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BURSTING AT THE SEAMS with enthusiasm for union label promotion is Retail Clerk's Dave Wade, who proudly exhibits the new union label sports shirt made available through AFL Union Label Department. Steno Elsie Walker measures Dave's proud chest for the benefit of Labor Statesman photographer Hux Lovely.

Bread Dispute May End Soon

Alsbury To Present New Formula For Negotiations With Bakeries

Cautious hopes were raised as the Labor Statesman went to press that the three-week old strike-lockout which has paralyzed six major bakeries will soon come to an end.

Hopes that the trouble might be concluded soon stem from the activities of a special committee set up by Trades and Labor Council President Tom Alsbury.

Monday, Alsbury and his committee members--Teamsters' Birt Showler and Stationery Engineers' Jack Henderson—were to meet with bakery and union representatives independently.

Alsbury said his group, which is acting as a neutral conciliation body, would present proposals involving concessions from both sides. If these proposals are well received, the way may be cleared for a resumption of direct negotiations.

Members of Bakery Workers' Local 468 are on strike at one of the major bakeries, McGavins. The bakeries have locked their employees out of the remaining five—and bread has been in short supply throughout the Lower Mainland

BOTH SIDES

The union has requested a 35-hour week and other concessions. Bakeries have recently asked changes in hiring procedure which the union charges would weaken and perhaps break their organization.

Both sides turned down a conciliation award.

In addition to the union bakers, more than 100 members of Bakery Salesmen Local 189 are out of work. As they work on commission, it will be many months before their incomes are back to normal.

While hopes are rising that present negotiations may be successful, the bakers have been assured of warm support from both TLC and CCL labor councils in case of a long battle.

Union Janitors Dismissed By Odeon Chain

By BEN MORLEY

Odeon Theatres (B.C.) have fired all members of Local 244, employed by it in Vancouver, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, Abbotsford, Mission City and Haney.

This unprecedented move by Odeon came after negotiations for a new agreement had been going on for over two and one-half months. The new agreement

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IMPORTANT DECISIONS —Ninety-sixth convention of International Typographical Union is set for St. Paul, Minn., August 14-20. Interest will centre on "where from here" after membership vote defeated a defence assessment.

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AWAITED — Decision of the Workmen's Compensation Board on use of explosive actuated tools in construction work. Tools, coming into wider use daily, have been opposed by Building Trades Council. Council wants either outright ban or tight safety regulations governing its use.

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P-MINUS RATINGS: See that Vancouver has been rated in top category for its control of prostitution by a survey of American Social

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LOCKOUT SCENE

Union Story Told For First Time

(The strike-lockout at six major bakery firms has moved into its third week and is rapidly shaping up into a fight to the finish between organized labor and forces which are out to "break the union". To help counter a wave of high-pressure propaganda issued by the bakeries, the Labor Statesman herewith publishes the real story behind the bakery union's struggle.)

The smoke screen thrown up by six big bakery firms cleared sufficiently this week for two major issues to come into clear focus—and they are of vital importance to every trade unionist. They are:

1. The bakeries are out to destroy Bakery Workers 468 and clear the way for hiring of non-union workers;

2. The bakeries are determined to avoid at any cost a reduction in the work week which alone could provide bakery workers with the security they require.

Melvin Kemmis, local 468 business agent, made these statements as the Labor Statesman went to press. He has facts to back his charges, and here they are:

The bakeries are out to break the union because:

- The present lockout at five of the six bakeries was threatened some time before there was

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OPPOSE PRE-FABS

Vancouver Building Trades Council will "strenuously oppose" importation of pre-fabricated houses from Germany.

The BCT declared the importation "interferes with one of the major industries of B.C."

Some of the pre-fab units are now being erected in Burnaby.

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any formal mention of a strike at one or more bakeries;

● The bakeries have made little or no real attempt to discuss the issues; they have stuck to their own stand without a hint of bona fide bargaining;

● The present barrage of paid publicity in the daily press is designed to render the union ineffectual. Hiring proposals now suggested by the employers were never mentioned during conciliation. They are placed before the public now at a time when there is a certain hardship because of the bread shortage.

Bakery union officials point out that the bakeries are now preparing to revoke that part of the contract which stipulates that job vacancies will be filled by the union when men are available.

Instead of this fair and time-tested method, the bakeries would prefer to go outside the ranks of union labor and bring in the men they choose for their own purposes.

In addition, the bakeries wish to take foremen outside the union 'if they so desire."

Purpose of these manoeuvres, sprung on public and employees after the ordinary processess of bargaining, is clear to business agent Kemmis.

"They're out to break the union—or failing that to render it so ineffectual that it will break up by itself," he said.

Kemmis said the bakeries are claiming that the desired changes in hiring procedure would have no effect on present employees.

In answer to this, he cited actual cases in Victoria, where the union contract simply requires the bakeries to contact the union office before filling replacements. In Victoria, the bakeries go through the motions of a telephone call, but invariably end up by hiring non-union men from some other source.

The second phase of the current struggle revolves on this question: "Why does the union place such importance on the achievement of a 35-hour week at this time?"

In order to understand why a shorter work week — at same take-home pay—is vital to the welfare of the union members, it's important to consider these little-known aspects of the bakery industry.

A revolution has taken place in the baking industry in the past five years, amounting in at least one case to a percentage increas in production per man-hour of 72.8 percent.

