

City police block access to Ballantyne Pier during the 1935 strike. Note the police on horseback, barely visible over the roof of the police car.



Mickey O'Rourke carries the flag at the head of the column of longshoremen marching on Ballantyne Pier, with longshore president Ivan Emery at his side. Most of the men wore their WWI medals to show their loyalty to Canada.

The Battle of Ballantyne built the union

The 20s and 30s were dirty decades on the docks of British Columbia. Things came to a head on June 18, 1935 with the Battle of Ballantyne, when police on horseback charged into a crowd of 1,000 longshoremen and began cracking skulls.

In those days the employers controlled the dispatch system, which led to continual confrontations with longshoremen. At that time the union was company-dominated, which increased tensions.

Things boiled over on June 4, 1935 when Vancouver longshoremen were locked out for refusing to load paper from Powell River aboard the Athen.

Two weeks earlier the Powell River Pulp and Paper Company

picketers away from the docks. By mid-June the union was getting increasingly frustrated at its inability to picket the docks.

On June 18 they marched 5,000-strong to Ballantyne Pier, to press their right to talk to the scabs and urge them to join the picket lines.

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Mickey O'Rourke, who had earned

The confrontation was described as follows in the Waterfront News of November, 1971:

"At the Alexander Street-Heatley Avenue approaches they were met by massed police headed by Vancouver Police Chief W.W. Foster. Police fired tear gas and charged them when they refused to disperse.

"Mounted city police rode their horses through the ranks of the longshoremen, pursuing them through the streets and down back lanes, riding up to the steps of the old houses in the neighbourhood where women and children gathered, swinging their clubs indiscriminately in what the Vancouver Daily Province described as 'the bloodiest hours in waterfront history.'

bombs inside.

"The tenements were crowded with spectators who howled with glee when a policeman was hit," reported the Province on June 19, a statement which contained a strong element of truth although it was intended to sustain the impression that police were quelling a 'communist-inspired' disorder.

"Vancouver will no longer toler-

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Harcourt couldn't make the hard decisions

It's been almost a month now since Mike Harcourt resigned the leadership of the New Democratic Party of B.C., and it may be a good time for many to look at the issue of "Leadership".

Whether it is leader of a political party or a union, the modern day leader has resources which not only help in the decision making process but also allows the members to participate in making those decisions.

Through better polling techniques, improved communications and participation in local meetings a repre-

sentative can quickly determine the wishes of his/her constituents or membership.

Where the issue of leadership comes in to play is when a leader is faced with making a decision which will be unpopular with someone no matter what he/she decides. It is then that the designated leader must take the initiative and resolve the issue decisively.

Mike Harcourt did not have to resign for crimes committed ten years ago by administrators of the Commonwealth Society Fund! That will be dealt with in

the courts, if the R.C.M.P. ever get off their "asses" and lay criminal charges.

Harcourt did not have to resign over the provincial executive paying \$60,000.00 back to the Nanaimo Commonwealth Society! This was a misjudgment made by the executive board and they should have been made to answer for their mistake.

Why did Mike Harcourt have to resign?

When faced with the fact of the Nanaimo Commonwealth Society, the actions of the N.D.P. executive board and the outcries of the public, Harcourt was not willing to make the hard and unpopular decisions.

A leader's responsibility is to

ensure that there is a direction which is being followed, he/she can retain the position as the head of the organization for making a wrong decision.

If a leader is not willing to deal with the hard decision, that leader relinquishes the right to lead. Mike Harcourt realized that through his unwillingness to lead he had relinquished his right to continue as Premier and he resigned.

As a union we should learn from this lesson. It is easy to be the nice guy and shrug off decisions or refer them to committees or other people.

But what the members are looking for when they elect their leaders are people willing to make those hard decisions.



Gordie Westrand
Canadian Area President

Battle of Ballantyne

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ate communist agitators who incite to riot, and the port will remain open for trade," declared Vancouver's Anti-labour Mayor (later Liberal MP and Senator) Gerald Grattan McGeer."

Following the Battle of Ballantyne were a series of arrests of 24 key organizers. When a union official came to the police station to post bail, he too was arrested.

The ban on picketing continued, with police guarding the docks. Finally, on Dec. 9, 1935 the unions ended the strike and returned to work on the docks.

