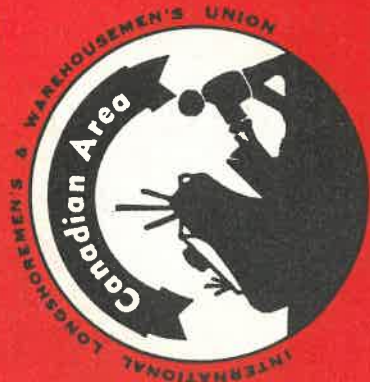


# SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE



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## Phoney Emergency Used For Strike Breaking

By **DON GARCIA**, President,  
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On August 31 and September 1 an emergency session of the House of Commons and the Senate passed the West Coast Ports Operation Act. It ordered the union to call off our strike for a new agreement; it furthermore stipulated that we cannot resume our strike, even if the employers refuse to bargain in good faith, before Dec. 31, 1972.

The reason given for this extra ordinary action was that Canada faced a national emergency, that grain shipments were being held up by the strike, that Canada was losing markets. The demand for the special legislation came from the grain interests on the prairies, the provincial premiers of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and from reactionary employers who have always advocated anti-labor and anti-strike legislation.

All four political parties supported the legislation. It was rushed through the Commons in six hours and through the Senate in 50 minutes.

We obeyed the law. We called off our strike. But we did so with resentment and bitterness. Why?

### NO EMERGENCY

First of all because all the talk about a national emergency was a phony. Now, a month and a half later, grain is still moving through our ports slowly. Longshoremen are only working part

time and members of the Grain Handlers Union are being threatened with lay offs. And the main reason for this is that the CPR and the CNR refuse to supply the necessary box cars to deliver the grain to the coast. There is also the factor that grain storage and cleaning facilities are inadequate.

### BOX CAR SHORTAGE

Had the government and the grain interests been sincere, they would have passed emergency legislation ordering the CPR and CNR to make box cars available to haul the grain, and they would have ordered the elevator companies to immediately build adequate storage and cleaning facilities. But instead the government allowed itself to be stampeded by the grain interests into taking anti-labor legislation in the hope that this action would win votes for it in the Oct. 30 federal election. All the political parties jumped on this bandwagon. Our union and the Grain Handlers Union became the scapegoat in a despicable political ploy.

### STRIKE BREAKING

Secondly, we opposed the legislation because it took away our strongest weapon in our negotiations. If we can't strike, the employers don't have to bargain in good faith.

If we do not have a new collective agreement by the end of the year, we want the right to use the strike weapon if and when necessary.

### ILWU PROPOSALS

In the meantime we propose:

1. There must be no renewal of the West Coast Ports Operation Act after the end of the year.
2. The movement of grain must be placed under the control of the federal government and not left to the mercy of the railways and the elevator companies.
3. Ottawa must act to see that adequate grain storage and cleaning facilities are provided in the shortest possible time.

We are not to blame for the slowness in the movement of grain. As a matter of fact we informed the federal government that we were quite prepared to move the grain, even when we were on strike, provided certain conditions were met so that our men would not come out losers. Ottawa declined to accept them.

We will have this trouble over the slowness of grain delivery over and over again unless steps such as we have advocated are taken.

We appeal to all who have the best interests of our farmers and the country as a whole at heart to join us in demanding these changes.



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# OUR UNION'S STAND IN

# the FEDERAL ELECTION

Our union has traditionally taken the position that in election campaigns we will not endorse any political party or candidate or make financial contributions to them.

But that doesn't mean that we are neutral or that we're just going to sit it out and wait for the dust of political battle to clear. Quite to the contrary. We intend to participate actively in this election, but in a non-partisan way.

We are putting forward our own list of priorities as to what the issues are and what should be done to make Canada a better place to live for all its citizens.

We will take these issues to the public by every means at our disposal — leaflets, ads in the press, questions to candidates and through our union paper "Waterfront News".

We will argue for our program and win all the support we can for it.

