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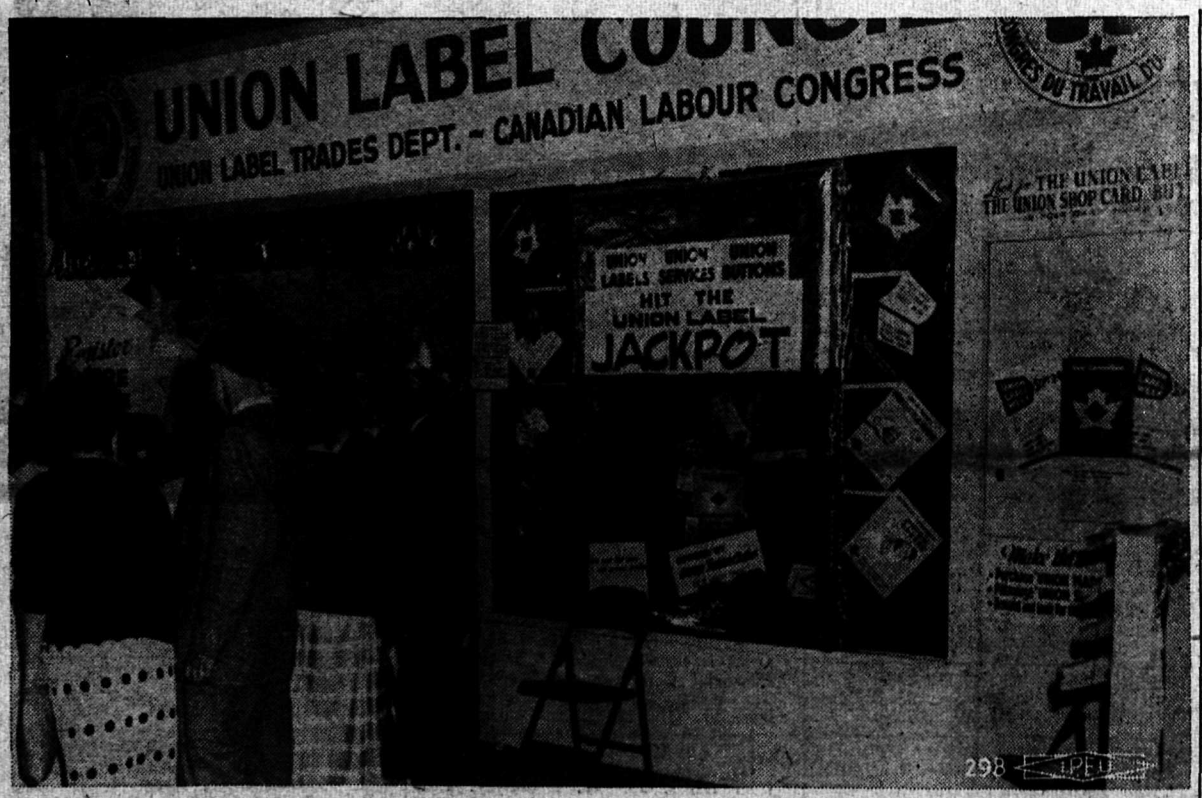
SLEEPING GIANT

Trade union men and women throughout the Greater Vancouver area launched an important campaign on Labor Day . . . Union Buying Week. It's a drive to awaken a "sleeping giant." The giant is labor's mighty public relations weapon to promote goods and services which are produced or manned by organized labor . . . the union label, shop card and button. The message of the giant is simple: whenever possible, buy goods with a union label, spend your money in shops that hold union contracts, hire union workmen for all jobs, not only during the week-long campaign, but all-year round. It's not much to ask of you, but it's important in labor's drive to organize non-union shops and improve wages and working conditions. You're asked only to form a simple habit . . . always buy "union" whenever possible.



THE UNION LABEL BOOTH AT THE PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION 1957

Union Buying Week Starts, PNE Booth Draws Big Crowd

Record crowds turned out this week to view the union label display at Pacific National Exhibition.

It was a good sendoff for "Union Buying Week" which opens officially Labor Day.

The booth, sponsored by the Union Label Trades Council, displayed goods produced in this area by union firms, gave the public a review of union labels, shop cards and buttons and explained the value of buying "union-made."

Daily prizes were featured and a jumbo jackpot of prizes was to be given away on Labor Day. Children's Indian hats, matches, shopping lists, calendars, literature and pencils bearing union label messages were handed out free.

Label Council secretary Mrs. Josephine Hallock and president George Johnstone directed a big "thank you" to all volunteer helpers and to firms and unions which donated prizes and displays.

Helpers included Earl Hallock, George Droneck, Bill Wells, J. Marcus, G. Sinclair, John Brown, J. S. Murray, George Connolly, Dudley King, C. Lamarche, Tom Gooderham, C. Herrett, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Eisner, Mrs. Power, Mrs. Compton, Mrs. Hunter, and others.

Unions donating prizes were: Meat Cutters, Bakery Salesmen, Milk Salesmen, Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Retail Clerks, Teamsters, Beverage Dispensers, Brewery Workers, Fur and Leather Workers, Carpenters,, Cement and Gypsum Workers, Painters, Barbers, Pulp Sulphite Workers, Lithographers, Enamel Workers, Marine Workers, Street Railwaymen, Garment Workers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Ladies Garment Workers.

Firms include: 4X Bakery, Dairyland, Safeway, Shop Easy and Super Valu Stores, Aristocratic Restaurants, Pepsi Cola Co., Travelgaard Luggage, Elk Cement, International Paint, Vancouver Magazine Service, Alliance Ware, Morrison Steel and Wire, Original Blouse Co., Jantzen Co., Leckie Shoes, Gordon Campbell Ltd., Aero Garments and others.

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ARRIVING SOON — Jack Williams, director of public relations for the Canadian Labour Congress will visit Vancouver shortly, reports Al Coleman, chairman of the VLC's public relations committee. Williams and Coleman will discuss the possibility of a labor-sponsored TV program originating on CBUT's channel 2.

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Leaders Fear Winter Crisis

Action To Stem Unemployment Again Urged By Labor Officials

Vancouver labor leaders this week called for a concerted drive against the growing threat of unemployment in the lower mainland area.

Bill Black, president of the B.C. Federation of Labour, in a Labor Day message warned, "Because of inadequate planning by both government and industry there may be 80,000 unemployed in our area this winter."

He said that workers are being caused unnecessary hardships because both government and industry have failed to spread their capital spending over the year in order to combat seasonal unemployment.

"Organized labor must use its influence at every level in order to correct this situation," he said. (Black's Labour Day message appears on page 8.)

Lloyd Whalen, president of the Vancouver Labour Council, warned that unemployment is already on the increase in this area as well as in other parts of Canada.

"We give our assurance that the Labor movement will be keeping a watchful eye on this situation," he said. (Whalen's Labor Day message appears on Page 4.)

Ed. Kennedy, secretary of the Building Trades Council, last month estimated that unemployment this winter in the Vancou-

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Many New B.C. Firms Organized

Organizing efforts on many fronts in B.C. continue to bring more and more workers into organized labor ranks.

Among recent bargaining certifications are these:

Office Employees Local 15 for office workers of Westminster Paper Co., New Westminster; **Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers Local 880** for production and maintenance staff of Hooker Chemical plant, North Vancouver.

IWA Local 1-405 for employees of Hummel Logging, Cranbrook; **Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union Local 535** for employees of Sam Yee, Chemainus.

