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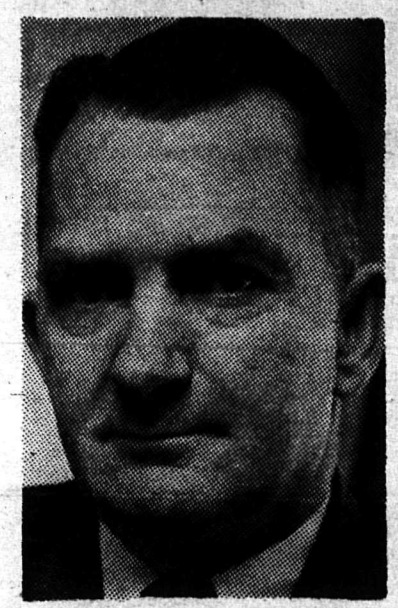

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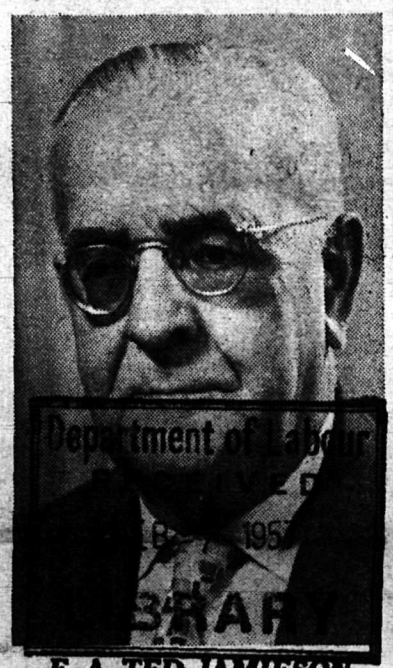

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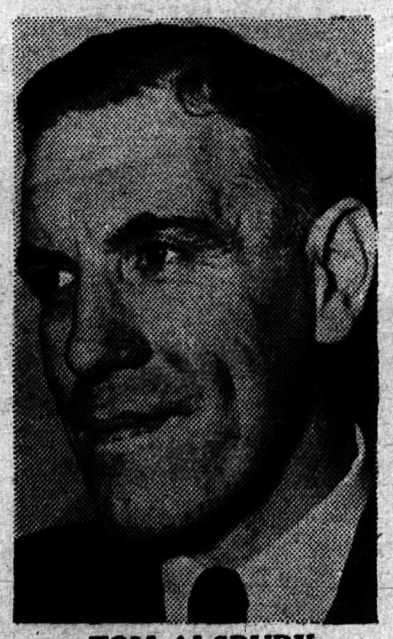

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'Eli[illegible]are Second-Class Citizens'

Provincial go[illegible] policies that are ma[illegible] second-class citizens ou[illegible] of two major groups of workers were sharply criticized in a B.C. Federation of Labour brief presented to Premier Bennett and his cabinet Jan. 15.

The brief demanded full collective bargaining rights for B.C. government employees and an immediate end to a government-inspired "wage freeze" of hospital employees.

Demand for amendment to the Labour Relations Act and the Trade Union Act that would halt indiscriminatory use of injunctions in labor disputes also highlighted the Federation brief.

A delegation headed by Federation president Bill Black and secretary George Home made the submission before the premier and his full cabinet at Victoria.

Black said the committee was given a courteous hearing, but he added that the government gave no commitments on proposals contained in the brief.

Home said the fact the delegation met with the full cabinet was in sharp contrast to a conference held a year ago when less than half the cabinet members were present. (Only member absent this time was Trade Minister Earle Westwood, who is ill.)

Concerning government employees, the brief stated: "The Trade Union Movement is at a loss to understand the reluctance of governments to extend to their own employees the rights established by legislation for employees of private employers."

It went to to point out that workers employed in the public service are entitled to the same rights and protection as workers in private industry.

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Council Calls Probe On Rejected Claims

Special Union Parley To Check Compensation

Emergency conference of unions affiliated to the Vancouver Labour Council will be called probably next week to consider the alarming increase in number of rejected compensation claims.

Delegates at Tuesday's council meeting declared the Workmen's Compensation Board was interpreting regulations "to the legal letter" and many justifiable claims are being thrown out.

The special meeting will consider making strong representations to Labor Minister Wicks and the provincial government before the end of the spring legislature session. Date of the meeting will be announced shortly.

B.C. Federation of Labour officers also will be called into the parley. Unions have been asked to bring reports on recent experiences on claim rejections to the meeting.

The issue came to a head when Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 468 reported its last two claims had been rejected "although members were injured on the job while performing their regular duties."

Paddy Neale, IWA Local 1-217, said his local has had 22 rejected compensation claims since Jan. 2—all for back injuries—because of what the WCB claimed was "lack of proof of an accident."

"Ninety percent of our back injuries are from lifting or pulling," he said. "But the board seems to think that a worker has to fall down or be struck by something before they call it an accident."

George Mitchell, IWA District secretary, said he noticed a marked increase in rejected claims in a recent tour of the province. He said "they seem to be mainly among workers who have difficulty in speaking English.

"The problem is much broader than just Vancouver and should be tackled in cooperation with the B.C. Federation of Labour," he said.

Bill Stewart of Marine Workers cited a recent case where a man was on a staging tightening a bolt by wrench when he suffered a pain in his back. The compensation board rejected the claim, said there was no "proof of an accident."

Drop The Files ... Take Note Of Important Date

Annual spring dance of Office Employees' International, Local 15, will take place Friday, Feb. 22 at the Happyland Ballroom.

Dancing starts at 9 p.m. with door prizes.

Tickets are $1.50 per person and can be obtained from Room 200, Labor Temple.

Council Vote Re-Elects Top Officers

Top officers of Vancouver and District Labour Council were returned to office in annual elections Tuesday.

Lloyd Whalen was renamed president by acclamation and General Secretary E. A. "Ted" Jamieson was re-elected handily over one opponent.