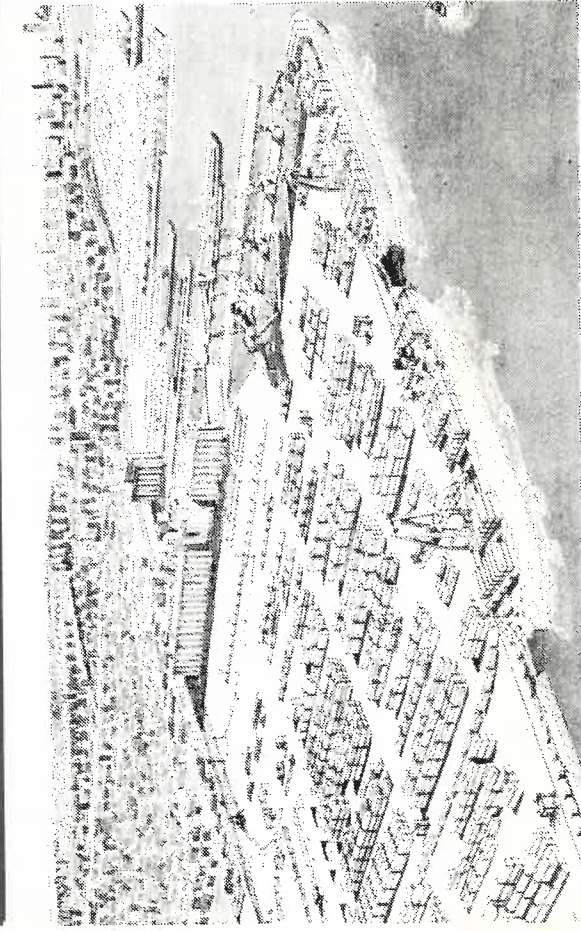
We are asking each party and each candidate to say where they stand on these issues.

And finally we ask our members and all who agree with our

program to examine the platform of each party and candidate critically, to see if they support our proposals, to see if their actions coincide with their words, and then to vote for the candidate who supports our proposals.

The main issues as we see them are:

- No extension to the anti-strike West Coast Ports Operation Act
- Place the movement of grain under public control
- Overhaul the administration of unemployment insurance
- Adequate funds for port development
- Government action to build a Canadian Merchant Marine
- Restore control of our economy to Canada and Canadians
- Process more of our natural resources at home and provide jobs for Canadians
- A guaranteed annual income for all
- Action to curb profiteering in the necessities of life.
- No wage controls
- End Canada's complicity in the war in Indo-China by halting all arms shipments to the U.S. Withdraw from NATO and NORAD.



## PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PORT DEVELOPMENT

The Port of Vancouver is losing both import and export business to the Port of Seattle. This business is being lost at an accelerating rate. It is being unnecessarily lost. It is being lost for reasons over which the federal government has full control.

Why are Canadian importers using the Port of Seattle rather than the Port of Vancouver?

There appear to be two main reasons for this, both of them economic.

THE FIRST is the existence of a rate structure that discriminates against the Port of Vancouver. Its source is in the discriminatory rate structure established by shipping companies united in price-fixing conferences. Even Canadian railways give privileged lower rates to in-land bound cargo when it is landed at the Port of Seattle.

THE SECOND is that Seattle has better cargo handling facilities than Vancouver. Vancouver has one 18 acre container terminal with one gantry crane. It is inefficient as far as it goes but it cannot possibly handle all potential cargo. Shipping companies are not prepared to wait in line for unloading; such waits are too expensive.

Seattle, on the other hand, has larger container terminals and six gantry cranes, and has active plans for still further expansion.

Plans for the expansion of port facilities in Vancouver, New Westminster, Prince Rupert and other ports have been on the drawing boards for a long time awaiting federal government approval. Within the past few weeks federal ministers have announced that these new facilities will now be constructed. But these statements were made in the heat of the election campaign and consequently they are suspect. We have been promised so many things so many times that we have become suspicious of promises. We are hopeful, but we are convinced that this expansion will only be undertaken if there is a great deal of pressure exerted on Ottawa.

