



## Hi-tech longshoring



Some longshoring hasn't changed much in last 40 years. The top picture shows longshoremen stowing flour in the hold of a ship in the 50s and the bottom one was taken this Fall in the hold of the Mindoro Sea. Our industry has grown diverse and technical in many areas of cargo handling but this type of work reminds us of our roots as an industrial labour union.

### AGREEMENT EXTENDED

The ILWU BCMEA Longshore collective agreement due to expire Dec. 31, 1991 has been extended Dec. 31, 1992. The terms of the extension provide funding for pension benefit increases and an increase to the funding of the health and benefit plan. The agreement was taken to the membership by referendum and approved by 67.5%.

### NDP Victory:

## Union involvement in politics supported by Supreme Court

Longshoremen did their part in the provincial election that gave the NDP a decisive victory at the polls.

The Political Action Committee of the Canadian Area provided financial support to 13 candidates in all regions of the province where there are longshore locals, and all 13 candidates were elected.

Though the union has been supporting candidates for office for some

time, a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision known as the Lavigne case, settled the legal question regarding use of union funds for political purposes.

Merv Lavigne was an Ontario community college teacher who has argued that the use of compulsory union dues for political causes violated his right to freedom of association under the charter of rights.

The Supreme Court dismissed this argument, saying unions should be free to spend money on more than just collective bargaining.

Justice Gerald La Forest, for example, wrote:

"Many activities, be they concerned with the environment, tax policy, day care or feminism, can be construed as related to the larger environment in which unions must represent their members."

Justice La Forest noted two reasons why unions should be free to spend money on things not immediately related to collective bargaining:

"The first is to ensure that unions have both the resources and the

will be negotiated or resolved.

"The second reason why governments and courts should not restrict union spending is that it contributes to democracy in the workplace. It is for the union to decide, by majority vote, which causes or organizations it will support in the interests of favourably influencing the political, social and economic environment."

The courts rejected Merv Lavigne's objection to the use of union dues to support the New Democratic Party.

"There is evidence to support the view that the cause of unionism and of working people generally has been advanced by the NDP. It is inconceivable that support of the NDP could be considered irrelevant to the union's obligation to represent those who pay dues to it."

## Don retires

Don Garcia, who was first elected president of the ILWU Canadian Area 21 years ago, retired Nov. 1 when he reached his 65th birthday.

Don was born in New Westminster on Oct. 29, 1926, and was raised in Surrey. He started longshoring in New Westminster in 1947, and served as president of Local 502 from 1963 to 1969.

He served as president of the Canadian Area from 1970 to 1978, again from 1980 to 1984, and then from 1986 until he retired last month. Don also served as a Vice-president of the B.C. Federation of Labour for the past nine years.

A number of informal events have been held or will be held in the near future to recognize Don's years of



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**Gordie Westrand, President, ILWU Canadian Area**

# Feds should stop sending jobs south

an acceptable Canadian content in the finished car. The federal government negotiators could have created a lot of Canadian jobs by requiring that auto parts imported for these plants go through Canadian ports.

They didn't and Canadian jobs left the country.

This is an example of the lack of understanding the Feds have of jobs in the transport industry.

In October the Canadian Wheat Board decided to ship 55,000 tons of Canadian barley through Seattle. This will be the first time in over 50 years that Canadian grain will be shipped out through a foreign port.

The Wheat Board cited labour unrest, lack of capacity in Vancouver facilities and the need to find cheaper ways to export grain to justify their decision.

After the Wheat Board made their unacceptable decision, the Canadian Area participated in two protest actions by unions and employer groups.

On Nov. 20 the ILWU and five other unions learned that the first



*A show of union solidarity at the Fraser Surrey Docks*

The federal government should stop blaming labour for problems in the transport industry and come up with some long term solutions.

Removing the container clause from the BCMEA-ILWU collective agreement in 1987 was supposed to create a great flow of container traffic. While there have been yearly increases in container traffic, the predicted large volumes never materialized.