In recent months even more labor saving machines have been introduced to bakeries in Vancouver.

In the face of these developments, layoffs reached a record peak last winter, and today the list of part-time workers is 25 percent of the number working full-time. Layoffs continue.

In addition to the mechanical developments which allow fewer men to produce more bread in less time, other factors have worked into the hands of the bakeries.

There has been an unpublicized drop of $1 per barrel in the price of flour, and smaller drops in the price of other raw materials. But price of bread to the consumer has increased rather than dropped accordingly, and meanwhile the profits of the large concerns now staging an industry-wide lockout have increased.

Union officials stress that these are not wild statements made on the spur of the moment to back the union's position.

The above facts are substantiated by page after page of facts and figures on file in union and labor department offices.

It is significant that the companies have never pleaded inability to meet the 35-hour work week, nor have they produced any evidence to show that it would not be desireable. They have merely refused to give it consideration.

Here are a few examples which point up the critical conditions under which workers in the industry must operate.

At one of the largest companies, 24 men employed on the bread floor in 1949 produced 5,400 loaves of bread per hour.

This year, 18 men produce 7,000 loaves. The percentage increase in production is 72.8 percent.

At another bakery, a new machine for making hot dog buns enables four men to produce 260 dozen buns in 30 minutes.

Before the machine was introduced it took four men two hours to perform the same operation.

The union points out that as the demand for bread is static, there is no chance for increased sales to keep employment at its present level unless there is a reduction in hours of work.

"The union has not protested against the ever-increasing mechanization of the industry, but it believes that the time has arrived when it is imperative that the future of the workers in the industry be given primary consideration.

"Every worker in the industry would like increased earnings. They are fully aware that they cannot eat a 35-hour week. But the happenings of the past few years have shown them that if they are to have a future in the industry, then the 35-hour week is a must."

Council To Study Gas Pipeline

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A sub-committee of the Trades and Labor Council legislative committee will soon be established to study the question of whether council should advocate that the provincial government "go it alone" in the building of a natural gas pipeline.

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One-Cent Per Capita Boost Urged For Legal Aid Fund

A notice of motion is before Trades and Labor Council which if approved will mean an increase of one cent per member in percapita dues for purpose of a defence fund for use of unions which run afoul the new provincial Labor Relations Act.

Plumbers 170 offered the following resolution, which was given first reading:

"Affiliated organizations shall pay a per capita tax of six cents per member per month on all members in good standing, five cents of which shall go into general funds and one cent of which shall be placed in a special defence fund to be used in obtaining legal advice for the guidance and assistance of affiliated organizations.

"Application for assistance from the special defence fund shall be considered by the executive board and no monies disbursed except by authority of that body."

According to the Trade Council procedure, any motion dealing with per capita tax must be read three times. The third time it is discussed and voted upon.

GREAT CONCERN

While it cannot be predicted whether or not the delegates will endorse such a resolution, council executives point out that it at least indicates great concern within the unions on the subject of the new labor legislation.

Council president Tom Alsbury pointed out that protests made when the Act was first introduced merely marked the beginning of a long campaign of trade union education and action.

The many serious defects and weaknesses of the Act will be fully explained in a series of fall meetings with the rank and file of the labor movement.

President Alsbury recalled that a mass meeting of labor men and women last month asked the government to withhold proclamation of the bill in the hopes that some of the more dangerous aspects could be ironed out.

This was not done, and the legislation is now law.

"If we can't change the thinking of the government between now and the next election, then the labor movement must build up its forces to defeat them," he warned.

Council May Nominate Civic Candidates

Possible TLC Aldermanic Choices Under Study by Special Committee

Entry into the Vancouver civic election race this year has been indicated by the Trades and Labor Council.

President Tom Alsbury said a special council committee set up to study the picture in the civic field is "very actively interested" in stronger labor activity for the December election.

There has been no decision yet on co-operative action with the CCL Vancouver Labor Council which has announced it will name candidates for the race.

The special Trades Council committee is working on a two-point program

SUITABLE CANDIDATES

It will urge an all-out drive to make sure voters get their names on the civic voters list and that they get out to vote when election time rolls around.

A report on suitable aldermanic candidates who are willing and qualified to run for City Council is being prepared and will be given to the Trades Council executive within the next two weeks.

BUSINESS MONOPOLY

President Alsbury said "it is likely we'll meet later with the CCL to answer their request for joint labor action in the election."

"Business interests have had a monopoly on City Council for a long enough time," he declared. "It's time that workers and small home owners had adequate representation."

Shipwrights Protest Pay In Yard

Non-union wages in a Dollarton shipyard are creating unfair competition to organized shipyards in this area, James Best, secretary of Local 506, Shipwrights, Boat Builders, Joiners and Caulkers declared this week.

Brother Best said the Matsomuto Shipyard at Dollarton is strongly anti-union and "on account of wages paid and conditions in the yard, they are able to quote prices that the certified yards in this city cannot even think of quoting."

"In trying to organize this yard I was told definitely that if any of the men joined the union they would be fired immediately," he said.

Local 506 information is that the yard pays $1.60 an hour, with a six-day week and 10-hour day at straight time. The union scale is $1.95, four percent holiday pay, nine paid statutory holidays, overtime rates and other benefits.

"They don't build better ships than the other yards but they do through low wages build them cheaper," Best said.