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## Restore Control Of Our Economy To Canadians

Foreign Control of the

Canadian Economy	U.S.	Foreign
Mining	50.9%	62.8%
Rubber products	84.0%	93.1%
Machinery	64.8%	72.2%
Transport equipment	73.2%	87.0%
Electrical products	58.1%	64.0%
Petroleum and coal products	76.4%	99.7%
Chemicals	56.6%	81.3%
Manufacturing		58.1%
Tobacco products		84.5%

(Source: 1968 Report under the Corporations and Labor Returns Act)

National anthem changes:

O Canada: We won't 'stand on guard' as often



## Social Security

"Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing and housing, and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age, or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control."

Article 25 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which Canada is a signatory nation.

## Guaranteed Annual Income

The jobless, our senior citizens, the working poor, and the army of unfortunate who make up our swollen welfare rolls are being treated with hostility and a charity approach, rather than as citizens whom our society has injured and failed. Our present welfare and social service systems are shot through with a special brand of suspicious paternalism and are grossly demeaning to recipients, totally inadequate to their special needs, bogged down in red tape and bureaucracy, largely punitive in spirit, and completely devoid of humane treatment.

The time has come for Canada to incorporate the concept advanced in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights into a Canadian Bill of Rights. The first step would be the introduction of a Guaranteed Annual Income program that would provide cash payments of at least \$100 a week to all that are presently living below generally accepted poverty levels.

This system would replace many of the present social payments, while retaining such necessary programs as Unemployment Insurance, the Canada Pension Plan, and the Workmen's Compensation programs, and medicare under provincial jurisdiction, all of which need to be substantially increased in terms of the income they provide.

## ACTION PROPOSALS

- End the sell-out of our natural resources to foreign corporations.
- Bring all resources under public ownership.
- Legislation to prevent any further take-overs of our industries, resources, and services.
- Veto any continental energy deal.
- Enact laws to govern the actions of foreign-owned companies, based on clear Canadian interest guidelines such as disclosure of inter-company transactions between parent and subsidiary, buying in Canada, providing maximum employment to Canadians, keeping profits in Canada and paying a fair share of taxes.
- Where foreign-owned companies refuse to carry out any of the above guidelines or refuse to produce in Canada goods they could produce but are now importing, they should be nationalized.
- Nationalize the CPR; establish a Canadian publicly owned transportation system.

## Process Our Resources at Home!

Today Canada is shipping more and more of its resources to foreign countries and buying more and more of its finished goods from abroad.

In B.C. we ship iron ore from Vancouver Island and coal from the Crow's Nest Pass to Japan, and then buy back steel from that country. What a ridiculous situation!

Why shouldn't we process more of our resources right here at home and provide jobs for Canadians? Shipping out all our natural resources is just the same as exporting jobs.

We propose:

Build a steel smelter in B.C.  
Process more of our resources in Canada. Build secondary and manufacturing industries here.

# LABOUR SAYS "NO" TO WAGE FREEZE

A Policy Statement Unanimously Adopted by the Annual Convention B.C. Federation of Labour, Vancouver, November, 1971

In recent years, inflation has been described as Canada's principal economic problem by many politicians and editorial writers. These comments have generally ignored the fact that inflation in Canada has been much less severe than in many other industrialized countries. Similarly, the commentators, in their eagerness to blame wage increases for inflation, have generally ignored the expressed views of many reputable economists to the effect that Canada's inflation is largely a consequence of American inflation which, in turn, results primarily from the staggering economic cost of the Vietnam war.

Having consistently ignored these facts, the politicians and editorial writers have regularly called for "wage restraint", "guidelines" or a "wage freeze". Some have attempted to appear fair by acknowledging a corresponding need for price controls. Since President Nixon's announced wage freeze a few weeks ago, the cries have increased for similar action in Canada.