During that period the federal government negotiated with Japanese and Korean auto manufacturers to build three car assembly plants in Ontario and Quebec. In exchange for generous tax benefits, these auto manufacturers were to guarantee

train of barley was scheduled to leave Canada the next day.

The B.C. Federation of Labour coordinated the placement of a picket around Burlington Northern locomotives at 3 am Nov. 21, successfully stopping the train for 20 hours.

This action brought the export of Canadian grain and jobs through a U.S. port to the forefront of the national news. Our friends in Parliament were able to confront the Tories for selling out our jobs to their American friends yet again.

In an unprecedented move, the Port of Vancouver's maritime industry (B.C. Maritime Employers Association, B.C. Terminal Elevator Operator's Association, Chamber of Shipping of B.C., Grainworkers' Union, ILWU, Vancouver Port Corp, and Waterfront Foremen Employers' Association sent out the following news release:

"The maritime industry in the Port of Vancouver is extremely displeased at the untrue allegations that the ports' grain handling facilities are at capacity - thus justifying

the decision by the Wheat Board to move 55,000 tonnes of unclean barley through the Port of Seattle."

"Not only is the capacity statement incorrect, but the cost of moving grain through Seattle far exceeds the costs through Vancouver. Given the implications for lost port, rail and terminal jobs - the industry here demands that the Canadian Wheat Board make public the final cost of such a cargo diversion. The Canadian farmer has a right to know why - as does the Canadian taxpayer, and the Canadian transport sector involved in the movement of this crucial export trade. We do not believe that such tax support is intended to promote U.S. jobs and U.S. ports."

It is no longer acceptable for us to stand by as a union and allow the federal government's actions to go unchallenged. We must be prepared to take action to combat this inept government.

Congratulations to the brothers and sisters involved in stopping the train and fighting for the preservation of all Canadian jobs.

## Thanks for the memories

I would like to thank all the people throughout the years who have helped me with the stewardship of this great union. We couldn't have achieved what we did without strong personalities pushing forward ideas and positions that were eventually shaped into collective agreements.

Even in our bleakest hours, with the clock ticking and legislation only hours away, we were able to arrive at a consensus and do what we thought was best for the membership. And even when time ran out and we had fully captured the attention of the Parliament of Canada, we were able to pick up the pieces and mould them into something we could live with until next time.

We owe a great debt to those leaders and the rank and file who built the foundation that the Canadian Area ILWU is based on, and they deserve recognition and remembrance. They set a path for this union. Their programs were good programs that will carry us into the future.

When I was elected president in 1970, the 10-hour night was gone, the two-hour call-out was history and vacations, recognized holidays, and health and benefit programs were in place.

After the great struggles beginning in 1952 pensions were estab-

No way. Paid vacation? Impossible. Yet all this happened, and more.

Thanks to the foresight of these pioneers and the courage and stubbornness of the guys on the job we have good collective agreements. Lately we have moved from a position of straight confrontation to one of co-existence with our employer groups, which should be the path of the union in future years.

Together we can achieve more than if we were each to go our separate ways. Not that there won't be problems. When an irresistible force meets an immovable object, sparks are bound to fly. However, through discussion and dialogue a compromise will be found one way or another. We have come a long way from winging up fletchers in # 2 hatch on the old liberty ships. The "good old days" were sure tough days, full of hard manual labour, but I would not have missed them for anything. The thump and rattle of steam winches still ring in my memory and all the rain, snow, and long hours are tucked away to be brought out in conversation with longshoremen when we get together and share the comradery and fellowship of those who have been there and done it. This is a great union. It has been a great privilege and honor to have served it for so many years. I wish you the



*Local 517's October general meeting was a time to congratulate members who were retiring, including Lorna Paget, a senior manifest clerk at Vanterm, who has worked with the port since 1970. She is pictured above being congratulated by outgoing*

**Pensioners Party**

On Oct. 10 about 300 pensioners from Locals 500, 514 and 517 came out to the Annual Pensioners Banquet at the Maritime Labour Centre to renew old friendships, and reminisce about days gone by. The oldest member to appear this year was Floyd Carlson, 88.