"If this yard is allowed to continue their present policy, it could be the means of destroying the standard of wages and conditions we have worked so hard to attain."

He said the yard had just completed a 58-foot seiner and are building two more, and have just launched a 40-foot cabin cruiser.

Kamloops Dispute

KAMLOOPS — G. A. Carmichael has been appointed by the department of labor to conciliate a wage dispute between Beverage Dispensers and five Kamloops hotels. Hotels concerned are the Central, Franklin, Mount Paul, Plaza and Leland.

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Building Unions In Conciliation

A conciliation board has opened hearing on Lathers Local 207 dispute, and a conciliation officer this week stepped into the negotiations between Tilesetters Local 3 and eight companies.

Herb Flesher represents the Lathers on the board. Chairman is Prof. J. Friend Day, and William Smith is the companies' nominee.

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Trolley Drivers Re-Elect Top Officials

Top officials of Division 101 Street Railwaymen's Union have been returned to office.

Re-elected were President Stan Wilcox, Business agent Chuck Stewart, and Financial Secretary Jim Harkness. Charles Murdoch was elected first vice-president and Bert Eldrige, second vice-president.

Others named were: Platform representatives, Bob Gregory and Bill Deyell; North Van. platform representative, Sam Third; garage representative, Marvin Gordon; shop, barn and trolley representative, Ed White; Pacific Stage Lines representative, Ted Keough.

Stewart, Wilcox, Harkness and John Hayward were named delegates to next month's Trades and Labor Congress convention in Regina.

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All Workers Should Get Time for BEG

Executive of the Trades and Labor Council has urged that employers give all employees one day off to attend the British Empire Games.

Council has asked City Council and the Board of Trade to support the time-off proposal. It proposes a free day for all workers, given on a staggered schedule so as not to interfere too greatly with any firm's operations.

"This is a big event which comes only once in a lifetime," declared President Tom Alsbury. "All employees should be given a chance to see at least some of the events."

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The new Building Trades Council booklet listing new wage ates and union contractors in the building industry is now off the press.

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CIVIC ELECTIONS

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council is going to take a bigger part in civic elections this year.

Already a campaign has started to urge all eligible persons to make sure their names are on the voters' list when the last chance comes during supplementary registration at City Hall in August.

The "get-out-and-vote" push will come when December rolls around.

A third proposal under study is the possibility of running labor candidates for aldermen. And every union man and woman should watch for Council's decision in this important matter.

Big business has for many years held control over City Council, and it's time for a change. This could be the year.

Labor men and their families should take special note of past voting statistics. At the last election some 100,000 eligible voters didn't turn out at the polls.

Tuck this thought away for December. There are enough not-voting workers who, if they turned out, could decide the complexion of City Council.

OVERTIME BAN

Seven building trade unions have now endorsed the proposal to press for a ban on all overtime permits except in emergencies if unemployment in construction trades continues.

Carpenters 452, Painters 138, Marble Polishers 179, Electrical Workers 213, Plumbers 170, Floorlayers 1541 and Laborers 1288 have endorsed the stand.

If it is found there is an ample supply of tradesmen, Building Trades Council will ask the Board of Industrial Relations to turn down contractors' requests for overtime permits.

FROM THIS ANGLE

Big Business

Hatters' Union in the U.S. put up a quarter of a million dollars to keep an employer in business, and Ottawa District Trades and Labor Council went into the low rental housing business to provide two of the most interesting labor developments this month.

Kartiganer Hat Corp., which employs 1,500 persons in Massachussets and New York, was recipient of the $250,000 loan.

The corporation, one of the largest in the country, will get $50,000 from the union treasury and $200,000 from the workers as individuals. Officials of the hatters' union described the loan as an investment in job security.

The union set up two conditions for the loan: that there be no cuts in wages or established working conditions; and that a union accountant be posted in the company offices to keep watch on the safety of the investment.

The Kartiganer Co. has been facing trouble for some time, and was almost forced to go out of business. The big hatters' union recently concluded a 10½ month strike against another firm, Hat Corp. of America, when the company planned to leave the eastern seaboard and move to southern U.S. where workers are unorganized and wages are low. That move was defeated.

The company which was helped out by the union in its hour of need has always given workers a fair deal.

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In Eastern Canada there is good and bad news about the St. Lawrence Seaway development.

The vast hydro-electric project planned by the province of Ontario in conjunction with the seaway will be carried out by AFL unions. Some seven thousand workers are involved.

But retiring president Percy Bengough of the TLC warns that on the seaway itself introduction of new mechanical devices may mean that very few men will be employed. Bengough cited the $20 million Strait of Canso causeway linking Cape Breton with the rest of Nova Scotia. Despite the magnitude of the project, only 150 men were employed.

TRADE UNION FOIBLES

270. "Men certainly value a good job that pays union wages! I'm glad daughter has one!"

269. "What's so strange about him reading my union paper?... He says he's tired of leading a dog's life!"

The Empire Games

British Empire Games time is here

From the Council Executive, affiiliated unions and staff of the Labor Statesman go best wishes for good competition with plaudits to the victors.

Vancouver's main wish to participants and visitors is that we've proved ourselves a worthy host.

MASON ANSWERS

Flaw In Ointment

E. O. Mason, whose by-line is now familiar to readers of the Labor Statesman, is employed by the Trades and Labor Council as statistician and reasearch expert.