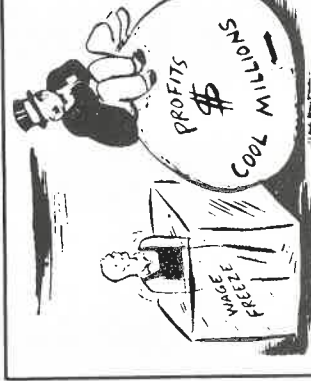
To date the Canadian labour movement has opposed the whole concept of freezing wages. At this time, the B.C. Federation of Labour must emphatically reiterate its complete opposition to any form of wage freeze, even when combined with a freeze on prices and profits. The very best (although highly unlikely) result of such a freeze would be to perpetuate the economic status quo — to maintain existing economic relationships. With nearly a third of all Canadian families living below the poverty line, with a major portion of the population wealth concentrated in the hands of a very small portion of the population, we must emphatically reject any proposal to perpetuate the present situation.

It is not surprising that the political and journalistic spokesmen for the corporate elite should advocate measures to freeze present economic relationships. That would simply ensure continuation of their present preferred position. The B.C. Federation of Labour and the Canadian labour movement cannot accept any such denial of economic justice.

Further, we must point out that, in reality, the kind of wage freeze or wage-price freeze which is usually discussed is even worse because it would inevitably lead to the familiar pattern of "the rich getting richer while the poor get poorer." With improving technology leading to greater productivity, an industrial corporation can happily accept a freeze on costs and prices, secure in the knowledge that profits will steadily increase in line with productivity increases. The employers are thus guaranteed the entire benefits of automation and technological change.

Needless to say, a simple wage freeze is even more unjust. Even if this were combined with price controls in the industries in which the wage freeze applied, nothing would stop rents from going up, or fees for professional services, or interest rates or the price of imported products. The result would simply be severely reduced living standards for the vast majority of Canadians whose incomes are derived from wages and salaries.

For these reasons we must absolutely oppose and vigorously fight against any form of wage freeze, even when coupled with an apparent freeze in prices. Instead, we propose the introduction of economic planning to ensure steady growth and development, instead of the boom and bust pattern we have experienced in Canada and particularly in British Columbia.



"See? We all suffer from the cold."

## Extend Benefits

# Unemployment Insurance

The Unemployment Insurance Act, as it was revamped and enacted in June, 1971, is an improvement. Benefits are now 66 2/3 percent of earnings up to a maximum of \$100 per week. Benefits are also provided to a maximum of 15 weeks for pregnancy and sickness. On the negative side, the waiting period has been doubled to two weeks, and benefits are now taxable as income with contributions being tax deductible. The means test is being applied in the case of vacation pay, severance pay and other monetary benefits to delay benefits to qualifying jobless workers. The Act is being poorly administered with many unnecessary delays, refusals, red-tape and general mix-up causing hardship for casual workers in our industry and for many thousands of other Canadians.

But our criticism of the Act is fundamentally different from that levelled by the Progressive Conservative and Social Credit parties. They are trying to create the impression that unemployment insurance frauds are widespread and that the unemployed don't want to work. Prime minister Trudeau is attacking the unemployed in the same way. They are all blaming the unemployed for being unemployed! Progressive Conservative leader Robert Stanfield is demanding

changes in the Act that will cut down the number of claimants.

Unemployment insurance is not a hand-out. It must not be administered on the basis of a means test. Every one who pays into it is entitled to draw benefits when he or she is out of a job. The number of frauds is very few when compared to the number of claims.

The few dollars wrongfully drawn out of the fund by fraud are peanuts compared to the hundreds of millions of dollars annually handed over by the government to the "corporate welfare bums" (big corporations) in the form of subsidies and tax concessions. That is the real fraud being perpetrated on the Canadian people, with no word of criticism from the Liberal government or the Progressive Conservative and Social Credit parties.

The Unemployment Insurance Act should be amended to make it more liberal. Thousands of people now not covered should be included. Benefits should be increased to 75% of earnings for the entire period of unemployment. The two week waiting period should be abolished. Vacation pay and severance or termination allowances should not be classed as earnings. The administration of the Act should be overhauled to eliminate bottlenecks.