**Work is Down**

The declining market for forest products (lumber, pulp and paper) from Vancouver Island has resulted in the lowest work opportunity for many years in Locals 503, 504, 508 and 514. Approximately 40 per cent of the 508 membership were unable to qualify for the last two statutory holidays. Fifteen shifts were required in the previous 30 days.

Locals 503 and 504 are on the SUB program which is not adequately funded to meet current needs and it would be difficult to add another local to the program.

The work picture in Vancouver Local 500 has held up surprisingly well in the past year, allowing some

members from Vancouver Island to travel to Local 500 at their own expense to work in that port. This work opportunity is sincerely appreciated by those on travel cards.

**Fishing Derby**

Local 500 despatcher Walter O'Hara is the lucky winner of a trip to Alaska when his ticket for the second annual Local 500 Fishing Derby was pulled from a hat.

The derby, raised \$7,500 for Children's Hospital. More than 180 fish were landed over the August 17 weekend, and the winner was J. Hamelin with a Spring weighing in at 29 pounds, one ounce. Pete Van Ryk's 28-pound, 8-ounce Spring took second prize, and Warren Tillyer came third.

**New Crane**

A Shanghai company has won the tender to provide a state-of-the-art \$6.7 million crane for Centerm. The crane, which features a special heavy lift feature, is scheduled to be in operation in early spring of 1993.

According to the bid, there will

be more than 51 per cent Canadian content in the project, comprising structural, mechanical and electrical components, program management, and erecting the crane.

**508 Banquet**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Chemainus Local donated, cooked and served dinner for 65 guests and members at the Local 508 Retirees Banquet Oct 5. New and old retirees from both locals mixed with heads of industry from 508 area. Don Garcia was presented with a graphite fishing rod made by Mike Wickstrom to mark his many years of service to the union.

**Hurren retires**

Max Hurren, founding Local 514 President, retired Sept. 1. Max started his career on the waterfront in 1951 as a member of then-Deepsea Local 501. Western Stevedoring made him a foreman in 1960. Seeing the need for a foremen's union, Max got to work starting one. The local received its charter from the International May 15, 1962, and Max became Local 514's

first president in 1963.

He resigned as President in 1970, but became the first trustee for the foremen's Pension and Welfare plan in 1976, a position he still holds today.

Local 514 members have benefitted greatly from Max's efforts, and they wish him a long and happy retirement.

**1991 Scholarship recipients announced!**

The following children of members have been awarded the ILWU undergraduate scholarship worth \$1,500: Rolfe Luongo, son of local 500 member Franco Luongo; Paula Wright, daughter of Local 508 member Doug Wright; Sandy Gornall, daughter of Local 517 member Joy Gornall.

The four entrance scholarships of \$1,500 will go to: Alana Castley, daughter of Local 500 member Gordon Castley; Andrea Hannos, daughter of Local 500 member Alex Hannos; Juliet Kwong, ward of Local 517 member Anita Kwong; Shelly Gornall, daughter of Local 517 member Joy Gornall.

The \$750 Local 506 Ralph Scruton Memorial Scholarship went to: Leonard Polly, Local 518 member.

Tony Luongo, son of Local 500 member Franco Luongo received the \$1,500 Thomas P. Mayes scholarship.

The William L. Hurford scholarship of \$1,000 went to Shannon Low, daughter of Local 503 member Hartmut Low.

The Edwin K. Schuss Achievement award of \$1,000 went to Blake McIntosh, son of Local 502 member Don McIntosh (BCIT Mining Program).

