

25 YEARS AGO

Ten Longshore officers went to jail rather than give in to the feds

Ten ILWU presidents went to jail June 17, 1966 on contempt of court charges when they refused to order longshoremen to work on statutory holidays.

They were trying to get the employers to abide by the federal government's Statutory Holiday Act.

In June this year, those presidents were honoured for their courage in a presentation at the Longshore caucus commemorating the 25th Anniversary of their jailing.

The union presidents involved were: Roy C. Smith, Canadian Area President; Les Copan, president of Local 501, Vancouver; Don Garcia, president of Local 502, New Westminster; Laing Mackie, president of Local 503, Port Alberni; Stan Ball, president of Local 504, Victoria; Ed Pilfold, president of Local 505, Prince Rupert; Bill Laurillard, president of Local 506, Marine Checkers, Vancouver; Red Foster, president of Local 507, Grainliners, Vancouver; Dave Mason, president of Local 508, Chemainus; Vince Shannon, president of Local 501, First Aid.

Brothers Mackie, Ball, Mason and Shannon have now passed away. Brothers Smith and Pilfold were not able to attend the Caucus and arrangements will be made to recognize them.

The 25th anniversary presentation honours these union leaders who went to jail for a principle they believed in.

It also reminds us that the wages, benefits, working conditions and welfare plans we enjoy today were earned after great sacrifice by the many union members who came before us.



Shown holding framed photograph taken outside of the prison camp in 1966 are, from left: Bill Laurillard, then-president of Local 506, Marine Checkers, Vancouver; Don Garcia, then-president of Local 502, New Westminster; Les Copan, then-president of Local 501, Vancouver; and Red Foster, then-president of Local 507, Grainliners, Vancouver. Each received his own framed copy of this historic photograph, and copies will be sent to all locals later this month.

Grain dust study could help longshoremen

SAFETY



Grain dust monitoring will be starting in late September or early October.

Doctors from the UBC Epidemiology Department will start a cohort study of the Wheat Board and Local 514 members in either late September or early October.

Epidemiologists study the occurrence, transmission and control of infectious diseases and epidemics.

A ship will be loading malathion-treated grain during the testing. It is hoped that this testing will expand to Prince Rupert this fall or winter.

This testing has been a long time coming. Cooperation from ILWU members involved in the tests will be greatly appreciated, especially since information gathered through this study may help other workers. These doctors are very dedicated

Rupert route chosen for Bell copper

The Prince Rupert Port Corporation has concluded a contract for the receiving, storing and shiploading of copper concentrates from Bell Mine of Noranda Minerals Inc.

The contract is the initial phase which will extend over a 15-month period.

This first phase will see a total of 120,000 tonnes shipped during the period. Bell Mine is located at Granisle, B.C., and Prince Rupert is the closest port to the mine, providing an efficient and economical route to overseas customers.

Bell are currently assessing and evaluating an extension to the mine

ments by May 1st. According to General Manager and CEO Terry Andrew, the Port is actively negotiating with other mines, and anticipates as much as 500,000 tonnes of ore concentrates could be shipped through Prince Rupert each year.

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Time to re-discover what we're all about

Sometimes we take for granted the composition of the ILWU-Canadian Area.

The Canadian Area is an autonomous section of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. The headquarters of the International is in San Francisco. The Area handles all its own affairs and sends no money down south except for a nominal amount to pay for the cost of the *Dispatcher* which, by constitution, every member of the ILWU must receive.

In Hawaii, the *Dispatcher* is replaced by the official organ of the Islands, *The Voice of Hawaii*.

All Canadian Area locals are numbered in the 500 series. There are 13 locals in Canada. Local 500 Vancouver, 502 New Westminster, 503 Port Alberni, 504 Victoria, 505 Prince Rupert, 508 Chemainus, 519 Stewart are all Longshore locals.

Local 514 is a province-wide foremen's local, 515 is a local composed of native people in Port Simpson, 517 is composed of the employees of the Port of Vancouver, of Squamish Terminals office staff, of Fraser-Surrey Docks office staff, of Westshore Terminals office staff, and of Nanaimo Harbour Commission employees.

Local 518 is a local of the employees of various testing and surveying companies and functions throughout B.C.

