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# CAUCUS AND NEGOTIATIONS

The recent Federal election that returned the Liberal government with a substantial majority, will allow the M.P.'s to fulfill their campaign promises and break the back of this inflation spiral that is not only eroding wage gains at the bargaining table, but is also driving those workers on fixed incomes into deeper and deeper despair.

We are well aware of the capabilities of this government, and have only to look back to September 1, 1972 when this same government broke our legal strike and legislated us back to work. \* \* \*

The I.L.W.U. Canadian Area caucus convened at the Board Room of the P.N.E. on June 3rd and adjourned June 7, 1974.

Resolutions covering the whole scope of the Collective Agreement were well debated and the caucus finalized our demands on all items but our wage package.

There will be further caucus September 9, 1974 that will deal solely with wages. Once this is

done, our demands will be complete and we are prepared to meet the B.C.M.E.A. early in October to negotiate a new Collective Agreement.

We are not prepared, at this time, to publicly release our caucus program, but all of your caucus delegates have made their reports and will be prepared to answer any questions that you have.

As we look around at other unions recent negotiations we fully realize that ours will not be an easy struggle. We see no end in sight for this rapid inflationary rate that has a firm grip on our economy. We cannot stand by and allow the gains that we have made at the bargaining table become eroded by inflation.

There are various formulas and

programs that we can use to protect our membership and it will be the duty of the upcoming caucus to explore all avenues and come up with the best possible solutions.

Once again it will be a long hard

### WELFARE PLAN CHANGES

As you are aware the British Columbia Government operate the overall Medical Services Plan of B.C. and the "Medical Services Association" were appointed as an official carrier for services that were continued and also being provided for under the Government program.

Shortly you will receive a new Identification Card, the main change in the card is the Group Number, which will now be, for those persons covered under the

frustrating struggle, but with all of our members pulling in the same direction with a determined and united program (and a few bucks stashed away in our socks) we believe that the job will be done.

main Group, 4099461. For Pensioners the new Group Number is 4099271 and the "Widows" Group Number will be 4099298. In all cards the Identification Number will be changed from the old M.S.A. number to your Social Insurance Number.

There is no change in Medical coverage and we are assured that the move is purely an administrative one to utilize more fully the machinery available in Victoria.

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Nanaimo Harbour Commission Reception — Left to Right: John Dunham, Nanaimo Port Manager; Ron Oman, President Local 508; Georgy Oleshkevitch, Gennady Korznikov, Vasily Fomin, Don Garcia, Canadian Area President.

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## Democracy and Responsibility Go Hand In Hand

The I.L.W.U. will be entering into negotiations with the B.C.M.E.A. shortly and possibly we can learn from some of the actions taken by unions or individuals in the past.

We must recognize that when we are confronting the employer for a new contract, all our efforts and expertise are necessary to complete that job in the best interests of the membership.

No amount of confusion or unnecessary disruption of the adopted program of the union membership to achieve a good collective agreement does us any good, or should it be tolerated.

We have lots of time to air our differences and develop a united approach prior to negotiations. Let's not allow any disunity in the ranks that will hinder the union membership from attaining their just rewards.

The I.L.W.U. have a good reputation of never sticking our noses in other unions internal affairs, but possibly this article may be of interest to our membership.

The following is reprinted from I.W.A. Local 1-80 June-July publication "with their consent".

If you have any comments on the options of the writer let us know.

### What About The "Woodworkers Rank & File Committee"?

It has been my privilege to hold an official position in the International Woodworkers of America, Local 1-80 for over twenty-five years. During those years I have pride in the undisputed fact that we are a very democratic organization.

It has been my privilege to attend many meetings where the Membership of the I.W.A. has elected various Committees, Camp Committees, Plant Committees, Safety Committees and other Committees. I have deeply appreciated the great work such committees have accomplished. But there has been one condition, which has been recognized since our great organization was first formed, and that is this: These Committees must be elected within the framework of our International Constitution, and it naturally follows that it must conform to policies democratically arrived at by our Membership. To do anything else would and does lead to total chaos.