By E. O. MASON

Amongst the avalanche of letters to the press re the bakery dispute was a beauty from a gentleman by the name of Mr. Frank O. Myles. He takes it upon himself to inform the public of the economic thinking of labor and then goes on at some length to point out the fallacies in that thinking.

Mr. Myles could have saved himself a lot of trouble, and the paper in question a lot of space, if he had taken the elementary precaution of finding out if labor really holds the economic views he attributes to them.

First of all he states that we believe that on net balance machines create unemployment and that we also believe and I quote . . . "that there is just a fixed amount of work to be done and that if we cannot add to this work by thinking up more cumbersome ways of doing it, we should think of some device for spreading it around among as large a number of people as possible."

Let's go to work on Mr. Myles. He is of course talking nonsense. But it is dangerous nonsense because it is so plausible. You can only explain feather-bedding and spreading it around on the basis that labor believes that there is a fixed amount of work to be done. Yet we all know that human wants are inexhaustible and therefore there is no limit to the work to be done. Therefore, labor is stupid

It's as easy as that. The flaw in this kind of reasoning is obvious. The amount of work to be done is decided neither by labor or the wants of the people. It is decided by the profit expectations of investors and industrialists. In other words Mr. Myles has got it upside-down. Given a set of economic circumstances it is management who believes that there is only a fixed amount of work to be done . . . profitably. Labor takes it from there.

Now I am not very interested in proving Mr. Myles to be wrong, but what I am interested in is finding out why so many people can talk the most utter tripe, and more important still, believe it.

The answere is not hard to find. Many of the economists of the 18th and 19th Centuries made blithering idiots of themselves for the same reason. These people will not face the facts. They fix up a model of the economic system which bears little relation to the one in existence and then proceed to forecast how that system is going to work out, making assumptions about capital and labor that are downright comical.

For donkeys years you had economists saying that unemployment was impossible even while the unemployed were lying about all over the place. Finally they got around to saying that it wasn't the system that was at fault; it was the unemployed, they wouldn't work for low enough wages, in spite of the fact that if you'd have offered them a job of any description, you'd have been killed in the rush.

Today, economists know better, not much, and not all of them. But one thing they are learning (I exclude Mr. Myles) is that you'll get nowhere by trying to make human beings fit the system but that a much more promising line of approach is to try and make the system fit the people.

Husband (to his wife as he struggled over budget): "I wish we had saved some money during the depression so we could live through this prosperity."

TAXI-TALK

By CHARLIE GOWER

The Greater Vancouver Taxicab Pool is seeking a solution to the problem of ever increasing rate of taxicab protection.

Something has got to be done constructively to curtail the risks or the taxicab operators will find they are unable to get insurance at any rate whatsoever.

As you well know, this would mean either we smarten up before the crisis, or go out of business—in one of two ways—by paying excessive insurance rates or not being able to comply with the law.

We believe the problem can be worked out if we will get together and earnestly seek the solution

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It is evident your insurance committees have been working hard on the matter because we have had their plan of driver testing outlined to us. With certain qualifications, we agreed with the plan, but then again they ran into a stumbling block and we understand the project is about to be abandoned.

We are solidly of the belief it is not necessary to bring people from the outside to resolve our problems. We have people in the industry who are far more capable from knowledge gained by working in the industry over the years.

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The union, contrary to many beliefs, is interested in the problem because it has an economic effect on our membership as a whole. We, as a union, do want the finest and most capable drivers, bar none, working in the industry and are prepared to work with the operators to attain this goal.

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We have had talks with insurance officials, safety committees, traffic experts, and managers of the various taxicab operations over the past week. It is now our plan to get the above people into a meeting during the next few days in order to come up with a plan of union management co-operation, to set up the machinery of driver testing, driver training, accident prevention and adjudication.

We are firmly of the belief that it can only be done by a central committee of management and union working in the interest of all concerned with an impartial chairman.

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Your Executive Board will meet to discuss this matter and give direction to the officers of the union We hope with time to have a plan worked out for consideration and approval.

We, locally, are not alone in this problem. This all-important question was thoroughly discussed at the Western Conference of Teamsters at the annual meeting last month. The standpoint of the 11 western states and B.C. was noted. It was unanimously adopted that we return to our respective localities and work out a plan of labor-management cooperation to overcome the problem.

CARPENTERS' REPORT

By GEORGE BENGOUGH

Island Council Elects

Frank Enwright of Carpenters and Joiners Local 1812 Duncan has been elected president of the Vancouver Island District Council of Carpenters.

He was elected at the annual meeting of the Island Council held in Duncan earlier this month. Other offices of the council were filled by Port Alberni and Victoria men.

Each year an affiliated union of the Carpenters Island Council acts as host to the delegates and their wives and this year it was Duncan local 1812. The meet was held July 17.

MARVELOUS JOB

Local 1812 did the honors and made a marvelous job of providing a fine supper, dance and a splendid floor show.

President Brother A. Davidson of Campbell River local was in the chair, and with the capable assistance of Secretary Brother J. Tibbett of the Port Alberni local, conducted the business of the council in an efficient manner. It was completed by five p.m.

