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Support Union Buying Wee[k] Sept. 3 to 8

HOUSE OF QUALITY is an appropriate name for the Union Label Trades Council's booth at the PNE where thousands have looked over the display of union-made goods and been reminded of the value of "buying union" — looking for labels and shop cards—by volunteer workers. Free gifts have been popular and in this picture Steve Youngs of Teamsters hands out paper Indian hats advertising this year's "Union "Buying Week" to a number of younger fry.

Special Proclamations Hail Union Label Council's Drive

The most important week of the year for union men and women begins Labor Day.

It's the week Mayor Fred Hume and reeves and mayors of the Greater Vancouver district, have officially designated as "Union Label Buying Week."

Yes, it's happened every year for the past seven years.

But that shouldn't detract from its importance to every man and women who carries a union card.

Union Buying Week is the focal point of what should be a year long, double-barrelled promotion—to persuade all shoppers that they should purchase "label" products and patronize union services, and to persuade manufacturers and merchants that the union label is a potent force in the community.

Union Buying Week is a promotion — a sound promotion aimed as much at those outside the ranks of labor as those of us who are in it.

Union Buying Week has the wholehearted support of Vancouver Lower Mainland Trades and Labor Council, the Canadian Labor Congress, and every bona-fide union.

It is part of a great campaign extending at this time of year right across North America.

Here is the partial text of the official City of Vancouver Proc-

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Fingerprints On P.O. Marble Now 'Union'

Marble for the new Post Office will be handled by union men—thanks to powerful intervention by Building Trades Council officials.

Hard on the heels of a report that Post Office marble was being unloaded by non-union employees, two Building Trades stalwarts arrived on the job. After some talk, union men were sent to take over the job.

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PULLING FOR ED—Best wishes for a "get well soon" go out from all the unions to veteran "Mr. Union Label" Ed Smith who's been confined to bed of late, but still ready to do his part for the annual union buying week.

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MORE INK SPOTS—Vancouver Typo Union continues to grow with membership edging towards the 600 mark, the highest in the history of the local.

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TAKE A CHAIR—New delegates to Trades Council obligated and seated at the last meeting were: J. Rockandel, SIU; H. E. Johnson, Barbers; John C. Lott, Sheet Metal Workers; George Gray, ITU; J. Winger, Carpenters Local 1251;

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Labor Day PNE Program Cancelled As Directors Order Script Check

Labor has withdrawn its proposed Labor Day program from the Pacific National Exhibition following an attempt by PNE directors to exercise censorship of the program.

Trade and Labor Council Executive Board won solid support in calling for cancellation of the program at last week's council meeting.

Secretary Jamieson said preparations for the show for the PNE outdoor stage were going ahead until he was told PNE directors had instructed that a copy of the script of "what labor was going to say" had to be given to them.

"As far as I'm concerned, personally, this was nothing more than censorship," he said. "And the executive feels the same way."

Delegates directed that plans to use the PNE stage on Labor Day be immediately cancelled.

Council President Lloyd Whalen declared he "absolutely refused to participate in any affair" on that basis.

"Surely the labor movement is entitled to a little bit of democracy—to say what it thinks and believes on Labor day," he told applauding delegates.

George Bengough, Carpenters, said "it is a disgrace that the PNE board will deny labor a free voice on labor day."

There were many other strong denunciations of PNE directors for their action.

Dick Henham of Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees declared "perhaps people should take a good look at the directors who are running the PNE.

"It appears they are adopting a high-handed attitude in running the PNE," he said. "We

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Edward A. Jamieson, general secretary-treasurer of Vancouver Lower Mainland Trades and Labor Council, has been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits in B.C.

Election Labor Forum To Hear Party Policy

Vancouver, Lower Mainland Trades and Labor Council is sponsoring a public provincial election labor forum in Georgia Auditorium on Sept. 12. All party leaders and many local candidates have been invited to attend, prepared to state their party policies on labor matters and to answer specific questions considered vital by trade unionists.

Don't miss this important meeting. Read about plans on page 15.

This special Labor Day Edition of The Statesman also includes fraternal greetings from many trade unions and greetings from many union firms. Also look for:

Merger Convention Delayed ..... Page 17
Challenges Ahead ..... Page 22
Snap Election Condemned ..... Page 3
Don't Be Lulled to Sleep ..... Page 6

PROJECTIONIST PLACARDERS STONED IN DISPUTE AT DRIVE-IN

B.C. Projectionists are continuing their battle against the New Westminster Drive-in theatre and have asked all trade unionists to respect the legitimate information line posted at the theatre.

The drive-in has been placed on the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council's "we-do-not-patronize" list.

A. E. McManus, union president, told delegates at the council meeting last week that the men on the information line had been stoned and "called names by young teen-aged punks."

He said complaints had been laid with the RCMP, complete with the licence number of the car from which stones had been thrown but there has been no action taken by police as yet.

"It's time all the rank and file unionists supported us in this dispute," he declared.

Steelworkers Gain

TORONTO—The goal of most Canadian workers—a virtual U.S. pay scale—has been achieved by 300 workers at Marmoraton Mining Co., owned by Bethlehem Steel Corp.

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Council Delegates Flay 'Snap Election' Call

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council has strongly condemned the calling of a snap provincial election by Premier Bennett.

With unanimous voice, delegates to last week's council meeting supported an executive resolution which declared the early vote would:

- Cause many people throughout the province to lose their vote.
- Provide "insufficient time for adequate discussion and study of the issues by the voting public."

The resolutions said flatly that "there is no need for such haste (in calling an election) as the present mandate of the government will not expire for two years."

It stated that many voters will be disenfranchized because there has been insufficient time for them to register.

Premier Bennett's action was termed "unjustifiable."

"This council goes on record as strongly deploring action of Premier Bennett which denies to many of the electorate their fundamental right of the vote and to all of the electorate an opportunity to examine and come to intelligent conclusions on the issues," the resolution stated.

Charles McKendrich, Longshoremen, declared the calling of a snap election was "a masterpiece of political dishonesty."

He said it was time labor took more positive political action to establish firmly that a government should not be alowed to call an election unless its term had expired or unless at least six months notice is given.

SLICK TRICK

Tom Alsbury said "once again Premier Bennett has performed a slick trick—by a slick politician.

"I suggest that if we feel the government is not in the interests of organized labor then we'll have to act now," he said. "Defeat of the Social Credit government will not come about by accident, but only if we act in an organized manner and see that we support progressive candidates."

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WORKERS VERY SOLID AS LINES SET FOR LONG STRIKE AT BAG FIRM

Workers on the picket line at a city paper bag plant are "very solid" in their determination to win after five weeks on strike.

They are members of Vancouver Converters Union Local 433 of Pulp, Sulphite and Papermill Workers, striking the Bonar and Bemis plant.

Union business agent Orville Braaten said "The company told us they won't talk as long as we're out on strike so I guess it's going to be a long one.

"The workers—21 women and four men—are very solid."

Firemen Set Plans For No-Fire Week

Vancouver Fire Department is planning the most extensive fire prevention week in history for the week of October 7 to 13.

That week has been set aside all across North America in an attempt to reduce the enormous loss of life and property caused by careless fires.

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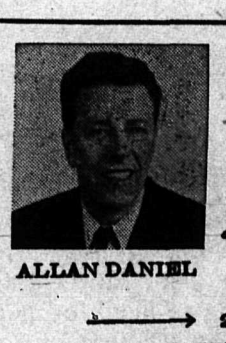
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NO JUSTIFICATION

Trades and Labor Council this week unanimously deplored Premier Bennett's action in calling a "quickie" provincial election for Sept. 19.

Delegates said the action was "unjustifiable."

There was only one calendar week allowed for voters' registration.

There are no major issues at stake and no legitimate reason for the government to go to the people at this time.

Even without any real issues, the government's rush to the polls does not give the voter sufficient time to discuss, study and assess the policies of those who seek to handle B.C.'s affairs.

