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TLC Ratifies Merger Plan

Without a dissenting voice, 707 voting delegates to the 70th TLC convention in Windsor this month approved the historic merger agreement which will eventually lead to a united house of labor in Canada.

With a standing demonstration, delegates to the TLC convention saw the organization become the first to approve the agreement hammered out by a joint committee after many months of negotiations.

Though many problems remain to be settled, it is now clear that the merger plan will be presented to the CCL convention in Toronto in October—and will then be embodied into a proposed constitution to go before a joint convention, possibly in Winnipeg.

It was in Winnipeg in 1921 that the original split which led to the formation of the CCL took place.

In brief, these are the major points in the agreements:

- The merged congress will be known as the "Canadian Labor Congress" or "Congress Du Travail Canadien."
- The congress will embrace as equals all affiliated or directly chartered unions and organizations, and other legitimate labor organizations will be eligible for membership.
- The congress recognizes the principles of both craft and industrial organization, and will keep as its goal the eventual organization of all Canadian workers.
- Integrity of each affiliated union will be respected, and protected by the existing non-raiding pact, but organizations in overlapping jurisdictions will be encouraged to settled their problems through merger or through amicable consultation.
- The congress will recognize the rights of all workers to share fully in benefits of trade union organization, and pledges "unremitting emnity" to discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin.
- No organization which subscribes to totalitarian principles, including those of communism or fascism, shall be eligible for affiliation in the new congress.
- Administrative structures and all employees of the two congresses will be retained, but eventually, the two structures will be unified.
- Provincial federations and labor council will amalgamate within two years, or as soon as possible.
- Supreme governing body of the congress will be a convention held every two years.
- Responsibility for conduct of congress affairs will be in the hands of an executive council of three table officers and 13 vice-presidents. (Two vice-presidents will be from B.C. one from TLC and one from CCL ranks).
- At first, the president and executive vice-president will be elected from TLC unions, and the secretary-treasurer from the CCL. (There is every indication that TLC president Claude Jodoin will become the first president of the Canadian Labor Congress.
- The executive council must meet three times a year; in non-convention years, policy will be decided by a general board, consisting of the 16 officers plus one designated representative from each union, provincial organization and organization committee.
- The merged congress succeed to all assets and bilities of the TLC and C
- National, internati ions, provincial org and organizing committe pay seven cents per member month; federal and directly chartered unions shall pay 75 cents per member per month; provincial federations shall pay $25 per year; trades and labor councils shall pay two cents per delegate per month.
- The TLC-CCL no-raiding agreement shall be extended two years from its present expiry date, and shall be amended to make it effective as between all signatory unions.

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NOT FORGOTTEN—Our Ed Smith, now retired from active work with the label council because of ill health, didn't make it to the annual convention in Windsor this month, but he wasn't forgotten. Ed worked hard in previous years on union label displays, and Congress label department president Nelson Cox wired the best wishes of delegates at the union label meeting. Ed also was made an honorary vice-president.

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FOILED AGAIN—No one can accuse the London, Ont.,

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Painting Trade Picks Up With Sunshine

Work conditions in the painting trade have picked up considerably since the good weather, Painters Local 138 business agent Herb Macaulay reports.

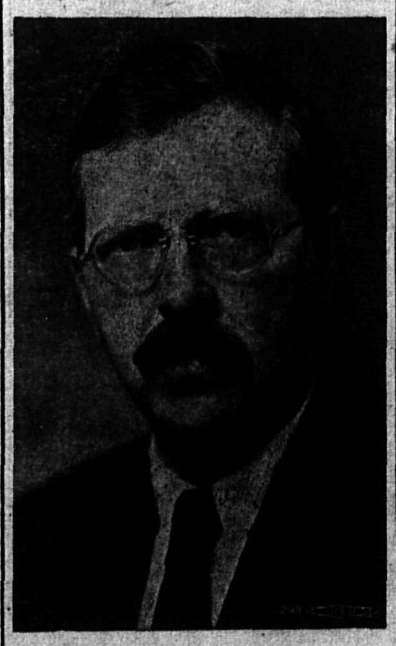
Opening of jobs had been very slow with earlier inclement weather making exterior work almost impossible.

He also said Local 138 is at present negotiating with Saguenay-Kitimat Construction and that talks will start with Morrison-Knudsen in conjunction with other building trades unions.

"Negotiations with Saguenay-Kitimat have been slow due to the adamant stand taken by this company against signing our standard agreement which is applicable to all parts of B.C. and for our members sent to work beyond B.C. borders," Macaulay said.

In The News

ELECTED vice-president for Canada of Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International this month was Harry West, Vancouver. West for past two years has been deputy organizer of the OPCM. Election was at recent convention in Buffalo.



RESTING in hospital again is veteran labor leader Birt Showler who earlier this year retired from union work because of ill health.

New Bid To Cabinet On Arbitration Issue

Provincial government employees representatives met with the Cabinet in Victoria Tuesday to urge three major considerations from government leaders.

The requests, named by last October's convention as major goals, included arbitration of disputes, Rand formula union security and wage increases.

The B.C. Government Emregulated arbitration procedure ployees' Association has sought for many years, trying to win for B.C. civil servants, the same rights and privileges as those implied by legislation to other citizens of B.C.

UNION SECURITY

On union security, GEA asks that all employees bargained for should have deductions made from salaries equivalent to Association dues paid by members. It contends that all government employees share in the fruits of negotiations so in all fairness, all workers should make the same contribution towards the organization.