Election results were (votes in brackets):

● President: Lloyd Whalen, IWA Local 1-217 ● First vice-president: Tom Alsbury, Civic Workers (re-elected (136), Bill Symington (49), James Barton (35) ● Second vice-president: Ed Sims, re-elected acclamation ● Third vice-president George Johnston, re-elected (118), Earl Hallock (96) ● Secretary: Ted Jamieson, re-elected (155), Bill Giesbrecht (64).

Committee chairmen—Organization: Wyman Treneer, re-elect acclamation ● Legislative: Jack Henderson, re-elected acclamation ● Public Relations: Alan Coleman (114), Dick Henham (62), George Droneck (44) ● Grievance: Bill Robertson, re-elect acclamation ● Education: Dave Wade, re-elect acclamation ● Credentials: John Brown (138), Percy Deplissey (85).

Next Meeting Cancelled

The Feb. 5 meeting of the Vancouver and District Labour Council has been cancelled.

Next regular meeting will be on Feb. 19. All unions take note.

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ANOTHER LABEL—Sam Jenkins of Marine Workers said a union label will go on a new product—nails produced here by Morrison Steel and Wire. No, it won't be engraved on the head of each nail.

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BRIDGE BANTER — Labor Council executives tactfully stayed clear of the current Premier Bennett—Fisheries Minister Sinclair flap over trans-Canadian highway construction and bridges in B.C. A resolution urged the two governments to get on with the job of building a toll-free bridge at Second Narrows as a part of the T.-C. highways; struck out was the "quit playing petty politics" phrase in the original resolution from Converters Local 433.

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NEVER MISS—The ever-on-the-alert union label people didn't pass up Labor Minister

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Federation Presents Annual Brief To Cabinet

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"We cannot be satisfied by a suggestion that governmental workers should not be classified in common with other workers, or that there is some reason why workers for government cannot be trusted with the same rights as other citizens," the brief added.

It urged Premier Bennett to give immediately to government employees "the full rights and privileges of all legislation now on the Statute Books of British Columbia."

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES

The question of hospital employees' wages was contained in an addendum to the Federation brief.

It warned that the financing of hospitals is not the responsibility of hospital workers, but one that rightfully belongs to the B.C. government.

And it went on: "Working men and women of B.C. are not in favour of employees in general hospitals throughout the province being forced, through government intervention or interference, to subsidize, by the payment of substandard wages, an excellent hospital scheme that is enjoyed by all the people of B.C."

Hospital Employees' Union negotiators have been continually confronted with directives at the bargaining table issued by the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service that warn employers that for budget purposes any fringe benefits negotiated will not be honoured.

It urged immediate easement of government policies concerning hospitals and demanded that "the natural process of collective bargaining, conciliation and arbitration be permitted to prevail.'

Turning to the problems of injunctions, the brief stated that more injunctions in labor disputes have been granted in B.C. than in any other province in Canada.

"We have now arrived at the stage whereby the granting of injunctions is defeating the rights established for workers by the legislation of this province," it charged.

While not opposing the principle of injunctions, the brief also urged that before injunctions are granted, both parties named in the injunction application be called to appear in person before the Minister of Labor or his designated representative.

It also urged that the Trade Union Act be amended to specify that no action can be taken against a trade union for damages or injunctions or other relief arising out of any labor dispute, except with the consent of the Minister of Labor.

Council Issues Combined WDNP List

Vancouver and District Labour Council this month issued the revised "we-do-not-patronize" list.

The new list combines lists of former TLC and CCL councils.

Hotels
Sylvia, 1154 Gilford

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Black Cat Coffee Shop
Mayfair Caterers
Horne's Bakery Lunch Counter (New Westminster)
White Spot Restaurants
Monty's Spare Ribs

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Balmoral Taxi
Broadway Taxi
Forum Cabs Ltd.

Painters
H. V. Tournier (Chilliwack)
T. Mackie
Calgary Painters and Decorators

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50 East Broadway
1588 Kingsway
858 Richards St.
1767 Kingsway
4th and Burrard
1315 Commercial Drive

Photo Engravers
Graphic Industries Ltd.

Window Cleaners
The Shiners
Fourth Ave. Window Cleaners
Mike's Janitor Service

Supper Clubs
Cocoanut Grove
Tara

Bakeries
Home Bakery Ltd. (North Vancouver)
Golub Bakery (Diane and Montreal Breads, formerly Montreal Bakery Ltd.)
Society Cakes Limited
A. and C. Bakery

Sign Painters
Victor David Neon Signs
David Decorators Ltd.
Charles David
David Hall Sign Co. Ltd.

Typewriter Companies
Remington Rand Ltd.
Underwood Elliott Fisher Ltd.

Dry Cleaners
Valetor Cleaners
Spotless Cleaners and Dyers

Retail Stores
Tip Top Tailors Limited (Van. & New Westminster)
Dick's Men's Wear Limited (subsidiary of Tip Top Tailors Ltd.)

Miscellaneous
Canada Dry Ginger Ale
The Geo. H. Hewitt Co. Ltd.
International Musicians' Booking Association.
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BAKERY SALESMEN, Local 189, I. B. T. C. and H.—Business Agent, A. Wylie, 490 E. Broadway, DI. 3411.

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BEVERAGE DISPENSERS' UNION. No. 676—Business Manager, Robt. G. Beddome, 440 W. Pender St.; MA. 3923-4948.

BREWERY WORKERS UNION, Local 300—Secretary, J. Humphreys, 2460 W. 12th, CH. 2514.

BEVERAGE DISPENSERS (New Westminster) Local 835—Business Agent, J. F. Tomson, 70 - 8th St., New Westminster; phone LA. 2-7410.

BOILERMAKERS, IRON SHIPBUILDERS, BLACKSMITHS, DROP FORGERS AND HELPERS, Local 359—Financial Secretary, M. H. Hadley, 111 Dunsmuir; TA. 1047.

BRICKLAYERS & MASONS INTERNATIONAL UNION, Local No. 1—Secretary, T. Hallmark, 4321 Cambridge, North Burnaby; GL. 3068-L.

BUILDING MATERIAL AND FUEL TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, Local 213—Business Agents, A. Medley, L. Janze and E. M. Lawson; Secretary, J. Whiteford, 490 E. Broadway, DI. 3411.