But they also learned a lesson about solidarity, and turned the Battle of Ballantyne into a rallying cry. Though they continued to be represented by the union-controlled Longshore and Water Transport Workers of Canada, individual locals continued to organize their own unions.

The International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union had been growing in the US, and at its first international convention in 1938 both New Westminster and Vancouver received charters. By the next year however, both locals were not able to carry on, and their charters were lifted.

By 1941 the ILWU made provision for a Canadian district and in March, 1944 Vancouver longshoremen received a charter for local 501. It was the first international charter for longshoremen in 23

cal 504;

1945: Prince Rupert Local 505, Vancouver Checkers and Weighers local 506;

1946: Grainliners Local 507;

1947: Chemainus Local 508;

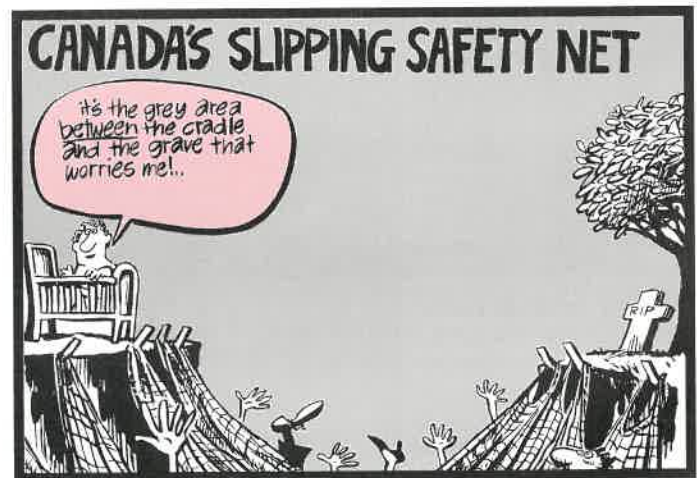
1953: Coastwise Local 509, First Aid Attendants local 510, and Pacific Coast Terminals Warehouse local 511;

1954: Vancouver Warehouse local 512;

1956: Victoria Local 504.

In December of 1945 longshoremen formed a B.C. District Council, and locals joined in as they were chartered. In January of 1959, after winning a major strike over the issue of pensions, the ILWU locals in B.C. approved a constitution for the Canadian Area as a fully autonomous body within the International Union.

The Battle of Ballantyne was finally won.



More new union members

I.L.W.U. Canadian Area Organizer Les Buss reports the successful certification of a number of units under the I.L.W.U. Banner.

I.L.W.U. Local 522, created at the 1992 Convention, now has a membership of 68 workers with a first collective agreement in final negotiations.

Gull Transport, located on the Vancouver Waterfront, has 14 employees who are now members of

Local 500 and are in negotiations.

I.L.W.U. Local 400 has also gained a number of new certifications and new members. Local 517's membership has increased with the certification of 38 employees at 'English for a Change-Language Schools'.

A joint organizing drive with our affiliate Retail Wholesale Union has gotten cards signed and certification applications for over 500 workers. "The marriage between our unions has been strengthened immeasurably by this organizing program," said R.W.U. Assistant Provincial rep. Brian DeBeck.

Western Canada I.T.F. inspector Peter Leahy reported I.T.F. Standard Collective Agreements have been instituted on four Hyundai Ships.



AT THE TABLE

'96 Canadian Area

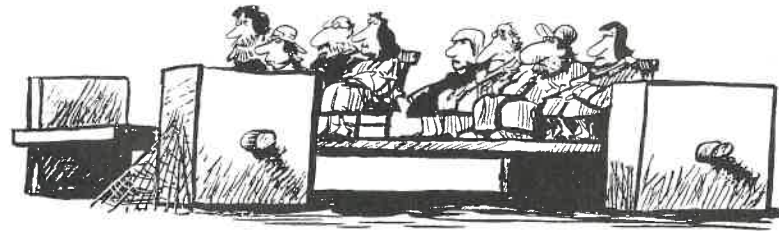
Convention dates set

The ILWU Canadian Area Convention will be held March 26 to 29, 1996 at the Maritime Labour Centre in Vancouver. Convention details, resolutions, etc. will be avail-

be increased by two dollars per month per year of service.

This will mean that the pension will go from \$33.00 to \$35.00 per month per year of service to a maximum of 35 years.