GEA pointed out that wage rates of government workers in many cases are more than 10% below those paid in private industry.

"This is a most pressing problem and the situation does little to promote efficiency in the government service," GEA stated.

Among other questions is the extension of civil service promotional policy to all classes of government employees.

Most provincial government workers have received nothing in way of salary adjustment in over three years. Since 1952 only about 2700 of the 10,000 government workers have received increases.

★ Convention Issue ★

This issue of The Labor Statesman contains complete coverage of this month's Congress convention held in Windsor. For stories on convention decisions and deliberations see pages 5, 6, 7, and 8.

TLC Policy On Politics Unchanged

Trades and Labor Congress' traditional stand of "electing our friends and defeating our enemies" will continue.

Delegates to the 70th annual convention in Windsor made that clear this month when they supported a resolution from Winnipeg Lodge 122, Machinists.

The resolution pointed out that there is a real need for political action of some kind because "the

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EXCERPTS FROM JODOIN'S ADDRESS

'Unity: Not Only Desirable, But Essential'

Here are the highlights from Congress President Claude Jodoin's opening address to the Windsor convention:

Labor Unity:

"Unity is not only desirable but necessary . . . (and) I am hopeful that our two Congresses will be united into one labor centre early in the New Year.

"There are those outside of our movement who feel that this is not a good thing. They have suggested that our combined membership will be able to wield so much strength and influence as to virtually control Canada.

"I can assure them that we will wield that strength and influence when it becomes a fact, but not to control. Our purpose is not to control: our purpose, as it has always been, is to obtain the greatest measure of social and economic security for ourselves and all Canadians as is humanly possible."

Aid Free Unions:

"We are aware that free trade unions are not recognized behind the iron curtain. It is the responsibility of the free trade unions of North American and the Commonwealth to continue their work through the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to the end that free trade unions will be recognized in all countries of the world.

"Perhaps no anomaly in human affairs is greater than that in those countries whose governments and political philosophies claim to foster the maximum of democracy and human rights . . . we find no freedom of expression or association as we know it in our free trade unions."

"Too often we are inclined to forget that only a little more than 80 years ago our unions were classed as conspiracies. We have come a long way . . . (and) owe our recognition and a great measure of human dignity to the courage and perseverence of the pioneers of our labor movement.

Unemployment:

"Perhaps no greater immediate problem deserves our attention than unemployment.

"There now appears to be a new mood of co-operation between the various levels of government in Canada and a determination to deal with unemployment on a non-political basis.

"In my opinion . . . there is no such thing as normal unemployment. The only condition in Canada which this Congress will recognize as normal is full employment.

Labor Politics:

"This congress has been nonpartisan in politics for more than 30 years. This does not bind any affiliated member or any affiliated organization from taking part in politics on a party basis. I hope that some day all of our affiliated members will take at least an active interest in politics . . . but I hope . . . that our Congress as such will never become involved in party politics.

"We can never hope to serve the real needs of organized labor if this Congress should ever become a subsidiary of somebody's political organization.

"I am referring to activity within the framework of the legitimate parties . . .this Congress stands completely opposed to all forms of dictatorship from either the right or the left."

Criminal Code:

"Subversive organizations . . . tried to muddy the thinking of the government, Parliament and our own organizations in regard to certain sections (of the revised Criminal Code).

"Our Congress, on the other hand, took the stand continuously . . . that trade union rights . . . should be retained . . . (and) as a result of these untiring efforts the new code contains not only all of the old protections of the traditonal rights of organized labor, but these are in many ways strengthened . . . Parliament has confirmed its intention that strikes should not be considered as violations of the criminal law . . ."

Shipbuilding:

It is our hope the Royal Commission on Coastal Trade will recommend . . . measures which will assure that our coastal and inter-coastal trade will be confined to ships built and manned by Canadians, that our deepsea merchant fleet will be increased to a size commensurate with our position as the third largest trading nation in the world, and that consequently our shipbuilding will be placed on a sound and enduring footing."

Cemetery Workers Settle Dispute

★ HEADLINER

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lodge of Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of being unfaithful to their employers, the railroads. They submitted two resolutions to the Windsor convention, which between them would pretty well outlaw truck transport if adopted by the government. Excuse was that heavy trucking "creates an unsafe condition on the highways" and is "detrimental to the railways."

No, delegates did not pass the resolutions.

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EXPECTING — conciliation board report in dispute of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees with major milk distributors should be released early next week.

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The Union Label offers the most complete package of benefits in labor's history.

Cemetery workers at both Ocean View and Forest Lawn have won a 20-cent hourly increase retroactive to April 1 under a new three-year contract.

Workers previously voted 20-4 in favor of strike action to back up conciliation board recommendations which now form the basis of the settlement.

Members of Building Laborers Local 602, the workers also gained in the new contract: modified Rand Formula union security, two weeks consecutive vacation, nine paid statutory holidays, and a welfare plan paid for by the company.

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Relief For Immigrants Up To Ottawa

Immigration Dept. Under TLC Fire

Trades and Labor Congress delegates have placed responsibility for the upkeep of penniless immigrants directly in the lap of the federal government and the immigration department.

A resolution submitted by Calgary Trades and Labor Council and passed by delegates points out that relief for unemployed immigrants who do not qualify for unemployment insurance is not the responsibility of either municipality or province.

The resolution states that the Immigration department is "directly responsible for the unsupervised entrance" of such immigrants without either sufficient funds or stable employment.

Therefore delegates concluded, the federal government should assume full responsibility for their relief.