Thousands who should be able to vote will be ineligible because of the premier's snap election call.

One week is not enough time to garner full registration of voters. The announcement came at the height of the vacation period, and caught thousands of others working in remote locations.

The Social Credit government had a mandate until 1958.

It had a substantial working majority in the legislature.

There was no proposed legislation or policy defeated or seriously questioned at the last session. There has been no public outcry on any proposed legislation.

It would therefore appear the government has called this election for purposes best known to itself.

The Trades and Labor Council does not officially support any one political party. But any party in power should be strongly condemned for calling a snap election under today's circumstances.

With B.C. in the midst of an economic boom, sound and honest leadership is what is needed. There is no place for political trickery.

OUR GREATEST BARGAIN

We're all bargain hunters at heart.

We have to be. Our economy revolves around bargains of various sorts—and as the most important people in that economy, we consumers have a duty to seek out the best value at the best price.

Union Buying Week gives us the key to the best bargain in the world, plus a chance to do hundreds of good turns every year for our fellow workers—and ourselves.

The union label, shop card or button is a guarantee that the product or service under consideration is made or performed by top workmen.

Union label goods are produced by companies with community spirit, good citizens who respect the rights of their employees.

As unionists, we owe it to these employers to purchase their goods and services. Its our way of demonstrating our own good faith—and getting a bargain in quality and workmanship at the same time.

Let's remember that during Union Buying Week—and all year.

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"If you were working under a Union contract, you wouldn't hate the boss so much!"

"Well, which do I call this time after you're through repairing—a carpenter, plumber, or electrician?"

FROM THIS ANGLE

15 Million Voters

AFL-CIO executive council has voted to support the Democratic team of Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver for the presidency.

Meeting in Forest Park, Penn., the top men of united U.S. labor talked long and hard on the political question and it's understood there was considerable backing for a proposal not to take sides in the forthcoming election.

But the Democratic endorsation was made by a vote of 17 to 5—and 15 million members of affiliated groups will be asked to vote the straight democratic ticket.

In previous elections, similar requests have been ignored by large segments of labor. President Eisenhower, for instance, carried several large industrial states where the organized labor vote must be predominant.

The recommendation will be put before 140 AFL-CIO unions Sept. 14 for approval, but president George Meany said he had no doubt the recommendation will be approved.

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Here is a sign of the times from Miami, Fla. Teamsters Local 290 had established a routine picket information line to inform all and sundry that National Brands, Inc., a local distributor of beer, had failed to sign a contract.

No one paid too much attention—until the union blosomed out with an aircraft towing a sign which said the union had been refused as bargaining agent.

Then the issue became the talk of the town. It now appears that aerial picketing has become excepted in labor tactics.

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In the new AFL-CIO building in Washington there stands a mural depicting a working man and his family, with the Carlyle maxim "Labor Is Life."

Soon a replica of the mural will go out through the nation—on the nation's postage stamps. The special stamp commemorates Labor Day. It was initiated, according to the AFL-CIO news, by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell.

The stamps will first go on sale in Camden, N.J., in honor o Peter J. McGuire, the founder of Labor Day, who made his home in Camden.

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It doesn't pay to be a millionaire.

Or so it appears from the returns of the U.S. Income Tax Service as surveyed by a Labor press agency.

PAI-Press Associates reports that in 1953, 145 taxpayers reported incomes of $1 million or more—and of these 52 managed to lose money in their business affairs.

In fact they lost—for tax purposes at least—a cool $5 million between them.

Only 14 managed to make any money.

Things were just as bad among those with incomes of $200,000 or more. Net losses were reported by 781 in these categories, while only 317 found work worth while financially.

On The Dairy Front

By JOHN BROWN

Once again we are going to a conciliation board with the eight major Vancouver milk distributors and possibly a strike vote.

It seems that it would be too much to expect the employers to get together and agree to something which the union could accept, and their attitude will sooner or later result in a strike in the milk industry in Vancouver.

A. W. Carrothers of the UBC Faculty of Law is the chairman of the board, Ald. Halford Wilson the union's nominee with C. G. Robson representing the employers.

We feel that this board will once and for all settle some very contentious points.

The first hearing is set for September 5. The union has a very fine case and is gathering extra data to assist our brief.

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We are also having a public hearing on September 11 before the Labor Relations Board, re the hours of work for milk salesdrivers — hours at present are 10 per day and even this is being broken by most all of the employers. This session on hours of work should be interesting.

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On outside activities, we can report that the agreement for Seal Kap Dairy of Langley, is finalized.

Conciliation officer G. Carichael has been appointed in the dispute with Diamond Dairy, Haney.

We are waiting for the conciliation board's report re Armstrong Cheese Co-Op. at Armstrong. I feel there is every possibility this dispute will end in strike action.

The company there is very hard to deal with and there seems to be no doubt that a showdown is necessary to show the employers in that part of the province that the union means business in its attempt to improve the wages paid in the dairy industry as a whole.

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Due to the fact that we have had five straight conciliations, we have been forced to neglect our new organizing.

However, we have a long list of possibilities and as soon as we find some spare time we can look forward to more persons being organized.

What They Have To Say On Labor Day

GEORGE MEANY

(President AFL-CIO): "Anyone who wishes a clear understanding of the trade union movement should realize that it places as much emphasis on giving as on getting. We are resolved to do our part in building better communities and a stronger nation. We are likewise determined to make an effective contribution toward promoting peace, freedom and prosperity for people throughout the world . . . "

GORDON CUSHING

(Executive Vice - President, CLC): "Now . . . we must change our ways and our program . . . the industrial worker must work together with the office worker and the sales clerk and the latter groups must be made to know they have friends and allies amongst the blue collar class. Class division should be completely removed and those who work for others should all join hands in the brotherhood of man."

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JAMES B. CAREY

(Chairman AFL-CIO Civil Rights Committee): "Labor and the cause of civil rights are identical . . . division on lines of race, color, religion, or national origin is our greatest tragedy, our greatest menace. Once every worker understands the truth of this, we have nothing to fear . . . "

LABOR MINISTER WICKS:

"It is to the credit of organized labor that their aims are of such a nature that their accomplishment will not only benefit the workmen but all citizens of Canada. . . . it is well to pause and recall the improvements made in our everyday life by the efforts of organized labor and to celebrate this one day of the year specially set aside to honor the workmen of our nation."

WILLIAM SCHNITZLER

(Secretary-treasurer AFL-CIO): "We shall continue our relenting war against every form of government that denies men their God-given right to liberty, for so long as any man is enslaved, no man is completely free. The American labor movement is proudly anti-communist. Trade unions cannot breathe in any atmosphere save that of freedom . . . "

THE SECRETARY REPORTS:

A Day To Remember

By E. A. "TED" JAMIESON
General Secretary,
Vancouver Trades & Labor Council

Labor Day was first observed in 1882, a year when organized labor had not achieved much to celebrate.

There have been many Labor Days since that eventful year when trade unionists were fearful and apprehensive of the future. But September 3, 1956, will not be numbered amongst them.

For the first time for many years the vast majority of Canadian trade unionists are united in one family.

Unemployment, the greatest curse of our modern industrial society, is of negligable proportions.

All in all, we have much to celebrate on Labor Day, 1956.

One aspect of Labor Day, however, disturbs many thinking trade unionists.

I refer to the undeniable fact that far too many tend to forget that this is labor's day—a day set aside each year to honor the working men and women of this nation.

All too prevalent is the viewpoint that this is just another holiday, no more, no less. Convincing proof of this assertion is to be found in the actions of City Council in 1955 and the directors of the PNE this year.

We cannot prevent the powers-that-be from assuming that Labor Day is just another holiday, but we must make sure that we do not fall into the same error.

Each and every one of us should give pause this Labor Day and look back on the long road we have travelled since the early days of labor organization.

We should never forget that those who do not remember and learn from the past are often condemned to live it again.

UNION LABEL CORNER

Get In On The Draw

By A. E. HALLOCK

Union Buying Week will get under way with a free draw to be held Labor Day at the big union label display in the Commercial Building, Pacific National Exhibition.