Why do we elect I.W.A. leaders? Simply this, so that our Membership can decide by the use of a ballot who they prefer as their leaders. Every member of the I.W.A. can offer himself as a candidate for Office in the I.W.A. There are, of course, and have to be, Constitutional requirements in running for office. The present Constitution of the I.W.A. was first drawn up in 1937, and has been amended at each Constitutional Convention of the I.W.A., by the Membership, always with the thought in mind of keeping our Organization, democratic, and making it possible for each and every member of our Union to making his or her wishes known in a constitutional manner.

Recently a group calling themselves the Woodworkers' Rank and File Committee have become quite vocal.

They put out leaflets, give out radio "news items" and give "advice" to the Membership, even though it be contrary to the established policy and instructions of our elected I.W.A. leaders. Recently our elected leader, Mr. Jack Munro, urged the Membership of the I.W.A. to stay on the job while negotiations were being completed. Did the so-called "Rank and File Committee" urge the Members of the I.W.A. to listen to their Leaders? You know the answer to that one!

What followed? Pickets travelled from one operation to another. Camps and Sawmills were shutdown. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost in wages, while the Negotiating Committee who counted on a united front from our Membership, had to contend with irresponsible actions from a group, while doing their best to extract the best settlement possible. This could best be done with the threat of a Strike, not by creating chaos in the industry.

What have we all learned from this? First, let us examine the credentials of those who pose as "Rank and File". Who elected them? Who are their officers? Where are their headquarters? Why do they not seek to be elected within the framework of our Organization, if they have something to offer? What are their motives? They like to talk about democracy. Then why don't they practise democracy?

The International Woodworkers of America have come a long way since it was formed in 1937. We have a fine organization, the there is is. Speaking for myself as an elected Officer of the I.W.A. Local 1-80, I do not wish to stay in my position for one minute longer than the Membership wants me there. Nor would I want to be in this job one minute if the Membership did not elect me to my position.

I realize only too well, what a confused chaotic situation would follow if groups of people calling themselves by one name or another spring up like mushrooms, self-appointed, self-directed, uncontrolled by the Membership were to attempt to direct our Organization. The great gains we have made throughout the years would then begin to go down the drain, and the image we have built up throughout the years as a democratic, responsible organization would be tarnished and destroyed.

Faternally,

Edwin Linder, Financial Secretary,  
I.W.A. Local 1-80

### REPORT ON INDUSTRY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 17, 1974

#### Mobile Equipment

It was agreed that the gross weight will be clearly marked on all mobile equipment, further that all attachments (e.g. forks, clamp, etc.) must be individually stamped with their weights by September 1, 1974.

If the machines have been altered by adding extra counter weights, clamps, etc., the machine must be re-certified as to its lifting capacity.  
**Single Stick Gear**

It was agreed that warning devices or limit switches will be installed on all single stick gear for down maximum by October 1, 1974. All single stick gear that now have warning devices or cutout switches, will be put in working order or new warning devices installed.

#### Gantry Ships

There have been some very serious accidents on gantry type ships, and in the "Besseggen" accident at Elk Falls where the gantry ran off the outboard side and landed in the water 35 feet away from the ship's side, it was found that the excessive list of the ship was a contributing factor to the accident.

The Union is on a program to have better inspection procedures on these type ships, in the meantime, however, safety is also your responsibility. If the reverse direction control has to be used to steady a load when the ship lists to the point where the brakes no longer hold, you may be contributing to what could turn into a serious accident. We believe that anything more than a 3 degree list would create an unsafe condition while operating these cranes.  
**"Oriental Carnival,**

#### Esmeralda and Rio'

Most of the locals will be familiar with these "antique" semi passenger vessels as we have encountered many safety problems with their gear. Our information is that the "Rio" has been scrapped, the "Carnival" will not be coming back to B.C. and the "Esmeralda" has only one more trip to make here. The "Esmeralda has had three days of refitting and certificates issued for all hatches. But remember on this one, if the brakes don't work, NEITHER DO THE WINCHES.