Machinists Lodge 692 for employees of West Coast Wire Works, Vancouver; **Carpenters Local 2068** for carpenters of Swain Construction at Powell River; **Operating Engineers Local 115** for Belmont Construction, Vancouver.

IWA Local 1-423 for employees in plywood plant of S & K Ltd., Kelowna; **Bakery Salesmen's Union** for bakery driver salesmen and drivers of Canadian Bakeries, Kamloops.

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STRIKE POLICY PROPOSED

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New Plan Designed For Fullest Cooperation

A policy for better cooperation between affiliated unions in the event of strike action by any one of them is being considered by Vancouver Labour Council.

The policy, in the form of a set of rules governing local strikes and information picket lines was placed before delegates at the August VLC meeting.

It was prepared by a committee of the executive board and subsequently approved by the grievance committee but delegates decided to hold the matter over to the September 3 meeting in order to give affiliated unions a chance to study the matter further.

Here is the recommended policy:

In order that an affiliated Local Union, taking legal strike action, following the breakdown of negotiations, can receive the fullest support from the affiliated unions of this Council, they are urged to co-operate as follows:

At the earliest possible moment, prior to going on strike, notify the Secretary of the Labour Council of such intention, and provide a list of any affiliated unions that will, or may be directly or indirectly involved by any resultant picket lines.

The Secretary of the Council shall immediately arrange a meeting of representatives of the representatives of the affiliates that may be involved, so that the fullest co-operation may be secured and so that damaging confusion through lack of information can be offset. At this meeting steps will be taken to establish a co-ordinating or advisory committee.

Where the suggested procedure has been followed, the Grievance Committee of the Council shall have the authority to immediately place the Employer on the official "We do not patronize" list, if requested to do so by the striking union.

Affiliated unions are strongly urged to follow this outlined procedure in the event that circumstances require the use of an information picket (placard) line.

Jodoin Scheduled Here For Federation Meet

Long awaited visit of Canada's top labor leader to Vancouver will take place this fall.

Canadian Labour Congress president Claude Jodoin will attend the annual convention of the B.C. Federation of Labour, which will be held from October 24 to 27.

It will be Jodoin's first visit to British Columbia since he assumed leadership of the CLC at the time of the merger of the CCL and the TLC in 1956.

Two Firms Added To WDNP List

It may be "the pause that refreshes," but it's not union-made so try quenching that summer thirst with something else besides a "Coke."

That's the advice of Vancouver Labour Council's grievance committee which has placed the Coca Cola Company on the Council's "We do not patronize" list.

Also added to the list is the Ridge Theatre as result of an application in July by Projectionists' Local 348.

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Vancouver, August 31, 1957

DAY OF REDICATION

On Sept. 5, 1882, Peter J. McGuire, founder of the Carpenters Union, said:

"On this day, the host of labor shout their hosannahs. It is dedicated to peace, civilization and the triumphs of industry. It is a demonstration of fraternity and the harbinger of a better age, a more chivalrous time when Labor shall be honored and well rewarded."

It was the founding of Labor Day. And on Labor Day 1957, in the light of McGuire's words, we look back on some of the major local achievements of the past year.

Merged labor groups are working more efficiently and concentrating on common problems; good contract gains have been made, union education programs have been stepped up; organization of non-union plants has pushed ahead.

Participation in community affairs has increased: labor will contest the civic elections in Vancouver; UBC scholarships have been backed by the Vancouver Labour Council; unions have been active in donating to and supporting blood drives, children's activities, community chest, polio fund, community sports—the many things which often receive no publicity.

But there must be no resting on laurels. McGuire's message concerned a renewal of vigor in the goals ahead, not only concerning economic gains but in community, national and world affairs as a powerful section of society.

Labor must continue to lead in the drive for better labor and social legislation, programs to ease seasonal unemployment, aid low-cost housing. We must rededicate the campaign to organize the unorganized.

We must secure representation on more public boards, be ready to take a role in all worthwhile efforts —aimed at providing better living for all Canadian people and those in oppressed countries.

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AROUND THE WORLD ACROSS THE NATION — LABOR STATESMAN DATELINES

'High' Flyers

CHICAGO.—No more "getting high" when flying high. That's the word from AFL-CIO Air Line Pilots Association who want a liquor ban on all air strips.

The union has sent to the U.S. Senate subcommittee on transportation a list of incidents caused by intoxicated air line passengers.

List includes attempts to enter the flight deck, creation of disturbances in the passenger cabin, emergencies caused by inebriated passengers requiring unscheduled emergency landings, damage to pressurization and exit devices, creation of fire hazards, and social and moral problems.

Retiring Rich

NEW YORK — Harry Singer retired from the New York Post recently and took with him severance pay—$18,240, believed the biggest severance pay ever collected by any member of the American Newspaper Guild.

Singer, a long-time member of the NY Newspaper Guild, had 45 years service, entitling him to 100 weeks' severance pay under the Guild contract.

The Guild pioneered severance pay in labor contracts in America.

Hidden Talent

HAGERSTOWN, Md.—United Auto Workers have discovered hidden talent in their local at Fairchild Aircraft plant here.

A shapely five-foot-three UAW steward has been elected queen of the 10th annual convention of the Eastern Sunbathing Association, a five-State nudist organization.

Helping Hand

PORTLAND, Ore.—More than 300 Machinist members here worked an extra four hours to help a fellow member and his wife who lost their home and three small children in a fire.

Employees at the Iron Fireman plant which makes subassemblies for Boeing Aircraft, turned over overtime earnings of about $5,000 to Gerry Gaage and his wife.

Both the company and the union waived normal policies to make the project possible.

From The Prexy's Chair

By LLOYD WHALEN

It is a great pleasure to have the opportunity again to extend fraternal greetings on Labor Day 1957, to local union memberships affiliated with Vancouver and District Labour Council.

Labor Day is a holiday of special significance to the working population, the observance of which was originally proposed by a carpenter, Peter J. McGuire, one of the main figures in the formation of the American Federation of Labour. He conceived the idea that one day should be set aside as a tribute to the worth and dignity of Labour.

The public as well as the employers need this reminder that trade unions are here to stay as the ever-watchful guardians of the workers' standards of living and general well-being.

This Labour Day, union members can look back on the gains that have been accomplished. The working people, through efforts of their unions, are enjoying higher wages and improved working conditions, and have made some progress in their aim for a shorter work week.

Labour Day 1957 unfortunately finds thousands of people who are not in such a favorable position.

The spectre of unemployment has once again raised its ugly head in Canada. In our immediate area, unemployment is on the increase.

We give our assurance that the Labor movement will be keeping a watchful eye on developments in this situation.

On this Labor Day we pledge assistance to our senior citizens in a continuation of the fight for a higher standard of living for them. It is our intention to participate more fully in community efforts for the betterment of all.

We extend fraternal greetings at this time to the International Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, one of Canada's biggest independent Unions, which on September 1st will officially become part of the Canadian Labour Congress.

Organized Labour is on the March!

FROM THIS ANGLE

Ink's Hardly Dry, But '58 Demands Ready

Just finished and forced to start all over again on a new round of wage demands is Hospital Employees' Union, Local 180.

New demands are for next year's contracts but the B.C. Hospital Act stipulates that bargaining must begin this fall.

"Basically our demands are 20 per cent across the board for the lower mainland, an adjustment of all male categories and improved fringe benefits," reports business manager Bill Black.

On Vancouver Island and in the Kootenays and the Okanagan, Local 180 is asking 15 cents an hour across the board plus category adjustments and improved fringe benefits.

Wrapping up the loose ends on this year's negotiations, Burnaby General, North Vancouver, Grace, and Langley Memorial hospitals have finally settled with five per cent across the board increases.

