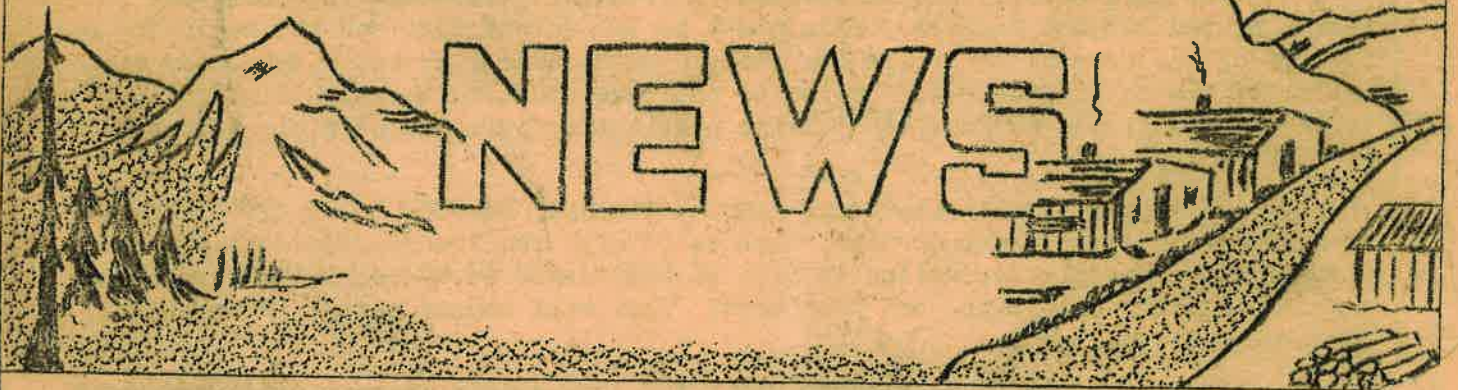


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FOR UNIONIZATION OF THE CAMPS

FOR A PERMANENT WORKS PROGRAM

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Price Rebel

45 WORKERS JAILED UNION TALENT ON RADIO PROGRAM

DISCRIMINATED SINGLE UNEMPLOYED ARRESTED BY
AUTHORITIES WHEN THEY DEMONSTRATE

Forty-five Single Unemployed Men, some of them Project Workers who had been fired from unorganized Camps by bull-dozing Foreman, were arrested in Vancouver on Monday afternoon, January 3rd. The boys had gathered into the Organization in the past few weeks, after being turned down cold for relief. Until New Year's they had been existing by various means - shoveling snow, soliciting sheets, etc. but, these methods became exhausted, as well as the workers' patience. They met on Monday morning and a delegation was sent to the authorities to ask for relief and explain their plight. When the delegation reported that the authorities had turned a deaf ear to their pleas and refused to give them relief, the meeting decided to take some form of action to convince the authorities that they were determined to eat, whether they liked it or not.

The meeting decided unanimously to go out on the streets with Cans, and the whole body put on placards, took Cans, and paraded up-town. When the authorities learned of this action, they immediately ordered the Police to arrest the men, with the result that 45 were taken up and kangarooed through closed Court. Some were found guilty and remanded for sentence for a week, others were remanded without being sentenced.

Despite the fact that the authorities are treating the boys in this vicious,

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PROGRAM WILL BE WEEKLY OVER CBC STATION

Under auspices of the Entertainment Committee of the Union, a half hour Radio Programme was arranged and successfully given between 1 and 1:30 P.M. New Year's day, from the Chilliwack Radio Station, by the boys of Cultus Lake, Project 19. The Secretary of the Union in Camp, was master of ceremonies, and the program consisted of numbers rendered by talented amateurs of Cultus Lake Camp. The program was so well enjoyed by the radio audience that several phone calls were received at the Radio Station while the boys were there, inquiring about the program and complimenting them.

As a result of the success with this initial program, the local Station has offered to give the boys a half hour on the program every week. The broadcasts are on the hook-up over the C.B.C. Radio Program, on Saturdays between 1 and 1:30 P.M. and could be picked up by good radios in all Camps.

In introducing the program the Master of Ceremonies in a few opening remarks, explained that the program, was the achievement of organization, and hoped that it would be a means of bringing closer friendship and understanding between the local people and the Project Workers. He commented on the aim of the Union to gain a permanent Work and Wage Scheme, so that the Project Workers will be given a chance to live, and asked the support of his listeners, in gaining this object.

PROTEST IMPRISONMENT OF UNEMPLOYED!

A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

To date we have had no statements from the Government regarding the future status of the Project Workers. This month to all intent will see the beginning of the end of the present Works Program and the authorities, it would seem, see with the ending of the scheme, also the ending of their responsibility and obligation to the Youth and Unemployed workers, and to the people that trusted their election promise of "Work and Wages".

With our term in the Camps nearing its end, we face a lay-off and a period of weeks of idleness; not so idle, because it will require considerable mental straining and material privation to live on the meagre \$4.00 weekly allowance that the authorities will dole out; and then what? That will depend on our preparations, on our organization.

While there may be some argument and some criticism on points, yet there is one thing that cannot be disputed; and that is, that the present Works Program is the result of Organization. It was the determined, persistent organizational activities of the Relief Project Workers' Union - the organized displays of the single unemployed - the organized publicity campaigns; which exposed to the public the conditions facing the single unemployed men and won for us the present half-measure, Works Scheme.