Liberals not serious about jobs - CLC



"Is there a jobless person in Canada who believes the Liberal government is serious about job creation?" asks CLC Executive Vice-President Nancy Riche.

"This government promised 400,000 new jobs in 1995 - it didn't happen. Unemployment is stuck above 9 percent with little hope of change. It is apparent to nearly everybody by now that the new-liberal way to fix the economy is a failure," states Riche.

"It's time, in this National Full Employment Week, for the government of Canada to make job creation its top priority.

The government should keep the promise they made in the Red Book: 'We believe that we have to take immediate measures to make our

economy grow and to create jobs.' "Job growth is feeble. Just 58.6 percent of working-age Canadians have jobs today, compared with 62.6 percent before the recession. There has been no improvement in this picture in 1995.

"If people who have given up looking for work were included, the unemployment rate today would be 12 percent. It would be 17 percent if it included those who want full-time work but can only find a part time job.

"Exports have been booming, fueling a strong recovery for company profits. In fact, corporate profits have almost doubled since mid-1992. Last year, the annual pay cheques of chief corporate officers rose 23 percent. But nearly no one

is hiring".

"Given that the threat of runaway inflation is nil, and given that corporate profits are strong, creating jobs would be a smart move for the government. Putting Canadi-

ans back to work would raise government revenues, lift the domestic economy, and bring hope to millions of Canadians who can't find full time work", concludes Riche.

Scholarships awarded to ILWU Students

The Canadian Area has announced the winners of this year's I.L.W.U. Scholarships.

Successful candidates for the Harry Bridges Undergraduate Scholarships worth \$1500 are: Paula Wright, daughter of Doug Wright of Local 508; Erin Macri, daughter of Mike Macri of Local 514 and Maxine Hayman, daughter of Douglas Hayman of Local 500.

Harry Bridges Entrance Scholarships worth \$1500 were awarded to Carrie Tessier, daughter of Rick Tessier of Local 500; Katrina Burling, daughter of Eric Burling of Local 500; Preena Sandhu, daughter of Parampreet Sandhu of Local 514 and Christopher Lang, son of Debbie Lang of Local 517.

The Local 506 Ralph Scruton Memorial Scholarship worth \$750 was awarded to Juliet Kwong, daughter of Anita Kwong of Local 517. Eric Stobbart, son of Richard Stobbart of Local 502 was awarded the \$1500 Thomas P. Mayers Scholarship.

The Edwin K. Schuss and Ron Kitchen Achievement Award of \$1500 was won by Eric Stobbart. The Financial Aid and Awards of B.C.I.T. advises that there were no qualified applicants for the 1995 Brian J. Morris Memorial Bursary. The William F. Hurford Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 was awarded to Tracy Spanberger, daughter of

Bill Spanberger of Local 500.

Vocational/Career Technical Scholarships worth \$850 were awarded to Ken Martin, son of Barb Buchanan of Local 517; Liana Bob, daughter of David Bob of Local 502; Gavin McDonald, son of Ron McDonald of Local 500; Henry Bragg, son of Henry Bragg Sr. of Local 514; Aryk Brown, son of Paddy Brown of Local 500 and Robert Brain, son of Dan Brain of Local 514.

All recipients are to be congratulated for winning these awards and all applicants are given our appreciation for participating in the award process and advancing their own goals. The following not expresses the sentiment contained in all letters of thanks received at this office.



Dear Sir,

Thanks for awarding me a much needed scholarship. This money will do a great deal to assist me along my scholastic career path. It also allows me a chance to fully concentrate on my studies. Finally, it gives me a chance to see the class and humanitarian nature of my mothers' union, the I.L.W.U.

Yours Truly,
Ken Martin

Election Results from all ILWU Locals

Local 400, Vancouver

President, Dave Crain
1st Vice-President, Terry Engler
Secretary Treasurer, Al Engler
I.T.F. Representative, Peter Lahay

Local 500, Vancouver

President, Denny Allan
Vice-President, Barry Washburn
Secretary Treasurer, Rick Tattersall
Business Agents, Jim Keith, Al Rondpre, Chuck Zuckerman

Local 502, New Westminster

President, Brian Ringrose
Vice-President, Kerry Bergen
Secretary Treasurer, Mick Turmel
Business Agents, Cheyne MacDonald, Rob Sellers
Dispatcher, Steve Buckle