The union won re-classification of male positions with adjustments from $26 to $30 a month, and in the case of Burnaby General, three weeks vacation after five years' service. Regular part-time workers in all four hospitals will now receive a proportionate amount of all perquisites enjoyed by full-time workers.

Also settled is St. Martin's Hospital at Vernon with an approximate increase of $10 monthly plus accumulative sick leave to 45 days.

Vernon employees had to resort to a strike vote before winning five-cents across the board for female employees, re-adjustment of male salaries, and the elimination of split shifts.

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Incidentally, Bill Black is predicting that hospital bargaining will be conducted in the future on a regional basis.

"The day is fast approaching," he says, 'when we will have master agreements in operation in geographical areas, which will bring about a provincial standard of wages for hospital workers throughout B.C."

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Almost a picket line casualty earlier this month was CLC President Claude Jodoin. He was the target of stone-throwing goons at the tragic Murdochville strike where one picket has already been killed and six others injured.

On Page Five, we've reviewed the background of this Quebec strike which is setting back Canada's labor-relations records by half a century.

The Murdochville strike is an example of what happens when a viciously anti-union company like Gaspe Copper Mines hires teams of thugs to break up peaceful picketing by union leaders and rank-and-filers.

It's turning the clock back to the days of industrial violence, bloodshed and the company goons. And to heap disgrace upon disgrace is the fact that the Quebec Provincal Police Force stood idly by during these bloody incidents.

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Another eastern strike is a potential powder keg. This one's at Toronto where International Chemical Workers are striking Lever Brothers Ltd.

Union leaders say the soap plant is an "armed camp" with private police and company guards just itching to get into a fight with strikers.

As a solution, they're urging mass picketing of the plant by thousands of Toronto union members. They add, "You can't throw a thousand persons into jail, one at a time."

CROSS-SECTION

The Gaspe Copper Story: A Man Dies In the Struggle Against Terrorism

The strike of 1,000 workers at the Gaspe Copper Mines in Murdochville, Quebec, is getting little attention in English-speaking Canada, and yet it is an example of outright industrial terrorism.

The company has enlisted provincial police to break down strike resistance. One striker is dead. Mothers have been arrested. Men have been picked up miles from the strike scene and thrown into jail without being charged.

It's the sort of thing that Canadian trade unionists had fought to eliminate many years ago. Murdochville, a symbol of suffering, also stands as an example of 20th century feudalism.

This month the United Steelworkers of America, who have organized the workers at the Gaspe Copper Mines, are distributing a booklet on French Canadian reaction to the Murdochville strike.

They're doing it in the hope that the rest of Canada will become aroused by the terror and tension and the complete disregard for human rights created by Noranda Mines, the great mining empire of which Gaspe Copper is a tentacle.

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The strike started last March, about the time Gaspe Copper was showing a net profit of $30,000 a day, but events leading up to the strike go back to the fall of 1953. It was at that time that the Steelworkers signed up all but 100 workers and applied for certification.

The company successfully opposed the application and then a rival union started a recruiting drive. And the company, already counting the Steelworkers as deadly rivals, chose the rival as the lesser of two evils.

But the new union, in its negotiations, had to swallow management clauses that gave the company arbitrary rights over the destiny of employees.

By the time the merger of Canada's two major labor bodies occurred in 1956 the workers were ready for a change. The new Canadian Labor Congress made it possible and by June, the Steelworkers had signed up 80 per cent of the Murdochville workers.

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In the face of the evidence, the Quebec Labor Relations Board had to report in favor of certification, but the company still had an ace up its sleeve in the form of the Quebec government. It went to the Quebec Superior Court with a request for a writ of prohibition against the Labor Board. The writ was issued and the Board suspended all action on the Steelworkers' application for certification.

The matter is in the courts and will probably remain there for two or three years. Until then no union will be legally recognized at Gaspe Copper, and the company, of course, will refuse to negotiate with its employees.

By mid-summer, 1956 the company had started discriminatory action. Union officials and local stewards were suddenly demoted and their salaries were reduced.

Grievances began to mount, and a thinly veiled revolution developed among the workers and secret vote for strike was recorded, but the Steelworkers held off any overt action all that year in the hopes that pressure could be exerted through the main Noranda operation where employees are organized and certified.

The spark which set fire to the keg was struck on March 8 this year. The union president at Gaspe, Theo Gagne, was summoned by his foreman and told he was being laid off. "There is no more work for you around here, Mr. President," Gagne was told.

As a special feature, The Statesman this month brings you the story of 20th century terrorism in the strike at Murdochville, Quebec.

Several other union leaders and union members were warned bluntly that their turn would be next.

A second strike vote was held and on March 11 picket lines were established around the mine. Gagne remained president of the union and took direction of the strike that is still going on.

What are Murdochville strikers seeking? First of all they want a collective labor agreement. Legal procedure has prevented them from getting certification but the law stops no company from signing an agreement with a non-certified union, as long as no other certified union competes with it.

The strikers want a reduction in their 54-hour work week and a boost in their pay which is more than 40-cents an hour below the rates paid at Noranda.

In short, they want unionism in Murdochville, and the Gaspe Copper Company won't hear of it. That's really why the miners are on strike.

When asked what they think about the illegality of their strike, they can only answer:

"The really illegal one is the indivdual who does not respect the fundamental rights of man and the laborer."

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The strike was peaceful enough at the start, but then the company obtained an injunction against the strikers from the Quebec government and suddenly Mr. Duplessis' provincial police invaded the premises.

What followed made headlines in eastern Canada. The police dispersed strikers, forbade picketing, emptied company camps in the middle of the night revolver in hand. There was some dynamiting.

And in mid-July 35-year-old Herve Bernatchez was killed while fighting for his rights as a working man.

He will go down in the history of labour relations as a martyr for the workers' cause, but he will also become the tragic example of what can happen when greed forces a million-dollar corporation to foresake twentieth century social behaviour.

Labor Experts Answer The Economic Pessimist

There seems to be some chattering that a little recession would be a good thing for our country. And the AFL-CIO is putting up a stiff argument against this type of talk.

Said the current issue of Labor's Economic Review, published by the AFL-CIO Research Department: the only way to maintain prosperity is to keep wages rising in line with steadily increased productivity.

In that way, employees in Canada and the U.S. will have the buying power to keep the economy prosperous.

This formula for avoiding reduced pay and layoffs is set out in the current issue on the subject of "Sharing the Gains of Productivity." The Review states:

"If wage and salary earners fail to share adequately in the fruits of industrial progress, there is an ever-present danger that the economy will produce more than its customers can buy.

"The lesson of the 1920's taught us what happens when consumer buying lags behind the economy's ability to produce. The lopsided development of the 1920's—excessively high profits and insufficient consumer buying power—was one of the major causes of the depression of the 1930's."

The Review said that raising employees' wages in line with their increased productivity is the method by which buying power is sustained.

It defines productivity as output per man hour, and says that the output per man hour of production and maintenance workers in manufacturing industries has been rising at the rapid rate of about 3½ per cent a year—somewhat faster than the productivity increases of the nation as a whole.

The study explodes the argument of anti-labor forces that increased wages have been the primary reason for increased prices.