This year it's a free lounge suit for a lucky man and a free outfit for a lucky woman—high quality union label products, of course—as first prizes. There are two second prizes: a pair of union label pants and a blouse. Two grocery hampers will be given away as third prizes.

Crowds are thronging to the exhibit of the Vancouver and District Union Label Trades Council this year, which is twice as big as before, with twice as many exhibits—and twice as many FREE souvenirs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hallock, that indomitable team which is now doing much of the work of boosting the union label in B.C., report bundles of shopping bags, Indian hats, literature, pencils, scratch pads, posters and balloons.

Mrs. Hallock said that youngsters come back year after year for the Indian headgear, a traditional sign that the wearer has been to the PNE and comes from a long line of union label backers.

Housewives are enthusiastic about union label shopping bags, which they report last from one year to another—and thus provide a year-long reminder to merchants and public of the importance of the union label.

Free advertising was provided this year in the "BCE Buzzer", Nunn and Thomson Funeral Directors, Aristocratic Restaurants and Wilf Ray, real estate, the PNE directory board, and Seaboard Advertising billboards and Pacific Meat sign at Granville and Georgia.

In addition to most trade unions, the following firms were among the financial contributors: Hudson's Bay Co., Woodwards; with more to come from Eaton's, Simpson-Sears, Gaults and Safeway.

Donors of goods included: Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Safeway, Teamsters', Forsts, RCA Victor, Travelguard Luggage, Smiles 'n Chuckles, Townline Shirts, Sweet Sixteen, Bernard Casuals, Suzannes Sportswear, Jantzens, Aljean Sportswear, Tip Top, Lentworth Hats, Leckie Shoes, Spider Loom Ties, Gault Bros.; Watson's Gloves, Original Blouse Co., Aero Clothiers, Western Classics, Almetco Co., Jones Tent and Awning, Lounge Clothiers, Gordon Campbell, Western Cap.

Laugh With Us

This classified ad appeared recently in a big city daily: "For sale, high chair for baby with straw bottom."

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The shoemaker was explaining to a complaining customer the reason for the poor quality of his half-soles. "All the good leather," he said, "is going into steaks."

A smart girl's idea of killing two birds with one stone is marrying a millionaire for love.

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The oldtimer says he has hopes that the *do-it-yourself* movement may even be carried far enough to include thinking that way.

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"Is it my complexion?" asked the pretty young girl, inquiring about her popularity.

"No," was the reply.

"Is it my figure?" she asked.

"No," was the answer.

"Is it my personality?" she asked.

"No," said her friend.

"I give up," said the cute thing.

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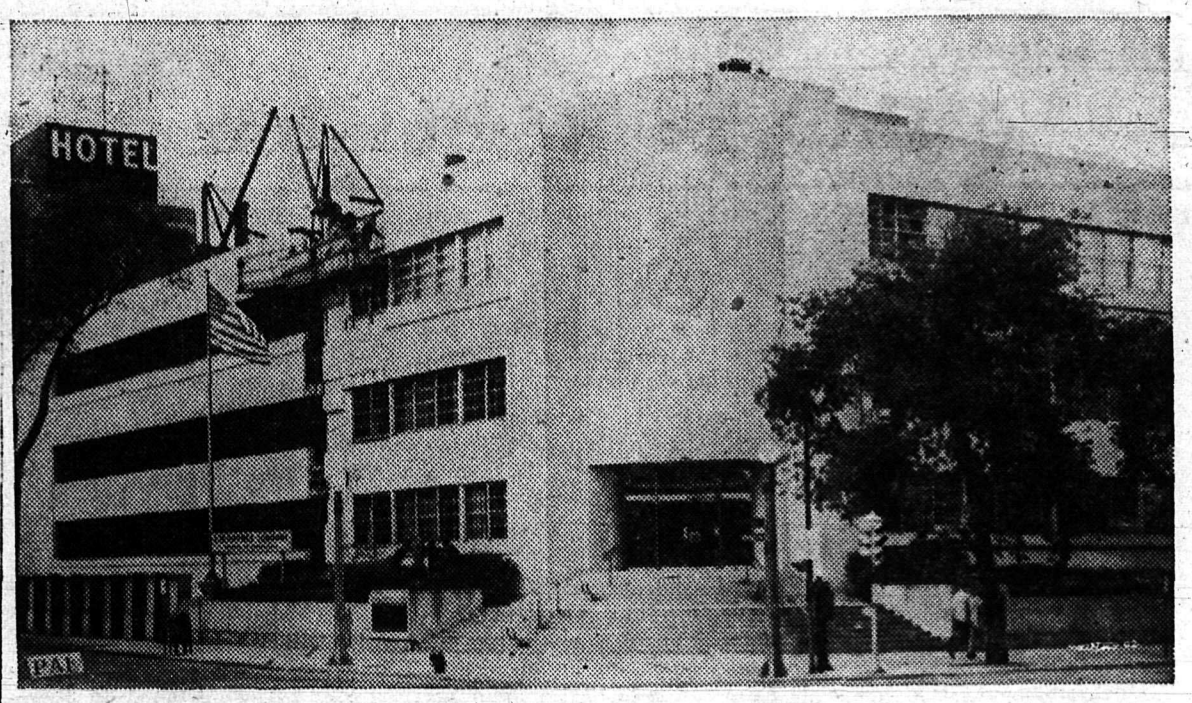

SYMBOL OF UNITY is the enlargement of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters headquarters building in Chicago, making ready for increased functions and staffs as the former AFL Amalgamated and the CIO Packinghouse Workers merge. The building addition provides three stories and basement matching the original structure and includes a covered parking area with a room for a recreational sun deck.

B.C. Workers To Enjoy Prosperity; 'But Don't Be Lulled To Sleep'

By LLOYD WHALEN
President
Vancouver Trades and Labor Council

Labor Day is a time when trade unionists should review the progress they have made during the past period.

We should examine errors and mistakes that may have been committeed in order that we can develop a sound policy and program to overcome such mistakes in the future.

People of British Columbia are enjoying a high degree of prosperity at the present time. We must not be lulled to sleep by this boom economy.

Let us not forget that approximately two years ago there were close to 600,000 unemployed in the Dominion of Canada. This situation could develop again if we fail to pressure for policies and programs that will develop economic security for all.

There are many problems plaguing the trade union movement. Automation is one of those problems.

The trade union movement must conduct a thorough educational plan in order that our membership and the general public may be informed as to what is required to safeguard against mass displacement in industry due to the application of automation in industry.

The trade union movement is certainly not opposed to progress. By the same token, the employers have a responsibility to those employees who may be displaced by new machines. It is the responsibility of the employers and the government to see that these workers are retrained for new jobs in industry.

★ SPECIAL ★
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★ MESSAGE ★

The labor movement has become a very important force in the community. This being the case, we must be prepared to assume our responsibilities to our fellow citizens by participating in all community affairs—civic, provincial and federal.

We must not forget the pioneers of this country, many of whom are compelled to live on inadequate pension allowances, and, through force of circumstances, are living in deplorable slum-type housing.

The trade union movement must continue to pressure for higher pensions for senior citizens and those who are incapacitated and unable to work for a living.

Labor Day in 1956 is a

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CNR Action Protested By Council

Protest against CNR action in contracting out work formerly done by rail employees has been lodged by Trades and Labor Council.

Delegates supported Dick Henham, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, when he stated CNR is using this method "to bypass labor contracts."

He said contracting out of work is becoming more and more prevalent.

In three Ontario points—Midland, Sarnia and Toronto—car cleaning which normally is done by union railway employees has been turned over to contractors.

Retail Clerks Picket U.S. Chain Store

If you're going across the line for a visit, Trades and Labor Council asks you to remember this:

Retail Clerks International Union are in dispute with Montgomery Ward and Co. with the company refusing to bargain in good faith.

Delegates are urged to keep this in mind when shopping.

