premium rates for overtime and are requesting us to sign an agreement calling for straight time for all overtime worked. They also want to maintain a forty-four hour work week. Negotiations have been going on since last March.

HELP HELP!

Your contributions are needed for the annual "Union Buying Week" campaign. Send them in. So far, 29 Union Label Trades Council affiliates have donated, nine non-affiliates, one department store, Vancouver Labor Council and Council of Carpenters.

JIM DEWAR

Jim Dewar Dies At North City

Well-known city labor leader Jim Dewar died suddenly July 25 in Prince Rupert.

The 53-year-old organizer for the Teamsters Joint Council died in his sleep while in the coast city on union work.

Funeral will be held Thursday, Aug. 1, at 3 p.m. from Mount Pleasant chapel.

Brother Dewar also was president of Teamsters Miscellaneous Workers Local 351. He had been business agent of Milk Drivers Local 464 for five years up to 1955 and had been a Teamster member for about 18 years.

Born at Lucky Jim mine near Kimberley, he moved to Vancouver when his father opened a dairy in Grandview. Jim got his start in the dairy industry at age of 15 with his dad. He later continued work at the plant when it was sold to Crystal and later to Palm.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dewar, two sons Jack and Alec and a daughter, Mrs. Marion O'Brien.

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- A modern plan for roads and highways in and out of the city to speed up traffic and a better deal from federal and provincial governments in financing, maintaining and improving arterial highways.
- Low rental housing scheme for those in low income brackets and for senior citizens.
- A definite program of slum clearance, together with a program of rehabilitation.
- The enlargement of recreational facilities and an enlarged program for park development.
- A by-law stipulating that union wages be paid under all city contracts or services.
- A qualifying clause for all candidates for civic office of five years' residence or ownership of property. (See separate story, Page 7.

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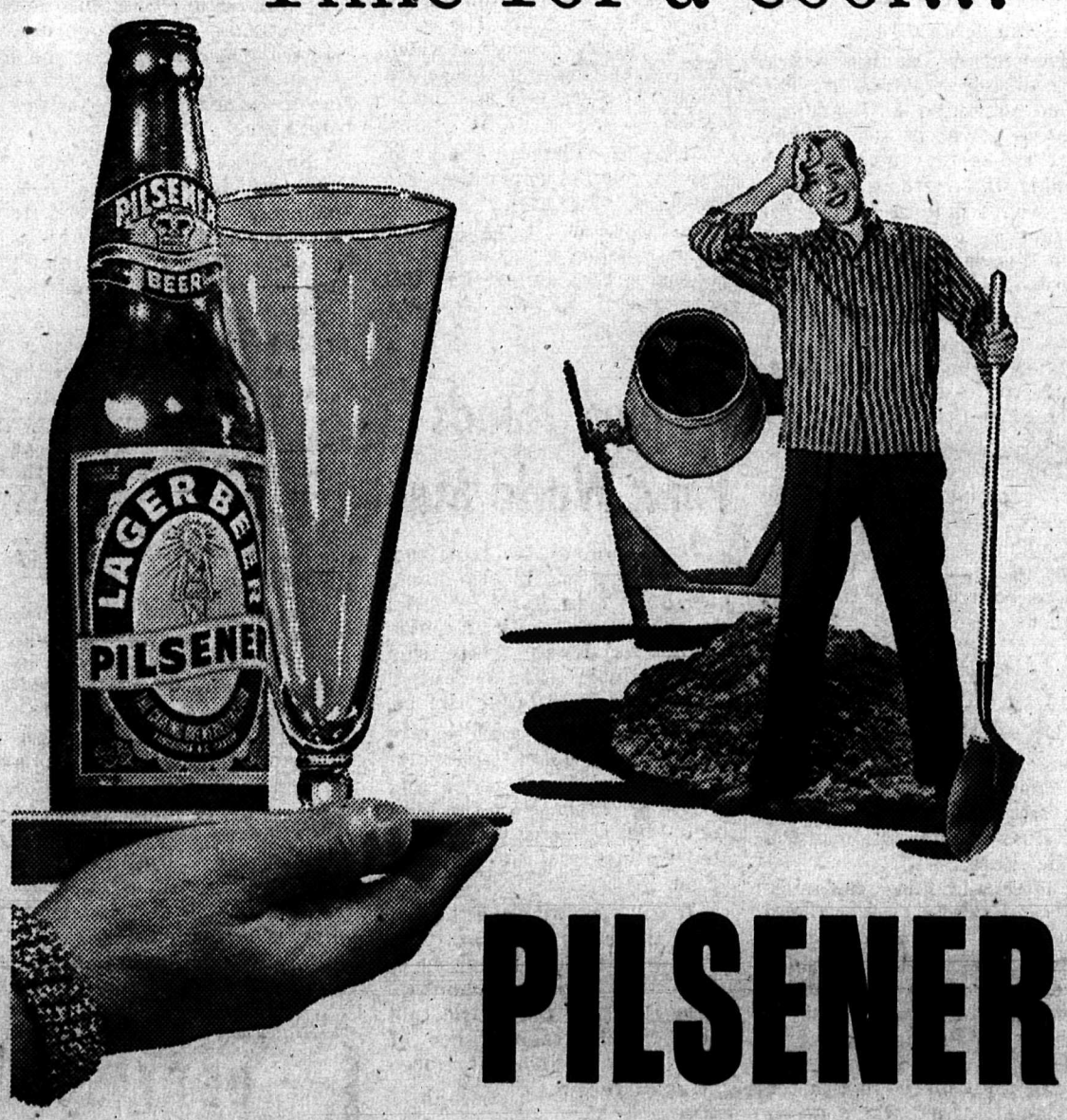

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THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL BOOM AND . . .