A second resolution aimed at Immigration department points out that Canada has recognized the principle of equality of the human race, and should amend its immigration policy in line with this principle.

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Teamsters' Teams In Torrid Tussles At Robson Park

Here are upcoming scheduled games of Teamsters' team in the Trade Union Softball League, all games at Robson Park, Fifteenth and ingsway, starting at 7 p.m.:

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13—R.W. Cubs.
17—C.B.R.E.
19—Carpenters.
25—R.W. Cubs.
27—C.B.R.E.

Racial Policy Criticized

Inhuman and undemocratic "Apartheid" system practiced by the government of South Africa against dark-skinned citizens came under fire at the TLC convention in Windsor this month.

Delegates voted to endorse the action of the ICFTU in condemning the "barbaric racial policies of the government of South Africa."

Congress also went on record as "extending its full support to the democratic elements in that country which are struggling to defeat the totalitarian policies of that government."

BUILDING TRADES REPORT

Some School Jobs 'Unfair'

By Ed Kennedy
Secretary
Building Trades Council

School buildings are being constructed in considerable numbers all over B.C. but there is evidence of unfair labour practices on some.

In fact, one particular job points out very poor guidance to school trustees by the provincial Department of Education.

On this school job, the contractor quit after doing preliminary work and walked away forfeiting his bond, knowing he could not complete his contract at the price submitted.

Something is wrong with the education department when this type of contractor is allowed to start work, using up taxpayers money in this manner.

The Building Trades Council is very critical of the conditions under which some of these schools are being allowed to go ahead.

We believe that if all the facts were known it would prove to be economy with a vengeance—at the taxpayers expense. The Department of Labor might do well to check into the books of some of these types of contractors.

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Building Trades Unions are requesting a negotiating meeting with Morrison-Knudsen on Kemano work. They also are still negotiating with Saguenay-Kitimat and sub contractors.

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A pre-job conference between union representatives and company officials will ensure work will proceed smoothly on Shell Oil and Standard Oil jobs. About 200 or more men will be employed.

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Sheet Metal Workers have signed with a number of shops for a five-cent hourly boost in a two-year agreement, while Association members are in conciliation.

On the employment front, all sheet metal men are working at present and carpenters report that good finishers are in demand. Ironworkers still have a considerable number out of work with bulk of jobs not ready to open up until later summer.

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Carpenters are going to police Saturday work as they believe the minimum wage act is being ignored by certain contractors.

Farm-Labor Co-Operation Urged; Special TLC Committee Organized

Trades and Labor Congress will work towards fuller co-operation with farm organizations throughout the country.

Incoming executive was instructed to set up a three-man committee to work towards closer understanding. Delegates pointed out that "organized labor and farm organizations could assist each other, particularly in respect to falling farm prices and the unemployment problem."

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UNION LABEL CORNER

Windsor Honors City Men

By ED SMITH

Congratulations to George Johnston, president of Vancouver Union Label Council, who won a vice-president post on the national executive of TLC union label department at the convention this month.

The convention put Nelson Cox of Barbers International back as president for a second term and other vice presidents are: Jack Foster, Bookbinders, Regina; Emily Ross, United Garment Workers, Edmonton; Jack Reid, Bakers and confectioners, Toronto; Wanda Cameron, Toronto union label council.

Tom Ward, director of political education for Congress, was named secretary. He replaces Gordon Cushing.

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Yours truly received an appreciated honor from the convention. I'v been made an honorary vice-president of the Union Label Trades Department with voice and vote.

"In recognition for valuable service in the promotion of the union label and union services and to commemorate the term of office as vice-president of the department," is the way it was worded.

A replica of the trophy first awarded in 1953—and won by Vancouver—for the best display of union label goods will be made up and sent here.

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This year's trophy for label display went to United Garment Workers' booth.

Many fine displays included one from Electrical Workers which showed off union label radio and TV sets, a puppet show by the Building Service Employees, and a model train display by Railway Clerks International which were entered from the earlier Union Industries Show held in Buffalo.

TLC Supports UN

Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has once aain aligned its members on the side of the United Nations and a peaceful settlement of international disputes.

Delegates voted to support a Manitoba resolution which stated "Maintenance of world peace is the greatest single purpose in the world today."

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THE BIG JOB

When the great crowd thronged out of Windsor armories earlier this month, TLC delegates had realized the seventieth annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress was the most important in years—and also the last.

Under ordinary circumstances, a "windup" convention would be a major catastrophe in labor homes all across the country. But it is only a temporary "windup", for a new and bigger role is just beginning.

Fortunately, the much-repeated word "merger" describes a spirit that is moving across the land, proclaiming a new era for labor, new responsibilities, and new victories.

Even the most pessimistic diehard must now admit that barring something unforseen and disastrous, the two great families of labor are about to unite.

The younger men and women of the labor movement simply don't recall the sad day in London in 1939 when a smoldering dispute broke into flames, and working men with identical problems but different solutions went separate ways. Out of that schism the CCL was born. No reason exists for reviewing the dispute. It was important then; it is meaningless now, because the causes have vanished from the scene.

By a mixture of statesmanship and plain common sense from which the diplomats might gain a lesson, a joint committee has skillfully blended that which is good for both craft and industrial unionism.

The merger agreements outlined elsewhere in this issue shows that no union need suffer, every individual in the country will gain when TLC and CCL sit down in the same convention hall sometime next year to adopt a joint constitution.

There will be complications, wrangles, hurt feelings and exasperation.