WHALEN (Cont'd)

time when labor in Canada can be justly proud of its accomplishments.

One of the great desires of trade unionists in Canada was fulfilled in April, 1956, when the two trade union Congresses, the Canadian Congress of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada amalgamated to form one main trade union centre, embodying over a million organized workers.

This should place us in a stronger position to make a better contribution to the members whom we represent and to all the common people of Canada.

I believe that we should rededicate ourselves to that crusading spirit that originally built the trade union movement.

We must be prepared to make greater sacrifices, to take a greater interest in the affairs of our nation if we expect to march forward and make greater gains.

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CARPENTERS NOW CAN READILY SAY: 'BUT O, THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY!'

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Saturday, August 18, over 100 members of the local union sallied forth with rod and reel for their annual salmon derby, with headquarters between the north arm of the jetty and Sunset Beach, Horseshoe Bay.

Obviously, the fish saw them coming.

Exact results in terms of pounds and inches cannot be obtained from "close mouthed" union officials, but even the winning fish can be described as somewhat less than monstrous.

Top honors went to Robert Burnham.

VGH Employees Plan Fall Dance

Vancouver General Hospital unit of Hospital Employees' Local 180 is sponsoring a fall banquet and dance for all lower Mainland units on Saturday, Oct. 13. Tickets are $3 each. Event will be held at The Flame.

Next regular meeting of Vancouver General and Grace Hospital units of Hospital Employees' Union 180 will be held Sept. 25.

Bars are something which, if you go into too many of, you are apt to come out singing a few of, and maybe land behind some of.

Bill Gauld Takes Over Island Post

Bill Gauld will move to Victoria next month to take over the post of Canadian Labor Congress representative for Vancouver Island.

He moves his home to Victoria and will operate from an office in the capital city labor temple.

Bill, formerly of the Street Railwaymen's Union, was appointed Trades and Labor Council organizer in February 1952 and later became TLC representative here.

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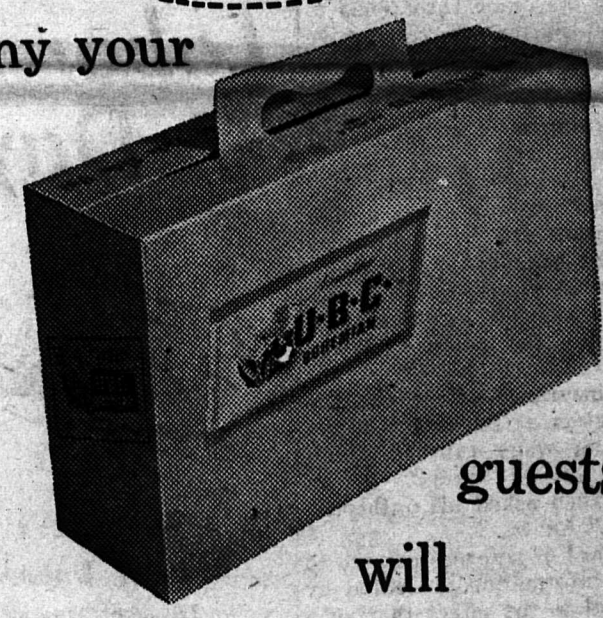

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Stop! Look! Does It Have A Union Label?

First Pact Signed By Apartment

By BEN MORLEY

Local 244 Building Service Employees has signed its first agreement with an apartment house in the city — Hycroft Towers, 1445 Marpole avenue.

The agreement calls for a reduction in hours to a five-day week, $15 a month increase in wages, and fringe benefits including all statutory holidays, annual vacations and sick leave with pay.

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Negotiations are progressing with golf clubs with the exception of Quilchena. We are requesting the Labor Relations Board to grant us permission to prosecute Quilchena Golf Club for failing to negotiate pursuant to the Act.

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A last ditch offer by the B.C. Hotels Association was placed before the membership in a referendum vote and was accepted as the basis of a new agreement.

The negotiating committee was authorized to finalize an agreement on the basis of the offer, with modifications. The offer included 5 to 10 cents an hour increase, three paid statutory holidays this year and two additional ones next year ,three weeks vacation after 10 years service.

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When the union threatened to take the matter of retroactive wages at the Medical-Dental Building to arbitration, the management agreed to pay all wages owing members employed in the building.

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Recently we appealed a disqualification for Unemployment Insurance benefits for two members on the basis that they refused to take jobs at 90 cents an hour while the union rate was $1.15.

The insurance officer presented a statement showing that the prevailing wage rate for janitresses was 80 cents to $1 an hour. When asked his authority, he didn't know.

A board of referees refused to accept information presented by the local to the effect that such a statement was erroneous and incorrect.

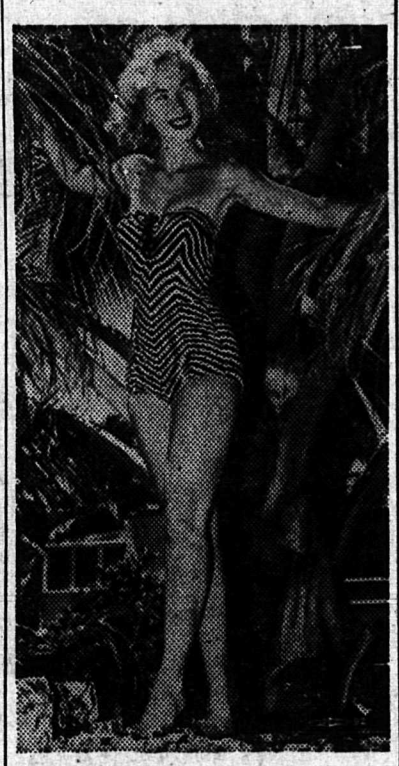
The union presented copies of numerous agreements with wae rates for janitresses ranging from $1.15 to $1.28 and still the board of referees did not take notice.

We also took very strong exception to the Unemployment Insurance Commission describing an employer paying these depressed wages as a "first class employer" and a "good employer.

Again we could get no information as to who was the authority for making such statements.

The two members who were disqualified from benefits had their disqualifications partly reduced but in view of the reasons and groundless statements made by the insurance officer, the union felt it had to appeal to the umpire in order to prevent an occurrence of such statements.

AH, YES!



PERT MISS picked this month for union label gal is Mickey Hallet, who displays ten pretty toes to total the number of top hotels signed up in Miami in the fight by Hotel and Restaurant Employees.

Conciliation In Shipyards

Steel shipyard negotiations are now before a conciliation officer following rejection of an offer from the employers.

The offer was for wage boosts of 10, 5 and 5 cents in a three-year agreement.

Metal Trades Council reported union shipyard workers "were not in a very good mood" when the companies distributed a letter setting out the offer to all employees while negotiations were in progress.

Employment Good

Mid-month employment report by the Metal Trades Council showed:

Electricians — trade good; Sheet Metal — still short of mechanics; Shipwrights — all members working; Plumbers — trade very good; Ironworkers — shops very busy; Painters — fairly good activity.

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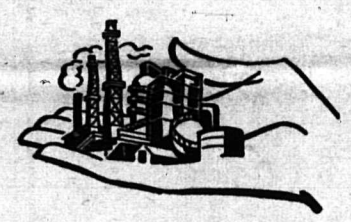

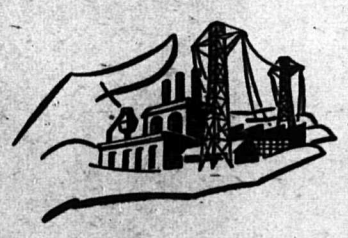

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Western Building Trades Set Up New Regional Policy Committee

Delegates to the Calgary conference of all Building Trades Councils in B.C. and Alberta have rejected the idea of a Building Trades Department for Canada—and have set up a committee of council representatives from both provinces to work closely on mutual problems.

The new committee, established to solve problems confronting the building trades all across the country, will meet every four months. First meeting will be in Vancouver.

The committee will make resolutions which will go before the Building Trades Councils in both provinces for action.