# BUILD A CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE

We propose . . .  
A Federal Government Sponsored and Financed Canadian Merchant Marine  
Built in New, Technologically Advanced Shipbuilding Complexes on both Coasts

Such a National Investment would mean—

- Thousands of jobs for our skilled shipyard workers and thousands more in other industries.
- The development of modern technology in heavy industry — steel, electrical, machinery, industrial use of computers.
- Control of the disposition of our foreign trade (25% of G.N.P.) Canada would then be in a position to become the vital link in an Asian-European land bridge.
- The development of Canadian raw materials: coal, iron ore, copper . . . in Canada, and the extension of secondary industry.
- The end to the huge drain in our international balance of payments—\$313 millions in the 1965-67 period—because of our deficit ocean shipping account.
- Permanent tax revenues, business for ship suppliers and merchants, and no more unemployment insurance expense.
- Truly we cannot afford NOT to have our own Merchant Marine.

# For An Independent Peace Policy

We strongly condemn president Nixon's two faced policy of pretending to de-escalate the war by troop withdrawals while at the same time escalating it by intensified bombing. The policy of the Nixon administration seems to be that everything that lives and breathes, every man, woman and child, every leaf and every tree, every crop and flower, must be destroyed by saturation bombing, by chemicals and poisons that will render the land uninhabitable for generations to come.

And we strongly condemn the Canadian government for encouraging the production of arms in Canada for the U.S. for use in its dreadful crimes against the people of Indo-China. The sale of such munitions should be ended at once.

We join with world public opinion in demanding the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Indo China. The people of that unhappy land must have the right to decide their own future free of U.S. interference.

Canada must pursue an independent peace policy, free of U.S. control.

We should withdraw from both NATO and NORAD.

Canada should recognize the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) and press for the admission of both Germany to the United Nations.

We should give our full support to the convening of a European Security Conference that would recognize existing borders in Europe and result in a mutual reduction of arms by both NATO and the Warsaw Pact powers.



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# WHAT THE PARTIES SAY ABOUT LABOUR'S RIGHTS

## SOCIAL CREDIT

"We recognize that every person has the right to belong to — or to abstain from belonging to — a union and to take part in legitimate union activities without incurring unjust treatment for so doing.

"A Social Credit government will introduce special courts to deal with disputes whose nature jeopardizes the national security or economy and which ordinary methods fail to solve. The rulings of such courts will be enforced by legal process.

## COMMUNIST PARTY

A Labor Bill of Rights to include:

- the right of workers and their unions to have a say over the introduction of automation, technological change, moving and closing of plants, protection of health and safety.
- the right of all workers in private and public employment to strike, including the right to negotiate and strike over any changes affecting jobs or conditions during the period a contract is in effect; end compulsory arbitration.

- the right to picket without restriction, police interference or court injunction; outlaw strikebreaking agencies.

## NDP

A healthy trade union movement, exercising the rights of free collective bargaining for working people, is an essential ingredient in a democratic society. New Democrats recognize that role and the leading part free labour has played in promoting progressive policies and programs for all Canadians.

Trade unions have been shackled more and more with restrictive laws, passed by old-party governments which give lip-service to their right to organize and bargain, but instead working in the interests of big industry as opposed to those who work in it.

These governments have helped

industry evade its responsibility for the results of automation, plant relocations and shut-downs; they have stacked the deck against labour with compulsory arbitration, denial of strike rights, use of courts to defeat the working people's efforts to improve their conditions.

A New Democratic government will, along with the provinces, set out to "unstack" those laws so that collective bargaining can once again fulfill its function. It will establish in the federal government and in federal crown corporations a new model for labour-management relations. To that end it will enact a **Labour Bill of Rights** guaranteeing for all employees under federal jurisdiction:

- the right of all working people to join a union of their choice
- The unfettered right to peaceful assembly and picketing
- The right to bargain collectively on all matters arising out of technological change and automation
- The right to trade union representation on Crown corporation boards and government boards administering social programs.
- The right of every worker to a job
- The right to obtain certification of a bargaining unit without management intervention

- The right to a clean, safe and healthful work environment.