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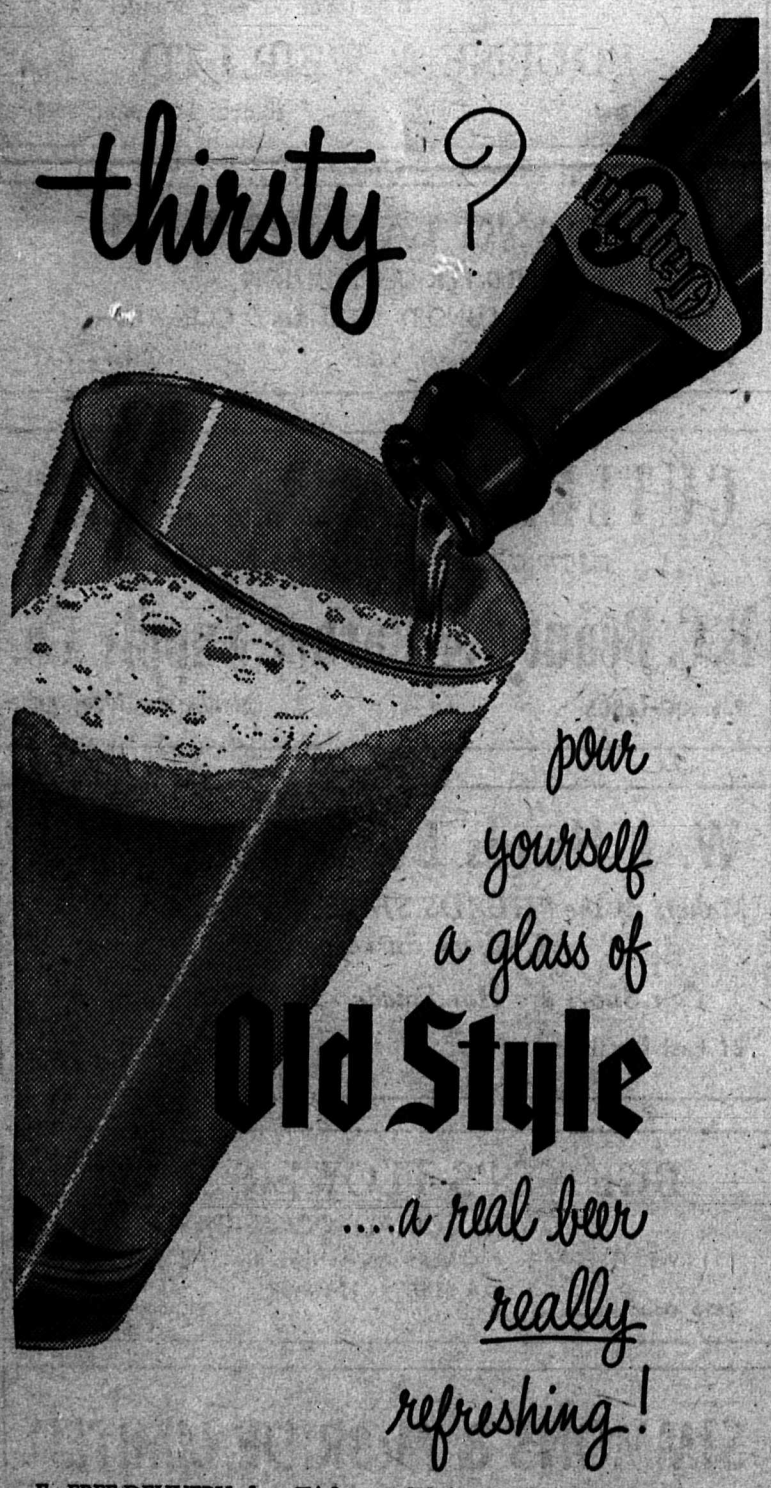

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Teamsters' Local 351 will appreciate vigilant action of shop stewards, shop committeemen and other interested parties in seeing that the Teamsters' label appears on all vending machines in this area.

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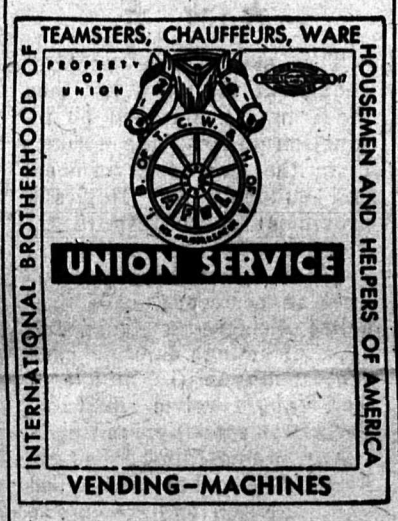

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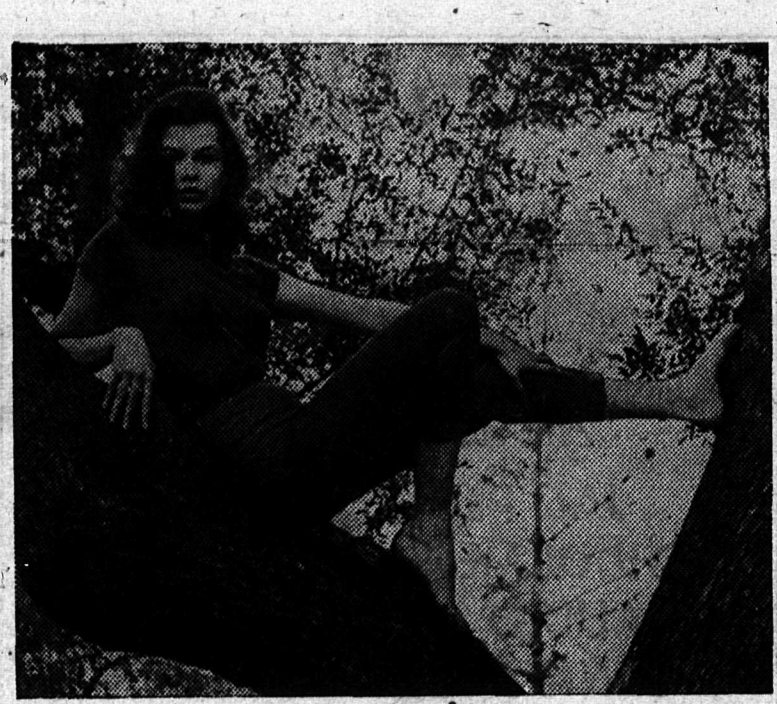

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SMW REJECT AWARD, VOTE STRIKE ACTION

Sheet Metal men have voted 98 per cent in favor of strike action following rejection of a majority conciliation board award.

Union business agent Alex McGee said the conciliation award for a 31-cent hourly boost in a two-year contract was turned down by the membership of Local 280 by 95 per cent majority.

The strike vote was a union-conducted vote.

The conciliation award proposed a 15-cent boost from the date of signing the agreement plus one cent an hour in lieu of retroactive pay, and another 15-cent increase on June 1, 1958.

"This local feels the award was an insult to this trade on the basis of what other building trades have been awarded," said McGee. "We believe this is the lowest increase granted to any building trade in this area."

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★ HEADLINER

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ROLLING—Office Employees International Local 15 is beginning to scratch away at the surface of that huge unorganized field of white collars. International organizer Bill Lowe estimates that by the end of the year, Local 15 will have under contract or be negotiating for 600 members. Meantime in Victoria, Al Playfair has been appointed OEIU international organizer to assist Lowe. Al is former prexy of Local 300 in the capital city.

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RED FEATHER JOB—A full-time representative from labor will work on the Community Chest fund-raising campaign this year. Job will take about three months and the VLC is recommending that $450 a month be authorized for the project. IWA has offered to donate one-third of the cost.