The committee will consist of one delegate from each of the Building Trade Councils in the two provinces. Three members will constitute a quorum, and finances of delegates will be borne by the individual councils.

The proposal that a separate Building Trades department be set up within the framework of the Canadian Labor Conress was rejected on the grounds that "such a move is dangerous at this time."

The delegates agreed that the time might come when such a department would be necessary and desirable.

B.C. representatives included: Herb Flesher, Vancouver Council; T. Hallmark, Vancouver Bricklayers; O. Parker, Victoria and Island Council; T. Takacs, Kitimat Laborers; E. R. Kennedy, Vancouver Council; J. Marcus, Vancouver Ironworkers; H. West, International Representative, Plasterers.

Bill Page, Vancouver carpenters; E. T. Staley, Victoria Carpenters; V. H. Midgley, Victoria Carpenters; Alex McGee, Vancouver Sheet Metal Workers; A. H. Burton, International Representative Metal Lathers, New Westminster; D. S. Bushell, Victoria; A. M. Morrison, Electricians, Vancouver; L. G. Crampton, Electricians, Prince Rupert.

Report of the Vancouver Builing Trades delegation was accepted at the last meeting, but election of delegates was postponed until unions could review detailed minutes of the conference.

Mrs. Doris Gaetz Heads Auxiliary

Ladies' Auxiliary No. 741 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters has received its charter from headquarters.

Mrs. Doris Gaetz is president of the new auxiliary. Vice-president is Mrs. Aithel Johnson; recording secretary, Mrs. Tannie Caravan; financial secretary-treasurer, Mrs. B. Boyd.

Other officers: Mrs. M. Dinney, warden; Mrs. Doris Caravan, conductress; Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. F. Youngman, and Mrs. M. Cameron, trustees.

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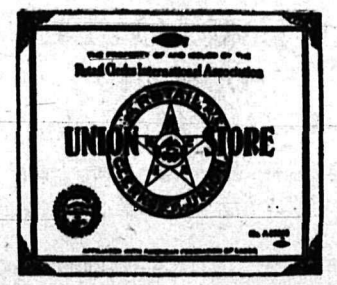

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These were electrical apparatus factory workers at Toronto; wire and cable factory workers at Guelph, Ontario; die casting factory workers at Wallaceburg, Ontario; iron miners at Marmora, Ontario; textile factory workers at Cornwall, Ontario; and washing machine and boiler factory workers at Toronto.

These six stoppages accounted for a combined time loss of 32,980 man-working days and involved a total of 4,260 workers.

Based on the number of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada, the time lost in July, 1956, amounted to .07 per cent of the estimated working time, as compared with .11 per cent in July, 1955, and .14 per cent for the first seven months of 1956.

For the first seven months of 1956, preliminary figures showed 135 strikes and lockouts involving 60,299 workers and a time loss of 872,165 man-working days. During the same period in 1955, there were 98 work stoppages with 31,446 workers involved and a time loss of 464,760 days.

This Phase Can't Come Fast Enough

NEW YORK — A new major economic study to be issued soon by Twentieth Century Fund predicts that an average family income of more than $6,000 a year by 1960 is within easy reach if American productivity continues at present rates.

Twenty-five specialists worked on the study for five years.

During the past century, the study disclosed, the rate of output has increased so fast that the average American worker today produces nearly six times as much in an hour of work as his great-grandfather did in 1850.

Gallagher Dies

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DPC Employees May Be Organized

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council's organizing committee will study a proposal that action be taken to organize employees of Downtown Parking Corporation and service stations.

The proposal was made by Div. 101 of Street Railwaymen's union.

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Hospital Workers Will Fight Freeze

Employees in B.C. Hospitals are determined to use their ballot in the coming provincial election in battling the hospital wage freeze.

Bill Black, manager of Hospital Employees Union, told Vancouver Trades and Labor Council that "we want to know where each and every candidate stands on this hospital freeze issue—and we are going to find out."

"We have reached the point where we're going to stop subsidizing the hospitals of B.C." he declared.

"We are serving notice that it's not going to continue to come out of the hides of the workers," he said. "The government is going to give $28 to every homeowner next year but during the past two years it refused to grant wage increases to hospital workers."

He said that in recent negotiations with White Rock hospital, the hospital board had agreed to wage increases but said they couldn't pay the increases because the government would not accept higher budget costs.

He said the issue then went to conciliation and "this is a strange situation, we are concilating something where there is no dispute."

Strike Vote For U.S. Railwaymen

WASHINGTON — More than 800,000 non-operating employees of the nation's Class 1 railroads have begun a strike ballot to back their union's demands for a 25-cent wage increase.

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SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin — Strikers at the Kohler plant here—now on the picket lines for their 875th day—paused this month to pay tribute to two unionists killed in the 1934 strike against the same company.

Graveside services were conducted by the Wakefield-Engleman Memorial Union, a group of local trade unionists.

The union marked the twenty-second anniversary of the deaths of Lee Wakefield and Henry Engleman, who were shot and killed by special "company" police which fired on unarmed strikers during a company-provoked riot. Forty-seven others, including women and children, were injured in the massacre.

The Memorial Union had conducted such services at the graves of the two labor martyrs every year since 1934. Taking part were members of AFL Federal Union 18545, which conducted the 1934 strike, and UAW Local 833, which is conducting the current Kohler strike. Local 833 has been on strike since April of 1954.

Woodworkers Win Interior Strikes

PENTICTON (Special)—IWA interior regional director J. Clayton Walls said the eight-week strike at two Vavenby lumber firms ended Monday.

Agreement was reached under a conciliator and the new 13-month contract brings an 11-cent across-the-board boost for workers at Capstinsky's Sawmill and Clearwater Timber.

Settlement also provides night shift differential increase, medical plan and seniority benefits.

Silicosis To Be Investigated

VICTORIA — Provincial government has ordered an enquiry into the whole field of silicosis.

The independent inquiry will be handled by Dr. A. R. Riddell of Toronto.

He has been asked by the department of labor to enquire into the administration and interpretation of those sections of the Workmen's Compensation Act dealing with silicosis and to make recommendations pertaining to the administration and interpretation of the Act and possible amendments to it.

AFL-CIO Council Checks Funds

FOREST PARK, Pa.—The 28-man AFL-CIO executive council has cracked down on three unions charged with scandals in the handling of welfare funds.

The executive's opening session moved to suspend the Distillery Workers on charges of mismanagement of the welfare fund unless the union can show cause why it should not be ousted.

It also ordered investigation of welfare fund corruption charges involving the Laundry Workers and the Allied Industrial Workers.

Hospital Employees' Federal Union Local 120 enjoyed their annual picnic Sunday, Aug. 12, at Locarno Beach.

IAM, Boilermakers Set Dispute Plan

WASHINGTON — Machinery for peaceful settlement of jurisdictional disputes between the two groups has been signed by the Machinists and Boilermakers.

A three-step procedure has been established for resolving disputes, ending in impartial arbitration.

Mutual assistance in organizing and strike activity following conferences between the two organizations is provided in the pact which also recognizes the existing jurisdictions of the two signatories.

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One of the chief spokesmen for foreign affairs within the British Labor party was guest of honor at a luncheon in the Labor Temple this week.

He is Richard H. S. Crossman, onetime columnist for the London Mirror and presently Labor MP for Coventry.

Here to lecture at UBC, Mr. Crossman was guest at a buffet luncheon given by executive of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.

An easy speaker with a long background in labor work, Mr. Crossman had several "predictions" of what will happen when Labor again becomes the government of Great Britain — "after the next election.

Among them: The government will bring in a guaranteed annual pension for everyone after retirement, and state control of superannuation funds.

There will be concentration on social welfare measures rather than on nationalization.

But nationalization will be applied to the steel industry and the public utilities.

Mr. Crossman explained that in Britain the unions are the most powerful element of the Labor party. Three unions alone control more votes than all the constituency associations.