Further, where a company proposes to shut down a plant employing a substantial number of workers, an NDP government will require full disclosure of facts and may consider assumption of control and operation where the facts warrant such action. An NDP government will ensure that industry, rather than communities and employees, pays the costs of plant closures.

A New Democratic federal government will press the provinces to adopt comprehensive Labour Bills of Rights, including the right of public servants to bargain collectively.

# PC's Would Ban Strikes

"The Progressive Conservatives have become the first — and perhaps they will remain the only — party to adopt a platform plank for the protection of the public against strikes in essential services.

"In a policy paper announced Thursday, the Conservatives said that a government formed by them would withdraw the right

to strike in such cases and substitute binding arbitration as "the final step in settling differences."

"The Conservatives have not claimed that their legislation would not be violated; only that they would set up a system of punishment for the infractions."

Editorial, Vancouver Sun, Sept. 23, 1972

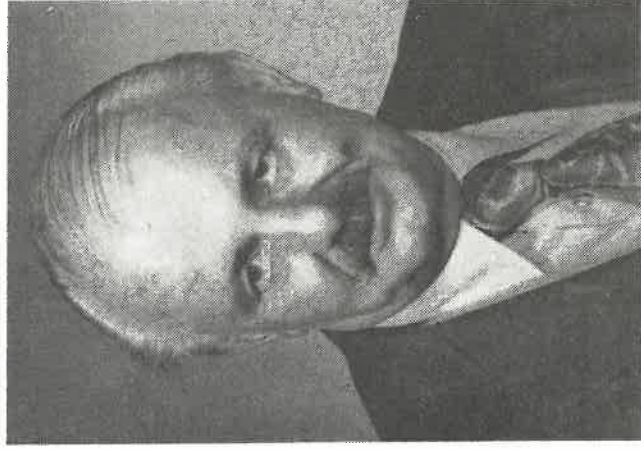
# LONGSHOREMEN CANDIDATES



**ROD DORAN**

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Rod Doran 45, emigrated to Canada 20 years ago. Worked as a longshoreman in Prince Rupert where he served as president of the Prince Rupert Labor Council for three years. Doran is presently a delegate from ILWU Local 502, New Westminster, to the New Westminster Labor Council and is also chairman of the Council's Legislative Committee.

He is a candidate of the Communist Party for the constituency of New Westminster in the current federal election campaign.



**MARK MOSHER**

Mark Mosher, 56, is a member of Port Alberni ILWU local 503 and the union's delegate to the Port Alberni Labor Council. He is also the former president of the local.

Mosher is now in his third term as a school trustee and is vice-chairman of the Port Alberni School District.

He is a candidate of the Communist Party for the federal constituency of Comox-Alberni.

# What They Say About Wage and Price Controls

**Prime Minister Trudeau** (in Winnipeg campaign speech)

"Let's hold away from those things (price and wage controls) as long as possible."

**Robert Stanfield**, national leader, Progressive Conservative Party: (In Sept. 12th list of priorities for a P.C. government)

"Fight inflation . . . if necessary by implementing temporary wage and price controls in an emergency."

**NDP Program:**

"Create a Price Review Board to investigate the cause of harmful price increases and publicize its findings."  
**Patrick Murphy**: federal minister of state for finance:

(In answer to Question: Would the Liberal government, if re-elected, impose prices and incomes freeze?)"

"We have a contingency plan which we are prepared to put into effect the moment we see it is both needed and will work."

# "We're Getting Shafted . . ."

**FEDERAL CLINIC FOR CURIOUS DISORDERS**



"You claim you're subsidizing corporations with your taxes and the pain is in the area of your pocketbook? Well, here's a little vaseline to ease the pain."