Local 520 is made up of dispatchers, boatmen and office staff who

handle the affairs of the Pacific Pilotage Authority which is responsible for the safe pilotage of all ships on the Canadian west coast.

Local 521 is chartered to Harbour Tire who service the docks. This charter will shortly be revisited.

The highest governing body of the Canadian Area is the Canadian Area Convention when it is in session. Between conventions the Canadian Area Executive Board governs. Quarterly meetings of the Executive Board are held to handle the affairs of the Union.

The president of the Canadian Area, by virtue of the office, is on the International Executive Board which meets quarterly in San Francisco to address things pertinent to the International.

The longshore locals have one collective agreement with the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association which has 66 employers.

To handle this labour contract the longshore locals have established the Longshore Contract Ex-

ecutive Board (LCEB). The board is composed of all longshore local presidents and other members on the basis of per capita representation.

The LCEB is ultimately responsible for contract bargaining. A separate per capita has been established to fund this division.

All the other locals have contract caucuses, develop programs and negotiate them with their various employers.

Local 502 has a collective agreement with Westshore Terminals outside the longshore master contract.

Local 514 negotiates a master contract with the Waterfront Foremen's Employers Association which is composed of 19 different companies. They have a separate labour contract with Westshore Terminals.

The Canadian Area assists in labour negotiations when necessary.

As an affiliate to the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) we are affiliated to the B.C. Federation of

Labour and the District Labour Councils in the areas where our local unions have jurisdiction.

Through an arrangement with the Retail Wholesale Department Store Union in the province of Saskatchewan (RWDSU), per capita payments to the CLC are paid through the Canadian Area.

The RWDSU has 4500 members.

We have a similar arrangement with the Retail Wholesale Union (RWU) in British Columbia. The RWU has 3500 members.

The Canadian Area is affiliated with Western Transportation Advisory Council, the International Transportation Workers Federation, the Pacific Coast Maritime Council. Area delegates participate in a range of activities with these bodies and others.

This is the ILWU family in Canada.

We maintain strong fraternal ties with the International Union and support the slogan of labour: "An Injury to One is an Injury to All."



Don Garcia, President, ILWU Canadian Area



Hawaiian cattle move along special gangway, while ship takes on fresh feed.

Hawaiian cattle move through Vancouver

The cattle ship *Philomena Purcell* carries Hawaiian cattle to Vancouver and then on to Alberta for feeding before the animals are slaughtered.

Hawaiian ranchers pay 30 cents per pound to ship steers and heifers to Canada where they put on more weight than they would have if they

Anders Pederson says the ship is 293 feet from stem to stern, has a breadth of 43 feet and a displacement of 10,269 tons.

The cattle are accommodated in cargo holds that have been converted to pens. Fresh water is supplied by an onboard distilling system.

feed.

For the current shipment the Parker Ranch herd was transported by truck to the docks at Kawaihae.

A special gangway with high sides to keep the cattle from jumping out had been constructed for offloading from the trucks into the ship.

YOU CAN'T VOTE

If you don't have a Voter Identification card you are not on the voters' list and you won't be allowed to vote in the next provincial election.

Call the Registrar of Voters and ask them to mail you a registration application form. You can find the number under "Elections" in the B.C. Government Blue Pages of your phone directory.

When the form arrives, fill it out, return it to the Registrar of Voters.

Longshore bargaining caucus starts work

During the week of June 10 to 14, 46 delegates representing seven longshore locals in the Canadian Area met in Vancouver at the Maritime Labour Centre.

They formulated contract demands for a new collective agreement in anticipation of meetings later this year. The current collective agreement expires Dec. 31.

Local 517 members thanked with pink slips

Ports Day on May 12 was a great success, thanks largely to Local 517 members who worked on their days off. Ports Day is run by the Vancouver

Port Corporation, which was in negotiations with the Local at the time.

Although some union members were concerned about people volunteering to work on Ports Day, there was general good feeling about the speed of negotiations. By May 12 the negotiating committee had met six times, with a seventh meeting scheduled for May 17. There were only three issues left to resolve: money, a nine day fortnight, and a career path training program.

Then, in a calculated move, the VPC negotiating committee told the Union that Vancouver Ports was eliminating the Piers Billing Department, and 30 members would be terminated as of Sept. 27.

Piers Billing has been in operation since 1945, and has given both the employer and Ports customers a quality billing and documentation service.