BUILDING SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL, Local 244—Business Agent, Ben A. R. Morley, Room 216, 603 W. Hastings; MA. 9452.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL—Secretary, Ed. Kennedy, 102 Labor Temple, EX. 1210.

CARPENTERS' UNION, No. 452—Business Agent, R. Buchanan; Financial Secretary, P. J. Deplissy, Labor Temple; DI. 2720 or EM. 1212.

CARPENTERS (New Westminster) Local 1251—Business Agent, H. Taft, office 732 Royal Ave., New Westminster; phone LA. 1-0525; residence phone, LA. 2-9037.

CARPENTERS' UNION (Courtenay), No. 1638—John Hansen, Pres.; Robert Hamilton, Sec.; Box 515, Courtenay.

CEMENT MASONS, Local 919, O.P. & C.M.—R. R. Baker, 271 Beta; GL. 0067-R, secretary; Office, Room 101, 119 W. Pender. Dispatcher, TA. 6814.

CIVIC EMPLOYEES' UNION, Local 407—Pres., Sam Lindsay, Room 200, Labor Temple; DI. 3515.

CLUB, CABARET, CONSTRUCTION CAMP CULINARY AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES, Local 740 — Business Agent, G. W. Faulkner, 402 W. Pender; MA. 9828.

DENTAL TECHNICIANS, Local No. 511, I. C. W. U. — Secretary, George Hygh, 4007 Dunbar.

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DISTILLERY WORKERS' UNION, No. 92—Sec., F. Case, 1534 E. 41st

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' UNION, Local 213—Business Manager, A. M. Morrison, 111 Dunsmuir St.; PA. 7381-2.

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ENGINEERS, HOISTING AND PORTABLE, Local 115 — Business Agent, A. W. Scott, 5804 Fraser; FR. 6395.

ENGINEERS, SCHOOL AND CARETAKERS, Local 963 — Sec., George Zaiko, 380 E. 15th Ave.; EM. 6934.

ENGINEERS' UNION (Stationary Operating), Local No. 882—Business Agent Harry Berger, Room 8, 2414 Main; EM. 2429.

FIRE FIGHTERS (Burnaby), Local 323 — Secretary, L. H. Buckley, 4337 Triumph, GL. 3186-R.

FIRE FIGHTERS, Vancouver, Local 18—President, Hector Wright, 4149 Marguerite; CH. 4146. Sec., Frank Bain. 4559 Belmont, AL. 0516-Y.

FLOORLAYERS' UNION, U.B. of C.J., Local No. 1541 — Room 117, Labor Temple. Business Agent, Bruce Robson. 3238 E. 29th; DE. 7297-M.

GLAZIERS AND GLASSWORKERS. Local 1527—Recording Secretary, W. C. Norton, 5850 Cree; FR. 4188.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION (B.C.) — E. P. O'Connor. Gen. Sec.; A. C. Bennett, Asst. Gen. Sec.; 902 Helmcken; TA. 8441-2.

GRAIN WORKERS UNION, Local 333—Recording Secretary, G. H. Frank, 3482 Normandy Drive. DE. 1720-L.

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION No. 180—Business Manager, W. M Black, 116 Labor Temple; EM. 5822.

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES, Local 28—Sec., A. E. Morgan, Room 406, 402 W. Pender.

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INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKERS OF AMERICA, Local 1-217—President, Lloyd Whalen; Secretary, S. M. Hodgson, No. 6, 45 Kingsway. DI. 0274.

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PULP AND SULPHITE WORKERS, Local 312, Ocean Falls, B. C.—Secretary, John Mathieson, Drawer 190, Ocean Falls, B. C.

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Building Trades Open Bargaining

Substantial wage increases, aimed at giving labor men and women on the Lower Mainland a fairer share of industry's mushrooming profits, are being asked by several major trade unions started or about to start negotiations.

Heading the list are more than 8,200 B.C. carpenters, members of **United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners,** who are demanding an increase of 72 to 75 cents an hour. The boost would give them an even $3 hourly wage.

The 75-cent raise is being asked by about 3700 carpenters in the Lower Mainland, who now earn $2.25 an hour. The remaining 4,500, who work in other areas of B.C. and earn $2.28, are seeking 72 cents.

They also seek a seven-hour work day with two coffee breaks; 10-cents employer contribution to a Health and Welfare Plan; full room and board out of town; and paid statutory holidays.

Painters

More than 1,000 city painters, members of Painters' Union, Local 138, are seeking pay boosts ranging from 42 to 92 cents.

In negotiations opened with 124 painting firms in mid-January, the union is asking a basic 42-cent raise for all painters. In addition, differentials up to 65 cents an hour are being asked for skilled and dangerous work.

Business agent Herb Macaulay said the proposed increase would raise brush painters' basic rate to $2.61 and spray painters to $2.71, plus a 40-cent extra differential which would bring their rate to $3.11.

A differential of 25 cents an hour is being asked for painters who work on bridges, towers, tanks and other hazardous locations. The Union also wants to establish a $3.11 hourly rate for men on roller coating work.

Laborers

Four locals of International Hod Carriers' Union in B.C. are seeking wage increases ranging from 43 to 87-cents an hour.

Building Laborers want a flat $2.16 an hour, instead of their current $1.53 to $1.68 range.

Rockworkers, whose pay runs from $1.51 to $2.68, want a new scale of $2.33 to $3.30.

Surface drillers are seeking a boost to $2.79 from their present $1.92.

Heavy construction laborers want a flat hourly rate throughout B.C. of $1.96, instead of the present range of $1.41 to $1.53.

Double pay for all overtime and a health and welfare plan are also included in the Hod Carriers' demands.

Watch The Label On Those Stogies

Union members are urged to take note that employees of Benson and Hedges Tobacco Co. have been on strike since Oct. 1, 1956.

Chief products of the firm are Trump and Cabinet cigars.

And Who's On Stage . . . ?