. . . It's Cost In Lives And Injuries

Industrial accidents continue to take their savage toll of life and limb in B.C.

In the first six months of this year:

122 workers met their death in job accidents.

44,536 workers were injured.

That is the black picture painted by true facts. If the trend continues, this year may equal or go beyond the tragic record tolls of 1956—324 killed, 95,562 injured!

From January to June, the construction industry continued to add up the greatest toll both in deaths and accidents. The forest products industry was next.

Here is the breakdown of the figures:

Deaths by industry: Construction 36, forest products 32, mining 16, manufacturing and service 12, railroading 8, fishing and navigation 8, government services 7, others 3.

Percentage accidents by industry: Construction 27.6%, forest products 22%, trade and service 13.9%, general manufacturing 10.4%, government services 6.2%, metal mining 5.8%, municipal government services 3.9%, navigation and wharf work 3.1%, light power and communication 2.7%, railroading 2.6%, fishing and fish packing 1.1%, and coal mining .7%.

KENNEDY'S ANSWER:

More Inspectors Needed To Cut Building Accidents

(Ed. Kennedy, secretary of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Building Trades Council, gives his views on the increasing accident and death rate in the construction industry—and what should be done).

There is no one major cause for the upswing in accidents and deaths in the construction industry.

A certain increase might be expected because of the upswing in the amount of construction work and total number of workers employed. But this should not be allowed to become the mportant yardstick.

These are the main causes:

1. Long hours of overtime permitted on some jobs—10 or 12 hours a day, seven days a week. Contractors in rushing jobs and winning overtime permits often jeopardize the worker's safety. A tired worker becomes less safety conscious.

2. There are many immigrant workers in constructon today. Their inability to understand or read English is an added safety hazard.

3. Shortage of compensation board safety inspectors.

4. Failure of some contractors to heed safety regulations.

5. Careless attitude of many workers.

Add all these together and the answer spells increased accidents.

We have had safety inspectors discuss the problems with business agents on the laxity of members in complying with safety rules.

Consequently business agents have checked jobs more closely.

But we found that contractors in many cases are ignoring regulations themselves and workmen on the job are reluctant to protest because they would be laid off and others hired who would not be so particular.

All large jobs operating under bona-fide contractors have safety committees. But the men have to keep up with their work while on the job and it's difficult for them to patrol the project all day to see that everybody is complying with regulations.

We have consistently requested that sufficient W.C.B. inspectors be employed so that the vast amount of construction work in B.C. can be properly covered.

I think you will find that there has not been a sufficient increase in the number of inspectors in the province to keep pace with the tremendous increase in construction work during the last five or six years.

I feel that the presence of a safety inspector—with his large yellow hat and green crosses on front and back—on the jobs at least twice a month would make not only the men conscious but also the contractors who are practicing make-shift methods.

It's not good enough to say the empoyers are paying the full cost of compensation, and that we should not complain.

Money, in many cases, will not bring back a man's normal health. It certainly can't bring back a life.

Your Life Next . . . ?

It may be your life next.

Or it may be a painful injury, or permanent disablement.

Gruesome thoughts, but the accident and death rate in B.C. industry is far too high and too often, carelessness and failure to take reasonable amount of precaution spells the difference between life and death on the job.

Think safety. Practice safety.

Bring dangerous practices and unsafe conditions to the attention of someone in authority.

Shipwrights Elect Bayer And Best

Shipwrights have re-elected J. Bayer as president and James T. Best as financial secretary and business agent.

In the annual elections of Shipwrights, Boat Builders, Joiners and Caulkers Local 506, other officers named for the following year were:

L. Campsall, re-elected treasurer; O. Sorenson elected vice-president; P. Perehenski, re-elected recording secretary; W. Warde, elected warden; E. H. Barnes, H. McDugill and W. Warde elected trustees.

Negotiations Opened At Two New Hospitals

Negotiations have opened at two hospitals newly organizer by Hospital Employees Union Local 180.

A conciliation officer has been called into talks at Matsqui-Sumas-Abbotsford hospital at Abbotsford where employees seek a contract equal to other Valley hospitals.

The union also is seeking its first pact at St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster.

Resident Rule Proposed For Civic Candidates

Partial abolishment of the property-owner qualifications imposed on candidates seeking election to city council will be urged by Vancouver Labour Council candidates in the aldermanic election race in December.

