CRISIS IN B.C. HOSPITALS

Why Pick On The Hospital Worker?

In our present B.C. Government policy is upchrising and collectivising sales tax from the consumer. The group will be charged under false pretenses.

W. M. Black

Should hospital workers have to risk their lives and their health? Why does the British Columbia Hospital Employers' Union have their raison d'etre?

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We would like to have an answer. We would like to have an answer.

Pointed Out Before

Our organisation has been meeting in its approach. On January 9th, 1959, a special edition of this paper was published. That edition was the only one of its kind in the nation. It was the only one in the nation. It was the only one in the nation.

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Hospitals are a material and non-municipal cost which have been passed on to the consumer. In the hospital system, it is just as true now.

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B.C. Fed. Marches
On Victoria

- Will you support in the legislature the recommendations of the Federation on unemployment and the Social Credit government?
- Will you support in the legislature the amendment to the Warkman's Compensation Act proposed by the Federation?
- Are you opposed to further restrictive labour legislation?
- Are you opposed to the use of Civil Defence Act in a labour dispute?
- Will you support a moratorium on debts to prevent foreclosures on tenants and vacant lots and families of the unemployed?

On February 2, close to 500 trade unionists, led by President W. W. Black, walked the streets and the affected areas of the Legislative Buildings in Victoria. They were looking for answers to the above questions posed by the B.C. Federation of Labour and the Victoria office of the Brotherhood of Railway, Express and Steamship Employees.

Strikes and lockouts are no longer a part of the game. The time has come for a better understanding of what we are fighting for. A strike at one end of the province is no longer a mere battle against a company. It is a battle against a policy that is the root cause of the problem.
B.C. Fed. Meets
Labour Committee

On March 3rd, the B.C. Federation of Labour submitted a brief to the Select Standing Committee on Labour. The brief was concerned primarily with the problems of the unemployed, noting that while the total number of unemployed is $9,684, 60,000, in January of this year, 109,000 were unemployed last year. The brief was 109,000 at the same time last year, the problem is still acute.

The Federation brief contended that in the absence of any concrete plans specifically drawn up to alleviate the problem on a long-term basis, there is every indication that the winter of 1956 will see a continuation of the present grave situation. The Federation brief asserted several recommendations as follows:

**Recommendations on Unemployment:**

1. We urge the government to declare immediately that the government will make available a sum of at least $30,000,000 for unemployment insurance, and that such sums be added to the annual budget of the government of Canada, as a preliminary step towards full employment.

2. We urge the government to form a major participating group to plan the Conference and Agenda.

Collection Agencies and Bureaus:

In times of such unemployment, it is of course desirable that many people will have difficulty in meeting their commitments and paying their bills, and that they be granted with increased unemployments and wage payments, and also the interest and the interest of the unemployed.

(1) The need for a proper investment program for those workers who will be displaced as a result of unemployment and crime.

(2) The need for relief for the unemployed and the unemployed insured.

(3) The need for housing and rent control, and for a better understanding of the unemployed and the unemployed insured.

(4) The need for health and medical services, and for a better understanding of the unemployed and the unemployed insured.

(5) The need for education and training programs, and for a better understanding of the unemployed and the unemployed insured.

(6) The need for the federal government to plan the Conference and Agenda.

Prov. Pres. installs
Kamloops Officers

John Palmer, Provincial President of Local 280, installed the 1969 officers of the Kamloops Unit of the K.K.K. at a recent meeting in Kamloops. The President emphasized the outgoing officers on their services to their organization and to the government, and the incoming officers were sworn in and presented with the official ceremonial sashes.