CHRISTMAS MAY BE OVER but these intent youngsters won't soon forget Sunday, Dec. 23—the day more than 5000 IWA members and their families packed Georgia Auditorium for Local 1-217's eighth annual party. Who are they watching? Santa Claus, of course.

IWA District Convention Biggest Yet

Ever-growing B.C. District, International Woodworkers of America, will host the biggest convention in its history next month.

Topping the agenda will be election of district officers and discussion of many resolutions dealing with demands for this year's contract renewal with coast operators.

The convention runs from Feb. 21 to 26 in Hotel Georgia ballroom. Hundreds of delegates from B.C. and Alberta will be on hand.

The wages and contract conference which will follow shortly after the convention will put final touches on demands. The coast agreement expires June 15.

On contract demands, Vancouver Local 1-217 will present a resolution urging a 30 percent across-the-board increase. New Westminster Local 1-357 is urging the same wage boost.

What's Cooking In Wage Talks?

Printers in city job plants won a 29-cent hourly increase in an agreement reached shortly before their strike deadline earlier this month.

The boost for the ITU members is in two stages: 10 cents retroactive to March 1, 1956, and 19 cents starting next March 1. The contract runs to May 31, 1958, and affects about 130 men in 16 plants.

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On to a conciliation board go contract talks for city club workers. Original demand of Local 740, Club and Cabaret Workers, was a 35-cent hourly increase. Members have turned down an offer of 12½ percent raise over the next two years.

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Tile Setters new agreement brings a 30-cent pay hike in two stages—15 cents retroactive to Aug. 11, 1956, and another 15 cents to be added in July.

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Office Employees International Local 15 has won a base rate of $250 a month for office workers of Continental Can Co, in its first contract signed with the company this month

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A 30-cent hourly boost goes to employees of Morrison Steel and Wire Co. members of Marine Workers and Boilermakers Local 1.

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Pay increoses retroactive to April 1, 1956, have been won for employees of B. F. Goodrich Company.

Bud Hodgins, of Retail, Wholesale and Department store Union Local 535 said the contract running to April 1, 1958, includes a full union shop and a welfare plan fully paid by the employer.

Servicemen won a 10-cent hourly boost and journeymen 11 cents, both retroactive to April 1, 1956. Both will receive an additional five per cent increase April 1 this year.

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Oil workers are asking a 12½ per cent wage boost and other contract improvements in their new agreement with oil firms.

Also sought is boost in shift differential to 15 and 20 cents an hour, double time for all overtime, and time and one half premium pay for Sunday work.

Labor Men Elected

PRINCE GEORGE — Campaign by the Prince George and District Labour Council has successfully elected two labor men on civic bodies.

Elected to City Council was Howard Webb, secretary-treasurer of Local 1-424, International Woodworkers. For the School Board, Labor candidate A. W. Wilson, business representative of Local 1198 Carpenters, won by acclamation.

Sun News Guild Votes For ANG

Members of Vancouver Newspaper Guild, Local 1, a federally chartered local of the Canadian Labour Congress, have voted 238 to 99 in favor of affiliation with the American Newspaper Guild (AFL-CIO, CLC).

The Local is bargaining agent for non-mechanical employees of The Vancouver Sun and was organized over a decade ago to become the first union of its kind in Canada.

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DO IT NOW

This is the time of year when we're all inclined to fall into a mental trap.

Because it's winter, we say, it naturally follows that we're going to have heavy unemployment.

But it doesn't "naturally follow" at all, and it's high time we stopped using this muddled logic.

Federal, provincial and municipal governments, the trade union movement, service organizations and industry must face the facts—something **can** be done to help ease winter unemployment.

The solution is to save inside work for the winter months, instead of pushing it ahead during the rush summer period.

Industry must realize the importance of planning construction work on this basis. Home owners should have their remodelling, repairs and maintenance work done during the slack winter months.

The "Do It Now" campaign, a Canada-wide effort to reduce winter unemployment and backed by the federal government and organized labor, is a step in the right direction.

But to be truly effective it requires the cooperation of everyone.

The loss in wages through winter unemployment amounts to millions of dollars annually.

This loss is reflected in less money spent on food and clothes and other necessities of every-day life, all of which has an adverse effect on our economy

It's time for a change in the outmoded thinking that we must accept heavy unemployment in winter months.

It's time for all of us to get behind the "Do It Now" campaign.

TRADE UNION FOIBLES

401.

"Is this the eminent union labor leader you were so anxious to listen to?"

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"My husband belongs to a union, too. Does that entitle us to a discount?"

LABOR STATESMAN DATELINES AROUND THE WORLD ACROSS THE NATION

Marriage for Ben?

HARTFORD, Con.—A workman exposed to radioactive cobalt has sued the Connecticut Light & Power Co. for $200,000 contending his marriage possibilities have been impaired.

Benjamin Zawacki, 37, an electrician and bachelor was working on a company project a year ago when a cylinder of cobalt disappeared.

A geiger counter check located the cylinder in Zawacki's automobile. He said he found the cylinder attached to the length of string he was using in his work. not knowing what it was he cut it off and put it in his pocket.

In his damage action, Zawacki claims, "exposure . . . will have a permanent, harmful genetic effect."

Contracts Increasing

OTTAWA—A Labor Department study shows that nearly 40 percent of all Canadian non-agricultural workers are covered by collective agreements.

Latest data shows a total of 1,561,792 wage earners were covered by agreements during 1955, three percent more than the '54 total of 1,515,010.

Rebel Girl

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The dignity of the working girl has been upheld by the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Review Board.

The board ruled that a girl can still collect jobless benefits when she rises in righteous indignation, cracks her boss over the head and walks out after he calls her a "thick-headed bookkeeper."

Fair Employment

OTTAWA—A concise report on the operation of the Canada Fair Employment Practices Act is contained in an eight-page booklet just published by the Department of Labor.

The pamphlet includes five actual case histories showing how complaints are registered and settled under the act.

More Hungarians

OTTAWA—Immigration Minister Pickersgill said Canada plans to have 24,000 Hungarian refugees by the end of the spring. He said there are 8,500 in Canada now, that there will be 14,000 by the end of February and that 10,000 now in British, French and Dutch camps will be brought when employment opportunities open up in the spring.