The following students were awarded the ILWU Vocational/Career Technical Scholarships of \$850 each: Ron Brown, studying H.D. Mechanics at Malaspina College, son of Local 514 member Al Brown; Scott Grover, studying CAD/CAM at BCIT, son of Local 500 member Brian Grover; Filip Hroch, taking Carpentry at BCIT, son of Local 500 member Karel Hroch; Rita Blyth, enrolled in Bookkeeping at Northwest Community College, daughter of Local 505 member Barry Blyth; Richard Rodrigues, studying Accounting at Compu College, son of Local 500 member Anthony Rodrigues; and

**VPC**

Local 517 has settled with the Vancouver Port Corporation for a new three year collective agreement covering office and maintenance workers. This difficult set of negotiations narrowly avoided strike action. The contentious issue of the closure of Piers Billing and the loss of 30 jobs was resolved by enhanced severance packages, replacing temporary workers and having recall rights. The settlement also provides for wage and benefit improvements.

**Squamish**

Local 517 members employed in administration work at Squamish terminals have reached a new three year collective agreement effective January 1, 1992. The settlement provides for wage and benefit improvements.

Negotiations for the administration staff at Fraser Surrey Docks are now underway. We are pleased that Fraser Surrey Docks have been able to restructure their financial position and continue the employment of members of 517, 514, 502 on that site.

**Negotiating**

Local 502, New Westminster.

for a new collective agreement covering approximately 476 ship and dock foremen. The current collective agreement expires on Dec. 31, 1991.

Local 518, (Testers and Samplers), will soon be in negotiations to renew collective agreements with General Testing, Commercial Testing, and PKB-Scandia.



**Longshore active in Osoyoos?**

Retired members, shown here last August 17 for a picnic, talk over old times on the waterfront. Shown in the top row are M...

# Elections completed in ILWU Locals

## Local 500 Vancouver

President, **Tom Dufresne**  
 Vice President, **Bill Carrigan**  
 Secretary Treasurer, **Jim McKinley**  
 Business Agents, **Lee Jantzen, Frank Nielsen, Jim Keith**

## Local 502 New Westminster

President, **Kent Birmingham**  
 Vice President, **Chris MacDonald**  
 Secretary Treasurer, **Wilf Belanger**  
 Business Agents, **Brian Ringrose, Rob Sellers**  
 Dispatcher, **Dave Powell**

## Local 503 Port Alberni

President, **Larry Mannix**  
 Vice President, **George Kootnekoff**  
 2nd Vice President, **John Margiottiello**  
 Secretary Treasurer/Dispatcher, **Howard Old**  
 2nd Dispatcher, **Clare Nordmann**

## Local 504

President, **Cliff Rabey**  
 Secretary Treasurer/Dispatcher, **Bernie Talbot**

## Local 505 Prince Rupert

President, **Wally Robinson**  
 Vice President, **Terry Cheer**  
 Business Agent, **Laurie Corbett**  
 Secretary-Treasurer/Dispatcher, **Ken MacLean**

## Local 508 Chemainus

President, **Al Russell**  
 1st Vice President, **Brian Dishkin**  
 2nd Vice President, **Mike O'Shea**  
 Sec.-Treas./1st Dispatcher, **Ron Mrus**  
 2nd Dispatcher, **Doug Wright**

## Local 514 Foremen

President, **Doug Sigurdson**  
 1st Vice President, **Bob Pickering**

2nd Vice President, **Bill Beck**  
 3rd Vice President, **George Wright**  
 Secretary Treasurer, **Howie Smith**

## Local 517

President, **Mike Gorman**  
 Vice President, **Victor Johnson**  
 2nd Vice President, **Betty Perverzov**  
 Financial Secretary, **Brenda Woods**

## Loc. 518, Testers & Surveyors

President, **Barry Holloway**  
 Vice President, **Marion Chorney**  
 Secretary Treasurer, **Dave Cochrane**

## Local 519

President, **Len Watson**  
 Secretary Treasurer, **Ken Kolcum**  
 Dispatch, **Rick Kasum**

## Local 520 Pilotage

President, **Barry Law**  
 1st Vice President, **Bruce Northway**  
 2nd Vice President, **Peter King**