Political platform approved by the VLC at the July 2 meeting (see Page 1 story) includes the recommendation that where a candidate has been a resident of Vancouver for five years, no property qualification be required.

In a case where the candidate has lived in Vancouver less than five years, it recommends that the city charter require only that he be a property owner.

At present, a candidate for the post of alderman must "own property, of the value, according to the last revised real property assessment roll, of $500 over and above any registered charge thereon."

The gimick is that the "registered charge" such as a mortgage is usually larger than the "assessed" value.

In the case of a candidate for the office of Mayor, the property requirement is raised to $1,000.

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The corporation executive eased himself into a more comfortable position, took a sip of his after-dinner liqueur, and muttered to no one in particular, "These union pay increases have got to stop. They're ruining the economy."

Settled in his favorite chair in his favorite corner of the club (it cost him $5,000 a year to belong and he'd had to go after his board of directors for a $10,000 a year pay increase to swing it, or so he told them) the middle-aged executive had just noticed news of another union-won pay hike in the late evening paper.

"They got 10-cents an hour. Dammitt, this is getting ridiculous," and he took another sip to soothe his indignation.

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His reaction might have been less bombastic if he had been reading the news of a survey by a management association that has just been released.

As a matter of fact, he would probably have been downright deflated.

Blaming union wage earners for inflation has become a favorite after-dinner pastime of many business executives, but now an American Management Association survey may help put the picture into its proper perspective.

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The AMA reports that during the last year, the salaries of management executives in the United States have gone up twice as fast as the cost of living and while there's no similar report on Canada, it's reasonable to assume the trend is the same.

AMA's survey of 239 companies not only covered the "top brass" but included 6,000 "middle rank" executives — those somewhere between the top policymakers and the line supervisors.

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A U.S. senate committee has also been looking into the matter of what some of the largest corporations are paying their executives.

And, as a result, a U.S. senator has inserted a list of these salaries into the Congressional Record.

According to his report, top salary honors go to Eugene Grace, chairman of Bethlehem Steel. He's "just getting by" on $809,011 a year.

Harlow H. Curtice, president of General Motors, is in second spot with an annual pay check of $695,100 while third place reverts back to Bethlehem Steel and president Arthur B. Homer, who is 'struggling along" on $669,176.

The report lists 23 corporation executives as the best paid during 1956. Lowest annual salary on the list was paid to L. D. Crusoe, Ford Motor's executive vice-president. He got $300,000.

In 13th place Montreal's Sam Bronfman, president of Distillers Corp., Seagrams, Ltd. got $351,042.

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Here are top executive salaries paid by 15 other international corporations whose products or services are well-known in Vancouver:

United Airlines Inc., President, $100,000; Chrysler Corp. President, $250,900; Coca-Cola Co. Chairman, $125,000; Eastman Kodak Co., Chairman, $211,356; American Can Co., President, $223,000; Rexall Drugs, Inc., President, $89,316; General Electric Company, President, $259,988; Safeway Stores Inc., President, $155,250.

Shell Oil Co., President, $200,000; Standard Oil of California, Chairman, $202,688; Crown Zellerbach Corp., Chairman, $142,767; St. Regis Paper Co., Chairman and President, $101,640; S. S. Kresge Co., President, $96,720; F. W. Woolworth Co., President and Chairman, $221,930; B. F. Goodrich Co., Chairman, $225,000.

Shorter Work Day Needed To Ease Pressure

Street Railwaymen's Union believes the shorter work day is essential to ease the burden on bus drivers.

Division 101 this month said that with the increase in day-time passenger travel, the B.C. Electric could, by improving its day-time service in particular, satisfy the public wish for better service and at the same time ease the burden on the transit operator.

A shorter work day is considered not only necessary but essential by many of the drivers if those presently on the job are to be around to retirement age.

Another Day, Another $2,000 For GM Men

How would you like to be earning $257 an hour?

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The U.S. senate committee report on executive wages shows that the four GM executives together received $2,135,025, in 1956.

Travel Time Set

Agreement on travel time and transportation costs was reached this month between building trades unions and the contractor for the new B.A. Oil refinery job at Port Moody.

A pre-job conference with representatives of Canadian Kellogg Co. agreed to 1¼-hour rate for travel time to and from the job, and $1 daily transportation allowance given all employees. Provisions do not apply to electricians.

Kennedy And Flesher Named To Fifth Term

President Herb Flesher and Secretary Ed Kennedy were re-elected to their fifth terms by Vancouver, New Westminster and District Building Trades Council this month.

Brother Flesher defeated William McMynn of Plasterers Local 779 for the president's office, while Brother Kennedy was returned by acclamation.

H. Taft of Carpenters Local 1251 (New Westminster) defeated B. Whitelock of Teamsters Local 31 for the vice-president post.

M. Hadley of Boilermakers Local 359 was returned as warden and D. Chapman of Machinists Local 692 elected trustee for a three-year term, both unopposed.

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