But the important thing is to make it work. Should the merger fail, or even falter, because of selfishness or pigheadedness, the labor historians will say it was the tragedy of the 1950's.

The more irresponsible elements of big business will say that united labor will be too powerful, too dictatorial. Let them say it. But let the more sensible employers consider that a united labor movement indicates a responsible labor government, an organization which will chart the way to a new Canadian prosperity.

For a time, the affairs of the new congress will understandably be taken up with the complications of re-birth.

But when the first hesitant steps are safely taken, the united house of labor has a giant task.

Until now, the dual organizations often have been too busy with silly quarrels to bring new people into the fold.

TRADE UNION FOIBLES

"It isn't enough that I've been on the picket line all day—I gotta keep you closed up at night besides!"

"Well, men—here's the proposed contract our employers sent over. I had to dunk it in chlorophyll before I could read it."

FROM THIS ANGLE

The Ford Fund

You don't have to guess at the most sinnificant news from across the border this month. From all corners, labor is hailing the United Auto Workers historic agreement with Ford which is the opening wedge for a guaranteed annual wage.

The agreement which gives Ford workers cash benefits during layoffs, naturally was criticized by the National Association of Manufacturers. They branded it a blow to the national economy.

But the pact was greeted in Wall Street with a sharp upsurge in stock prices.

In brief, if you haven't caught earlier press reports, here's what the plan gives: It creates a $55-million fund from which workers can draw layoff pay supplementing unemployment compensation.

The company will start contributing money immediately to this fund at the rate of five cents an hour for each worker.

Benefits won't be available to workers until a year from now. The plan will dovetail with unemployment compensation so that a laid-off worker will receive 65 percent of his normal take-home pay during the first four eligible weeks and 60% of his take-home pay for the next 22 weeks. Maximum duration is 26 weks.

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On the merger front, two independent railroad union leaders will meet with AFL president George Meany and CIO President Walter Reuther to explore possible affiliation with the new labor federation. The unions are Botherhood of Railway Trainmen and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

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In the bitter hotel strike in Miami, Florida, the scene shifted to New York where attempts by Miami Beach Association to intimidate and censor the press were exposed. The New York Post said the hotel association had sent telegrams to newspapers in 75 cities warning them not to accept paid ads rom Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union advising the public of the strike.

The dispute started April 13 at two hotels, spread to 18 others. Hotel owners have refused to talk to union reprerentatives in a dispute which involves wages and conditions — including the seven-day week and 12-hour day and rates as low as 12½ cents an hour.

News From Local 244

By BEN MORLEY

As conciliation officer Jack Sherlock has been unable to effect a settlement between the union and the Shelly Building on the 1955 agreement, the membership has instructed the business agent to apply or a conciliation board immediately.

Operators of the Shelly Building refuse to agree to the settlement achieved with the other buildings. This action appears both unrealistic and unreasonable.

The cost to implement the same wage received in other buildings is about $12 a month, $144 a year. Rather than treat his employees in the same manner as the other employers do, this building owner apparently is prepared to foot the bill of a conciliation board in an attempt to get out from under.

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Window Cleaners are in negotiation, asking a 25 cents hourly increase and four more paid statutory holidays. This increase would bring the wage for window cleaners to $1.66 an hour.

Employers refuse to admit the hazards of the industry, and the skill required to be a good window cleaner, when it comes to paying wages.

Wages for window cleaners in Seattle are $2.50 an hour, while further south the rate jumps to over $3 in Los Angeles.

It is apparent that employers are not conscious that window cleaning is a trade. It appears that a conciliation officer will be requested this week. These employers are playing the same old phonograph record, "No" to every reasonable request made by the union.

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Brother Tom Evans has been appointed chairman of the Local's Labor Day Parade Committee. It was suggested the local put a float in the parade depicting the occupations covered by the union and Brother Evans wil investigate and report back.

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A committee from the local has met with Labor Minister Lyle Wicks requesting him to include all employees in B.C. in the schedule covered by the semi-monthly payment of Wages Act.

At present, members of the local have no protection under this Act. It's possible that an employer could be prosecuted and found guilty of not paying

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FROM LABOR STATESMAN FILES

U.S. 'Tourists', Jobless Pay and One-Man Cars

30 YEARS AGO—1925

The leading Statesman front page story complained of American "tourists" arriving here for summer work declaring they were "coming to town in the guise of tourists, in battered old flivvers and on trains and boats.

"Vancouver's great annual influx of foreign labor is arriving in droves, to fill jobs that are needed by working folks here."

The story ends up with "it seems unfair that aliens should come across the boundary to grab off jobs here while idle men are walking Vancouver's streets trying to get enough to feed their families.

"These outsiders don't belong here and it is up to the immigration people to chase them back if they start to work after coming ostensibly as 'tourists'."

20 YEARS AGO—1935

Vancouver Trade sand Labor Council secretary Percy Bengough warned organized labor members in a radio broadcast against "giving support to schemes which oppose the unemployment insurance legislation being enacted by the Federal Government.

"For 17 years our movement in Canada has carried on a continuous campaign for this much needed legislation.

"Now we find this legislation is being attacked. Mr. Big Business . . . is making very strong pronouncements against such legislation."

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Council grievance committee reported an alteration job at the Vancouver Theatre had been straightened out and "is being finished by international union labor."

10 YEARS AGO—1945

Sharp concern over job situation for returned men and women was voiced in a front-page story which stated:

"Returned men and women are heading for B.C. in ever-increasing numbers. For a short time some jobs will be avaiable but the vested interests back East have seen to it that no large industries will be allowed to operate in the West. Government construction work in the West wil not last for ever—then what?"