**Season's Greetings from your union officers and staff.**



## We Remember them well

### Deceased Members Active Members

Local	Name	Date
Local 500	Alfred Synch, 54	July 23
	Jesse Jarvis, 32	July 27
	James Antone, 61	July 29
	George White, 62	Aug. 24
	Norm Thompson, 61	Nov. 7
	Bill Grant, 59	Nov. 15
Local 502	William Kryski, 59	Oct. 17
Local 503	Gordon Anderson, 51	July 18
Local 505	Thomas Pilfold, 64	July 8
Local 508	Allan Dubinsky, 58	Aug. 4
Local 514	Roy Hart, 49	Sept. 4
Local 518	Raymond Roberts, 60	Sept. 22

Name	Age	Date
Finlay Stewart, 85	85	Aug. 6
Leslie Newman, 72	72	Aug. 20
Jalmer Selander, 87	87	Sept. 4
Joseph Baker, 82	82	Sept. 19
Pius McPhee, 94	94	Sept. 18
Donald Campbell, 79	79	Sept. 17
Jacob Schick, 84	84	Oct. 5
David Dean, 86	86	Oct. 10
Anthony Cretelli, 78	78	Oct. 24
Arien Jansen, 74	74	Nov. 1
Cliff Boutilier, 85	85	Nov. 12
Donald MacKillop Sr., 82	82	Nov. 25

Local	Name	Date
Local 502	Nick Danchak, 82	July 9
	Emilien Hammond, 78	July 12
	Leo Labinsky, 78	July 20
	John Minet, 87	July 28
	Max Webber, 87	Aug. 12
	John McLean, 81	Sept. 19
	Leo Brochu, 74	Sept. 21

Local	Name	Date
Local 503	Leonard Earl, 79	June 19

Local	Name	Date
Local 504	Clifford Eastwood, 86	Oct. 1
	Gerald Fagan, 85	Oct. 16

Local	Name	Date
Local 514	Wilbert Morris, 70	July 22

### Retired Members

Local	Name	Date
Local 500	Howard Webster, 76	July 5
	Lorne Cochrane, 89	July 19
	Bill Billstrom, 73	July 31
	Ronald Baker, 65	Aug. 12

## Local 500 Vancouver

### Retired July 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Norman Joseph	60	16
Walter Jones	63	40

### Retired August 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Dale Woodcock	60	34
Remi Picard	65	16
James Watson	65	34
Daniel Pereira	65	21
Antonio Bidese	65	28
Jack Bryce	62	28
John Morrison	65	28

### Retired September 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Leonard Wigman	65	45
James Budge	64	20
Cecil Stein	65	30
Alvin Waechter	60	41

### Retired October 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Rinaldo Poier	65	15
Laurence Peters	65	29
Joseph Forrest	65	36
Clifford Morrow	65	21
John Antoschuk	62	26
William Berladyn	65	21
Victor Puchmayr	62	27
Henry Soni	65	26
Francisco Brito	61	34

## Local 502

### Retired August 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Klaas Kobes	61	34
George Felton	65	34

### Retired October 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Laszlo Kish	65	32

## Local 503

### Retired July 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Charles Archer	61	37

### Retired October 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
John Varga	63	26

## Local 504

### Retired October 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Frederick Peterson	61	39

## Local 508

### Retired August 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Albert Wilson	62	24
Wallace Churchill	61	34

### Retired September 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Edwin Pinson	60	33

### Retired November 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Gus Nielsen	63	33

## Local 514

### Retired August 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Albert Peterson	65	25
Stephen Hrynuik	60	30
Ian Cruickshank	65	26

### Retired September 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Max Hurren	61	40
David Sanderson	65	39

### Retired October 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Hans Josephson	65	31
Ernest Boon	65	19

### Retired November 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Frank Znidarsic	65	23

## Local 517

### Retired June 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Bill Law		3

### Retired October 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Lorna Paget		21

### Retired November 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Lorraine MacDonald		36
Anita Klatt		18

### Retired December 1, 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Melody Murray		25

### Retiring January 1 1991

Name	Age	Years of Service
Francis Ellis		34

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