Year of Progress Reviewed by Black

By BILL BLACK
B.C. Federation of Labour President

On Labor's traditional day, one can pause for a moment to review the activities of labor in British Columbia during the past year; 1957 will probably go down in the records as a year of progress.

The labor movement was confronted with many major issues—the Brotherhood of Locomotive and Firemen's strike, the threatened strike of the IWA and B.C. Civil Servants, the hospital freeze—all of which were resolved or abated.

Major unions made substantial gains at the bargaining table and all unions made progress in their negotiations in an effort to keep abreast of our current inflationary trends and automations. These gains increased purchasing power and are helping maintain a better balanced economy.

We achieved the succesful merging of two labor centres into the BC. Federation of Labour, developing a greater degree of unity in labor's ranks.

Labor is still confronted with major problems—the eradication of low wages and poverty as it affects the entire working class of this country—bringing about an improvement in Social Legislation and a greater degree of security for our senior citizens.

We are also confronted with unemployment. This is due to inadequate planning by Government and management and poor immigration policies. It is estimated that because of inadequate planning, there may be eighty thousand unemployed in our area this winter.

Labor must exert every influence at all levels to correct this situation. In this day and age unemployment is totally unnecessary in British Columbia and in Canada.

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U.S. Building Trades Unions Set Up Jurisdiction Formula

Machinery has been worked out for setlement of jurisdictional disputes involving building trades unions in the United States.

It is based on proposals of AFL-CIO President Geo. Meany to a special convention of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department in Atlantic City earlier this month.

Subject to clarification on some points, his proposals were adopted by the more than 100 delegates.

They could set a pattern for settlement of similar jurisdictional disputes in Canada, but according to Herb Flesher, president of the Vancouver Building Trades Council, there was no discussion on the issue as it effects Canadian building trades unions.

Added BTC secretary Ed Kennedy, "This leaves us somewhat in the dark as to the settlement of our own particular problems, especially in Western Canada."

He went on, "This could be solved by the setting up of a Canadian section of the department and I believe this must come about if we are to achieve unity in organized labor."

Basically, the machinery worked out in the U.S. recognizes that new construction work should be done by members of the Building Trades Unions while production and maintenance should be carried out by members of industrial unions.

The Atlantic City convention also adopted major constitutional changes. These are designed to permit wider participation in departmental affairs by subordinate groups and to generally modernize the governing rules of the body.

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"Call It Rehabilitation" tells how a hypothetical community awoke to its need and went about the job of coordinating its facilities so that they could best be used for the rehabilitation of the handicapped, through the cooperation of a variety of community groups and organizations.

Screenings of the film are starting at the beginning of September, and screening dates are now being scheduled by Local Offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

You are invited to get in touch with the manager of your Local Office. He will be pleased to arrange a showing of "Call it Rehabilitation" for your group.

The 16-mm film, produced in both English and French versions, has a running time of about 30 minutes.

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Success of the venture is illustrated in the fact that at November 1, 1956, all of these bonds were called in and redeemed. In addition, a five per cent dividend was declared this year for shareholders.

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Kitimat Carp'trs

Kitimat and Kemano Carpenters and building contractors—settlement of a 12-day strike on August 12 with 45-cent increase over two years. The journeyman rate from April 1 is $2.54 under the new contract, jumping to $2.58 on October 1 and to $2.73 on April 1, 1958.

Floorlayers

Floorlayers Local 1527 and floor contracting firms—settlement of a week-long strike with two-year agreement and 47-cent boost to take effect these dates: two cents retroactive to April 1, 16 cents on August 1, nine cents on Oct. 1 and 20 cents on April 1, 1958.

Sash and Door

Local 1-252 IWA and 20 sash and door plants — voted 92% in favor of strike following rejection by union membership of conciliation board award.

USW-Alcan

United Steelworkers and Aluminum Co., Kitimat — dispute now before a conciliation board. Plant workers seeking 35-cent hourly boost in one-year contract, rejected a 45-cent offer extending over three-year contract.

Pulp and Paper

Pulp and Sulphite and United Paper Makers and pulp and paper mills — dispute going to conciliation board. Unions have rejected offer of 2½ per cent increase plus five cents an hour.

Engineers

Operating Engineers Local 822 and Grandview Laundry, Vancouver — Two year agreement with full union shop, wage increase of 10 percent for shift engineer and chief engineer from July 1, 1957, with additional 18 cents an hour for shift engineer on July 1, 1958 and 20 cents for the chief engineer.

Millwork

Carpenters Local 1928 and 2534 and B.C. Millwork Products and David Mitchell Co. Vancouver, and Bell-Craft Woodworkers, New Westminster—27-cent wage boost in four steps and employer contribution of seven cents an hour effective Oct. 1 to a welfare plan in new contract. Wage boosts are effective: 10 cents on April 1, 1957; three cents June 1, 1957; seven cents on April 1, 1958; seven cents Oct. 1, 1958. Contract runs to March 31, 1959.

Machinists

Machinists Local 692 and Burrard Iron Works, Vancouver — agreement on the standard contract effective until October, 1958.

A dog has many friends because the wag was put in his tail instead of his tongue.

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A farmer once called his cow Zephyr
She seemed such an amiable hephyr
When the farmer drew near,
She kicked off his ear
Which made him decidedly dephyr.

* * *

Teacher: "Can anyone tell me the main use of cowhide?"
Johnny: "It keeps the cow together, ma'am."

UNEMPLOYMENT

(Cont'd from page 1)

ver area alone will reach the 60,000 mark.

There is a faint gleam of hope in the bleak picture, he said, in the fact that some new construction projects are scheduled to get under way this fall.

But he warned that a prolonged period of bad weather could delay these projects.

Meanwhile the Unemployment Insurance Commission, in its August report, said prospects of obtaining employment in British Columbia are the worst in years.

It said a slowdown in lumbering, manufacturing and construction industries has produced "a strong surplus" of labor at most UIC centres in B.C.

At the same time, the report added, there are "no major developments in sight" to bring employment up to its usual level for this time of year.

Official UIC figures placed the number of unemployed in Vancouver at the beginning of August at 16,000. This is 5,000 more than at the same time last year.

REVIEW ACT

The federal government is asking labor and management organizations in Canada to present their views on amending the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act.

In a letter sent out in mid-August, Labor Minister Michael Starr said he is planning a review of the act "to make it more effective in its application to the industries which are covered by it."

The Act came into effect almost nine years ago and provides for the right of employees and employers to organize.

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LOCAL 244 REPORTS:

Pay Hike Called For At VSE; CBC Talks Continue

By BEN MORLEY

A 7½-cent across the board wage increase has been recommended for members of Local 244 employed in the Stock Exchange Building in a majority report of a conciliation board handed down this month.

The report also recommended three weeks vacation after 15 years of service and further stipulated that working conditions now in effect in the building should be written into the contract.

Our members have accepted the recommendation, and we have further requested the Minister of Labour to take a supervised strike vote in the event the employer rejects the board's majority recommendations.

A 27-page minority report has been submitted by the employer's nominee to the board, T. G. Norris, Q.C.

The directors of the Stock Exchange Building Corp., General J. A. Clarke, F. Ronald Graham and B. M. Clarke, have consistently tried to prove inability to pay, but they can be assured that if we find it necessary to take a strike vote, it will carry 100 per cent and will be backed by concrete action if necessary.

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Negotiations are still continuing with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. In this instance the employer has refused to recognize premium pay for overtime.

The CBC negotiators are attempting, in this instance, to force the policy adopted in the Corporation's eastern Canadian operations on our members in this area.

But our local CBC members are determined to get the same working conditions and wages that our other members are getting in comparable jobs in Vancouver.