At the close of the meeting election of officers was held for the coming year. The new officers of the Island Council are as follows:

President, Brother Frank Enwright, Local 1812, Duncan; vice-president, Brother Ernie Oliver, Local 1598, Victoria; secretary, Brother Jas. Tibbett, Local 513, Port Alberni; warden, Brother Al. Haines, Local 2415, Victoria; trustee, Brother H. Briggs, Local 2415, Victoria.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Attending the meeting and the supper were table officers of the Provincial Council of Carpenters: President Geo. R. Bengough, Vice-President J. Mobley, and Secretary E. T. Staley. The international office was represented by General Representatives William Page and Victor Midgeley of Vancouver Island.

The work report of the various locals was as follows:

Local 2415, Victoria Pile Drivers — work fair, some members idle.

Local 1598, Victoria Carpenters — work good; 35 had signed the "out of work" book.

Local 1812, Duncan Carpenters — work situation not too good; believe the new pulp mill assured.

Local 527, Nanaimo Carpenters—work fair but agreement for the coming year not signed as yet.

Local 2412, Qualicum Carpenters — not much work; a school job only work at present.

PROSPECTS POOR

Local 2068, Powell River Carpenters — six men out of work; work prospects poor. Greenall Bros. has a few houses.

Local 513, Port Alberni Carpenters — nothing in the way of construction work in this district and the work normally done by local contractors in the sawmills now being carried out by Stolberg with an I.W.A. crew at $1.93 per hour.

Local 1638, Courtenay Carpenters — every one working; tenders called for about 100 houses; have closed books to new members.

Local 1882, Campbell River Carpenters—10 members out of work; work prospects pretty grim unless new dam scheduled in the district gets started.

In closing this report of the Vancouver Island District Council of Carpenters, we again wish to say that the Council conducted their affairs in a business-like manner and are a credible organization to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

UNION LABEL CORNER

Check This....Then Buy

Ed Smith, secretary of the Vancouver, New Westminster District Union Label Council, has worked long to compile lists of union goods for information of TLC members.

Here is a list of union-label clothing, together with some of the stores where it can be bought.

Ed says the list "is to create more sales of these goods which in turn will create more work for union members.

"Buying union goods helps oppose non-union employers who are at all times under-cutting prices of fair unions firms."

Only the initials of stores are used. Arnold & Quigley, which is the only one of the stores listed having a contract with the Retail Clerks Union, is designated as "A & Q". Woodwards is "W", Eatons "E", Hudsons Bay "HBC".

HATS
- Biltmore (A & Q—W—E—HBC)
- Crean (W—HBC)
- Christie (English made) (W)
- Lincoln (English) (W)
- Bennett (English) (W)

SUITS
- Gordon Campbell (A & Q—E HBC)
- Freidmans (W—HBC)

PANTS AND SLACKS
- Parker (A & Q—HBC)
- Days (A & Q)
- Hercules (E)

WORK SHIRTS—OVERALS
- G.W.G. (A & Q—W—E—HBC)
- Caribou (A & Q—W—E)
- Kitchin-Peabody (W—HBC)
- Fit-Rite (W)
- Hercules (E)

LEATHER JACKETS
- Perfect Leather Co. (A & Q)
- Victoria (W—E—HBC)
- Goulds)also Cloth) (W—E—HBC)

SPORTS JACKETS, ETC.
- Freidman (Windbreakers and Sports Jackets (W—E—HBC)
- Caribou (Cruising Coat) (A & Q—W)
- Day Company (Jackets) (A & Q)
- Fit-Rite (Sports Jackets) (W)
- Gordon Campbell (Sports Jackets) (HBC)

DRESSING GOWNS
- Day—Mac (W)

TIES
- Spider Loom (A & Q—W—E HBC)
- Parker.

GLOVES
- Watsons (A & Q—W—E—HBC

WORK SHOES
- Dayton (HBC)

CAPS
- Brill (A & Q)
- Western Cap (E—W—HBC)
- Victoria (Leather) (W)

TOP COATS
- Gordon Campbell (E)
- Freidmans (HBC)

NYLON STOCKINGS
- Phoenix (E)

LADIES HATS
- Western Cap (E)
- Miller & Sons (HBC)
- Eagle (HBC)
- Walker (HBC)
- Victoria (E—HBC)
- Justine (HBC)

LADIES' COATS & SUITS
- Sweet Sixteen
- Dominion—(Coats)

CHILDREN'S WEAR
- Vancouver Garment (E)

LADIES SLACKS
- Malabou (Gaults) (E—W)

LADIES SKIRTS
- Malabou (E—W)

BLOUSES
- Malabou (E—W)
- Vancouver Garment (E)

DRESSES
- Sample (HBC)
- Style Value (HBC)
- Strenthal (HBC)
- Sweet Sixteen (Sweet Sixteen Stores)

SMOCKS — APRONS — COVERALLS
- Malabou (E—W)

The majority of these union label items are also available in many smaller stores but we presently have no list of them.

In addition to Union Label goods there are many articles that are Union Made such as Stetson Hats, Jantzen's Woollen Goods, Susanne Ladies' Sports Wear, and Queen Bess Ladies' apparel.

Portable Toilet Unit

A new portable chemical toilet service for use on construction jobs where flush toilets are not available has been approved by Building Trades Council.

The toilet unit, constructed by James Doyle of Plumbers 170, provides a sanitary service which BTC said was "an improvement over most present types in use."

Lead-Pot Men Quit Mainland —Only For 'Miracle Miles'

New Westminster and Vancouver printers and their families will emigrate to Swans Point, Hatzic Island, on Sunday, August 8, for their annual picnic.