This present scheme is the result of the organizational efforts of a comparatively weak organization; compared to what we can prepare, now on the Projects against the time we may face unemployment and starvation again. We can begin this ground work, by launching or renewing a drive to enroll into the Union, every worker on the projects. Membership in the Union is the very pivot about which organization rotates. Our goal must be a 100% Union. This will be our best answer to the authorities, should they manoeuvre to put us in the spot we were last summer. To build the Union is the work of every member. Let us start the drive now, and report a successful campaign that shows 100% in results.



THE UNION ROAD —

Union songs

"IN THE SWEET BYE AND BYE"

Long-haired preachers come out every
night,
Try to tell you what's wrong and what's
right;
But when asked how 'bout something to
eat
They will answer with voices so sweet:

CHORUS:

You will eat, bye and bye,
In that glorious land above the sky;
Work and pray, live on hay,
You'll get pie in the sky when you die.

And the starvation army they play,
And they sing and they clap and they
pray.

Till they get all your coin on the
drum,
Then they tell you when you are on the
bum: CHORUS

If you fight hard for children and
wife --
Try to get something good in this
life --
You're a sinner and bad man, they tell,
When you die you will sure go to hell.

Workingmen of all countries Unite,
Side by side we for freedom will fight:
When the world and its wealth we have
gained
To the grafters we'll sing this refrain:

LAST CHORUS:

You will eat, bye and bye.
When you've learned how to cook and to
fry;
Chop some wood, 'twill do you good,
And you'll eat in the sweet bye and bye.

UNION BUTTON TO BE ISSUED SOON

As a result of the general desire of
the Union Membership for a Button, ar-
rangements are being made to have a suitable
Button issued as soon as possible.

The new Button will differ from the
old ones, both in size and quality. It
will be a metal Button attractively
designed and intended to last a long
time.

The price of the Button will be
fixed by the cost it will be to make them.

"THE REBEL GIRL"

There are women of many descriptions
In this queer world, as everyone knows,
Some are living in beautiful mansions,
And are wearing the finest of clothes.
There are blue-blooded queens and
princesses,
Who have charms made of diamond and
pearl;
But the only and thoroughbred lady
Is the Rebel Girl.

CHORUS:

That's the Rebel Girl, that's the Rebel
Girl!

To the working class she's a precious
pearl.

She brings courage, pride and joy
To the fighting Rebel Boy;
We've had girls before, but we need
some more

In the Industrial Movement of the World
For it's great to fight for freedom
With a Rebel Girl.

Yes, her hands may be hardened from
labor,
And her dress may not be very fine;
But a heart in her bosom is beating
That is true to her class and her kind.
And the grafters in terror are tremb-
ling

When her spite and defiance she'll
hurl;

For the only and thoroughbred lady
Is the Rebel Girl.

WORKERS FIRED AND REFUSED TRANSPORTATION

A number of Project Workers have
been fired of recent from Island Camps,
in most cases for minor, petty reasons,
although not arising from organizational
activities. The men found on being
discharged, that they had to pay their
own transportation out of a two or
three dollars which were handed them
in Camp.

On arriving in the City, they
applied at the Provincial Relief Office
for their Checks and were told to wait
till they got them through the mail.

So, after working in some cases,
two months, these Project Workers found
themselves denied their earnings and
forced to beg.

Read: "THE PROJECT NEWS"

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PROJECT NO. 8

North Vancouver

Dear Brothers:

A meeting was called last Friday for the purpose of setting up a Local of the R.P.W.U. in this new Camp. The meeting was attended by a great majority of the men. After a brief outline on the policies of the Union a general discussion arose with the result that a functioning Local was set up.

Chairman, Secretary and the various Committees were elected and instructed on their various duties.

Discussion followed on grievances but taking into consideration that this Camp is just new, nothing more was expected. However, the food question was thoroughly discussed, with the result that a new Cook was brought in and there is 100% improvement in the food.

We are quite enthusiastic in building the Union 100% in this Camp; and we have no doubt, but that our Social Committee will be bringing us together in such a way that our stay here will be made more bearable.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 17

Duncan, V.I.

Dear Brothers:

We held a very successful meeting last Sunday with the result of gaining a number of new members into the Union. Several new issues were brought up and discussed thoroughly and not having information here regarding same decided to ask the Executive for their advice.

A Resolution was passed unanimously for the continuation of the Camps the year round. We would like to get a copy of the "Pearson Labor Bill" so we can discuss this on the floor.

We are sending \$6.30 for dues, and literature.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 20

Saanichton, B.C.

Dear Brothers:

We are holding regular Union meetings which are well attended and progressing favorably in spite of a few disrupters, and we are gradually increasing our membership.

There are a few new members on the Social Committee and we have great confidence in their ability. We have had a couple of Socials already which were very successful.

Enclosed find Money Order for Dues.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 14

Hilliers, B.C.

Dear Brother:

We held our weekly meeting on Tuesday which was well attended. We elected a library committee as we are going to start a Workers' Library in this Camp.

We are also holding Educational meetings every Sunday and the History of the Trade Union Movement. A Brother who is well versed on this subject was elected speaker at these meetings. This being a long subject, he is going to give so much every week. This is for the benefit of the new members.

We suggest that a Column be used in each issue of the PROJECT NEWS on this subject.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 20

Williams Lake.

Dear Brothers:

Just a few lines to let you know how we are progressing here. We held our first meeting with good attendance. There seems to be great possibility of this Camp being 100% organized. We elected the various Committees, with the Cook on the Social Committee and the Foreman on the Sports Committee.

There are no Grievances as yet in this Camp. There is to be a Card Game for the boys put on by the Elks with supper afterwards in Williams Lake.