VPC has been trying since 1972 to remove the work done at Piers Billing from the jurisdiction of Local 517 and

to contract it out to non-union employers.

The Port argues that work done at Piers Billing duplicates billing and documentation supplied by the Stevedoring Companies. However, when the Union asked to see specific examples of work to be contracted out, VPC refused to show any.

All Locals have endorsed the program to keep this work under ILWU jurisdiction. These jobs are our members' jobs and the union will not stand by and allow this work to be contracted out while our members are laid off.

Nanaimo port workers get contract

Local 517 members working for the Nanaimo Harbour commission ratified a collective agreement May 26.

Although there was some disappointment about not getting parity with staff at Vancouver Port Corporation, the nine members of Local 517 - Nanaimo overwhelmingly passed the ratification.

Congratulations to Local 517 and their Nanaimo negotiating committee: Canadian Area President Don Garcia, Virginia Perrson and Paul Waters.

Children's Hospital Benefits

Local 508 Chemainus donated \$3,800 to B.C.'s Children's Hospital June 1, at the Children's Miracle Network Telethon. Alan Grimston (left) and Sunny Bear, both from B.C.'s Children's Hospital, thank Local 508 President Richard Jones. Local 514 also made a very substantial contribution to the fund: \$12,000. Good work, everyone!



ALONG THE SHORE

Local 502 jobs saved from creditors

A supreme Court judge has rejected a move by the Fraser River Harbour Commission to hand the Fraser Surrey Docks operation to its creditors.

The order shielding the operators from claimants will remain in place until July 27.

The six-berth deep-sea terminal is the major employer of longshore labor in Local 502 and employs 16 Local 517 members in the office.

Organized workforce largest in history

Where does Canada stand in numbers of workers who belong to unions? In 1990, total union membership among non-agricultural workers rose to four million, or 36.2%. That's the highest number of unionized workers ever recorded in the country.

The U.S. has only 16% unionization, Germany has 42%, Great Britain has 8% and Sweden has 97%.

Almost half of Canada's union members are in the public sector, with women making up more than 37% of total Canadian union membership.

Fully 69% of Canadian unionists belong to Canada-based unions, while 1% remain in international unions.

Injuries cost more days than strikes

The lie that strikes hurt Canada's international competitiveness is countered by the fact that far more time is lost to occupational injuries and illness than to strikes and lock-outs. In 1988, for example, more than 13 million workdays were lost because of injury or illness on the job while only .05% of total work days in Canada were lost to strikes.

Union should buy union - Georgetti

Ken Georgetti, President of the B.C. Federation of Labour, asks union members to shop at unionized places selling union-made goods.

"We should not buy memberships in retail or wholesale club organizations that are non-union," says Georgetti.

Since the 1980s the rise of non-union retail outlets has threatened the gains achieved through collective bargaining in the retail sector.

In the past, we could go to a unionized supermarket and "buy union." Now there are warehouse clubs, home improvement shops, mini malls



During the celebration banquet for Local 518's 20th anniversary recently, 518



ESSAYS

Do they teach kids about the Strike of '35?

What did your child learn in school today?

If you have children in public

school you have probably never heard them talk about "the strike of '35" or "The On-To-Ottawa Trek." That's because the B.C. public school system doesn't teach labour history.

So in the 12 years a child spends in the system what does he or she learn?

The three Rs, that's for sure. But for the most part, children are bombarded with big business ideology and disciplined to fit into society, and to accept that the ways big business handles its affairs are right and proper.

You might even say that children are brainwashed in public school.

They have absolutely no idea how coffee breaks came about or how

many lives were lost to achieve the eight hour workday.

How can we blame young people, then, when they enter the workforce and want to skip coffee break to leave work a little early? Or when they see union organizers as some alien, hostile beings when they show up on the worksite?

We can't blame them.

I think it's time that society addressed the problem of union education so that our young people get the whole picture when history is taught in school.

That way they might be able to make informed decisions regarding unions.

The B.C. Teachers Federation has already developed teaching modules for labour history so the cost to the tax-payer of modifying the curriculum would be minimal.

All that would have to take place is for the labour history modules to be merged with current history ma-

terials.

Think about it. What did your child learn in school today?