Picnic chairman Howard Jones reports there'll be more races for the kiddies, more and better prizes, free coke and ice cream.

"And New Westminster softballers are reported to have already gone into training to get even for the shellacking they took last year from Vancouver," he says.

FLASH

Sign Painters Vote Strike

Commercial sign painters of Local 726 have voted 86 percent in favor of strike action in their contract dispute with Sign-Kraft, C. H. Braun and Clap Signs.

LIBRARY SITE

Action on choice of a site for the new $2,00,000 city library has been demanded by the Vancouver Building Trades Council.

Council meeting this week urged City Council to "get busy and decide the best possible site and get construction underway," declared Secretary Ed Kennedy.

"The money has been voted by the people and we feel the city should get on with the job."

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Tom Alsbury To Attend British Meet

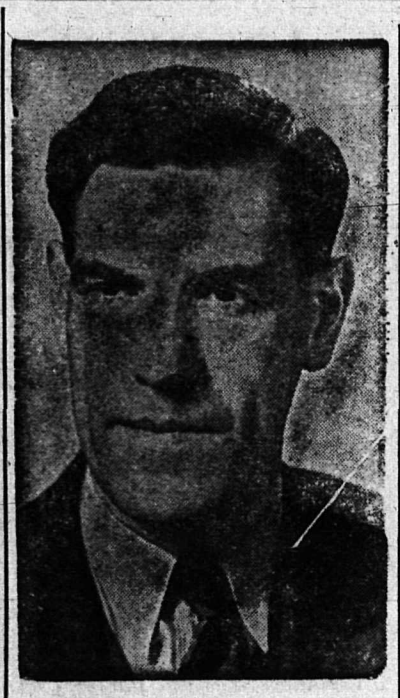
Trades and Labour Council president Tom Alsbury will represent the TLC at the September convention of the British Trade Union Congress in Brighton, England

The Vancouver labor leader and school principal will address the 800 delegates at the convention, and report on the state of trade unionism in Canada.

Accompanied by his wife, Alsbury will fly to Britain direct from the Regina TLC convention For a few days preceeding the convention they will visit Edinburgh, his birthplace—Glasgow and other Scottish and English centres.

After the convention, the Alsbury's will spend a short while in London, inspecting British schools.

And then—if time permits—a day or two in Paris.



BOUND for England and the annual convention of the British Trade Union Congress is president Tom Alsbury, official representative of TLC.

UNDER TLC BANNER

100-Man Honor Guard At Labor Day Parade

A colorful guard of honor composed of more than 100 marching representatives of each craft, trade and profession within the Trades and Labor Council will feature the PNE-Labor Day parade this year.

According to plans drawn up at an executive meeting this month, the representatives from each affiliated union will march immediately behind the great TLC banner.

Whenever possible, they will wear the uniform of their job or position, and when uniforms are not available the council will supply a sign to be worn by the individual representative.

The special "guard of honor" will be in addition to the regular marching entry or float to be entered individually by the unions.

Purpose of the special group representing all TLC affiliated unions is, of course, to acquaint the public with the immense scope of organized workers in the Vancouver district.

BIGGER AND BETTER

According to council executives, the spectable of policemen, firemen, teachers, painters, milkmen, office workers and many more marching shoulder to shoulder under the banner of the TLC will do more to acquaint non-union members with the solidarity and scope of labor than a hundred speeches.

Plans now being completed indicate that the parade will be bigger, better—and longer this year than last.

Present plans call for it to form up at Powell Street grounds and march to the PNE grounds. Each of the 114 affiliated unions is expected to enter a marching group, a banner, and if possible a decorated float.

Bands will be supplied by the council.

SUPPORT NEEDED

CGL and railway brotherhoods will also take part—and of course it goes without saying that a parade, in order to be effective, must receive every possible support.

The parade was conceived last year as part of a campaign to bring back the importance of Labor Day as a day to remember the past struggles and future plans of the labor movement

SRU Report Brings Action From Police

Vancouver Police Commission this month promised quick action against motorists who stop in bus curb zones following a complaint by Division 101 Street Railwaymen's Union.

SRU business agent Chuck Stewart said it was difficult for bus drivers to keep up to schedules when forced to waste time at stops where motorists blocked bus zones

"We'll take action to stop this practice," Mayor Fred Hume declared.

A proposal to give property tax relief to pensions — which has been backed by the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council— is being considered by City Council.

Under the present city charter, there is no provision to assess property lower than the basis used—60 percent of 1953 market value.

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Launch Organization Drive

NEW WESTMINSTER—Business agent J. F. Tomson of New Westminster Beverage Dispensers 835 has moved to enlist the active co-operation of every organized worker in the Lower Mainland to assist organization work in the restaurant industry with emphasis on Royal City cafes.

In a letter to Trades and Labor Council, Tomson charged that organization in the culinary craft in all B. C. is at such a low ebb it is "useless to quote the depthless low percentage."

He added that as it is necessary to eat, members of other trade unions find it impossible to practice the ethics of trade-unionism and patronize union shops.

"This condition is due to the large turnover of staff in the industry and the seasonal nature of its employment. Employees further have a tendency to use restaurant jobs as a stop-gap pending the time they find more highly paid employment," he said.