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Street Railwaymen's Union were campaigning against use of one-man street cars and had 7704 signatures on a petition asking City Council to consider the protests.

The same union elected James Harkness as president, R. K. Gervin and C. M. Stewart as vice-presidents and George Morrison as business agent.

Laborers Local 602 said "despite a strenuous opposition of big shots in certain busineses" they had been able to sign an agreement with Forest Lawn cemetery.

Trades and Labor Council—although the Labor Temple was located inside the site—backed the Town Planning Commission's choice of a civic center site in downtown Vancouver. The area was bounded by Beatty on the east, a line from Pender to Cambie, Hastings to Hamilton on the north, lane west of Homer on the west, and Robson on the south.

SECRETARY GERVIN REPORTS

Summary Of TLC Convention

By R. K. GERVIN
(Vice-president, Trades and Labor Congress)

(Following are highlights from the delegates' report submitted by Mr. Gervin to Trades and Labor Council on the historic 1955 convention of the TLC in Windsor, Ont. He reviewed briefly the remarks of fraternal delegates and visitors, then provided the following summary of congress policy decisions reached at the convention.

President Claude Jodoin addressed the delegates pointing to the work of the Congress on Unemployment, National Health Insurance, the No-Raiding Pact and the work of the Unity Committee.

Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare, pointed out that before Canada can embark on a National Health Insurance scheme the Provinces must agree to such a scheme. Up to the present only two provinces had done so.

The Minister reported that the inoculation of children with polio vaccine would jump from 750,000 at present to 3,000.000 by the end of the year.

Hon. Milton Gregg, Minister of Labor, spoke on Unemployment Insurance and the work of the committee on government employees. The Minister met with the representatives of several unions who had special problems.

At the last convention delegates experienced difficulty in being unable to complete the work of the Convention before adjournment, so the executive brought forward a proposed agenda for the Convention week, from 10 a.m. Monday to mid-day on Saturday.

Went Smoothly

Presentations and speeches that followed such presentations were kept to a minimum which further assisted having the business of the Convention completed on schedule.

Perhaps the largest contributing factor was the fact that the French translation was made simultaneously with the English reports. A booth was set up in the Convention Hall where the translator spoke through a microphone for the benefit of French-speaking delegates who were supplied with ear-phones at their tables in the Convention Hall. This worked very well.

The Resolutions Committee took the floor on the Monday afternoon, dealing with resolutions on future convention proceedings, social security larger grants to set up schools for handicapped people.

The Convention went on record, unanimously, as being opposed to compulsory no-strike policy.

The resolutions that brought about the most spirited discussion during the Convention were those on Health Insurance and Unemployment Insurance. Delegates agreed with the Resolutions Committee that the feelings of the affiliated membership and the entire working force was emphatically behind the contributory plan to be put into effect during the life of the present Federal Government.

UIC Policy

Delegates insisted that Unemployment Insurance benefits be increased and the waiting days reduced to three, including the first day of employment; that the benefit be lengthened, and that benefits and contributions be applied to all industries and occupations.

Considerable discussion centred around pensions and it was decided that the Congress request the Federal Government to implement a contributory plan in line with that of Unemployment Insurance.

A special committee, under chairmanship of vice-president G. Schollie, reported on the guaranteed annual wage. The committee felt that while the idea of guaranteed annual wage plans are not new in Canada there are very few in heavy or basic manufacturing industries. It was pointed out that plans now in existence have not proved to be a barrier to the eventual organization of the workers.

There were several resolutions covering political action introduced. Many of the delegates felt that the Congress should align itself with one political party. The committee recommended against this and proposed that the Congress continue with its policy of political education on a non-partisan basis. After considerable discussion the delegates voted to continue the established policy.

The General Secretary-treasurer presented the financial statement which showed that financial affairs were in good condition. There was a deficit of $6,668.78. This, of course, would be corrected within the balance of the fiscal period of 12 months ending June 30 as a considerable number of affiliated groups and organizations had remitted per capita tax after the date of March 31st.

Members Increase

The report showed that the membership had grown in the past nine months and now exceeds 600,800.

One of the highlights of the Convention was the report of the Unity Committee of the TLC and CCL.

The report laid out an agreement for the merger of the two labor bodies; the name, government and structure of the merged Congress "Canadian Labor Congress", the financial structure in reaching agreement and the general merger procedure.

There was considerable discussion with no delegate entering an argument against unity.

Following the unanimous approval of the Unity Committee's proposal for merging the two Congresses, Brother A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor was invited to address the Convention. Brother Mosher spoke briefly on the question of unity and expressed great satisfaction at the agreement reached between the committees of the two Congresses.

Resolutions calling for pensions for men at the age of 65 and women at the age of 60 with pension of $75 per month without means test, and that such pensioners be provided with proper living quarters, free medical, free drug and dental care, were approved.

Reports Approved

The Committee on Officers Reports recommended approval of the presentation by the Executive Council and the officers to the Prime Minister and his Cabinet and to the various committees and commissions before which representatives of Congress appeared throughout the year. The Legislative Committee recommended approval of the work of the officers and Provincial representatives. The Convention concurred.

The Standing Committee on Racial Discrimination presented its annual report which was favorably received and accepted. Much has been accomplished by this committee in the past year and they were urged to continue their fight on behalf of the delegates for the elimination of unfair practices in all of the provinces. Delegate A. T. Alsbury, president of this council, was appointed chairman of this committee by the Executive Council.