Local 503, Port Alberni

President, Larry Mannix
Vice-President, George Kootnekoff
Second Vice-President, John Margiottiello
Secretary Treasurer/Dispatcher, Howard Old
Second Dispatcher, Clare Nordmann

Local 504, Victoria

President, Brett Hartley
Vice-President, Bernie Talbot
Secretary Treasurer, Steve Hendry
Safety Co-ordinator, Rick Berry

Local 505, Prince Rupert

Secretary Treasurer/Dispatcher,
Ken MacLean

Local 508, Chemainus

President, Al Russell
First Vice-President, Randy Smith
Second Vice-President, Mike O'Shea
Sec.-Treas./First Dispatcher, Gary Middlemiss
Second Dispatcher, Doug Wright

Local 514 Foremen

President, Doug Sigurdson
First Vice-President, Dave Ponsart
Second Vice-President, Dave Strom
Third Vice-President, Steve Nasby
Secretary Treasurer, Howie Smith

Local 517

President, Mike Gorman
Vice-President, Rob Solheim
Second Vice-President, Betty Perverzov
Financial Secretary, Raymond Tsow

Local 518, Testers & Surveyors

President, Wayne Leslie
Vice-President, Marion Chorney
Secretary Treasurer, Dave Cochrane

Local 519, Stewart

President, Dave White

Local 520, Pilotage

RETIRED MEMBERS

Years of
Service

Member's name Age

Member's name	Age	Years of Service			
Local 500					
L. Quattrin	65	23	J. Saddlemeyer	62	32
E. Suhner	65	28	T. Smith	64	29
V. Nicastrì	65	26	S. Sekula	55	21
R. Deppiesse	60	31	N. Serheniuk	65	26
E. Commodore	58	35	D. O'Donnell	64	32
C. Courvoisier	65	32	S. Turner	65	23
J. Pelleirn	62	38	Local 502		
R. Marshall	63	40	P. Palidwor	65	32
N. Virginillo	64	31	K. Spangberg	65	21
W. Chenkaluk	65	19	C. Buckle (vested)	62	32
J. Marsh	60	36	M. Kormanack	62	25
H. Franken	65	31	Local 503		
J. Kaufman	62	35	A. Hustvedt	64	26
A. Morena	65	28	Local 508		
K. Eberl	65	37	W. Cross	61	33
C. Wojciechowski	62	38	W. Whiteside	65	24
D. Henatyszen	61	38	J. Ward	62	37
R. Mann	60	40	C. Walker	62	43.5
D. Bazinet	65	31	R. Wentz	62	35.5
D. Dametto	65	18	R. Miller	61	37.75
J. Varga	65	37	N. Kogstad	61	35
D. Bennett	62	30	L. Jansen	60	37
O. Hofbauer	65	19	C. Sheherd	62	25
J. Martin	58	32	L. McEachern	62	34
E. Hooge	65	39	Local 514		
D. Smith	65	26	L. Peacock	61	36
G. Gusto	65	14	A. Curtis	65	23
L. McGuire	63	36	D. Smith	65	44
J. Tully	65	37	R. Evoy	65	28
K. Donison	65	38	D. Graham	65	45
R. Kellerman	64	40	R. Hankey	63	40
A. Lawrie	63	25	H. Bragg	65	32
D. Henney	64	35	P. Pakulak	61	38
L. Aslin	65	37	F. Pro	65	37
L. Desaulniers	65	16	P. Dore	62	42
V. Brunt	59	36	H. Nesbitt	62	45
P. Monaghan	65	25	D. Tarrant	65	22
E. Bigmore	65	24	J. Telford	63	35
C. Craig	65	45	D. Cudmore	62	33
M. Ware	65	35			
J. Nosella	65	39			
E. McParland	65	35			
S. Kolba	62	32			
V.K. Grover	65	42			
J. Procaccini	64	27			

