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### AREA CONVENTION:

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Canadian Area is drawing near. Locals are nominating delegates this month and drawing up resolutions to set the policy to govern the activities of the Area for the next year.

This year, for the first time, a negotiations conference is called (caucus) for the purpose of co-ordinating and unifying the Locals of the Canadian I.L.W.U. in common program for the next negotiations. A pre-caucus committee comprising the presidents of each of the Local Unions has been called to organize a founding caucus. Resolutions sent to the Area convention regarding negotiations and contracts will be referred to the caucus for action, subject to approval by the Local memberships.

Indications point to a healthy debate and discussions on convention and caucus deliberations. They will help our Union work out a program in the interests of all our membership.

Such a program will unite our membership as one, and guarantee future security and conditions and maintain a standard of living befitting the members of our trade.

Any member who feels he can contribute to such a program should forward resolutions to his Local for adoption, and in turn, to the Area convention. Resolutions should be in the hands of the pre-convention committee one week prior to the convention and caucus, which starts on February 15th, 1962.

### UNEMPLOYED:

The Unemployed Council, organized under the sponsorship of the B.C. Federation of Labour and the Vancouver Labour Council, recently launched an appeal to the labour movement for financial assistance to help the unemployed workers organize a "march" on Victoria to bring their grievances to the attention of the provincial government and present their demands.

Longshoremen responded generously to the call with over \$1,000 in donations from Locals 501, 502 and 507 and a pledge to help the worker who is down-and-out.

Unemployment need not exist when Canada can provide so much for a world so much in need. Our Union is on record for:-

- 1). expanded trade with all nations, and provisions for long-term credit buying;
- 2). increased Federal grants to create jobs - building schools, hospitals, roads and recreational facilities, and other work designed to advance the welfare of the Canadian people;
- 3). the Federal government to build a Canadian Merchant Marine, manned by Canadian workers, to carry Canadian goods to world markets.

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Many others could be added, but until some of these programs are started, the problem of unemployment is with us and continues to become more permanent with mechanization in industry adding to it, and thousands of youths who come on the labour market each year.

Unemployment is a national burden. Only the creation of new jobs will alleviate it. The creation of new jobs is as important to the employed worker as the unemployed, because, employed workers' security begins to wain when thousands of hungry unemployed are searching for work.

PENSIONERS MEETING:

The President, Jack Paterson of the Vancouver-New Westminster I.L.W.U. Pensioners Club has notified the Area office that the Annual meeting of the Pensioners Club will take place February 1st, at 2 p.m., at 138 East Cordova Street, Vancouver, B.C. This is an important meeting, as the nominations and election of officers for the coming year will take place. Brother Paterson has informed us that there is some 180 members of the club now. They hold regular monthly meetings and claim to be one of the most active clubs of pensioners in B.C.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING:

The next meeting of the International Executive Board has been called for February 21st, 1962, at 138 E. Cordova Street at the Area Board Room in Vancouver.

Many thanks must be extended to Brother Dunphy our International Board member for suggesting that this one be held in Vancouver. Also to the International Officers for timing it to coincide with our convention and caucus.

We will have the opportunity of meeting the International Officers and the Board members from the Coast, Alaska and the Hawaiian Locals.

The International Officers will be present for our convention, and we are sure they will contribute much to the success of our meeting.

LABOUR UNITY PAYS OFF

Prince Rupert Longshoremen and Pulp & Sulphite Workers compelled the Columbia Cellulose Company to maintain jurisdiction of the I.L.W.U. in loading pulp barges at Watson Island in Prince Rupert.

In the past, the Company hired Local 505, I.L.W.U. men to load both barges and ships at Watson Island. Recently, the Company began using members of Local 708, Pulp & Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers to load barges. Pulp Local protests were ignored by the Company, as were the demands of I.L.W.U. members.

However, when 50 I.L.W.U. men picketed the mill, and Pulp Union members refused to cross picket lines, the Company came to terms.

Local 505 members are now back loading the barges and agreements have been arranged between the two unions on definition of work and jurisdictional lines. With this type of unity, no further "beeefs" with the Cellulose Company are anticipated.

B.C. FED. - CALLS WAGE CONFERENCE

With over 100 Unions in B.C. going into contract negotiations this year, representing over half of the organized labour movement, the B.C. Federation, by convention decision, is calling a wage conference to co-ordinate and unify the Unions and to set up mutual assistance for each other.

The conference is called for the end of the first week in February, and each Local Union is entitled to two representatives.