We are putting on a campaign for the boys in Spain so you can expect a shipment within the next few days.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 18

Duncan, V.I.

Dear Brothers:

A dozen of us arrived here yesterday to find this is a newly opened up Camp, having been in operation only three days. When it is completed it will hold between 60 and 70 men. There is no Recreation Hall or wash-room as yet, but we expect these will be fully completed before the end of the week.

In regards to Union activities, there will be something done within the next few days to start the ball rolling.

In the meantime, send us some literature, especially the Clarion.

Fraternally yours,

NO WALKOUTS

REPORTS

PROJECT NO. 21

Thetis Lake

Dear Brothers:

We wish to make a report of the strike which took place in this Camp a couple of weeks ago. Two men were discriminated against because they had visited a neighboring Camp and the Foreman of that camp complained that they were agitators and disrupters. No warning was given of their dismissal until the men had gone to work. When the news came to the men on the job they immediately laid down their tools and came into Camp. Unfortunately the two brothers had left Camp by this time and steps were taken to locate them in Victoria and bring them back to Camp.

In the meantime a meeting was called to decide what was to be done. It was decided we would go on strike till the two were reinstated. Pickets were set up and two men who planned to go to work didn't.

The appearance of the F.D.P. Supervisor and two provincial police ensued. They offered to reinstate the two men, but in another Camp (Project 10) and that these men and the men taking active part in the Strike would not be discriminated against in the future. All this was put in writing and signed by the supervisor and foreman; after which the men decided to accept the offer and the Strike ended.

This is a clear-cut Victory for the Union, which again proves that in Unity there is strength.

We only hope the other Camps are as well organized as this one.

Fraternally yours,

MILLIGAN'S CAMP

Sooke, V.I.

Dear Brother:

Received Cards and Stamps, but only a few of the boys have not been paid so far, the majority will be signed up after the first of the Month.

The Committees are functioning well; especially the Social Committee, which put on a Whist Drive to aid the boys in Spain and to help out with the literature fund. It is intended to make this a weekly affair.

Fraternally yours,

J O I N T H E

RELIEF PROJECT WORKERS' UNION

FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK AND LIVE

PROJECT NO. 4

Campbell River.

Dear Brother:

Once again we are holding our Meetings and everything is running smoothly. We have increased our membership considerably in the last two weeks, and the majority of the Camp are now Union members.

We realize that there is not much that can be done toward the welfare of the Camp at present; so we are stressing the recruiting of new members till we are 100% organized.

The Entertainment Committee is functioning well, as we have had several well planned Concerts, and the talent is remarkably good. We have had the full cooperation of the staff regarding prizes etc.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 19

Cultus Lake

Dear Brothers:

We had quite a time in this District during the Xmas week.

Through our connections with organizations in Chilliwack we obtained a place on the New Year's Day Radio Program, from 1 to 1:30 and they allowed us to arrange the program as we pleased.

The Union Secretary was asked to speak for five minutes over the air to explain to the people in the District, just what we are doing and our future prospects.

Regarding the membership drive, we are still signing new members up and will have a 100% Camp.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 13

Alberni, B.C.

Dear Brothers:

We received the "Project News" of last issue and while looking through it, noticed how well the other Camps were progressing.

Although we are doing so well ourselves, yet we think something will be developed here. We've had one change of cook so far, a little to the worse, if anything.

We know that a visit from the Provincial Organizer would help us along, and we will try to have something prepared for him.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT REPORTS

PROJECT NO. 10

Powell River

Dear Brothers:

Our Union Meetings are usually held on Sunday, but owing to the fact that we put on a big Social night on Sunday, it was held on Monday with full attendance.

Vancouver has not witnessed a finer turnout of talent than was present to entertain us at our Social. The two chief bands of Powell River were present - the Powell River Band and the famous Hill Billie's Orchestra, with soloists, chief of which was a real artist impersonating the village parson, the latter also giving wonderful selections on an English Concertina.

Jack Ellis, peppy leader of the Hill Billies and Mr. North, leader of the other band, appreciated the applause given by the members of the "tin-canners' community" and the foreman thanked the boys for the write-up in our camp paper - The Duck Lake Gossiper. This paper we have got out has sure taken the fancy of the people of Powell River and District.

They all think it good and it gives the impression that we tin-canners are not a bad bunch of fellows after all. Our Foreman co-operates with us fine and he also is a member of the Powell River Band. He has conducted bands and by arrangement it was made possible for him to conduct the band we had with us - he knows how to handle the conductor's baton.

We also go in for sports here and play a lot of baseball.

At our Union Business Meeting, we took up the matter of supplying Tobacco for those of the boys discriminated against and now in Oskalla for tin-can demonstrations, etc. A Defense Committee was elected and a collection of Tobacco has already been sent in.

Next Sunday we start Open Forum meetings, which will be carried on every alternate Sunday. We have discussed the Trade Union Bill and have passed a resolution against Compulsory Arbitration, also sent a resolution to Pearson protesting against the firing of workers for Union activities.

Fraternally yours,

----- A STEP BACK -----

Deferred Pay will be collected by the Project Workers at Post Offices designated on deferred pay Vouchers (Coupons, not Checks this year) similar to the ones issued by the Federal King Government on closing the Slave Camps. This should be a warning to those who don't feel the need of Organization.

PROJECT NO. 6,

Victoria, B.C.

Dear Brothers:

The situation in our Camp at the present time is rather quiet. The strength of the organization is over fifty Union Members and we hope to have in the near future a 100% organization.