The incoming officers were installed as follows:

- G. Todd — Chairman
- C. H. Cooper — Vice-Chairman
- E. McIvor — Secretary
- R. H. Haidt — Treasurer
- W. H. Phillips — Auditors
- R. Ward — Auditor

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St. Paul's Unit Elects
Executive Officers

At a special meeting held Feb. 15, St. Paul's Unit membership elected their Executive Officers for 1968. Election results were as follows:

- Chairman — Bill Murray
- Vice-Chairman — A. J. Colesby
- Secretary — John W. L. Leamond
- Treasurer — R. F. W. Versteegh
- Trustees — J. Lord, A. Pollock

The officers were duly installed by Executive Manager W. M. Black, who congratulated them upon their election, and wished them every success in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities for their term in office.
HOSPITAL SITUATION

CRITICAL

Now, we feel, is the hour when our position on the operation of our hospitals must be made known: Our membership must become conscious of all the problems that confront us when trying to provide the resources that are necessary for the large table.

The medical workers, are aware of the gradual deterioration which has taken place in our Hospitals, in spite of the efforts not to be countermanded by Government sources. We make no nonsense to say that hospitals were never treated better! This is far from the truth. Hospitals were never in a worse position administratively, than they are today.

The employees are over-worked and under paid. Good housekeeping standards and good patient care are in a premium.

A vote was taken amongst the workers, Boards of Trustees and all Administrators, it would clearly be overwhelming and one of non-confidence in the handling of the affairs of our acute general hospitals by the B.C.H.S.

It is therefore, for the benefit of hospital operation being gradually being controlled by Victoria. The limitations and bargaining procedures are at an all-time low.

There have been instances where Boards of Trustees have hidden behind the various causes. But, in the majority of cases, hospital administrators have attempted to be realistic in their approach to negotiating contracts.

This organization is appreciative of the drive and stand taken by the British Columbia Hospital Service, and the efforts of the Government.

If the workers feel frustrated, let them turn their eyes to their local MLA’s. Let them form their local MLA’s of the disgratutiful situation. Let them make known their distaste of the treatment which they are receiving at the hands of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service.

No Coffee For Hospital Workers

Mr. Martin, in a statement released to the Prince Rupert Daily News, discussed the administration of the Province budget and other related items.

Mr. Martin said it amounted to a gross negligence of the Hospital. The statement was attributed to the Minister of Health, Mr. Martin, and others.

The Minister said the public should be advised and be able to tell and order the service at all times.

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ONE MAY PAY THEIR COFFEE".

DUNCAN, COLUMBIA — (B.C. News) — Work at a First Nations Co-opalmart was halted late Thursday when laborers refused to work a meal and it was ordered that the coffee be provided by the employees.

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The statement was made to the Vancouver Newspaper and read in B.C. News.

"We have to make sure the employees are treated properly. We have to involve ourselves in this matter and we'll do our best to work a settlement," said the Rev. John A. Macdonald.

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THE OFFICE OF THE CONDUCTOR was a stroll also between Edouard E. C. Hodge and Brother W. E. Hodge getting the road.

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SPECIAL NEWS

With bargaining time running out, the B.C. Hospital Association has set a deadline for the opening of discussions on a new agreement.

It is quite evident that there is a strong desire among the employees of the Royal Columbian Hospital to have a new agreement. At the last two monthly meet-
THE READERS WRITE

New Political Party for Canada

To the Editor:
The Canadian Labor Congress and the C.C.P. Party are currently trying to sell the public on the idea of, and preparing for, the organization of a new political party for Canada.

It is intended that this shall be a party that is truly representative of the majority of the people of Canada, a party that will act and be represented to work for and fight for better living and working conditions for the workers, farmers and middle-class people.

It will be a Dominion-wide party of the common man as expressed by the old-time Liberal party.

Such a party has long been the dream of the Canadian people, examples of the Labour Parties of Great Britain and other countries.

The struggles that are now giving birth to the new party have been long and hard.

They have been waged on two fronts, on the economic front through the trade unions, when the poor and farm boards and on the political front by the C.C.P., labor unions, etc.

These struggles, primarily for better living and working conditions, have been, to a great extent, disconnected, separate actions of the particular groups.

The sharpest setback that has been experienced as yet is that of the turn of the year, when the C.C.P. was threatened with serious legal action.

But we feel this is only the beginning of the struggle and that the people will come to the aid of the party.