## RUSSIAN LONGSHOREMEN VISIT B.C. PORTS

The International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, Canadian Area, worked for some months in order to have a delegation from the Sea and River Workers Union of the U.S.S.R. visit British Columbia as our guests.

Our efforts were rewarded when Goergy Oleshkevitch, Secretary, Central Committee Sea & River Workers Union — Vasily Fomin, President of Odessa Union and Gennady Korznikov, Deputy Head, Int. Dept. Central Committee, arrived at Vancouver International Airport on Friday, July 5th, 1974.

The delegation was met at the airport by Don Garcia, Canadian Area President, Frank Kennedy, Canadian Area Secretary and Craig Pritchett, I.L.W.U. Regional Director.

In the eight days that followed, the delegation was given the opportunity of visiting Vancouver, Squamish, New Westminster, Victoria, Chemainus, Nanaimo and Port Alberni. Unfortunately, because of the time schedule, they were unable to visit Prince Rupert.

In the areas visited, the delegation met with I.L.W.U. Local officials and members, and were extended official greetings by Municipal, Provincial and Federal government representatives.

The three delegates were particularly interested in talking to the membership of the Locals to exchange opinions and ideas.

On arrival in Vancouver Mr. Fred Spoke of the National Harbours Board arranged a tour of the Vancouver harbour which was hosted by Captain Holland, the Vancouver Harbour Master.



Captain Holland, Vancouver Harbour Master who hosted the delegation on a tour of the Vancouver harbour.

On Saturday, July 6, 1974, a reception was arranged at the U.F.A.W.U. Hall where a host of individuals met with the delegates and officially welcomed them to British Columbia.

Among the guests were numerous members of the Lower Mainland Trade Unions — Paddy Neale M.P., Harry Rankin, Van-



Vancouver Harbour Cruise on the "Pacific Gypsy". Left to Right, Gennady Korznikov, Dick Smith, Captain, Goergy Oleshkevitch, Mrs. Smith, Vasily Fomin.

couver Alderman, Vancouver & District Labour Council officials, Federal Department of Labour representatives and many other citizens.

The reception was successful and the face to face discussions proved beneficial to the Canadians and the Russians.



Vancouver Reception — Fred Mahoney Local 517, Tiny Himes S.I.U. getting answers to their questions.

The following day Sunday, July 7, 1974, Star Shipping arranged a tour of the Squamish Terminal and a trip to some of the lakes up the Squamish valley. Fishing licenses were made available to the delegates by Star Shipping — no fish were caught — (Goergy Oleshkevitch is an avid fisherman in the U.S.S.R.)

On Monday morning July 8, 1974 the delegation arrived in Victoria and were met by Art Hay I.L.W.U. Local 504 President and G.W. (Stan) Ball a recent I.L.W.U. overseas delegate to the U.S.S.R. Immediately the delegation was taken to Victoria's Ogden Point dock to see the loading of a packaged lumber ship.



Russian Delegates in Victoria discussing packaged lumber loading with Brother Morrison Local 514.

The Parliament Buildings were next with the Deputy Provincial Secretary Mr. L.J. Wallace greeting the delegation and arranging a tour of the Parliament Buildings and an audience with Leo Nimsick Provincial Minister of Mines and Resources and Mr. Nimsick's assistants. Mr. Nimsick presented the delegation with Dogwood Pins and received gifts in return.



Victoria Ogden Pt. Dock — Stan Ball on Left and Art Hay on Right with Delegation during discussion on loading of packaged lumber.

Brother Ball had then arranged for a tour of a Victoria winery which proved to have its occupational hazards and was very

interesting to say the least. The discussion there ended up on Shakespearean theatre.

Later that afternoon the Victoria Labour Council arranged an informal gathering in the Labour Council board room where the delegates were met by labour union officials and members from the Victoria area.



Victoria Trade Unionists at reception hosted by Victoria Labour Council.

Goergy Oleshkevitch was presented with a membership pin and made an honorary member of the Plasterers Union by their union's representative.