Now that our Social Committee is really functioning, we are planning to hold a Concert at the C.C.F. Hall in the near vicinity as our Recreation Hall is rather small.

We have just had Brother Colin Cameron, M.L.A. here to have a talk on the Trade Union Bill, as to what its effect will be on the Relief Project Workers. But during the proceedings, owing to the activities of a "stool-pigeon", the foreman was notified and summoned to the "rec". Perhaps you are acquainted with the "stool" namely - Harold Laycock.

Brother Cameron left Camp with the promise that he would return the next evening with the necessary permission to enter the Camp.

Regarding Bro. Doc. Campbell, he was supposed to arrive here to give a talk about two weeks ago, but he never appeared, and at the present moment, his presence here would be very much appreciated.

Pertaining to Union Dues, pay-day will be about the 5th of January and we will send in same immediately afterwards.

VANCOUVER BUSINESS-MAN ADVOCATES

FASCISM FOR CANADA AND B.C.

Described as a "well-known B.C. Manufacturer who does business in eighteen countries", M. Leo Sweeney, was quoted recently by the conservative Daily Province, Vancouver newspaper, in a lengthy article, as favorable to "a little bit of Nazi Methods in the political setup of Canada and B.C."

Speaking to a crowd of Businessmen this "B.C. patriot" who makes frequent visits to Germany and other countries, had the audacity to declare that "Patullo must not raise the standard of living too high in British Columbia (as if he does), because it injures his business abroad, as he has to compete with Mussolini, Hitler and the Japanese, and he would like our lives grounded down as in Germany, so that Business profits would be assured to him."

CANADIANS IN THICK OF FIGHTING WITH
VICTORIOUS LOYALIST TROOPS IN SPAIN

Reports of the victorious Loyalist Campaigns on all Fronts, give much praise to the International Brigade of which the Mackenzie-Papineau, Canadian Battalion is a section. A few weeks ago the letter printed below was sent by one of the late joiners of the Battalion, a B.C. Relief Project Worker, to a friend in Vancouver:

Plaza Altozano,
Albacete, Spain.

Dear Comrade:

I've been in Spain only a short while and have just found time now to write you a few lines about Spain as I have seen it.

In the first place there's so much work to be done we don't very often get much time to write. Trying to learn a little Spanish on the side whenever I get a few minutes to myself.

We have a good cook now, he cooks American style. And the whole country seems to be floating in wine. It seems to be the custom here to have wine twice a day. We only have Coffee in the morning, but he sure can make Coffee.

It gives you great confidence in the Spanish people when you see how they carry on their work in the fight for Freedom. They don't go about screaming or yelling about, but silently go about their work of carrying on production in the rear and holding the ground they're taking at the Front in an organized body and at the same time weeding out all traitors to the Cause of Spanish Democracy and giving them their just dues in their noble fight for freedom that was forced on them by such Scum as Franco-Mussolini and Hitler who glory in destroying the lives of the working people.

But by what I've seen behind the line in Spain, I can frankly say that the Fascist war-mongers will never beat the Spanish people who are proudly and bravely fighting for their freedom and it is only a matter of time now until they are driven into the Sea with the help of the International Brigade which has made history since it has come into being in Spain. At times it is hard to believe that this country is flaming in War until you see the wounded soldiers and then you see its true force with all its horrors.

We had a festival yesterday for the official opening of our new training quarters - a good time was had by all.

We have a good place to swim here, we go swimming quite often. Quite a few of the Vancouver Boys have gone up to the Front the other day.

THE GROWTH OF
TRADE UNIONISM

Under the present system of production of a profit which we call 'Capitalism', two forces stand out, namely: the owners of the machinery and raw material necessary to production - Capitalists, and the owners of the power to labor - Workers.

It would be good if we could dwell here on the early history of Capitalist accumulation, but we have no space, yet one fact is very clear to any student: that from the first stages, a sharp conflict arose between the two above-mentioned forces, Capitalists and Workers, the Luddite movement, the Chartists, the struggle for the Ten-Hour Day, etc.

The cause of all this conflict was, and is today, based upon the fact that the Capitalist desires all he can get, while those who sell their Labor must defend themselves and in order to do this must continually put forward the demand for a larger share of the production of their labors.

In the early days of Capitalism the student will see how the laborers were drawn together in large masses in the early workshops and manufacturing establishments and thus by being able to discuss their grievances collectively on the job grew associations of workers and later Trade Unions. With the growth of or Monopoly Capital into Imperialism higher organizations of Trade Unions came necessary. This is found in Industrial Unions and the highest form, International Federation of Trade Unions.

While we on the Government Projects are not directly hired or work under Capitalists, we have found out by our experiences that the Government is dominated by them and acts in just the same way; striving with all their might to get as much from us for as little returns as possible (remember the slave camps), so that all I have said in the preceding paragraphs refers to us.

So let us go ahead and build our Union on the job.

(To Be Continued)

Another thing I must say, Vancouver is well represented in this fight to free Spain from the hands of the Fascist murderers. And as I write this, I know that you will still be carrying on the struggle of the R.P.W.U. and wishing you all success, possible in getting your demands, I'm closing now, so Good Bye.

- B. C. AMES.



THE DINNER BELL

by DOC



THE XMAS SPIRIT

Peace on Earth and goodwill to all men, what a pity that sentiment is not carried out every day in the year. Not that we do not believe in the Spirit of Xmas, Mothers' Day, or such days when we suddenly realize that there are other people on this old Globe other than ourselves. When we suddenly become conscious of their existence and drop our armour of indifference as to their well being; and wishing them well seems to become an obsession for a few days.