VICTORIA—Hospital Employees' Union Local 180 has applied for certification to bargain for employees of the Royal Jubilee Hospital here.

Employees are now represented by an association without labor affiliation.

Varsity Grants Urged

B.C. Federation of Labour and Vancouver and District Labour Council combined this month to boost the campaign for higher provincial government grants for U.B.C.

Both groups spear-headed circulation of petitions among union members urging increased grants in supporting the University Ama Mater Society.

The society pointed out that UBC has been granted $1,000,000 a year over the next 10 years by the provincial government but said "the astounding rate of growth in UBC's enrolment has shown that such a grant is not large enough, and that it is spread over too long a period of time.

Immediate campaign goal is to get an increase in the grant to $15,000,000.

Facts: UBC has space for enrolment of 7,600 by making use of over 300 frame buildings that were former army barracks. The university can house only one-third of out-of-town students, even using old army barracks.

To add to the already acute situation, enrolment will double to over 15,000 students in the next 10 years.

Says the society: "The implications are simple but frightening. Unless more academic buildings and more residences are built very quickly, in a very few years UBC will have to restrict entrance to its facilities.

"Unless more money reaches the university faster, students will have to go to the U.S. or eastern Canada for their higher education."

In urging support of the petition campaign, Federation secretary George Home said the recent merger convention was concerned about shortage of facilities at UBC for teaching of workers' children.

HEADLINER (Cont'd from page 1)

Lyle Wicks on his first visit to a labour council meeting this month. On his way out, the minister was stopped while label snoopers checked his coat. He passed the test—it carried a union label.

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NEWSIEST — Union member most in the news this month, was Rosalie Charko, nurses' aid at Vancouver General hospital, and card holder with VGH unit of Hospital Employees' Union. Miss Charko is the young lady who offered to marry Christian Hanna, the man-without-a-country whose fight to gain entry to Canada has headlined papers for weeks.

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AND UP—It's going to cost you more to eat breakfast, give the kids a treat, drive your car and heat your home with price increases announced this month. On the jump are suger, jam, candy, fuel oil and gas prices.

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MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME —delegates obligated and seated at the mid-month council meeting included: R. S. Johnson, Carpenters 452; Ian Myles, Milk salesmen 464; Sandy Naylor and Leo Stadnyk, IWA 1-357; S. M. Hodgson and C. L. Austin, IWA Local 1-217; Frank McLaughlin, Tunnel and Rock Workers 168; J. M. Douglas and J. Deschenes, Laborers 602.

CITY UNIONS REPORT . . .

On Trades, Brief, and Liquor

Mid-month employment report of Vancouver and District Metal Trades Council showed:

Sheetmetal Workers: all members working; Engineers, reasonably busy; Electricians, trade good; Painters, about 10 percent unemployed; Molders, trade fair; Machinists, work good.

Ironworkers shopmen, trade very good; Shipwrights, trade fair, some unemployment; Plumbers, work good.

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Here are some of the major points in labor's stand, as outlined in the Federation brief to Premier Bennett and his cabinet:

- Opening of the Labour Relations Act for ammendments.
- Amendment of the Hours of Work Act to provide for a forty-hour work week.
- A Minimum Wage Act setting forth a minimum wage of $1.25 an hour.
- Amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act to provide for 100 percent payment of total earnings to the victims of industry, $100 a months widow's allowance, full coverage for all industrial diseases and an increase in age of dependents to 18.
- Major revision of the Hospital Insurance Act, including the bringing of all chronic cases within the scope of the Act.
- Provincial government legislation to provide for a comprehensive health insurance scheme in B.C.
- Legislation for a government-operated and owned plan of automobile insurance.

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Check system on private institutions offering vocational courses has been requested by the Vancouver Labour Council.

Provincial government has been asked to set up a system of inspection of instruction, courses offered and the accuracy of advertising statements.

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Distillery Workers, Local 92, representing employees in Vancouver and New Westminster plants of Seagram's have won pay increases as high as 34-cents an hour in a three-year contract.

Union official Bill Shearer said male employees will get increases totalling 24 cents in three 8-cent annual jumps respectively to Sept. 1, 1956. Present base rate is $1.61.

Female employees will get 34 cents over the three-year period. Their present basic rate is $1.21.

Agreement also includes employer-paid pension and welfare plans, sickness indemnity, and death benefits.

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Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 16-601 have elected C. L. Barber as president.

Other officers include R. G. Burns, financial secretary, and N. B. Malloy, recording secretary.

Dear Editor

Editor:

Painters' Union, Local 138, reports that the Provincial Public Works Department has let a contract to paint the interior of the Chilliwack Court House to a painting contractor on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Vancouver Labour Council.

Painters' Union, Local 138, feels that this is the ultimate in contempt for its organization.

Herb Macaulay,
Business Agent, Local 138.

DESPITE MARTIN'S SPEECHES

All Not Well With Hospitals

By BILL BLACK

The Minister of Health and Welfare, in preparation for the forthcoming Legislature session—and as a softening-up process for what is to come—has been shaking the dust from some of his old speeches.

Only now he is beginning to contradict himself.

In recent press releases, the cost of hospitalization in B.C. had reached the financial limit. In still later releases, the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service was never so healthy.

He then proceeds to harp on wages going up by 150 percent and the $16,000,000 additional cost since the BCHIS went into operation.

He evidently believes that if you tell something often enough, and long enough, the masses will begin to believe it.

The story not told to the public is that Mr. Martin and the BCHIS have throttled and attempted to beat into submission all hospital boards in the province.

Hospital boars have no autonomy. They are merely the unpaid watch dogs, administering the hospitals through instructions and directives.

They haven't the right to increase wages. They haven't the right to increase staff. Their budgets are meticulously prepared. Upon reaching Victoria, they are slashed and cut without consultation or "if you please" to meet the financial policies as laid down by the government.

In the construction of new hospitals, before any agreement can be reached between the board of trustees and the community, they have to give an undertaking to the BCHIS that their budget as presented will not change. They are frozen to their estimate.