By Chris MacDonald, Local 502



We Remember them well

Deceased Members

Active Members

Local 500

Stan Chester, 60	Apr 26, 1991
Edwin Paull, 54	May 27, 1991
Bill Pitts, 59	June 23, 1991
Les Sztankovics, 58	July 3, 1991

Local 505

Tom Pilfold Sr., 64	July 8, 1991
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Local 514

Donald Dufault, 61	Jan. 13, 1991
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Retired Members

Local 500

Alex Cayer, 71	Mar 14, 1991
Leland Jones, 73	Mar 14, 1991
Eugene Wallner, 64	Apr 6, 1991
Bill Burlie, 71	Apr 11, 1991
Paul Henatyszen, 63	May 3, 1991
Blackie Stevens, 74	May 12, 1991
Cornelius McMahon, 86	May 14, 1991
Jean Lalonde, 81	May 20, 1991
Bernard Kennelly, 68	May 11, 1991
Andy McPherson, 82	May 29, 1991
Frank Massullo, 69	May 19, 1991
Dennis Richards, 73	June 2, 1991
Fred Barker, 85	June 6, 1991
Howard Webster, 76	July 5, 1991

Local 502

Leonard Perchie, 77	Mar 16, 1991
Edward Bonter, 75	Apr 26, 1991
Melvin Pennell, 85	Apr 28, 1991
William McKie, 62	May 17, 1991
John McIntyre, 70	May 5, 1991

Local 503

Nicholas Peters, 78	May 12, 1991
Leonard Earl, 79	June 19, 1991

Local 504

Kenneth Clark, 69	April 5, 1991
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Local 508

Lavandusky, 73	Mar 4, 1991
John Kobe, 90	Apr 24, 1991

Local 514

George Tett, 72	Apr 29, 1991
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Local 500

Larry Barrager, 60	Jan 28, 1991
Stephen Marquette, 46	Feb. 9, 1991
George Criddle, 89	Jan. 16, 1991



RETIRED MEMBERS

Age Years of Service

Local 500 Vancouver

Retired April 1, 1991

William Holliday	65	9
Gordon Cyr	65	21
Len Raffan	61	34
Roy Hykaway	63	39
Bill Soames	60	35
Les Godfrey	61	27
Dereck West	55	24
Wally Jones	63	40
Norm Joseph	60	15

Retired May 1, 1991

Peter Ward	64	35
John Egresits	64	26
Stan Crook	64	39
Howard Legassick	63	29

Retired June 1, 1991

Vito Schinzano	65	21
William Gray	62	42
Kelly Dean	63	21
Tony Miletic	61	29
Bud Garritty	64	45
Bob Pearson	65	43
Art Thompson	62	27
Ed Wyman	63	25
Fred Morris	65	39
Bill Isbister	65	27
Don Jensen	63	41
Charlie Price	65	28

Retired July 1, 1991

Roger Vellandi	65	19
John Giesbrecht	62	28

Local 502 New Westminster

Retired June 1, 1991

Leonard Ravensbergen	63	35
Rene Beaudry	60	30

Local 503 Port Alberni

Retired May 1, 1991

George Haaf	61	35
Charles Archer	61	37

Local 505 Prince Rupert

Retired June 1, 1991

Gunnar Nyborg	62	31
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Local 508 Chemainus

Retired April 1, 1991

Edward Hearn	62	26
James Middlemiss	61	33
John Davidson	62	23

Local 514

Retired April 1, 1991

Frank Pyatt	65	9
William Shaw	65	36
James Greer	62	38
Arthur Wilton	65	38
Al Newcombe	65	19

Local 519

Retired May 1, 1991

Harold Schindel	64	12
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Local 500

Retired April 1, 1990

Ron Baker	64	26
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Local 502

Retired Feb. 1, 1990

Gerard Chabot	65	37
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Children's Hospital Benefit

ILWU Local 500 Fishing Derby August 17 & 18, 1991

Support Children's Hospital & you could win a one-week cruise for 2 to Alaska

Your \$10 ticket also entitles you to enter the Fishing Derby.

All proceeds from ticket sales go to B.C.'s Children's Hospital

Contact Jim Keith or Larry

Carmichael at Local 500

Draw Date: August 18, 1991

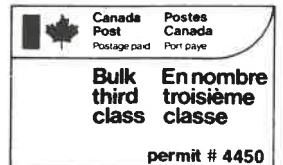


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