For instance, many boys who were discriminated against in obtaining relief, or those who were blacklisted from Camps to return to Vancouver to face starvation or jail - how much genuine Xmas Spirit - how much concern for their fellowman was shown in their cases.

Xmas comes but once a year, but men must live with his fellowmen 365 days in a year and one day's platitudes are not sufficient to atone for 364. Feeling I difference - health, prosperity and general good fortune on Monday to Sunday, Xmas, New Year's, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Labor Day, May Day and every other day.

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YOUR NEIGHBORS

In a few cases the old Doc's heart is sad, but these cases are few and isolated. All good Union Men realize that the Union has worked hard and diligently to obtain a good Public Opinion and are desirous of keeping it. We as a Union are not killjoys or are we desirous of telling another Brother how he should conduct himself. But when the actions of individual members affect the well-being of the majority, we must certainly caution him as to his actions.

In many Camps located near a small Town many of the boys go in on Saturday night to dance. In a few cases some have conducted themselves in anything but a decent manner.

Now, we admit that how an individual acts is his own concern; but, when we realize that others who know how and do conduct themselves suffer for the sins of

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a few, then we must caution them if we are to continue to enjoy the affairs staged in the locality where we live and be made to feel Welcome. Otherwise it won't be long before the cold shoulder is given us all. Get interested in the people in your neighborhood - they're good neighbors when you get to know them

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BROTHERS IN SPAIN

I sat down the other day and sort of got in a reminiscent mood. I was thinking of how I spent last Xmas and the boys who I was with. It suddenly struck me the great number who today are fighting in Spain, that Fascism will be buried there and not raise its cancerous head in Canada. Many of us no doubt have had like thoughts of those splendid fellows who were not content to go to the gates of Hell as a comrade, but to go right inside.

We carry on the traditions of a Union you helped to build and reaction will be our constant enemy and with you we shout - No Pasaran! The boys in Camp have dug down to send you comforts and smokes and we will carry on the torch you flung to us to organize until we have reached the goal of Work and Wages and a decent living for Canadian Youth.

- FORTY-FIVE WORKERS JAILED -

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fascist manner, they were more determined and organized than ever when they appeared in Court, and their spokesman coolly informed the Judge that they were fed-up with starving and depriving themselves - if the authorities would not give them work or relief, they would have to keep them anyway in jail at \$1 a day. Despite the ridiculing cracks made about the boys in the reactionary newspapers, the public is incensed at this injustice to the boys. The Project Workers should give them every support and send protest resolutions to the authorities regarding the arrests.

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CRACK DOWN ON DISCRIMINATION 20 WORKERS SENT TO OAKALLA

CAMP 12 PROJECT WORKERS STRIKE TO STOP
FURTHER DISCRIMINATION

SENTENCES RANGING UP TO TWO MONTHS
IMPOSED SINGLE UNEMPLOYED BY COURT

CAMPBELL RIVER, Project 12. (By P.N.
Correspondent).

This will inform you on behalf of the men in this Camp, that a successful Strike was pulled in this Camp at noon, January 12th. Approximately ninety-five percent of the men participated.

The strike was due to the bull-doing tactics of the Foreman who has already fired about 15 men for Union activities, using the charge of insubordination as a cloak. On the day of the strike he took it upon himself to fire seven more workers, one man for no given reason, and the other six for refusing to eat a cold lunch on the job.

An investigator was rushed into Camp and finding the workers determined and united, he handled things in a favorable and business-like manner. All the men were re-instated and he guaranteed us that there would be no more discrimination.

You no doubt have heard of conditions in this Camp. These conditions eventually forced the men to take action. Last week, after two months of struggle, we finally got rid of our gut-robber; our present cook seems to be alright.

When these boys of Project 12 entered Camp, they were unorganized. Today they are about 100%. Our foreman due to his slave-driving tactics was a great help to us, as his tactics forced non-union men to realize that organization was the only weapon we have for defense and to better conditions.

Twenty of the Single Unemployed workers who resorted to can-shaking right after the New Year, were sentenced last week, by Magistrate Woods to Oakalla Jail for terms of 15 days to two months. Amongst the boys who were sentenced to the vicious sentence of 2 months, were several black-listed Project Workers, who were forced into their position by discrimination. John Currie, who was amongst those to be singled out by the Judge to do a two month term in prison, had been fired from Proj. 12.

The arraying of these workers in court was all planned and they were practically sentenced before they appeared before the Magistrate. It was evident from the proceedings that the aim of the court was to create as much intimidation as possible. They split the men up to different groups, sentencing some to long terms, others were offered transportation and some were released to be given relief.

The boys as a whole, however, feel that they have made partial gains out of this struggle. The public has been informed of their plight and the can-shaking has wrung some partial concessions, in that about a dozen of their numbers got on relief. The boys who are in Oakalla are in high spirits and appreciate the support they are getting from the Camps in the form of protest resolutions to the Government and the Tobacco sent in.

On the outside the struggle is not over, although it's notable to see that the authorities at the relief office are not as discriminative as they used to be.