Tuesday, July 9, 1974 the delegation was whisked up Island to visit Cow Bay, Chemainus despatch facility and into Nanaimo for a lunch arranged by the Nanaimo Harbour Commission which was a very enjoyable and informative event. Once again the delegation was officially welcomed and presented with mementos of Nanaimo. Local 508 President Ron Oman and ILWU Canadian area 2nd Vice President J.Irvine assisted in Nanaimo.

An official tour of the Nanaimo assembly wharf followed which proved interesting when an I.W.A. rank and file picket line appeared at the site entrance while the tour was in progress — end of tour!

The evening was taken up with a reception organized by the Naniamo-Duncan and district Labour Council where the Russian delegates were made International members of the Naniamo bathub Racing Association and were greeted to the Nanaimo area by Nanaimo Mayor Frank Ney.

Wednesday, July 10 1974 found the delegation in Port Alberni visiting the I.L.W.U. despatch facility and an invitation to lunch with McMillan Bloedel representatives in that port.



Port Alberni Despatch Hall — Group discussion with Port Alberni Alderman George McKnight playing the accordion in the background.

Alderman George McNight and School board Chairman Mark Mosher, and I.L.W.U. member, assisted the tour by arranging visits to the Port Alberni City Hall where the visitors book was signed, then to the School Board office, a senior Secondary school and the Centennial Building. The delegates were genuinely interested in the Secondary school

and the facilities available there for the students.

That evening Local 503 President R. Dubbin arranged a reception in their union hall where once again numerous union officials and members and civic officials attended to welcome the Russian visitors.

After leaving Port Alberni Thursday, July 11, 1974, an official stop was made at the City Hall in Nanaimo where the Mayor of Naniamo Frank Ney presented the visitors with mementos of Naniamo.

Then by ferry to the mainland and a trip to New Westminster where the New Westminster Harbour Commission toured the delegation around their port facilities, particularly the Fraser Surrey Docks.



Surrey Fraser Dock in New Westminster — Left to Right: Captain Ed Winter, Harbour Master Vasily Fomin, Gennady Korznikov (partly hidden) Goergy Oleshkevitch, Harry Struckoff, Pier Foreman.

The delegates indicated that the Soviet Union is not as far advanced in container terminals and this method of handling cargo. They showed great interest in this particular facility.

On Thursday evening we were fortunate in having our International President Harry Bridges in Vancouver and the delegation spent some time talking to Harry. (The Dispatcher will have an article on this delegation shortly).



Filipino Seamen who were stranded in Vancouver attending the reception in Vancouver for the Russian Delegation. Herbigo Howe Jr. standing in front.

Friday, July 12, 1974 was a day of rest, shopping — a trip up Mount Seymour — dinner with Local 500 officers and a short visit to the area Secretary's home prior to the departure at midnight of a very interesting and enjoyable delegation.

At practically every stop, where meetings were held, certain basic questions affecting workers was discussed.

In reply to questions, the Russians stated that their ports and dock facilities are being improved and mechanized to speed up turn around of ships and make working conditions easier. A great deal of time is spent on improving safety conditions on the job.

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## 1974 I.L.W.U. Scholarships

The following members sons or daughters have received scholarships provided by the I.L.W.U. Canadian Area.

**Undergraduate Scholarships — 3**  
**Provided \$350.00** Each Leona S. Lowry — daughter of David Lowry Local 504 — University of Victoria.

Gary Burma — son of Karl Burma Local 500 — University of B.C.  
 Frederick W. Hansford — son of Fred Hansford Local 500 — University of B.C.

**Thomas P. Mayes Scholarship \$350.00** James D. Brown — son of John Brown Local 514 — Simon Fraser University.

**Entrance Scholarships — 4**  
**Provided at 500.00 Each — One Only Awarded** Grace E. Lindsay — daughter of James Lindsay

Local 500 — University of British Columbia.

**Vocational School Entrance Scholarships — 2 at \$400.00** Each Eric Nielsen — son Preben (Doc) Nielsen Local 500 — B.V.I.

Mary V. Davidson — daughter of J. Davidson Local 500 — B.C.I.T.