In short, we want no part of the CBC's national policy on wages and working conditions, and it is very possible that the dispute may soon be before a conciliation board.

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We have applied for certification on behalf of the employees of the Vancouver Golf and Country Club at Burquitlam, and we are ready to commence negotiations as soon as the application is approved.

Affiliated

Application for affiliation with Vancouver Labour Council by two local unions was accepted at the July meeting of the Council.

They are the Vancouver Printing Specialties and Paper Products Union, Local 598, and the Vancouver Newspaper Guild, Local 115, of the American Newspaper Guild.

VNG Local 115 is an amalgamation of VNG Locals 1 and 207, which were formerly affiliated with the Council and which recently joined the American Newspaper Guild.

Dig Those Tool-Lovin' Octopuses!

SYDNEY, Australia — Octopuses and giant crabs have been offered as the prime justification for a wage increase for the first time in union history.

Thirty deep-sea divers, members of Bridge and Wharf Carpenters Union, said the octopuses and giant crabs have become underwater thieves, making off with all kinds of tools.

"They'll steal anything and they do," said the union secretary.

The result: divers who now get a contract allowance of $1 a week for underwater loss of tools decided to demand triple that amount in their next contract.

OTTAWA—A. H. Balch, national legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, has been appointed a member of the Canada Labor Relations Board, filling the vacancy caused by the death of W. L. Best as employees representative.

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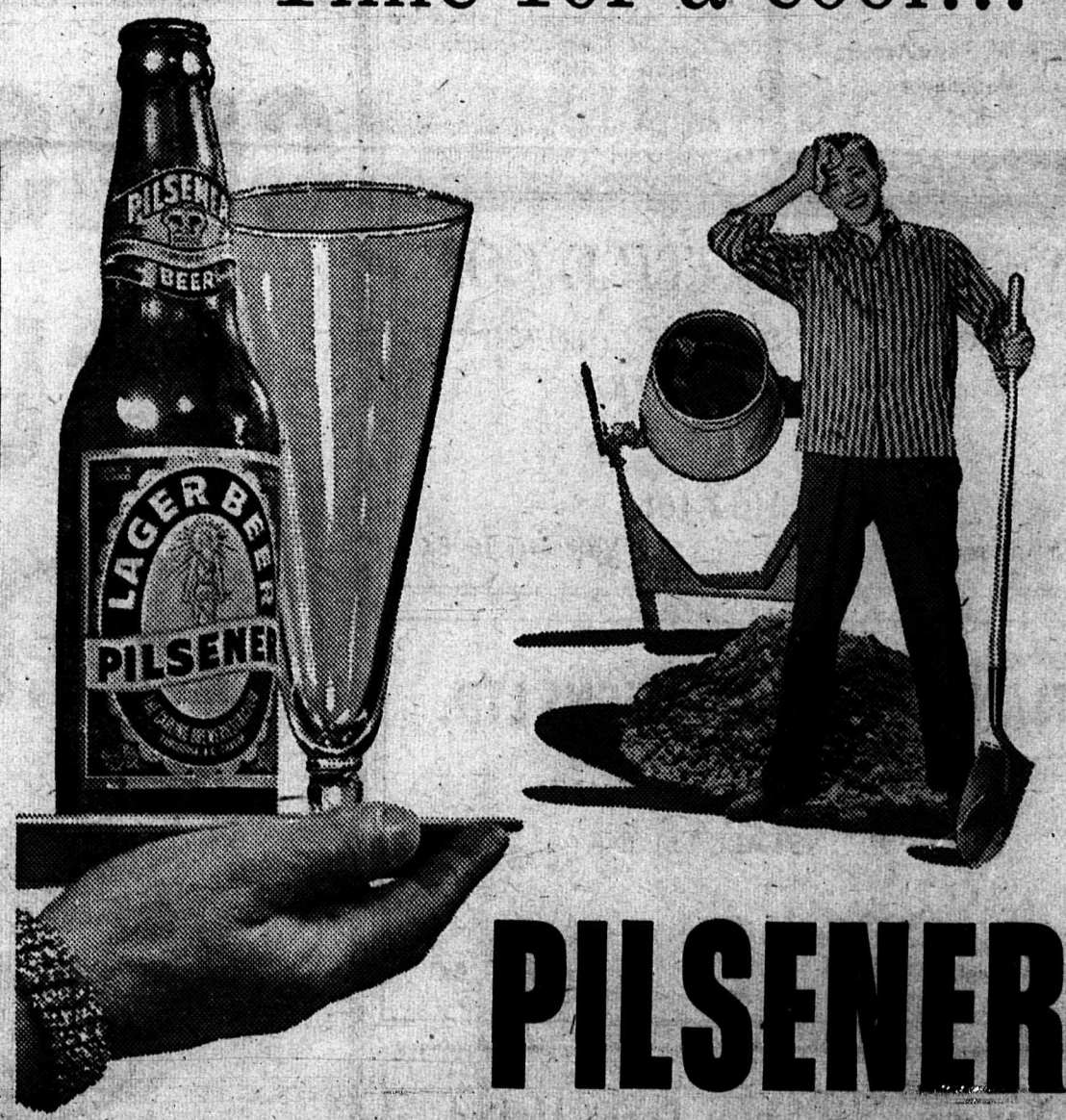

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In the same period a year ago, there were 108 work stoppages with 52,159 workers involved and a time loss of 815,285 days.

The labour department figures show that during June this year there were 43 work stoppages in existence involving 18,377 workers with a total time loss of 220,720 man-working days.

In June, 1956, there were 16,866 workers involved in 39 stoppages with a time loss of 78,160 days.

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A bridegroom is a wolf who has just paid for his whistle.

Eleven To Be Seated In Council

Vancouver Labour Council accepted credentials of 11 new delegates at the August meeting. They will be obligated and seated at the September 3 meeting.

Accepted were: E. J. Burns and J. M. Colling, Teamsters' Local 31; E. R. Morton, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, Local 59; Douglas Calladine, Theatre Employees' Local B-72; W. G. Skinner and Ron Mutch, Lathers' Local 207; E. L. Kallen, Sheet Metal Workers' Local 280; J. Ghini and F. Reynolds, Water Board Employees Local 393; O. Sorenson, Shipwrights' Local 506; and John Leeson, Glass and Glaziers' Local 1527.

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During July, 681 families with 1,366 children moved from other parts of Canada to B.C. while only 318 families with 621 children moved out.

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VLC secretary Ted Jamieson reports the complete agenda is not yet ready for distribution, but that advance notice is being given so that unions can start selecting their students now.

Five main topics will be studied at the week-end institute and students will be assigned to them on a first come —first served basis.

Courses include: Parliamentary Procedure; Shop Stewards and Grievance Procedures; History of the Labour Movement; Local Union Administration; and Automation.

Registration fee for the institute, which is being held in cooperation with the education department of the Canadian Labour Congress, is $10 per student, which includes all necessary course material, lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and a banquet on Sunday evening.

The registration fee also covers wives or husbands of students who will be invited to attend both the class-room sessions and the banquet at no additional cost.

Jamieson said, "Last year's Institute was an outstanding success, and we are confident that this year's School will prove to be by far the biggest, the best, and the most profitable ever held."

Rail Union Named For CPR Clerks

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Unions Aim Campaign At Low-Wage Laundries

An all-out campaign against two city laundries that pay substandard wages will get the backing of Vancouver Labour Council.

Spearheading the attack is Laundry Workers Local 292. The union reported at the August meeting of the VLC that Keefer and Grandview Laundries are employing women at 45c to 60c an hour and men at wages up to $190 a month.