Construction of new hospitals is thus hindered.

There is a sense of dissatisfaction and unrest permeating hospital boards and the employees—a sense of frustration at the state control exercised by the government never before experienced in hospitals in British Columbia.

Mr. Martin is going to inaugurate and bring within the orbit of the BCHIS, chronic hospitals, on the basis of $1 per day. The trade union movement, of which the hospital worker is a part, and the general public are in favor of coverage for chronic patients. But, Mr. Martin still has not resolved the problems confronting the acute general hospitals.

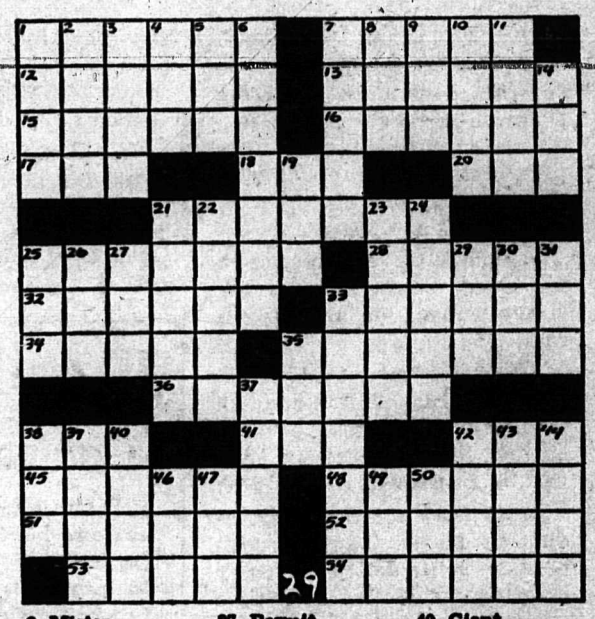
One would assume on reading his statements that the economy of B.C. did not warrant good hospital care, or that the necessary finances were not forthcoming. Mr. Martin and the government are collecting from the general public the dollars necessary to pay for adequate hospitalization, including trade union rates of wages.

From every round of wage increases obtained by the rest of the working force in B.C., a percentage ends up in government coffers through sales tax.

If Mr. Martin and his government were treated in the same fashion in their contract obligations with Ottawa, or any place else, there would be a gnashing of teeth.

All is not well with hospitals and we intend to combat propaganda to the contrary.

Statesman X-Words



Across

1. 7: These keep going higher
12. — Twist
13. Labor organizations
15. Favor
16. Ridges
17. Alphabet letter
18. Electrical unit (abbr.)
20. Records
21. Tries again
25. Finis
28. Files
32. Parer
33. Move aside
34. Food item (dial.)
35. Jackets
36. Signs
38. Stir
41. Mature
42. Region, World War II
45. Up further
48. Brought in
51. Reach
52. Show
53. Tete-a— (pl.)
54. Biblical commands

Down

1. Canter
2. Sicknesses
3. Contends
4. Girl's name
5. Not elsewhere specified
6. Bigger
7. Points
8. Canadian province (abbr.)
9. Mister
10. Work
11. Easy chore
14. His (fr. pl.)
19. Sea (Fr.)
21. Parts
22. Each one
23. Sing
24. Keeps
25. Suited
26. Meadow
27. Permit
29. Indian unit of weight
30. Golf instructor
31. Ways (abbr.)
33. Writes haphazardly
35. Barrel
37. Customs
38. Sol
39. Soil
40. Giant
42. Girl's name
43. Describing engineering school (abbr.)
44. Poems
46. Home-run
47. Night before
49. — Maria
50. Nothing

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"Yeah, I seen it," said the tramp.

"Such grammar," said the woman, "You should say you saw it."

"Lady," grinned the tramp, "you saw me see it, but you ain't seen me saw it."

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The horse ambled along for a short distance and then stopped. This procedure was repeated several times. A curious by-stander approached the farmer and asked kindly, "Is your horse sick?"

"Nope," answered the farmer, "he's so afraid I'll say 'whoa' and he won't hear me, that he stops every once in a while to listen."

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Judge, after charging jury: "Is there any question you would like to ask before considering the evidence?"

Juror: "A couple of us would like to know if the defendant boiled the malt one or two hours and how did he keep the yeast out?"

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Labor Theme For Centennial

By JOSEPHINE HALLOCK

Slogan for the centennial celebration is: "1858 to 1958—a century to celebrate." And labor intends to celebrate!

Labor has played a big role in the building of B.C. and we want to keep that fact before the public. We intend to see that the centennial celebrations have a union label touch.

We hope to set up a committee to work with the Union Label Council shortly to plan for a bang-up 1958 show. There'll be notice of a meeting going out in February and unions are asked to watch for it—and attend.

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More and more unions are affiliating with the label council BUT THERE ARE STILL MANY WHO ARE NOT. We urge you to join in, we need the help of every union.

Latest unions to join are Fur and Leather locals 510, 505, 515 *and* 197 *of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters; B.C. Government Employeers Association; IWA Local* 1-357 *New Westminster; and Grainworkers Local of International Brewery Workers. A big welcome!*

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Welcome aboard also to new label council delegates: F. Harwood of Taxidrivers; H. Cain, Stationary Engineers; Dan McBride and C. J. Abrams, IWA Local 1-357; Bill Bell, Photo Engravers; James Sullivan, New Westminster Provincial Government Employees; H. Emerson, SRU and D. Kermode, SRU; C. Katzensteiner, Hotel and Restaurant Local 28.

Missed in listing of new officers last month: Sgt. at arms, W. O'Connor, and recording secretary Bernadette Gouthro.

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We'd like to pass on best wishes to Ed "Mr. Union Label" Smith and his wife. Mrs. Smith is recovering in hospital at the moment and Ed would deeply appreciate it if you'd drop around for a chat. He's still at 1427 East Thirty-third, rear entrance.

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There are some more "firsts" in the union label world this month.

A union label baby, or closest you can get to it—an unidentified mother gave birth in the Detroit Masonic Temple while Carpenters' President Maurice Hutcheson was addressing a diamond jubilee dinner.