It is with some concern that we report three Entrance Scholarships were not awarded, also two Vocational School Scholarships held over from last year of \$300.00 each have not been picked up.

If the membership feel that the scholarships should be changed in any way, or that proper information is not available, please contact the Area office as soon as possible and attempts will be made to rectify this problem.

## RUSSIANS

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Both men and women are employed in the ports, women mainly in mechanized operations or in the offices.

40 hours a week is the generally accepted rule for hours of work with 20 hours a year the maximum number of overtime hours allowed.

There is a 3 shift, around the clock, 7 days a week operation in effect, with shifts changed every week with a small premium for night and graveyard shifts.

Some of the activities of the union include improving working conditions, living conditions, safety and involvement in cultural activities.

During the discussion on inflation, it was made clear by the delegates that this does not exist in the Soviet Union. The economy is planned on a five year basis with the union involved in determining production and wages for that period of time.

Most male workers are retired at age 60 and female workers at age 55. In particularly dangerous jobs, such as the chemical or mining industries, ages for retirement are reduced accordingly.

All people involved in the dis-

cussions indicated awareness of the need for trade union delegations between countries of different Political Beliefs to further understand each others concerns and to advance our desire for peace and good will amongst all men.



Three Soviet seamen attending the Vancouver reception along with guests from other unions and wives.

This was the first official delegation of the Sea and River Workers Union of the U.S.S.R. to visit Canada, and the I.L.W.U. is proud to have been the hosts.

The I.L.W.U. Canadian Area, with this publication, thank all those people for their assistance in making the delegation a success.



Discussion on working conditions with delegates at Vancouver reception.

## LOCAL 518 HISTORY

Local 518, the smallest local in the Canadian area, was formed on April 18, 1971. In the ensuing months, with the help of the Canadian Area executive, the local was finally able to obtain voluntary certification from its employer, General Testing Laboratories on September 20, 1971. The first contract was signed on December 31, 1971. That first bargaining unit included 9 members, but since then the membership has grown to 20.

Small as we are, our members are involved in a great number of activities in and around the waterfront, on the lower mainland and outports of B.C. At the bulk terminals in Vancouver, New Westminster and Roberts Bank, we can be seen sampling the various bulk commodities. As well as sampling, we inspect railcars for residues and suitability to transport material.

We inspect various general cargoes for damage, check suitability of containers for bulk and bag malt. We sample and measure land tanks of tallow, tall oil, rapeseed oil and petroleum products.

All our activities are not centered on the waterfront alone, we sample various edible products in warehouses on the

lower mainland, including meat, fish products, nuts etc.

Part of our activities include check weighing various commodities such as asbestos, bagged mustard seed, peas and lentils. In April of last year, we were able to include 3 employees of Commercial Testing and Engineering Co. into our bargaining unit.

In October of last year we started negotiations on our second contract which was finally signed of February 23, 1974. This contract (for a 2 year period) gave us a substantial increase over the last contract, with improved fringe benefits. The present wage scale ranges from \$4.35 to \$5.50 per hour, with 1½ time for Saturdays and double time on Sundays on a 40 hour week guarantee.

Priorities for the future are to bring the wages and fringe benefits in line with the Master longshore agreement. To do this, it will require organizing non-union workers engaged in similar activities on the waterfront. It may also be necessary to include a group of Teamsters, presently on the waterfront, in our bargaining unit to attain a strong enough voice to achieve these objectives.

## DECEASED PENSIONERS

Number	Name	Date of Death
08460 VA	Sidney Stewart	Feb. 2, 1974
06184 VA	Harold Palen	Mar. 4, 1974
03087 VA	Peter Scott	Mar. 9, 1974
08491 VA	Albin Swenson	Mar. 12, 1974
00360 VA	Morris Eadie	Mar. 24, 1974
08380 VA	Harold Lowe	Mar. 30, 1974
03078 VA	Frank Dwyer	Apr. 13, 1974
08412 VA	Murdo McLeod	May 13, 1974
04742 VA	T. Westly White	May 17, 1974
05165 NW	John W. Mottishaw	May 21, 1974
08275 NW	Roscoe Durston	Jun. 6, 1974
08426 NW	Antonin Obal	Jun. 30, 1974
05016 VA	David Harder	Jul. 23, 1974
02843 VA	Edward Lenz	Jul. 30, 1974
03529 PR	William Stein	Aug. 3, 1974
00207 VA	William Lehto	Aug. 22, 1974
00727 VA	Joseph Bianco	Aug. 22, 1974