Employees are required to work eight to 14 hours a day without any overtime pay, the union charged.

At least 18 downtown hotels use the services of the two laundries, Laundryworkers added.

A resolution by the union that the two laundries be placed on the "We do not patronize" list was referred to the VLC grievance committee with power to act.

The committee is also considering an appeal to Douglas Jung, Vancouver Centre Member of Parliament, to see if he can bring pressure on the employers to give the workers a better wage deal.

Pearl Hawley, employed in the B.C. Federation of Labour office, is the new secretary-treasurer of Office Employees Local 15. She replaces Bernie Gouthro who resigned last month.

DISSATISFACTION CONTINUES

Compensation Issues Carried To Cabinet

Vancouver trade union members are more dissatisfied than ever with the deal injured workmen are getting from the Workmen's Compensation Board.

And as a result, the Vancouver Labour Council has decided to go over the head of the WCB and take the matter up directly with the Provincial government at Victoria.

B.C. Federation of Labour and the Railway Trainmen have joined the VLC in the protest.

A meeting has been arranged with the Cabinet for Sept. 17.

This action followed strong complaints from the Building Trades Council at the August VLC meeting. It's getting more and more difficult for a workman to get compensation benefits, the building council said.

An alarming increase in the number of rejected compensation claims was brought to the attention of the VLC last January. After an emergency conference of unions a mass protest meeting was held at the WCB headquarters in Vancouver.

The delegation received a good hearing and union officers were optimistic that the WCB would act on the evidence of union dissatisfaction over interpretation and administration of the Act.

It appears now that the WCB was merely paying lip service to the demands that union members receive fair and just treatment at the hands of the Board.

"The WCB has slipped back into its old rut," Stu Hudgson, secretary of Local 1-217, International Woodworkers of America, charged at the August VLC meeting.

"We find ourselves right back where we started from."

Delegates passed the resolution instructing VLC officers to go directly to Labor Minister Lyle Wicks and the B.C. Cabinet, rather than to make any further attempts to deal with the WCB.

Organization Committee

Named to fill a vacancy on Vancouver Labour Council's Organization Committee is delegate George Connolly of Chemical Workers' Local 511.

A Penny Saved Is A Penny Needed — Living Cost Jumps Ahead Again

The consumer price index—the measure of what it costs you to live—has jumped again.

The index on July 1 stood at 121.9, nearly three percent above the index of a year ago, after a steady upward climb.

The index is based on 1949 prices equalling 100.

Pickets Firm At Two Strikes

On strike since early spring to back up demands for a better break on wages and working conditions have been more than 100 workers in two city plants.

Picket lines are holding firm at Simmons Ltd., where 75 members of Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, Local 535, went on strike last March 27.

Employees are asking a 25-cent hourly increase across the board. The company has stubbornly refused to consider anything higher than 10-cents for men and seven-cents for women.

The second strike, started in April, involves some 45 members of Teamsters' Local 842 and Canada Roof Products' city plant. The company is determined not to meet their wage demands and the Teamsters are equally determined to stick to their demands.

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Trainmen Join CLC

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, one of the oldest trade unions in Canada, will affiliate with the Canadian Labour Congress on September 1.

Details for the affiliation were worked out in Ottawa in mid-August between CLC president Claude Jodoin and BRT president W. P. Kennedy of Cleveland.

The move will bring 25,000 BRT members across Canada into the CLC. Established in Canada 74 years ago, the BRT represents freight and passenger conductors, brakemen, yardmen, switchmen, yardmasters, and dining car stewards on Canadian railways.

Commenting on the move, Kennedy said, "We are very happy to affiliate with the CLC and to become a partner in the general labour movement in Canada and we hope eventually to participate in the CLC provincial federations and labour councils from coast to coast."

Jodoin, in welcoming the BRT, said, "The advent of the BRT into the family of the CLC will strengthen the position of organized labour in our efforts to improve existing legislation and to attain social and economic laws which will benefit the entire country."

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The Canadian Labour Congress will hold its 1958 convention in Winnipeg.

This decision was confirmed at a three-day meeting of the CLC executive council in Ottawa earlier this month. The parley dealt with a variety of subjects ranging from jurisdictional agreements to international affairs

Progress in jurisdictional matters was reported to the council by Joe MacKenzie, director of organization, who said that agreements on jurisdiction have been reached and signed by unions in two different fields—hospitals and the paper box industry.

In both instances the field was defined and the unions concerned agreed upon jurisdictional boundary lines, he said.

He added that conferences

SPECIAL REPORT ON CLC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

are planned in a number of other industries in line with the CLC policy of attempting to reach understandings and obtain agreements before jurisdictional difficulties develop.

International affairs received considerable attention and it was decided to urge on the government adoption of International Labour Organization conventions.

International Affairs director Kalmen Kaplansky said there has been a tendency on the part of the Canadian government to support recommendations but to fail to take action on conventions.

It was also decided to step up the CLC program on international affairs in an effort to obtain greater financial support for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. In addition, a proposal will be made to the federal government that Canadian assistance to the Colombo Plan be sharply increased, particularly in the form of Canadian farm products.

The Council named CLC executive vice - president Gordon Cushing as fraternal delegate to the annual convention of British Trades Union Congress which will be held September 2 to 6.

FRENCH dancing star Liliane Montevecchi is far from a sad sack, although she's billed in a current movie entitled "Sad Sack" with Jerry Lewis, Pick of the month for union label gal, she was chosen by Marine Workers and Boilermakers Union.

Union Wins

B.C. Labor Relations Board has rejected an application by the Central Scientific Co. of Canada to decertify a city union.

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Jim Bury Reports From South America

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A drive to bring South American workers under the wing of organized labor is being launched by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Through its sub-division, the Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (ORIT), the ICFTU will concentrate primarily on organizational campaigns in four Latin-American countries —Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile.

Jim Bury, assistant general

ORIT LAUNCHES ORGANIZING DRIVE—BUT YOUR HELP NEEDED

secretary of ORIT, outlined the organizational campaign in a radio interview at Vancouver this month.

Speaking on the International Woodworkers of America program, Green Gold, he said, "We feel that if we make a standing there, and establish a good union organization, it will be an incentive for others in the same area to do the same thing."

He added, "We will concentrate our activities by putting in organizers, by putting out publications of material on trade union matters, in Spanish and Portuguese, and by establishing regional centres from which we will operate.

Bury said that in the Latin-American countries ORIT will establish a Latin American Trade Union Training Centre.

He graphically illustrated the need for a strong labor movement in his talk. He pointed out that the average pay for a Mexican worker is around 75-cents a day, and he added, "Other Latin-American countries have even lower standards of pay."

Bury said ORIT also plans a major organizational campaign in the Caribbean among bauxite workers and workers on banana and sugar plantations.

He said the money for this work comes solely from union members. He explained that the ICFTU does not accept funds from any outside organizations.

"There are three main contributors to the ORIT activity," he added, "the Canadian Labour Congress, the AFL-CIO, and the United Mineworkers of America, which between them give about 75 per cent of all funds allocated for organizational work in our area."

But he warned that more money is needed to carry out the job and he said that an internaional solidarity fund has been established and that direct appeals for assistance will be made to some of the richer unions in North America.

Bury praised the IWA's action in establishing a voluntary assessment on their membership for one cent a month, earmarked directly for organizational work in ICFTU.

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Many of the values of having a united movement have become increasingly apparent and great progress has been made in establishing the Canadian Labour Congress on a firm foundation. We have become more aware of new challenges which will be facing our movement in the months ahead.