There were two hundred and ten resolutions presented to the delegates in a printed book. Resolutions forwarded from affiliated oranizations that were simply reiterating Congress policy were returned to the senders and were not printed in the book nor did they come before the Convention. This is one of the ways in which the Executive was able to lay out an agenda that speeded up the work of the Convention and which seemed to work out satisfactorily to all those in attendance.

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Where Do We Go From GAW...?

(From AFL News Reporter)

There may be some strange repercussions from the epochal agreement entered into by the CIO United Auto Workers and the Ford Motor Company.

Big Business, which hitherto has stubbornly resisted every step in the fight to establish and improve a decent, nation-wide unemployment compensation system, may now change its entire attitude and become the prime mover in raising the benefits and duration of jobless pay.

Why? It's just a matter of simple arithmetic. It will save business money.

Here's how it works. Under the Ford plan, the company is obligated to supplement state unemployment insurance benefits to laid-off workers up to a maximum of 65% of average take-home pay for a total period of 26 weeks for any one year.

If the law provided unemployment compensation benefits of two-thirds of a worker's pay for 26 weeks, the company wouldn't have to kick in with any of its own money.

The two-thirds standard is not unreasonably high. It has been favored by the American Federation of Labor and leading experts in the field for many years. In fact, the President of the United States has repeatedly appealed to state governors to work for the enactment of state laws providing standards of not less than half nor more than two-thirds of average pay for unemployment compensation.

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TLC CONVENTION NEWS

Six Point Jobless Program Proposed at Windsor Meet

Trades and Labor Congress has established a six-point policy to combat unemployment, and will call for establishment of a tri-parte national commission to see that these and other measurec are carried out in order to avoid a repetition of annual winter unemployment in Canada.

The congress stand on unemployment embodies the spirit of resolutions submitted by labor organizations from coast to coast including one from Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.

The convention accepts as basic the precept that full employment in Canada is necessary to the proper development of our natural resources.

It also notes that wage increases negotiated in 1954 were a "considerable balancing factor in placing increased purchasing power in the pockets of the workers" and urges affiliates to negotiate substantial wage increases in 1955 and 1956.

The six-point policy urges the federal government to:

1. Establish the compulsory 40-hour week.
2. Establish a minimum wage act
3. Ease the tax burden on low and moderate income groups.
4. Launch public works program including schools, hospitals and roads.
5. Authorize a comprehensive housing program, to include public housing and low cost loans;
6. Control immigration to the point at which new workers can be absorbed into the economy.

TLC URGES PENSIONS AT 65; PLUS FREE DRUGS, MEDICINE

Delegates to the Windsor convention of the TLC have gone unanimously on record as favoring payment of old age pensions to men at 65 and women at 60 with no means test.

The TLC delegates went further and suggested that payments be increased to $65 per month, and recommended that proper living quarters and free medical drug and dental care be provided when necessary.

'Unfair' Clauses Hit In Jobless Insurance

Delegates to the Windsor TLC convention took action on two unfair aspects of the Unemployment Insurance Act, both of them dealing with strikes and lockouts.

Delegates supported a resolution submitted by Calgary Trades and Labor Council which charges that failure of the Act to provide unemployment insurance payments for workers on strike to uphold a majority conciliation board award actually puts the government on the side of the employers.

The resolution directs the TLC to seek an amendment to the act which would permit employees on strike to receive full unemployment insurance benefits when on strike in an effort to uphold majority decision of a board.

A second resolution by Quebec Federation of labor points out that Unemployment Insurance does not provide payments for locked out employees, and charges that many unscrupulous employers have been taking advantage of this weakness to intimidate union members.

The Quebec delegates explained that many unions actually refuse to prosecute employers engaged in an illegal lockout for fear it will result in unemployment insurance payments being cut off.

TLC Demands Health Plan Action 'Now'

Delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress convention in Windsor have repeated their frequently-voiced plea for a health insurance plan for all Canadians, but this time the delegates directed that "all resources" of their congres be utilized to prod the government into action now.

The resolution covering health insurance states flatly that enactment of a contributory health plan is long overdue, and should be instituted 'not in the future but during the life of the present government."

Delegates pointed out that Canada, richly endowed with natural resources and considered prosperous by most of her neighbors, nevertheless lags behind less fortunate countries in this regard.

The delegates charge that the federal government has had the health insurance subject under advisement for "too many years." Various provinces have indicated acceptance in principle, and public opinion is overwhelmingly in accord with establishment of a plan.

They added that existing private plans are "limited in scope and offer the shadow rather than the substance."

NEON NEGOTIATIONS

Agreement has been reached on new contract between Sign and Pictorial Painters Local 726 and Wallace Neon.

Painters' Campaign Wins TLC Support

Vancouver local 138 of the Painters' Union received support from the Windsor convention in their campaign to compel manufacturers of paint and other building trades products to list dangerous ingredients on the labels.

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Land Profiteering Hit By Delegates

Low Down Payment Scheme Urged By TLC

Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has struck a blow against "rampant profiteering and speculation in land values presently existent in and around many municipalities where the price of a building lot is out of all proportion to the building erected."

Congress resolutions committee made this charge as delegates supported a four-point plan for presentation to the federal government.

The congress recommended:

1. That the National Housing Act be amended to provide for purchase of homes by all citizens with little or no down payment;
2. That loans be granted directly from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation at an interest rate of 3%;
3. That the federal government enter into agreements with municipalities for the construction of low rental housing plans, built under union conditions;
4. That the widest publicity be given by the government to the funds already available for building.