SUPPLY LEADS

"More organized cafes would raise wages to a higher scale, give the workers a sense of pride in their jobs, attract a superior type of employee, stabilize the industry, and raise levels of sanitation."

The New Westminster Beverage Dispensers' business agent, who is also responsible for organization of restaurants, asked all members of affiliated unions to co-operate by supplying leads and talking to individual restaurant workers about the advantages of union membership.

Any information should be made available to the local at New Westminster 4856.

Delegates to the last trades and labor council meeting voted to ask members to take note, and Tomson's letter outlining the problem was forwarded to the council organizing committee.

Island Carpenters Urge Licenses For Contractors

(Special to the Labor Statesman)

DUNCAN—Vancouver Island District Council of Carpenters has voted to seek strict licensing regulations for all general contractors as a means of protecting themselves and the public.

The carpenters will act through Union of B. C. Municipalities. They took the action after Carpenters' Union representative V. H. Midgley said the legislation, if it could be approved, would provide protection from unscrupulous contractors and prevent construction of gerry - built homes.

In Edmonton, contractors are required to post a bond to guarantee proper performance of their contract.

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Labor Council Asks Support Of Athletic Round Table

Trades and Labor Council has urged union members to support the B.C. Athletic Round Table Society, a new group formed to back amateur athletics.

"We feel this is a worthwhile contribution to amateur sport in which labor should take a big interest," declared Council president Tom Alsbury.

The Round Table group has sponsored events to raise funds for the BEG, and aims to finance travelling expenses for amateur athletes who are unable to pay their own way to compete in national and international events.

The society hopes that many promising athletes who in the past have faded into the background through lack of financial support will be able to make a name for both themselves and B.C. in sporting contests.

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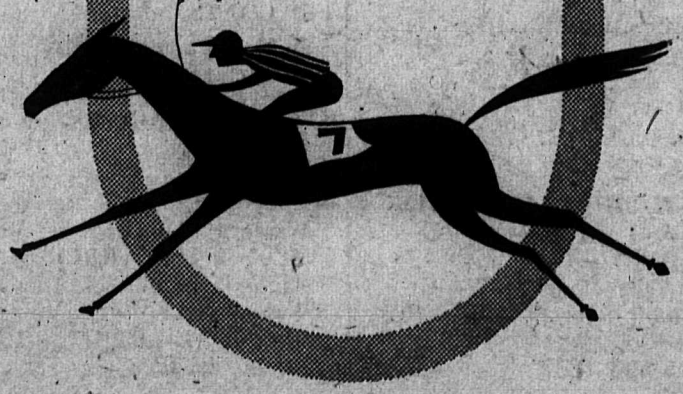

Teamsters 213 Tussle With Non-Unionists

Vancouver Building Trades Council has urged all affiliated unions to back Teamsters Local 213 in their tussle with non-union truckers.

Secretary Ed Kennedy said Building Material and Fuel Truck Drivers Union "is encountering difficulty in cases where material is being delivered to union jobs by non-union teamsters.

"No doubt you are aware that at number of these teamsters own their own trucks and that they claim they do not have to belong to the Teamsters' Union.

"But remember there is an Independent Truckers Organization (I.T.O.) with which the Teamsters 213 has an agreement."

Kennedy said that union men should refuse to handle material delivered to jobs by men who cannot show membership in a union.

It's the understanding that IT.O. trucks are marked with stickers.

Holiday Time In Construction

It's happy holidaying time for most workers in the construction industry—starting today.

Annual weekly holiday close-down of most jobs through agreement of Building Trades Council and Building Industries Exchange coincides with the big British Empire Games sportsganza which has all Vancouver in a holiday mood.

Executive boards of both Vancouver Local 452 and New Westminster Local 1251 have declared the holiday will be observed by all union carpenters.

The Building Trades Council office in the Labor Temple will be closed down for the holiday and the Aug. 10 meeting of the Council has been cancelled.

ED KENNEDY REPORTS

Vancouver Delegate Visits Spokane

Ed Kennedy, secretary of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Building Trades Council, was a fraternal delegate to the July convention of the Building Trades section of the Washington State Federation of Labor held in Spokane.

This is his report:

"After addresses made by city officials, the Secretary called on several fraternal delegates, including myself, to address the Convention.

"I outlined the position of our Council in comparison with that of Washington respecting labor laws. I also pointed out some of the difficulties we had encountered due to the obsolete policy of handling jurisdictional disputes which arise from time to time.

"I also brought to their attention the fact that some of the people who had claimed to be friends of our affiliated locals were now trying to set up dual unions in competition in the construction industry, namely, the United Construction Workers of John L. Lewis, District 50.

"I urged the international representatives present to seriously consider this situation—how locals affiiliated to the Building Trades Dept. can enter into agreement with the Lewis organization while he is taking over their jurisdiction.

"Bro. R. Gray, president of Building Trades Dept., noted housing scandal that had come to light in Washington under the F.H.A. plan and called on Building Trades Unions to try and co-operate more in the establishment of the 6-hour day, 30-hour week, and voiced protest on so much overtime work.

POSTAL COMPLAINT

Postal officials are checking into a complaint on postal hours at Kitimat.

Building Trades Council reports "an effort will be made to improve the situation" after conferring with postal inspectors here.