We have recognized in an increased degree the task we face in extending organization.

This, then, is a day on which we may well celebrate not only our achievements of the past twelve months but the great progress that has been made by the labor movement over the years. It is a time for recognition of the great contribution organized labor has made toward the dignity of labor itself and to the individual men and women whose toil, with hands or minds, has built our country.

It is a time, too, to recall the great strides that have been made in social legislation, an amazing part of it first sought by organized labor.

These achievements have been the result of work and sacrifice by an untold number, just as the Canadian Labour Congress which we are now building is also the work of a great many. The cooperative efforts of such people have made possible the success of the first year of the Canadian Labour Congress.

It will be recalled that when the CLC was founded in Toronto in April, 1956, a two-year period was allowed to enable the completion of merger among our Federations and Councils. In the vast majority of instances this has been accomplished with a speed and ease which was hardly anticipated. There now seems no doubt that this phase of our merger will be completed well before the two years is up at the time of our second convention next April.

Organization naturally ranks high among our objectives. We are a large organization, now over 1,100,000 members; yet the majority of Canadian workers remain unorganized.

We have a duty to extend to these people the benefits of union membership and collective bargaining. With their support we will be better equipped to help gain a better life for all Canadians.

The fact that the social benefits and living standard which we now enjoy are greatly improved over those years past does not by any means mean that we have reached the ultimate.

We are living at a time when great technical changes are opening new possibilities for the production of goods and services.

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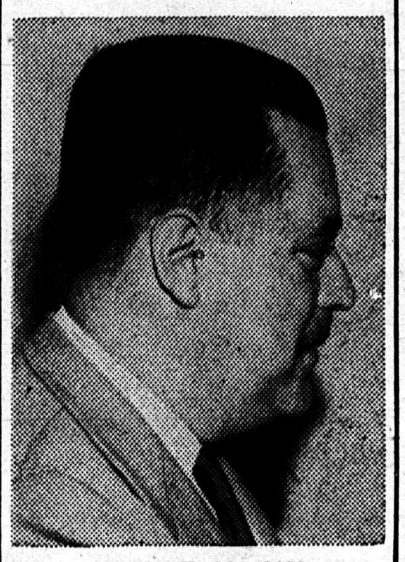

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This, as it has been in the past and as it always will be in the future, is one of the primary and inescapable responsibilities of any true labor movement.

We have seen, in recent times, too much of a trend toward the concentration of our natural resources in the hands of a few. We know that automation and other such developments may be used in the same way. We must use our collectve bargaining strength to protect the interests of the people.

At the same time we must continually remember that we, as Canadians, cannot be a people unto ourselves. We are citizens of a world community and our responsibilities are as broad as the world itself. It is encouraging that there is increasing interest on the part of Canadian union members in the welfare of people in other countries.

While much has been accomplished, a great deal more remains to be done. As a united and growing organization we are prepared to meet this challenge.

With the continued support of our membership and with the help of those who we hope will become associated with the labor movement, we can accomplish our objectives.

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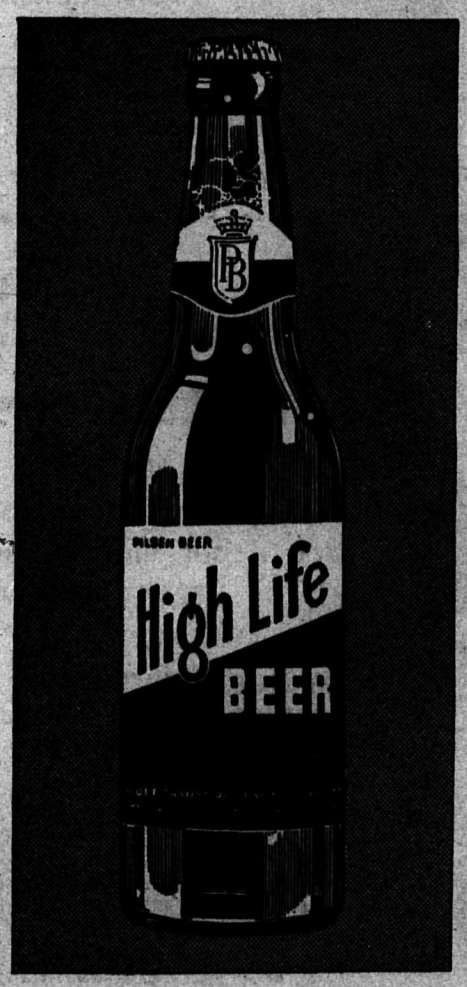

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B.C. Labor Minister

Once again Labor Day is with us and as we recount all the marvellous accomplishments workmen have achieved over the years, it is well to consider the problems of the future.

While "automation" as a word is comparatively new, automation itself is actually the second phase of the Industrial Revolution.

The first phase, while causing dislocation of employment in its initial phases, has brought us the abundance of goods and services which we have now come to take for granted. Our standard of living is the highest it has ever been and now, with the advent of automation, we can look forward with keen anticipation to an even higher standard of living.

Examples of the huge quantities of goods and services which can be produced with a small amount of manpower are everywhere. For instance, it is reported that 90 per cent of all the electric light bulbs, radio tubes, and television tubes manufactured in the U.S. are made by 14 men and in their spare time these men manufacture Christmas tree ornaments.

As we meet the challenge of automation—this opportunity for a higher standard of living—we must recognize that we are now in a position to abolish man's oldest and cruelest enemies, hunger and poverty, from the face of the earth.

Our problem today is not production but distribution. If we can devote the same vigor and attention to improving distribution system as we have devoted to improving our productive system in the last 150 years and thereby can arrange our system of distribution to provide all men and women with the goods and services which we are now capable of producing, we will have met the challenge of automation and the challenge of our times to the benefit of all mankind.

Let us set our goal high—our horizon is unlimited—our opportunities without restriction.

MICHAEL STARR

Federal Labor Minister

I welcome my first opportunity since becoming the Minister of Labor to extend greetings to Canadian organized labour on Labor Day.

Very likely you have been wondering about the plans of the new administration and how they will affect the working people of Canada.

I want to assure you that as the member of the cabinet responsible for matters affecting labor, I intend to always keep before me the interests of the working people of this country in all questions of importance, and your government intends to see

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that organized labor is adequately represented on government boards dealing with matters of direct interest to labor.

Organized labor has reached a degree of maturity and strength which entitles it to consideration in all matters affecting those for whom it speaks.

With regard to the specific legislation and the program for which the Dominion Department of Labor is responsible, you can be certain that nothing which has proven of benefit to Canada will be disturbed.

Some programs may be intensified and new programs will undoubtedly be introduced.

However, the legislation and the programs of the department are being reviewed in consultation, where necessary, with labor and management so that we will have the benefit of the views and experience of those most affected.

Such problems as the difficulty of people past 40 getting employment, rehabilitation and employment of the disabled, discrimination in employment because of race, color or creed, and unemployment resulting from cold weather in the winter have concerned me, as they have concerned all thinking Canadians, for some years now.

Now, as minister of labor I am taking particular interest in reviewing programs of my department connected with these problems to see where they might be improved and intesified, or what new steps might be initiated.

I know that organized labor has assisted in attempts to alleviate these problems and that I can count upon them to help us in any practical steps which, in cooperation with provincial authorities, are undertaken in the future.

When we look at the broad economic picture, Canada is not without problems, but I can tell you that this administration will not refuse to face up to them, and with courage and determination do everything possible to the end that our natural prosperity is translated into prosperity for the individual.

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