The convention of the Canadian Labor Congress passed the following resolution:

"There is a need for a broadly based political movement which would embrace the C.C.P., the labor movement, the farmers, the professional people and other like-minded groups, in an attempt to bring about social and political change in Canada.

"This proposal was endorsed by the National Convention of the C.C.P. in July, and we believe that then a just compromise was reached on draft constitutional and draft provincial constitutions." (See page 11 for more details.)

The dream is now becoming a reality.

The purpose of the new party will be to form a government, if we have enough people, and eventually to form a government of the people that will represent the maximum benefit of all Canadians.

We have a rich country and we have a great nation, but we need a government that will work for the benefit of all people.

The new party is strong and successful it will be necessary for us to move in this direction and to participate in the planning and decision-making of our country.

The Executive Committee, therefore, is appealing to the leading workers in this country to organize such a group and to prepare suggestions for a national convention at the earliest possible moment.

These suggestions may deal with such things as the physical organization of the party, its social, economic and political programs, finances, membership recruitment, local organization, and many other relevant conditions.

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DICK MORRIS
TAKE A BOW, JOHN DARBY

How many of us stop to think of the time and energy spent by the Unit Secretary carrying out her duties? We are indeed fortunate to have in Brother John Darby, Unit Secretary of the Fraser District, a man who is completely dedicated to union activities. When again, many of us slightly acquainted with him see him at the monthly meetings, ready to smile and introduce, engage in small talk and that is, as we think, too many of us think that is all the job is. How mistaken we are. Hours and hours of time weekly are literally spent in fulfilling his obligations in the work that he does. After work hours, Sundays and holidays, he is on the go. There is certainly no personal or monetary gain and often too little credit given for the job done. In spite of all this he is quick to stop and listen and is always willing to help if he can. He is proud to do so. He is happy to do so.

ERIC THOMAS

Make Money in Your Spare Time

I would like to explain how we Union members can make a little extra money in our spare time. This can be done within the limits of our personal space and time. To make $100 at the rate of 30 cents per hour, we need to work 333 1/3 hours in each month, or about 22 hours per week. By doing small tasks around the house, we can easily do 30 cents per hour. For example, if we iron 10 pairs of pants, we can make $3.00.

The employee, therefore, will need to look for a job that is suitable for their active Union member status. One idea is to have a yard sale, sell items at a flea market, or do odd jobs for neighbors. By doing this, we can earn a little extra money and help others simultaneously. It is also important to remember that we should always work within our personal space and time limits to avoid burnout.

Newfoundland Disgraces Canada

For once we can be pleased we haven’t a Canadian flag. For Canadian flags are unfurled over the cold, bleak Dark Ages known as Newfoundland would be a mockery of all that those things as Canadians who believe in.

Vernon Elections

Chairman Albert Tetz of the Vernon Unit announced that an election of new executives has been elected and duly installed. The new membership to serve until 1960. This brings the total membership to 108.

The management of the local unions is responsible for the conduct of the elections. Chairman Tetz states that:

“We are looking forward to a fine year. We are sure that we will be all right and help the committees that we will send to the annual meeting of the local unions.

The meeting is to be held at the Vernon Unit on the 30th of this month.

The Entertainment Committee is up to their old tricks again. It is quite a job arranging entertainment but we will all participate and enjoy.

The next meeting of the Vernon Unit Labour Management Committee resulted in the hospital administration employing additional women. Maximum bed occupancy is on a continuing basis, and the hospital is in good health. The next meeting will take the individual work. The management also reported that the contract with the local unions is about to be negotiated, and the hospital liaison committee has expressed an interest in the local unions.

Squoctet Pres. District Labor Council

Belly Scarf of the Kalamoo Unit was recently elected Presi-
dent of the Kalamoo, Peninsula, and Vernon District Labor Council. All persons interested in the rights of labor have been informed by the organization, which will un-

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The new president is professional and experienced in the labor movement. He has worked closely with the local unions and is well liked by the members of the organization. He has a great deal of experience in the labor movement and is known for his leadership and his dedication to the cause of labor. He is a strong advocate for the rights of labor and is known for his ability to negotiate contracts that are fair to both sides.