BUILD THE UNION

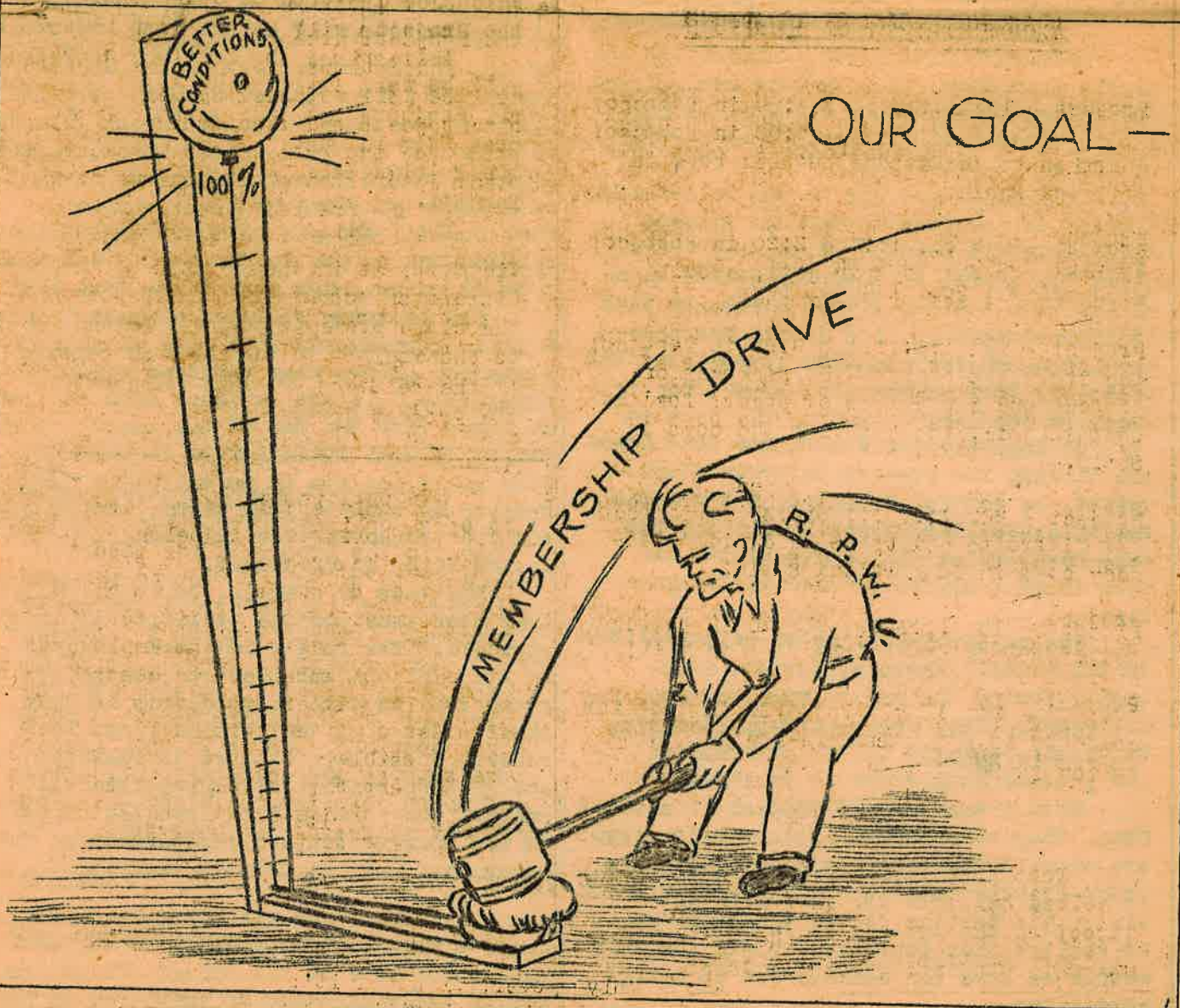
Now is the time to renew our Drive, to build the membership of the Union, with the object of having every Project Worker a member of the Relief Project Workers' Union. The need for concentrating on this point is becoming more obvious as the termination of our period in Camp is rapidly drawing to a close and we are brought face to face with the uncertainty of the future.

While during our past association in the Projects the bond of Unionism was more or less cemented by our habitation of the same camp and the common conditions we had to face; now that we face a lay-off, we must have a stronger bond to hold our ranks together against the conditions that will face us. It is here that the Union stands out as that beacon or fortress that will guide us and in which we can face the issues with confidence and power.

It is only through a powerful organization, a strong Relief Project Workers' Union, that we will be sure of convincing the authorities that we are earnest in our desires to work and determined to live. It is only in an organized body under the Banner of the R. P. W. U. that we are certain to be heard and to insure the continuation of the Projects as a scheme which will solve our unemployment problem; and it is only through the Union that we will be able to strive with any effectiveness for improvements and better conditions on the Projects.

If YOU are not yet a paid-up member of the Relief Project Workers' Union, enroll now! The struggle for better conditions is not over; it's only begun, and through membership in the R. P. W. U. every Project Worker, no matter where he is or what his background, can meet on common grounds, on the common issues that confront us as a body of workers whose only protection is organization and mass activity.

JOIN AND BUILD THE RELIEF PROJECT WORKERS' UNION!



 THE SCAB'S REWARD

"I ought to get a large reward
 For never owning a union card;
 I've never grumbled, I've never struck,
 I've never mixed with union truck.
 I must be going my way to win,
 So, open, St. Peter, and let me in".

St. Peter sat and shook his staff;
 Despite his high office, he had to laugh.
 Said he with a fiery gleam in his eye:
 "Who's tending this gate, sir, you or I?
 I've heard of you and your gift of gab -
 You're what is known on earth as a scab."

Thereupon he rose to his stature tall
 And pressed a button upon the wall,
 And said to the imp who answered the bell:
 "Escort this fellow down to hell .
 Tell Satan to give him a seat alone
 On a red hot griddle up near the throne.