Divorce Issue 'Settled' At Windsor

Trades and Labor Congress has "settled" the thorny divorce problem for once and for all.

Noting that subject of divorce has become a "controversial religious and moral issue in Canada" delegates supported a substitute resolution brought down by the resolutions committee, and decided that henceforth the TLC will refrain from entering into the controversy in any way.

The resolutions committee was faced with one resolution suggesting broadening of the divorce laws, and two from the maritimes suggesting that the matter be dropped.

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TCA SUBSIDY?

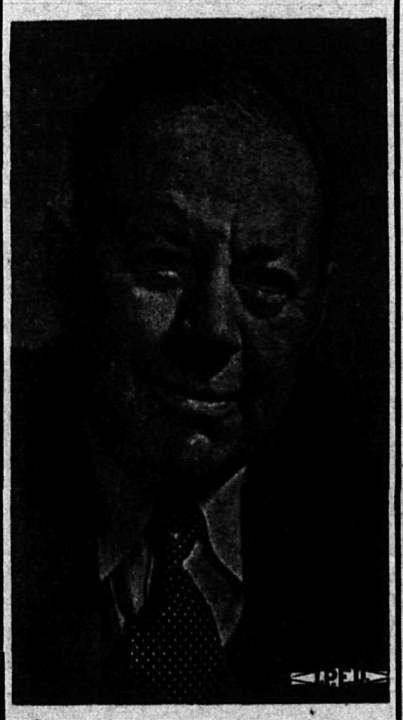
Post Office Services Under Study

Is the Canadian Post Office being used to subsidize the operations of Trans-Canada airlines?

Officials of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will find out this year, as one of several research projects recommended by delegates to the Windsor convention at the instigation of Railway Mail Clerks' Federation.

TLC will study:

1. One daily delivery in residential sections;
2. Delivery of mail by privately owned trucking concerns;
3. The "continued necessity of subsidizing TCA by the Post Office, especially since the TCA is now showing a profit.

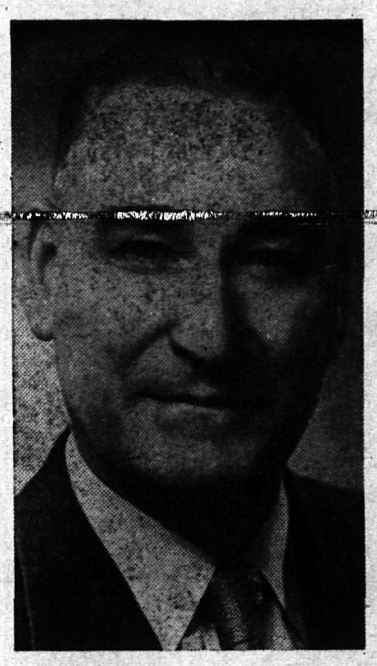


PRESIDING officer of TLC elections was president emeritus Percy Bengough of Vancouver.

POLIO CAMPAIGN

Continued campaign will be carried by the Trades and Labor Congress urging the Federal Government to make polio vaccine available to all Canadians who are in need of it.

The Windsor convention reindorsed this stand and stated full cost of vaccine should be borne by Ottawa, whether handling is done through the provinces as at present, or not.



RE-ELECTED vice-president of TLC at Windsor convention was Labor Council secretary R. K. "Roly" Gervin.

Increased Jobless Aid Demanded

Trades and Labor Congress noted with some satisfaction proposed changes in the unemployment insurance act, but the Windsor convention has officially re-stated labor's views on remaining sections.

Delegates voted that Congress recommend that benefits be increased to at least two-thirds of weekly wages, that the waiting period be reduced to three; that the benefit period be lengthened; and that the period of employment necessary to establish rights be shortened.

"It is noted with interest that the bill presently before parliament (embodies) some proposed changes which are a step in the right direction, other proposed changes are contrary to the desire of organized labor and the original intent of the act," the resolution passed at Windsor states.

Civil Servants To Get Help

Trades and Labor Council will go to bat for the great army of federal civil servants, as the result of action taken at the Windsor convention.

The congress will assist federal civil servants' associations in their attempt to secure the five-day work week, 40-hour week for operational staff, and penalty pay for overtime worked on Sunday, statutory holidays and beyond the normal work week.

Delegates expressed the opinion that conditions enjoyed by civil servants should be in advance of those in private industry, rather than lagging behind.

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GERVIN WINS WITHOUT FIGHT; ALL TLC OFFICERS RETAIN SEATS

President Claude Jodoin of Montreal and a slate of veteran trade unionists from all parts of Canada have been returned to head the Trades and Labor Congress.

President Jodoin retained the presidency for a second term by acclamation. Also returned without an election battle were B.C. vice-president R. K. Gervin, general secretary-treasurer Gordon Cushing, maritime vice-president James Whitebone, and Quebec vice-president George Schollie.

Prairie vice-president Carl Berg won out over Don Swailes of Winnipeg by a close vote, 272 to 270. Ontario vice-president William Jenoves defeated William Acton of Windsor.

Extend Trade To All Nations —With Free Labor

Delegates to the Windsor convention of the Trades and Labor Congress have decided that Canada should trade with any country, providing articles imported are produced under free labor conditions.

The proposed change in policy was made when it was decided that some of the present trade policies of the government are not in the best interests of the country.