LABOR SHOW (Cont'd)

should investigate those people and find out what's going on."

The PNE would be much more popular in the view of Sam Jenkins of Marine Workers "if they would do a litte more censoring of the skin games out there instead of preventing labor from telling about a few of its accomplishments on Labor Day."

LABOR'S MESSAGE

The council had set up a special committee to prepare the short Labor Day program at next Monday's PNE.

It included short speeches by the PNE president, Minister of Labor and President Whalen.

There were to be a few variety acts and interspersed would be labor's message on its own day —a message telling of the contributions made by labor towards social legislation and other statutes, and of its future objectives.

Secretary Jamieson said he received a telephone call from PNE program director George Weinborn requesting a copy of the script as directed by PNE directors.

NO INSPECTION

"We had been going to arrange for the PNE band and other acts but we left it right there."

He said later he talked to PNE manager Ben Williams and had a "thorough discussion" in which it was proposed that possibly the directors would accept an outline in general terms of what the labor program would say.

"I told him it was very doubtful if our delegates would approve inspection of the script," Jamieson said.

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Union Men Active In Plans For 1958

By G. R. BENGOUGH

The year 1958 will mark 100 years of progress for British Columbia.

Centennial celebrations will be held throughout the year in every city and community in the province, and organized labor will be doing its part to help make the celebration memorable.

Labor, and hard labor at that, started this great province towards its development of today.

Many of the present-day unions have charters dating back 60 and 70 years, or, at least they can find their own records dating back close to three-quarters of a century.

But for the first 25 years or so only smattering record is made in the early history books of workers trying to improve their lot in life.

The mining of coal at Nanaimo beginning in 1852 by the Hudson's Bay Company, is recorded in what is regarded in Nanaimo today as the first Charter of that city.

The efforts of these very early miners to improve their lot would make interesting reading and the Labor Activities Committee of the B. C. Centennial Committee hopes that this labor history and similar labor history can be compiled by 1958 in book form.

Such a history of labor for the past 100 years in B.C. would be worth recording in one book.

The Labour Activities Committee of the B.C. Centennial Committee is also making efforts to invite many International and National Unions to hold their conventions in British Columbia during 1958.

Our understanding is that Centennial celebrations will be continuous from May through to November so that any organization holding a convention during that period would be assured of a good time for all delegates and families attending.

There are some 17 subcommittees of the B.C. Centennial Committee including labor.

It is not practical to have all the unions represented on Labor's Committee. But wherever there has been active trade unionists willing to initiate labor participation in the centennial celebrations in their own community, they have been added to the present committee.

At the present time the central Labor Activities Committee is made up of the following trade union leaders: A. T. Alsbury, R. G. Beddome, George R. Bengough, E. W. Day, V. W. Forster, J. Henderson, R. Henham, E. A. Jamieson, George Johnston, R. Lenfesty, W. Robertson, E. C. Sims, Wyman Trineer, Dave Wade, Lloyd Whalen; and our corresponding members are: Fred A. Belsham, Prince George; Robert Bryce, Powell River; J. M. Foreman, Prince Rupert; A. R. Glen, Nanaimo; Mrs. T. C. Hawtree, Kaleden; Robert Hood, Kitimat; James Lehman, Quesnel; Jack Mobley, Kamloops; Mrs. O. Norman, New Westminster; C. H. Parker, Victoria; K. B. Shaw, Dawson Creek; James G. Trebett, Port Alberni.

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All Party Leaders To State Views At Labor Sponsored Meet Sept. 12

Political party leaders will be asked to state their policies on labor affairs at a public meeting in Georgia Auditorium on Sept. 12.

The meeting will be sponsored by Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.

Announcement of the provincial election labor forum was made by the council executive and strongly backed by council delegates after criticism was levelled at Premier Bennett for calling a quick election.

Leaders of political parties will be asked to attend the meeting along with as many candidates of the various parties in this area as possible.

The executive recommendation stated it wanted the parties "to tell us what their platforms are with respect to labor."

President Lloyd Whalen told delegates that detailed preparations for the meeting have not been worked out yet but that the the executive intends to prepare a list of specific questions that will be put to all party leaders.

QUESTIONS

He said that the questions will be submitted to the parties prior to the meeting so that they will be able to prepare their answers and have no excuse for saying "I'm sorry I can't answer that one offhand."

The meeting will be advertised.

Bill Black of Hospital Workers and Ev King of Office Employees urged that as many candidates as possible be invited to the meeting as well as party leaders.

U S Losing Shipping Fight

WASHINGTON — The United States is apparently losing the battle of the shipbuilders.

William A. Calvin, president of International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, quoted Lloyd's Register of shipping here this month to show that the U.S. has dropped to twelfth place among shipbuilding nations.

British yards continue to produce the greatest tonnage of ships, but Japan has soared to second place, and West Germany third.

(Calvin didn't bother to say so, but Canada—a great shipbuilding nation during the war, has virtually stopped producing major ships).

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"May I sugest that all consumers in Vancouver observe this week as a tribute to organized labor by patronizing stores and shops which feature the union emblem, and that distributors of union label merchandise display and otherwise feature such products during this special week."

Power Lines Worry WCB

Workmen's Compensation Board is alarmed at the frequency of accidents involving cranes and power lines—and has advised construction companies to take every precaution.

The Board lists 13 recent accidents of this type in the Vancouver district, and points out that by only two were fatalities, a situation "nothing short of miraculous."

The board states: "We are very alarmed at both the frequency of these accidents, and the apparent ignorance of the men whose duties bring them into proximity with power lines.

★ HEADLINER

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John Bedekop, Retail Wholesale Local 535.

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DOUBLE SHIFT—Volunteer workers at the union label booth at the PNE include some of the strikers who are maintaining a picket line at the Bonar and Bemis plant. They are members of Converters local of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

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TAKE A GOOD LOOK—Bill Black of Hospital Employees this month warned trade unionists to take a good look at members of their hospital board. Pointing to board of the Royal Columbian in New Westminster, he said that there are no less than five government representatives.

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Veteran CCF MP Angus MacInnes, retiring after 33 years of service in Parliament and civic life, will be honored Saturday at the Pacific National Exhibition.

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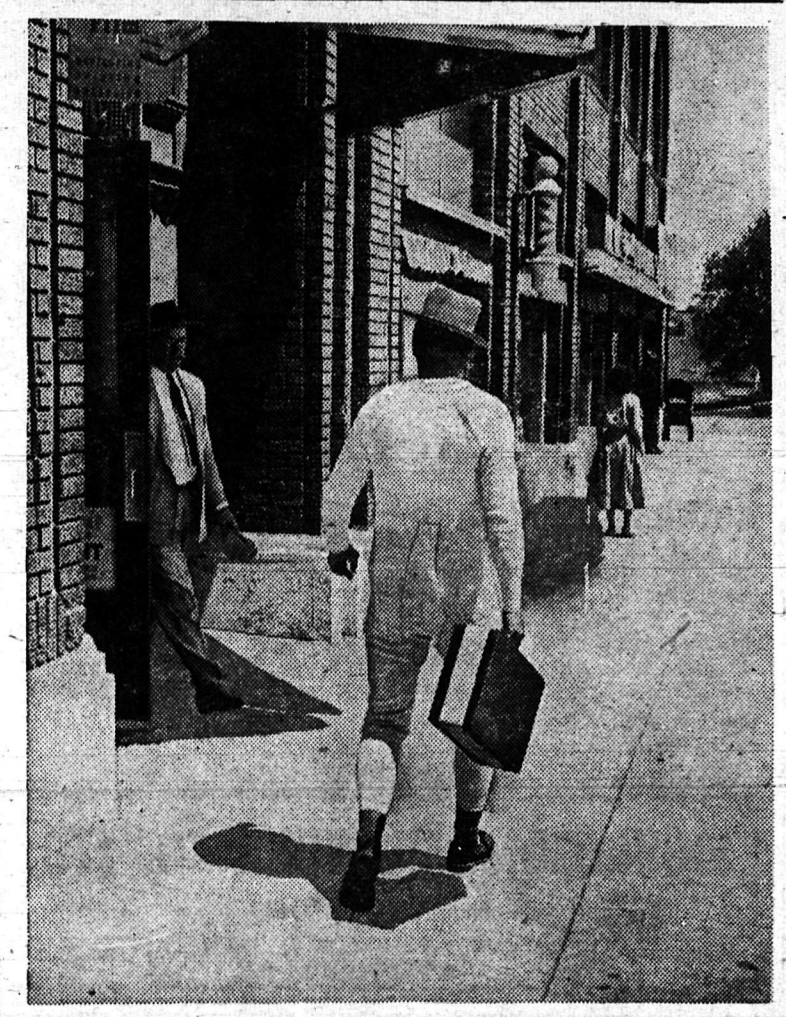