"But stay! For the devil can't stand
 the smell
 Of cooking a scab on a griddle in hell;
 It would cause a revolt, a strike I know,
 If I send you down to the imps below.
 Go back to your master on earth and tell
 That they don't even want a scab in hell".

 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS

Project - 104 \$ 4.80 in Tobacco,
 9.00 in Tobacco,
 donation to be divided between boys in
 jail and Spain.

Project - 8 \$ 2.20 in Tobacco,
 donated for the boys in jail, credit
 going to the Social Committee.

Project - 14 \$ 9.95 in Tobacco,
 and Cigarette papers - 30 packages of
 tobacco and 3 packages of papers for the
 boys in jail, the rest for the boys in
 Spain.

Project - 20 \$10.35 in Tobacco
 and Cigarette papers to be divided bet-
 ween boys in Oakalla and Spain.

Project - 10 \$13.70 in Tobacco
 and Cigarette papers for boys in Jail.

Project - 14 \$14.00 in Cash for
 comforts to the Mackenzie-Papineau Bat-
 talion in Spain.

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This list does not include donations
 received before Xmas, or donations
 direct to the Friends of the Mackenzie-
 Papineau Battalion from the Camps.

 OLD MEMBERS OF THE R.P.W.U. IN TOWN
 OVER WEEK END VISIT HEADQUARTERS

James Beynon of Victoria and Paddy
 Ross of Prince Rupert, two old time
 members of the R.P.W.U. dropped into
 headquarters to meet and say hello to
 former acquaintances and friends.

Paddy Ross, while in the city was
 presented with the Press Drive Banner,
 which Northern British Columbia re-
 ceived in recognition of their good work
 during the last Press Drive.

Both Paddy and Jim are closely con-
 nected with labor progressive activities
 in their districts, and were in the City
 attending the Communist Party Provincial
 Convention.

 PREPARING FOR PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

The Provincial Executive of the
 Relief Project Workers' Union is laun-
 ching preparations for the Provincial
 Conference of the Union, which has de-
 finitely been set for the 12th of Feb-
 ruary in the Capital City of Victoria.

The Conference will come at a time
 when the Project Workers will be con-
 fronted with many important issues of
 which the question of continuation of
 the Projects will be the most important.

Indications are that the Conference
 will be well attended by delegates from
 all Projects and also fraternal deleg-
 ates from the Trade Union Movement, and
 other interested organizations to whom
 invitations are being sent.

The holding of the Conference in
 Victoria, is in the opinion of the Union
 Officials, most appropriate, both for
 the close proximity of the Island Camps
 to the Capital City, and also because
 of the relation of the Government to
 the Project Workers.

Not only should every worker hold
 it as an obligation to belong to the
 Union in the Projects, but also to
 hold it as an honor; for to the Union
 Members must go the credit for every
 concession wrung from the Employers.

And no member can be classed as a
 good Union Member if he does not pay
 his dues or attend his meetings when-
 ever possible, for it is only through
 the support and collective discussion
 of union policies, that the Union can
 really represent the Membership.

JOIN THE RELIEF PROJECT WORKERS' UNION!

PROJECT

PROJECT NO. 10,
Powell River.

Dear Brothers:

We held a Special Meeting January 6th to hear a report from the Social Committee re arrangements being carried forward for the holding of a "Tin-canners' Ball" at the Beach Gardens Cabaret, near to Powell River, on Monday, the 17th; in aid of the gallant Canadian boys fighting for World Democracy on Spanish soil. The report showed great progress and volunteers were asked to sell dance tickets in Powell River outside the two banks on pay day. The volunteers came forward and as a result, altogether about 100 tickets were sold. The tickets being 50¢ each, you will readily see a good start has been made. We have this dance advertised in the local papers as the Tincanners' Ball which is also on the tickets as well as the fact that the proceeds will go for the Canadian boys fighting so valiantly under severe conditions for Democracy in Spain. We think the signs argue well for our dance to be a big success as we have hired a top notch orchestra.

Also at this Special Meeting, certain individuals adopting leftist procedure were put on the spot and were told to make amends, which they said they would.

With Camp Organizer Rowe in the chair we held an Open Forum meeting, Sunday, January 9th. Bro. Henderson took the floor first outlining the role of the C.L.D.L. He outlined the work of this organization in defense of Molland and Grange, and after the talk a resolution was passed unanimously calling for the release of these two men, to be sent to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa.

Bro. Cumber spoke on the necessity for Trade Union Unity, stating that to be effective the latter must be international in character. He pointed out how Pearson is working in line with Hepburn and Duplessis to crush real Trade Unionism. Today Trade Union Unity has become a burning issue because of prevailing economic conditions with it becoming necessary that the organized employed join with the organized unemployed and project workers, if the tendency to bring all and sundry to relief rates of pay is to be combatted.

Bro. Daniels in a few remarks explained the role of the labor press, showing how it is one of the chief assets to the proper progress of our people and better living conditions. We have set up an educational Committee and classes in speaking and conduct of meetings, etc. will be held regularly.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 16,
Parksville, V.I.

Dear Brother:

We held a Union Meeting a few nights ago with 52 members present. All agreed that no Jap goods or anything made in Japan was to be allowed in Camp, and the foreman was right behind the boys in this regard, stating he was going to see to it himself.

The Camp has a piano now and we hold concerts once a week and boxing bouts also once a week; in the near future we will organize a concert and dance at Essington.