In Illinois, Machinists say there'll be a union label with your haircut shortly. The IAM label will be on clippers, sheers vibrators made by the Wahl Clipper Corp.

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CLC PINPOINTS MAJOR PROBLEMS

Action Demanded On Housing, Health Insurance . . . PM Is Cool

Demands for national health insurance and an improved federal government housing program highlighted a Canadian Labour Congress brief presented to Prime Minister St. Laurent and members of his Cabinet at Ottawa Jan. 23.

Emphasis was also placed on the need for a national advisory commission on automation.

The brief, submitted on behalf of 1,050,000 Canadian trade union members, predicted that housing starts in 1957 will be 25 percent below 1956.

It pointed out that this reduction means that the residential construction industry is being dismantled at a time when there is still "a serious shortage of decent, low-cost housing."

The brief added: "The Congress believes that this is a short-sighted policy. We belive that, whatever the necessity for general anti-inflationary measures, the production of low-cost and moderate-cost housing should be an exception, not only for broad reasons of social policy but also for long-range economic reasons."

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Representations made in the brief were based on policies adopted by the 1,600 delegates who atended the founding convention of the CLC in Toronto last April.

President Claude Jodoin, Executive Vice-president Gordon Cushing and Secretary-Treasurer Donald MacDonald led the delegation presenting the brief.

On the question of health insurance, the Congress brief said there is no longer any reason for delay in the adoption of a comprehensive national health insurance plan.

"Such a program should be initiated immediately on a nation-wide basis either by the federal government or jointly ly in co-operation with the provinces as a complete health insurance plan," the brief urged.

The plan should include "preventive, diagnostic, curative and rehabilitative services rendered by physicians, surgeons, dentists and other specialists, hospitals and health agencies."

The Congress said the government's move in offering to pay a share of the costs of hospital care and diagnostic services, if six provinces representing a majority of the population agree, is worthy of commendation.

However, the Congress said it does not accept the position that comprehensive nation-wide health insurance cannot be implemented immediately, and it added that the enthusiastic view taken by the Gordon Commission on Canada's economic prospects reinforced the position that there is no longer need for delay.

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Dealing with automation, the brief referred to the recent CPR strike and warned:

"We are beginning to feel the effects of technical changes in Canada. The closing down of a major railway operation in this country has come as a direct result of such changes. It is to be expected that more problems of this sort will appear as the process of technical change continues."

It went on to say that loss of employment opportunities as the result of technical changes has become a matter of great concern to the Canadian labor movement, and it urged the immediate establishment of a national advisory commission on technical changes and automation.

"Such a body would enable the government to obtain advice and assistance from those concerned in an effort to meet the changes without dislocation and unemployment," the brief added.

A considerable section of the 9,300-word document was devoted to Canada's economic outlook. While the present situation was described as "highly satisfactory," it was suggested that some aspects—particularly prices — should be watched closely.

While increases in the cost-of-living index had been small they had been steady, the brief stated. From May 1 to Oct. 1 average weekly salaries and wages in straight money terms rose 3.3 percent but price increases cut the real increase to just over one-half of one percent.

The brief also urged a more comprehensive immigration plan, and a closer working arrangement between the federal and the provincial governments

At the international level, the federal government was urged to use its increasing influence toward utilization of the United Nations in the settlement of all international disputes, free decision by all peoples as to their own form of government, and an increasing standard of living for all peoples

. . . And This Was Cabinet Reply

Prime Minister St. Laurent and his Cabinet proved surprisingly unresponsive to proposals contained in the CLC brief.

Replying to the Congress submission, the PM gave an amiable cold shoulder to some suggestions, discussed others without commitment and omitted reference to most.

He refused comment on Congress' suggestion that immediate action be taken on a national health plan.

He disagreed with Congress that federal "tight money policies are resulting in the dismantling of Canada's residential construction industry.

He also thought it unnecessary to call a federal-provincial conference as proposed by Congress.

House Construction Falling

The CLC predicted that some 35,000 workers employed in housing construction will be laid off by the end of February with little prospect for re-employment in the spring.

The Congress brief estimated that National Housing Act mortgages for 1956-57 will be 50 percent below the 1955-56 level.

It blamed the government's "tight money" policy and the piling up of a large budget surplus as the major factors in "a serious housing situation."

The brief added: Each new dwelling takes about $1,500 to furnish, so that a drop of 30,000 in housing completions would mean a cut of about $45,000,000 in the market for consumer durables."

To counteract the deteriorating housing picture the brief proposed:

- Substantial reduction in down payments and interest rates under NHA.
- Requests to municipalities to use the NHA subsidized low-rental housing provisions.
- Vigorous slum clearance.
- Full support to co-operative housing.

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COMMITTEE SEEKS EXPERT OPINION ON NORTH SHORE FLASH FLOODING

Vancouver Labour Council's legislative committee will interview "people competent to give advice" before making any recommendation on the flash flood problem on the North Shore.

Chairman Jack Henderson told delegates "this is a subject on which expert opinion should be obtained before making a full report."

The committee had been asked to investigate the flash flood problem by a resolution to council which said the North and West Vancouver situation was "becoming increasingly worse with no adequate steps or measures being taken by either municipal council to cope with it."

Vocational School Badly Overcrowded

Increased grants to ensure that vocational education programs will meet today's demands has been urged by Vancouver Labour Council.

The council has requested Labor Minister Wicks to ask the federal government for "adequate grants" towards both capital and operating expenditures.

A report from the council's legislation committee said financial assistance is urgent.

The Vancouver Vocational Institute is overflowing and an addition must be built to provide more accommodation and to extend the training program especially in the field of technicians, the report said.

Chairman Jack Henderson said "records show that the needs and demands for vocational education have paralleled the phenomenal industrial development of our nation during the past 10 years.

CONTINUED GROWTH

"There is every evidence that this development will continue for some time," he said. "It is therefore essential that vocational education programs be provided on a scale commensurate with this growth.