TRUE UNION SUIT is worn by this city employee on his way to work in Pueblo, Colorado, as union civic employees refused to don non-union pants supplied by the city. What's more, they made their crusade stick under a city ordnance ruling that uniforms purchased by the city must be union-made, and city officials appalled by thought of a pantless brigade of workers on city streets, in public buildings and other jobs did a quick about-face, sold the non-union trousers to the highest bidders and called for orders on pants with union labels.

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Merger Convention Delayed One Month

Federation To Meet In November, TUC Parley Will Be Held First

First convention for the merger of provincial labor organizations has been postponed until November to clear the way for a one-day meeting of the Trade Union Congress.

Date for the merger convention of the TUC—the provincial organization of former TLC unions and the B.C. Federation of Labor—provicial body of former CCL unions—is now set for Nov. 15 to 17.

The convention will be held in Mount Pleasant Canadian Legion Hall, Main and Eleventh, Vancouver. First session opens at 10 a.m. on Nov. 15.

Originally the merger convention had been planned for Oct. 12 to 15. Dates were cancelled this month after a formal objection by a TUC affiliate.

WAYS AND MEANS

Office Employees International Union Local 378 pointed out that the 1955 convention of the Trade Union Congress merely authorized a committee to "discuss ways and means" of merging with the B.C. Federation of Labor.

The union claimed the committee was given an exploratory function and was not authorized to commit the TUC to any course of action until it reported back to another convention of the TUC.

Convention calls for both the TUC one-day meeting and the merger convention have gone out.

The TUC meeting will not discuss any resolutions. The sole business will be discussion of the disbanding of the TUC, merging of its assets and liabilities with the new merged provincial labor organization and endorsation of the committee reports in unity talks with officers of the former CCL provincial group.

The TUC meeting will be held in Electrical Workers Hall.

Meantime, the merger convention will handle resolutions as well as adopt a constitution and elect officers.

Resolutions have to be submitted not less than 30 days prior to the convention opening.

A banquet will be held Friday night, Nov. 16.

CONVENTION CALL for one-day meeting of B.C. Trade Union Congress prior to merger convention of former TLC and CCL provincal groups has gone out this month TUC President James Barton announced.

Council Urges New Deal On Injunctions

Provincial government will be urged to give labor unions a fair break on applications for court injunctions in labor disputes.

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council will make another bid to obtain amended provincial legislation on the handling of injunctions.

Change will be sought in the Labor Relations Act to the effect that where applications to the courts are made for injunctions in labor disputes, all parties to the dispute shall be heard before any injunction is granted.

Labor groups in B.C. have for years fought against the granting of ex-parte injunctions — those granted after hearing only the applicant.

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Council Stays Clear Of Union Tiff

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council is keeping clear of the squabble between Tunnel and Rock Workers Local 168 and its international.

Delegates at last week's meeting turned down the credentials of Stacey Warner, trustee of Local 168.

The feeling of the meeting was that delegates from the local or those appointed by the international would not be seated in the

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IN PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Larger Executive Urged For Merged Federation

Proposed draft constitution for the merged provincial labor organization in B.C. is a compromise on constitutions of former TLC and CCL provincial bodies.

Here are some of the highlights:

● Proposed name is "British Columbia Federation of Labor." The name is in line with national constitution of the CLC.

● Convention representation from affiliate unions will be cut because of the larger membership. Local unions will be given two delegates for 100 or less members and one additional delegate for each additional 500 members or major fraction thereof.

● Provision is made for a larger executive council — 16 members—with 10 of the members elected on a geographical basis.

● Provision for an executive officers' committee of six who will meet between meetings of the executive council. This is proposed because of larger responsiblity on officers of the new merged federation.

● Per capita tax of two cents per member is proposed to meet the estimated minimum budget for the federation of $18,000 a year.

In its aims, the proposed federation states it will promote the interests of its affiliates and generally advance the economic and social welfare of the workers of B.C.

LEGISLATION

It also aims to secure provincial legislation to safeguard and promote the principle of free collective bargaining, the rights of workers, and the security and welfare of all people.

The union label drive will get added push with a declaration "to aid and encourage the sale and use of union-made goods and union services through the use of the union label and other symbols."

The constitution states one purpose "to protect the labor movement from any and all corrupt influences and from the undermining efforts of communist, fascist and all other totalitarian agencies which are opposed to the basic principles of our democracy and free and democratic unionism."

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Joe Jones, visiting his old economics professor, saw a list of current examination questions.

"Why, those are the same questions you asked when I was in school," he said.

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Council Told Of Centennial Official Book

Trade unions were informed this month that a company soliciting advertising for a book they are planning to publish on the B.C. centennial celebrations is not the official publisher for the government centennial committee.

George Bengough, chairman of the centennial labor activities committee, said the firm—International Publishing Co., 635 Richards—has written to many unions in this area to solicit advertising for the book.

He said publishing of the official booklet has been awarded Sun Printing Co. and ITU Local 226 has no record of the International Publishing Company.

The lawyer was trying to discredit a witness. You say," he challenged, 'that you came to the city in search of work. I put it to you that there was another, a stronger motive that brought you here."

'There was," said the witness blandly, "a locomotive."

"You can also use it to haul groceries — if you happen to be in the upper brackets!"

Laundry Salesmen Now Affiliated

Laundry and Dry Cleaning Salesmen's Union Local 334 is the latest union to win affiliation with the new merged Vancouver central council.

Application for affiliation of the former CCL union was accepted by delegates at the last council meeting.

CLC Supports Council Idea For Immigrants

Canadian Labor Congress will follow up a Vancouver proposal to acquaint European trade union emigrants with information on Canadian unions.

The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council proposed that European trade unions be furnished with information so that emigrants will know which Canadian trade union to contact on arrival here.

The sugestion originated from the New Westminster Carpenters Local 1251 who said many immigrants have been found working for gypo contractors at below standard wages.

CLC President Claude Jodoin said the proposal will be taken up through the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions at their next executive board meeting.

"I am certainly in accord with the proposal to furnish the information to European trade unions," he said.

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The campaign can hardly have been an outstanding success for at a national congress of "Svazarm" held in Prague on May 25, the chairman, General Hruska, announced present membership as 600,000.

"Have you been to any doctor before you came to see me?" asked the grouchy doctor.

"No, sir," replied the meek patient. "I went to a druggist."

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Federal Men Keep Tab On Natural Gas

Federal government inspectors will make careful tests of the thermal content of natural gas being supplied to the Greater Vancouver area.

Public Utilities Commission has advised Vancouver Trades and Labor Council that the tests will be made by the standards division of the Federal Department of Trade and Commerce.

"These tests will be made, not just once and forgotten, but on a continuous basis according to a set plan," PUC secretary H. W. Mellish said in a letter to council last week.

He also said that the commission will be holding a public hearing on B.C. Electric gas rates after records for a full year are available.

Tentative time for the hearing is mid-1958.

Earlier this year, Council's legislation committee requested assurance from the PUC that the quality of gas distributed to the consumer be of the same quality described in the BCE application.

This will now be checked by the federal inspectors.

Council also waived any presentation on an earlier hearing on gas rates but only on the understanding that tariffs would be reviewed again within two years.