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Production Rolling At Burrard

By Ed Kennedy

Cessation of layoffs in steel shipyards was practically assured this month by the return to work of more than 20 electricians after resigning from their former union, Electrical Trades Union Local 1.

The men were requested to return to work by other workers in the yard in order to offset further layoffs.

A statement issued by the Metal Trades Council gave full support from all AFL members in the yard to the return-to-work move.

Every effort to bring about a settlement of the dispute by union officials, business men and others was met with a defiant attitude by the people in charge of the ETU who, for reasons best known to themselves, refused to consider the wishes of the vast majority of the employees in the yard or the growing opposition of their own membership.

MAJORITY BASIS

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It will be the objective of the Metal Trades Council to help to bring this about in the future.

POLITICS (Cont'd)

federal government has ignored the pleas of organized labor for full employment . . . and pressure should be organized to induce governments to enact fair labor laws."

The resolution states that TLC should "encourage and organize non-partisan political action and education (consistent with the principle of electing our friends and defeating our enemies) to further the cause of labor."

Delegates turned down a resolution from a Toronto local of the Machinists which would have recognized the CCF party as the "political arm of labor."

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Morale Undermined By BCHIS Order

Hospital Employees Federal Union this week told the government it was undermining the morale of all hospital workers in B.C. and interfering with negotiations between hospitals and workers.

A brief presented to Health Minister Eric Martin by union officials asked the government to lift its freeze order on hospital wages.

The freeze order is "definite government interference with the rights of organized workers guaranteed by statute. If any other employer was to pursue similar tactics using a threat or intimidation, it would be considered unfair labor practices," the brief said.

"We feel it is totally unfair that the government would attempt to put the onus on hospital employees for the dilemna which hospital insurance now finds itself in."

NOT OVERPAID

Union business manager Bill Black argued that hospital workers are not overpaid and that some are grossly underpaid.

"Apparently the government is unconcerned whether we use our economic strength or not.

"Fortunately, we are a responsible organization and we have refused up to the moment to use those tactics, but are we going to continue to allow our rights to be taken away from us?"

Delegation also included Secretary Alex Paterson, President Hector Carden, Vice-president Don Fleming and Trustee Philip Foster.

West-East Pipeline Urged By Congress

Western Canada's vast supplies of natural gas may be used to spark economic development in eastern Canada if the federal government adopts proposals to be made by the Canadian Trades and Labor Council.

Delegates voted to support a plea by Toronto plumbers that an west-east pipeline be built "as a public enterprise, exclusively financed and built by Canadians with Canadian labor and materials."

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his employees their wages, but it is not mandatory for the court to make an order to the employer to pay all wages due.

Mr. Wicks was very receptive to our request and agreed to give it full consideration.

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New agreements have been recently entered into with Medical-Dental, Hall, Stock Exchange, Pemberton, Metropolitan, Lyric, Bentall, Williams, 525 Seymour Buildings, Y.W.C.A., and Labor Temple.

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Negotiations are in progress with American Building Maintenance Co., Modern Building Cleaning Service of Canada, Excelsior Building Maintenance, and Smithrite Cleaners for an agreement covering all service workers except window cleaners.

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The office recently had a phone call from a firm which had contracted cleaning and servicing of a building to a janitor contractor. This contractor had assured the building owner he had an agreement with the Union.

However, the building owner discovered that the contractor had no such agreement and did not employ union members. When confronted with this information the contractor stated he was anxious to obtain the work and made the statement in order to secure the work.

The building owner saw fit to cancel his contract and hire the services of a firm employing members of this union.

If in doubt as to the status of a contractor-janitor firm, contact Local 244 in order to obtain correct information regarding whether they employ union members

The purchase of unfair goods saps the strength of the labor movement everywhere.

SRU Plan Wins Backing

Metropolitan Committee Set Up To Promote "Travel By Bus"

Street Railwaymen's Union campaign to boost public travel by bus has resulted in formation of a metropolitan area committee of civic, union, and business representatives.

The SRU which in April pointed out to Mayor Fred Hume the trend towards slower transit service, sparked the new look at the transit problem in two meetings with aldermen and B.C. Electric officials at City Hall this month.

The committee seek methods to promote more public use of public transit and to bring home the vital role that transit plays in the everyday economic life of the metropolitan area.

Representatives from New Westminster, Burnaby, Richmond, and the North Shore are expected to meet shortly under committee chairman Ald. Donald McTaggart.

Union business agent Charles Stewart said the SRU, as part of its role in the campaign, is going all-out to improve courtesy of union bus drivers.

SRU also asked for a check on traffic and parking problems on some congested downtown streets, proposed suburban parking areas with express bus service to the city centre, and a fresh look at possible reintroduction of weekly transit passes.

MAKE EVERY WEEK UNION BUYING WEEK

Pettipiece Honored For Service

Dean of the printing trade in Vancouver, R. P. "Parm" Pettipiece, was honored this month by more than 100 friends and union leaders.

In a gathering at the Commodore, many paid tribute to the man who for nearly 60 years has been active in the ITU.

He was presented with a typewriter by Norman McConnell, president of the B.C. Typo Conference, and a blazer by Joe Chambers on behalf of ITU Local 226.

Active in promoting the best interests of union printers for so many years, "Parm" told the gathering: "You only get out of your union what you are prepared to put into it."

Veteran Trade Unionist Passes

VETERAN PASSES—Veteran labor man Wilfred H. Cottrell, former street car operator and president of the Street Railwaymen's Union and one-time head of the Trades Council, died this week in North Vancouver at age of 79.

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