## RECENT PENSIONERS

Number	Name	Age	Years of Service	Retirement Date
00259 VI	Glen Harrigan	62-6	23	Jan. 1, 1974
06403 PA	Thomas Dick	57-7	15	Jan. 1, 1974
00185 VA	Ralph Baynes	61-7	31	Mar. 1, 1974
01211 VA	Dominico Timnaburri	65	10	Mar. 1, 1974
02479 DH	Herman Thomas	55-1	28	Mar. 1, 1974
05817 VA	William Salt	61 6	21	Mar. 1, 1974
08543 VA	Simon Baker	63	24	Mar. 1, 1974
00676 VA	Stanley Mitchell	62-1	23	Apr. 1, 1974
01455 VA	Clifford Lavery	62	27	Apr. 1, 1974
02506 VA	Eugene Brown	59-1	22	Apr. 1, 1974
04291 VA	George MacDonald	60-2	23	Apr. 1, 1974
04649 NW	Richard Smith	62	20	Apr. 1, 1974
02547 NW	Ernest D. Wood	62	31	May 1, 1974
05399 PR	Lander J. Anderson	65	22	May 1, 1974
05657 VA	Clarence Wadella	65	41	May 1, 1974
06487 VA	Albert R. Dykes	60-5	18	May 1, 1974
00071 NW	Nick Danchak	65-2	15	Jun. 1, 1974
00857 VI	Stanley A. Thame	62	43	Jun. 1, 1974
01532 VA	William F. Monahan	65	17	Jun. 1, 1974
02452 NW	Joseph N. Amero	62-2	43	Jun. 1, 1974
03046 VA	John Tarwick	64-11	27	Jun. 1, 1974
03118 PA	Leonard E. Earl	62-2	15	Jun. 1, 1974
03161 VA	William G. Goldney	62	24	Jun. 1, 1974
03210 NW	Charles F. Brien	64	29	Jun. 1, 1974
04546 NW	William L. Gausdal	63-5	31	Jun. 1, 1974
04831 VA	Mory Gahner	64-6	19	Jun. 1, 1974
05230 PA	Edward W. Byrne	65-9	10	Jun. 1, 1974
05343 NW	Joseph C.E. Belanger	62	29	Jun. 1, 1974
03434 VI	Robert Turnbull	62-5	24	Jun. 1, 1974
03172 VA	Irwin Friesen	61	26	Jun. 1, 1974
00094 VA	John E. Ludgate	65	16	Jul. 1, 1974
02376 VA	Robert Downey	62-8	23	Jul. 1, 1974
02843 VA	Edward Lenz	61-11	38	Jul. 1, 1974
03431 VA	Kjell Sivertson	61-7	26	Jul. 1, 1974
03928 VA	Albert Meldrum	65	23	Jul. 1, 1974
05306 VA	Joseph Lanoville	61-10	24	Jul. 1, 1974
06007 VA	John H. Hocking	65	28	Jul. 1, 1974
05568 NW	Fred Newsham	62	27	Jul. 1, 1974
07767 VA	Alphonse Beaudoin	65	18	Aug. 1, 1974
00984 VA	Robert C. Walpole	61-9	23	Aug. 1, 1974
03236 VA	William R. Miller	64-11	39	Aug. 1, 1974
01441 NW	Walter K. Friederici	64	32	Aug. 1, 1974
05378 NW	Cornelius J. Lagace	59	21	Aug. 1, 1974
03267 VI	Archibald J. McMillan	63-5	25	Aug. 1, 1974
05184 CH	William Shotton	62	34	Aug. 1, 1974