Paper Makers Beating Noise Problems

(Special to The Labor Statesman)

POWELL RIVER. — They're beating the "battle of the noise" here in Powell River co. plants.

A noise committee of Paper Maker Local 142 has worked closely with company officials to produce relative quiet for the workers.

Devices used to reduce mill noise range from a saw-tooth silencer for couch rolls to noise-proof booths for machine room crews—and of course, ear stoppers.

The cooperative drive has been tracking down the source of every noise and to figure out what makes it objectionable, and to correct the cause.

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JODOIN'S LABOR DAY MESSAGE

1956—A Momentous Year Many Challenges Lie Ahead

By CLAUDE JODOIN
President, Canadian Labor Congress

Labor Day, 1956, is a momentous date in Canadian labor history.

Since we last celebrated this holiday in recognition of the men and women who contribute so much to the welfare of our country through their toil, the two largest central labor organizations in Canada have merged their forces in our new Canadian Labor Congress.

The accomplishment of this merger, bringing together well over a million Canadian workers, was naturally complex; but through the untiring efforts and goodwill of trade unionists from one end of the country to another, it has been accomplished, and now we are moving forward as one united body.

The merging of various provincial federations and of local labor councils remains to be completed but it is encouraging to see the determined spirit in which the members of these bodies are coming together so that the members within their jurisdictions can enjoy the full benefits of a united labor movement.

The founding convention of our national organization in April set a two-year period for the fulfillment of mergers on the provincial and community levels, and it now appears that the great majority of these groups will have established a united body well before that time.

HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES

This places us in a favorable position to carry out the heavy responsibilities which we face.

Canada is in a period of great expansion. Our tremendous natural resources are being developed at a rate which is unprecedented.

The great manufacturing industry which has been developed in recent years continues to mushroom, and at the same time we are seeing the introduction of automation and other techniques which will mean increased production and possibly, in some instances, reduced manpower.

CHALLENGE

The challenge which this presents to us as a labour movement is obviously very great.

We welcome the development of our natural resources, but we are anxious to see that the country as a whole benefits.

The likelihood of increased industrial production opens new opportunities for better living standards for all Canadians, providing there's a fair sharing.

The dangers of misadjustments and suffering through these changes call for planning, consultation and understanding.

Our part in this development, representing as the Canadian Labor Congress families do, one-quarter of the Canadian population, is evident.

UNSELFISH

Labor's interests are not selfish interests.

To suggest that one-quarter of the population can divorce itself from the Canadian people as a whole and pursue purely

CLAUDE JODOIN

selfish ambitions is on its very face ridiculous. In the final analysis we will benefit as the Canadian people as a whole benefit, and that is the way we would have it.

It is with this thought in mind that we will pursue the objectives which have been so clearly defined by the membership through the delegates who formed the founding convention of our organization.

BETTER LEGISLATION

We will press for improvements in our social legislation, and particularly for the attainment of a comprehensive plan of national health insurance.

We think that medical and hospital facilites should be available to all Canadian families in time of need just as the services of police and fire departments are now available. Surely health, which can truly be a matter of life and death, should not be in a secondary position.

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1897—American Federation of Musicians, International Association of Machinists.
1900—Ladies Garment Workers.
1902—Operating Engineers,, Painters and Decorators, Theatrical Stage Employees, Projectionists, Glove Workers, Paper Makers.
1903—Textile Workers.
1908—Photo Engravers.
1909—Amalgamated Meat Cutters, Wire Weavers, International Jewelry Workers.
1910—International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.
1918—Teamsters (service button). The union label
1926—Sheet Metal Workers. was adopted in 1937.

Agreement Signed

New Agreement covering 125 employees of Jantzen of Canada with increased pay, statutory holidays and medical coverage has been settled by International Ladies Garment Workers.

ILGWU business agent Anne Marshall said the new contract provides for four more paid statutory holidays bringing total to nine, MSA coverage and three per cent additional on pay rates.

STAYS CLEAR (Cont'd)

council until the two sides had ironed out their troubles.

Warner had been appointed trustee of the local by the international union after it went into receivership some time ago.

Sam Jenkins of Marine Workers said "a union should clean its own skirts before any delegates are seated here.

"If there is a dispute with the international, we should not seat delegates from either side of the squabble."

Trades Council has renewed its membership with the Vancouver Traffic and safety Council for 1956. The council secretary will be official represenative on the safety body.

Petrillo Leaves For ILO Conference

NEW YORK—Pres. James C. Petrillo of the Musicians Union has sailed for Geneva where he will attend sessions of the International Labor Organization and advocate the world-wide adoption of the "Petrillo Plan" by which a percentage of the sales from recordings is placed in a fund to employ jobless musicians.

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It is fitting that this should be the case because of the tremendous contribution the labour force makes to our national well-being. The life-blood of our country is composed of three parts, labour, management and government. Without any one of these the other two cannot truly function and our democratic way of life is imperilled.

Let us take this one day to congratulate and celebrate with labour. Let us take the rest of the year to work intelligently with labour—and those who work so hard on its behalf—that we might ever build a greater British Columbia and a greater Canada.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

LYLE WICKS, Minister

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GREG MESSAGE

Plan Off-Season Jobs

This is the Labor Day message from Milton F. Gregg, Federal Minister of Labor.

This year slightly more than 1,351,600 trade union members will celebrate Labor Day in Canada, almost four times the strength of Labor in 1939.

Paralleling this striking growth in the trade union movement has been the substantial increase in the overall standard of living and general security of all Canadians.

Assessed from any point of view, Canadians as a whole are now enjoying a very high standard of living. Employment is at an all-time peak and there never was a period when more goods and services were being acquired and enjoyed by Canadians.

However, on Labor Day week-end—the last official summer holiday week-end—we Canadians cannot help but be conscious of the fact that winter is again coming. And like the coming of the snow itself, we can anticipate that we will again experience the winter seasonal lull in many economic activities and a consequent reduction in overall employment.

Last winter, with the endorsation and co-operation of the major labor and employer organizations, your Federal Department of Labor and National Employment Service co-operated in a nation-wide program specifically designed to increase employment for those out of work because of seasonal factors.

In varying degrees every town and city where there was an employment office saw an attempt to increase winter job opportunities.

In many centres organized labor played leading roles in these community campaigns.

Enough reports have been received from individual localities where campaigns were undertaken to prove that employment can be maintained at a relatively high level when householders and businessmen undertake during the winter whatever they can schedule, in preference to timing this work for spring and summer — particularly jobs of renovation, decoration, maintenance and general clean-up.

Here is a program in which all of us can assist, for as householders alone, we could greatly increase the demand for goods and services this winter if we decided to have done those jobs around the house which could just as easily be done during the cold months, in preference to putting them off until spring.

I wish to ask for the continued support of organized labor in these efforts to level out employment between seasons.

Your support is essential if seasonal unemployment is to become less and less a factor in the Canadian economy.

JODOIN (Cont'd)

We will continue to seek other necessary advances, such as the improvement of our old age security plan and the introduction of a national industrial pension plan. We will strive for a broadening of social measures generally.

INTERNATIONAL SCOPE

At the same time we must not lose sight of those of our brothers and sisters who live in other countries, most of them on other continents.

We must share that which we enjoy with them, and we can best do this by helping them to build strong and democratic trade unions so that then can better their conditions. This is one of the primary functions of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions with which we are affiliated and to which we should give increasing support.

Thus, the tasks we face as we look forward from Labor Day, 1956, are complex and arduous.

As time goes by we hope that we will be joined by other branches of the democratic labor movement so that together we can make our contribution to a better Canada, and a better world.

INJUNCTIONS (Cont'd)

Orville Braaten of Converters union said "employers get injunctions without any quibble at all but when we recently sought one we had to wait until the employer's lawyer had his say."

Call that "the only way to get this amendment is to make our voices heard at election time" came from George Home. He said labor's request has been turned back by the government for many years.

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