"The importance of the Vancouver Vocational School to labor cannot be overlooked. It operates classes that tradesmen can attend to learn new techniques, and it is common knowledge that techniques are appearing in every trade."

DOUBLE SHIFTS

The Vancouver school is used day and night and two shifts are used for some of the night classes.

Agreement between the provincial and federal governments on assistance for vocational schools expired on March 31, 1955, and there is no assurance of continued support. No capital grants have been made since then and operation grants have not been increased.

Council also urges a new 10-year agreement to permit proper planning.

Residence Qualification Gets Study

A special city council committee is studying the Vancouver Labour Council's proposal to eliminate property qualifications for civic election candidates.

The council has urged the property clauses be replaced with a five-year residence requirement.

Copies of the council brief have been sent to various organizations, urging support. Both the Board of Trade and the Junior Chamber of Commerce advise they are studying the proposal.

Full Pay Urged For Fire Duty

Provincial government will be urged to provide that when workers are compelled to fight forest fires they do not suffer any loss of income.

Delegates to the mid-month council meeting backed Art. O'Keefe of Electrical Workers Local 213, who declared that when employees are pressed into fire fighting by the B.C. Forest Service, they should receive their normal pay for time spent on fire service.

Green Appointed

Edward Green has been reappointed Vancouver Labour Council representative on the board of directors of the Vancouver Boys' Club Association.

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Education Program Proposes Varsity Scholarship Plan

Vancouver Labour Council may sponsor university scholarships for high school students as part of a newly proposed education program.

The program outlined by education committee chairman Dave Wade also aims to boost the education drive at the local union level.

Endorsed in principle were these ideas:

- Sponsoring of university scholarships.
- Setting up central system for distribution of education films and equipment to local unions.
- Providing short courses on effective union speaking, local union education leadership and a seminar on unemployment insurance problems.

Brother Wade said scholarship awards by labor is "something long overdue."

The policy would give the council good publicity, he said. But beyond that, it would promote study of labor problems and labor history by many students vying for the scholarships.

The proposal is based on a program used for the past 11 years by the Oregon State Federation of Labor, he said. Scholarships would be awarded to the students who win an examination on labor topics.

"The students who received the scholarships would be going to university under the auspices of organized labor. This would be good public relations," he said.

The effective union speaking short course outlined by the committee would teach delegates and local union members "to be able to get their point across when speaking at union meetings." It might include a study of rules of order and chairmanship, but it not intended to be a public-speaking course.

The unemployment insurance seminar would have speakers from Unemployment Insurance Commission and CLC.

DAVE WADE

. . . new program

Council Wants Check On Job Agencies

Investigation by the Provincial Government of so-called "employment agencies" which charge fees for securing jobs has been demanded by Vancouver Labour Council.

Delegates adopted a resolution calling on the government to take action to enforce the Employment Agencies' Act.

Council's legislation committee pointed out that Section 8 of the Act states: ". . . no persons keeping or operating an employment agency shall receive, directly or indirectly, any fee or compensation from any person seeking employment or information regarding employers seeking workers, or for giving or procuring employment for such persons, or for providing such person with information regarding employers seeking workers."

All unions have been urged to report any infractions of the Act to the council.

WASHINGTON—It cost $102 million in overtime pay alone to keep the factories of America going during the first six months of 1956.

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell said American factory workers earned an average of $7.75 per week for overtime work during the period.

Prices Going One Way — Up

Consumer price index in Canada edged one-tenth of a point upward during November, the last reported month

..The index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, stood at 120.4 at the end of November.

Slight increases were recorded in shelter, clothing and household operation, while food costs dropped during November.

Union Cards Hung In More Barber Shops

Barbers' Union organization drive is continuing with more shops signed up in recent weeks.

Watch for new union signs now in these premises:

VANCOUVER — Alf. Derbyshire, 436 Richards; Joseph Carvetta, 44 East Hastings; R. Munkeskov, 3558 Fraser; Joseph Valach, 2625 Commercial; William Dell, 3179 Kingsway.

SURREY — George Nesbitt, 7332 King George Highway.

MAILLARDVILLE—A. Grimard, 22 Brunette.

NEW WESTMINSTER—Jack Richardson, 13 Sixth Street.

WHITE ROCK—A. Hawkes.

HOPE—Norman Taylor, Commercial Hotel.

ASHCROFT — Kenneth Ducklow.

TRAIL—F. Edmunds.

FERNIE — Ben Smith, and Roger D'Amico.

Burnaby Firemen Win Wage Boosts

BURNABY — Burnaby Firefighters' Union have won salary boosts ranging from $10 to $29 a month in their 1957 contract.

The increases range from 3 to 8.5 percent for various ranks, excepting probationary firemen.

First-year firemen get a $10 increase, senior men get $29 and senior fire captains $24.

Braille Texts Needed Here

Brush Workers' Federal Union drive to have Braille text books on the shelves of the Vancouver Public Library will get full support from Vancouver Labour Council.

Local 564 said it is understood that the library might obtain Braille books for the blind if outside organizations made requests.

The union said that some of its members are blind and the present method of obtaining texts from Toronto by mail is inadequate, taking up to two months.

School Problems On CBC Talks

A series of six weekly broadcasts dealing with education in British Columbia will be carried by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's regional network, beginning Jan. 31.

Arranged in conjunction with the B.C. Teachers' Federation, the broadcasts are designed to lead up to "Education Week," which begins March 4.

Vancouver Labour Council representative, Al Coleman, Barbers' Union, urged union members to listen to the series, and added, "our teachers know from experience the problems in modern-day education and they are passing on to us the benefit of that experience."

Here is the schedule of the broadcasts:

Jan. 31—Dr. H. L. Campbell, "Problems in Education in B.C. Today."

Feb. 7—Dr. J. F. K. English, "The Curriculum Under Continuous Study."

Feb. 14—Miss Jean Bailey, "How Our Schools Teach Reading.'

Feb. 21—J. Inkster, "Our Counselling and Guidance Program."

Feb. 28—Inspector C. Taylor, "Individual Differences in Theory and Practice."

March 7—Dean N. V. Scarfe, "The Teacher Education Program."

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