Local 244 Wins Boost For Janitor Workers

By BEN MORLEY

Agreement has been reached with General Cleaning Contractors Association for a new agreement. The new agreement calls for five cents per hour increase in wages, one more paid statutory holiday, double time for all Sunday work and after twelve hours in any one day.

The agreement covers over 60 members and readers are urged to see that the employee cleaning their windows is wearing Local 244's work button on his clothes.

Agreement has been reached with Second Narrows Bridge Co., covering Toll Collectors and the Maintenance Men. The agreement is for eighteen months and all employees will receive a five and one-half percent increase in wages. Improvement in the overtime rates which includes double time after eight hours in any day, Saturday afternoon and Sunday, and several minor adjustments in the agreement.

After several months delay on the part of the B.C. Hotels Association the matter of a wage adjustment for members employed in the hotels went to an Arbitration Board on Wednesday.

The present agreement is for a two-year period with provision for adjustment of wages after one year, and if the parties were unable to agree the matter would then be referred to arbitration. This Board was set up some time ago but due to members being out of the city it his been impossible to arrange a meeting.

These delays certainly show the necessity for having a procedure for setting up an arbitration contained in the agreement.

AFL Construction Men At Kitimat Win Bouquet From Company Brass

Here's a bouquet for AFL construction men at Kitimat.

A letter from counsel to housing contractors Johnson-Crooks Construction Corp. states, "I am pleased to be able to say that the Kitimat job is progressing in a most satisfactory manner.

"The crew is the best one we have ever had on a project of this kind."

Shipyard Unions Meet In Victoria

Delegates from Vancouver and Victoria shipyard unions meet in the capital city Aug. 3 to review final contract proposals for a new agreement in the steel yards.

Many proposed amendments to the contract were discussed in a Vancouver meeting earlier this month and each union will report its stand at the Victoria conference.

Meanwhile, Plumbers general organizer John W. Bruce of Toronto, has accepted the request from Metal Trades to aid in shipyard negotiations. He's expected here in late August.

Joint negotiations covering metal trade unions of both cities and the "Big Three" steel yards are expected this year.

Diner (tired of waiting): "Waitress, please find out if your colleague from whom I ordered a steak some time ago is still employed here."

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RE-ELECTED

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Dozen New Men From World Points Welcomed By ITU

International flavor of the Typographical Union has been noted here this month.

Fourteen "foreign" ITU cards have been handled by Local 226 and all are now working full time in Vancouver.

Cards of ITU members outside B.C. are accepted by the local union.

Local 226 secretary Peter Campbell said the outsiders were eight travelers, three from Toronto, one from Guelph, one from Sweden, one from Switzerland, one from the Scottish Typographical Association, and three from the Typographical Association, England.

HEADLINER (Cont'd From 1)

Hygiene Association. The report gave Vancouver's police force a back pat for its enforcement program.

The report stated: "At the time the recent survey was conducted in and about Vancouver, only a very small amount of commercialized prostitution was found in the city and its vicinity."

Interesting to know just how the ASHA investigators garnered their information.

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"HI FLUSHIE" — Noted in minutes of Building Trades Council: "Moved and carried that new delegates be obligated and seated. At this time Brother Doyle, member of Plumbers Local 170, was given the floor to introduce a chemical flush toilet . . ."

Hope the new delegates were comfortable.

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FOUR-BITS TOO MUCH—Men on job at power plant construction at Lillooet want either cash or par cheques for pay. They now get wages by cheque but banks crack them 50 cents exchange. Building Trades Council this week asked contractor Emil Anderson to correct.

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EXPENSIVE ABSENCE—Division 101, Street Railwaymen's Union has come up with yet another "persuader" to the old problem: How to get union members out to meetings. You might try it out. A fine of $10 will be levied against any member who fails to attend three union meetings in a six-month period. The first six-month tryout started this month.

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NEW GIANT—*Purchase of B.C. Bridge and Dredging Co. by Marwell Construction makes the Marwell organization the largest group of construction engineers in Western Canada.*

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WHOOPEE—Official figures from Ottawa estimate that Canadians last year spent a whopping $1,334,000,000 on tobacco and liquor, a boost of $36,000,000 from 1952.

Musing with figures: Laid end to end dollar bills for smoke and drink would stretch across Canada 21 times, would build about 133,400 good substantial homes.

Children may not understand all about germs but they can be taught not to share their combs, face cloths, towels or other toilet articles with other children or adults.

Garden Experts: Better Get Your Entries In Now

PNE Horticultural committee advises that entries are already coming in for horticulture exhibits at this year's big fair, which runs August 25 to September 6. Closing date for entries in honey, vegetables, fruit sections is August 16. Prize list and details are available upon request.

ODEON (Cont. from 1)

had been presented to Mr. Sutherland, B.C.'s general manager, and he said he would have to have it approved by the eastern head office before he could sign it.

Apparently the reply was to fire all the cleaning and servicing staffs and contract the work out. The union was so advised on July 20 and the change went into effect on July 26.

The only conclusion that members of Local 244 can come to over this action on the part of Odeon is that they are going to keep wages down, and if they can't do it one way, then they will attempt to break the union.

The employees who have been fired by this theatre change are determined they are going to be represented by Local 244 and arrangements have been made to negotiate an agreement with the Continental Janitor Service which has taken over the cleaning of these theatres.

Odeon theatres may believe they have accomplished some saving in actual money, but it certainly leaves a lot to think about when employees with 20 years service are give a week's notice of termination.

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