We Remember them well

Active Members

Member's name	Age	Date			
Local 500					
Rogger Bianco	48	09/11/94	E. Sojuzl	80	30/04/95
Leonard Wirth	62	26/12/94	P. Rempel	81	25/05/95
Lindsay Aker	51	26/12/94	G. Hygaard	72	03/06/95
Don Geary	58	06/01/95	P. Warner	73	13/06/95
Alfred Foulds	59	23/01/95	D. Pereira	68	30/06/95
Dan Marguette	48	09/03/95	F. Morin	81	09/08/95
Stephen McLean	34	02/04/95	C. Cook	78	16/08/95
Tom Stewart	32	09/05/95	J. Guthrie	87	16/08/95
James Perigo	59	22/05/95	R. Chamley	88	02/09/95
Robert Prost	54	01/06/95	W. Isbister	69	03/09/95
Chris Greekas	50	04/06/95	G. Laing	70	22/09/95
Brian Elliot	47	19/06/95	C. Weidendorf	87	23/10/95
Phillip Orr	48	15/06/95	E. Rivers	75	24/10/95
Kuldip Bhinder	57	27/06/95	J. Bailey	84	25/10/95
Colin Collinson	54	18/07/95	K. Liedike	73	08/11/95
Bill Burns	45	31/07/95	A. Forsyth	76	11/11/95
James Martin	57	16/08/95	R. Beemish	76	23/11/95
Scott Meindersma	35	25/08/95	M. Norbury	83	25/11/95
John Garrison	46	27/08/95	Local 502		
Randal Newman	55	18/10/95	G. Birovchak	88	03/01/95
John Baillie	57	13/11/95	N. Amero	82	10/01/95
James Grad	61	19/11/95	D. Choma	89	20/01/95
Donald Cudmore	40	26/11/95	L. Stonehouse	81	23/02/95
Local 502					
Simon Maude	55	21/07/95	P. Hansen	76	13/04/95
Local 503					
Wilhelm Arndt	60	16/06/95	E. Belanger	82	30/04/95
Local 504					
Lloyd Tahouney	61	22/09/95	D. Garcia	68	10/05/95
Local 505					
Stan Dahlgren	64	28/12/94	J. Austin	72	14/05/95
Local 508					
Clifton Isenor	62	30/08/95	P. Kazakoff	81	24/05/95
Local 514					
Art Waters	54	11/01/95	R. Bourget	84	30/05/95
Gerald Wright	59	24/02/95	E. Larsen	89	22/06/95
Deceased Pensioners					
Local 500					
W. Monahan	85	22/09/94	A. Hossay	82	23/07/95
H. Riechert	76	22/11/94	R. Hollick	68	01/08/95
J. Kostiuik	73	02/12/94	M. Medelko	78	12/08/95
R. Scribner	61	06/12/94	D. King	80	14/08/95
P. Stephens	65	06/12/94	L. Kronquist	82	13/08/95
P. Laine	73	07/12/94	R. Lamarche	84	02/09/95
R. Blackley	65	20/12/94	R. Finnigan	74	06/09/95
L. Jackson	71	06/01/95	O. Frick	67	18/10/95
R. Sotiroff	73	08/01/95	L. Ravensbergen	68	28/10/95
F. Mckee	68	02/02/95	W. Friederich	85	12/11/95
B. Ellie	65	10/02/95	Local 503		
C. Christmas	89	13/02/95	G. Marrs	74	01/10/94
J. Delatorre	74	15/03/95	L. Jorgenson	69	25/11/95
J. Matheson	83	14/03/95	J. Schan	76	05/12/95
R. Johnson	81	16/03/95	E. Leclerc	80	23/07/95
N. Senior	66	24/03/95	T. Dick	79	08/08/95
F. Bolkowy	69	28/03/95	G. Miles	82	11/10/95
H. Whiting	78	05/04/95	Local 504		
E. Dale	74	04/04/95	J. Gibson	67	13/02/95
L. Deacon	87	13/04/95	G. Fallick	79	15/03/95
P. Petrin	66	20/04/95	K. Cleasby	67	13/05/95
H. Cathey	82	23/04/95	C. Peden	79	23/06/95
H. Mckibbon	75	12/04/95	F. Mahoney	74	08/10/94
D. Bowman	88	24/04/95	Local 505		
J. Assis	84	29/04/95	M. Garbelya	82	12/12/95
			L. Calway	76	13/10/95
			H. McKibbon	75	12/04/95
			Local 508		
			R. Frechette	64	20/10/94
			S. Jack	87	18/12/94
			R. Smith	62	26/12/94
			E. Pike	85	23/04/95
			E. Goa	73	17/05/95
			J. Irvine	75	02/10/95
			Local 514		
			R. Armstrong	74	09/08/95
			A. Instance	71	17/08/95
			W. Sailes	76	09/10/95

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