There are about 100 men in this Camp and at the next Union meeting we expect to have about 30 new members joining the Union, and in the near future to have the Camp 100% organized. And by the way, talking about cooks (it's in this regard we had a struggle some time ago) we sure have one of the finest on the Coast now. He is always putting himself out to please the boys. At the Xmas Concert we held in the Recreation Hall he sent down Coffee, cakes and candy, and came down to serve it out himself.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 22,
Williams Lake.

Dear Brothers:

Just a few lines to let you know how things are going. We had a number of grievances come up at the last meeting and had them all fixed up.

Everything seems to be running smoothly in Camp now regarding the Union. Recently we elected a new secretary and we are going in for a large drive to enroll members into the Union.

We have developed sports activity in the line of hockey, but aren't yet organized enough to lick the local teams.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 20,
Saanichton, V.I.

Dear Brothers:

Received letter and receipt O.K. Thanks very much.

Please send ten more Union Cards and thirty more employed stamps, as we are getting low, are going to have a Drive for members again. We are signing up members right along and hope to build a 100% Union.

This local has sent in a resolution to Mackenzie King asking for boycott of Japanese goods and protesting the Padlock Law in Quebec.

Fraternally yours,

REPORTS

PROJECT NO. 14
Hilliers, V.I.

Dear Brother:

We held our regular weekly meeting on Tuesday which was well attended and there was lots of discussion on the boys who were sent to jail for can-shaking, and the following resolution was forwarded to Pearson and Wisner:

Whereas, it has been brought to our attention that 47 men were arrested in Vancouver for soliciting funds on the street and have been sentenced to prison because they want work which they are unable to get and refused relief; those men were forced to solicit money on the street and are imprisoned for doing so, therefore, we, the men of Project 14, Hilliers, numbering 100 at our last meeting, go on record as protesting against such treatment of the unemployed and request that they be put on relief or sent out to Camp.

We also took up the question of Tobacco for the boys in jail and we are going to take up a collection right away.

We held our first Open Forum meeting on the history of the Trade Union Movement and it went over big so we are going to hold them regular every week and with the concert and card games the boys will be kept busy.

Send us another ten Union Cards and stamps for same. Enclosed you will find \$12. for Dues.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 4,
Campbell River.

Dear Brothers:

We received circulars and financial statement in good order and are disappointed in the small amount taken in.

Much to our regret, one of our Union Members here, was fired and we were not prepared at the time to help him. The member was discharged for a trivial reason, which was absolutely uncalled for. It was done very slyly, in fact very few of us knew about it until it was too late. The member had a legitimate reason for a showdown, and it has caused considerable disappointment with many here. We will be more prepared in the future for any such discrimination.

Enclosed find money order for dues. Things are pretty quiet now and the boys expect to leave camp any day.

We could use a few more copies of the Clarion and Advocate in the way of literature.

Fraternally yours,

NO WALKOUTS!

PROJECT NO. 5,
Shawnigan Lake.

Dear Brothers:

Received your correspondence and circulars, also membership Cards and can report that we have already started an intensified Union Drive for the past month.

The success or failure of winning better living conditions in our Camp will be determined by the amount of men we can draw into our organization. Many of the workers are gradually realizing this and are joining up every week.

Our Union meetings are held regularly and are conducted in an organized and orderly fashion while our committees are working very capably.

We read with interest of the ability of organized Camps to make their time in Camps as interesting as possible. We also take pride in the fact that our brothers in Project 19 have been honored by the Chilliwack Radio officials and we send our greetings to the militant workers in Project 21 who won a victory for the R.P.W.U. when they refused to allow the authorities to discriminate against their fellow workers.

Our Camp organization is determined to carry on their present organizational drive to the limit and can be counted upon to do their part in the building of a stronger and more powerful R.P.W.U.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 6,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Brother:

We staged a successful concert and dance in the Mount Tolmie C.C.F. Hall near here and had a fair attendance at which the project workers and the local people mingled quite freely and everyone enjoyed themselves. After the concert to which the Progressive Arts Club of Victoria contributed, as well as our own Camp talent, refreshments were served followed by two hours dancing. The Social Committee plans to present bigger and better events later.

There is some doubt and controversy here whether the \$4.00 vouchers will be in cheques or script.

We are asking once more when Doc Campbell is coming out here, as we would like to have a visit from the Provincial Organizer as soon as possible, and would like to have an idea when a Conference will be called, if any.

This week we held one of a series of lectures which appealed very much to us.

Fraternally yours,

 PROJECT REPORTS

PROJECT NO. 104

Otter Point, V.I.

Dear Brother:

Our committees have been very busy during the past week. Wednesday night we enjoyed a concert by the Canadian Legion. Thursday night our sports committee sponsored a boxing program which was enjoyed by all, including some men from Milligan's Camp and visitors from Victoria. The visitors donated ten dollars to the sports committee and 58 packages of Tobacco were collected for the can-shakers.

Our Social Committee held a whist drive Friday night and collected 32 packages of tobacco for the can-shakers. These Committees have instructed when sending the Tobacco in, that it may be distributed between the can-shakers in Oakalla and the Mac-Pap. Battalion, as seen fit.

Saturday afternoon we had a football game between Milligan's Camp and this Camp. Considering the circumstances the boys from Milligan's sure put up a great battle.

The signing of members in the Union is coming right along. The conditions are fairly good and the camp officials are concerned and willing to smooth over any grievances that arise.

We have set up an Open Forum committee and expect to hold our first forum meeting this week. The subject of the address will be - the struggle for industrial freedom. We are handicapped by a scarcity of capable speakers, but feel that we can put it over by mutual support.

Doc Campbell was speaker at our general meeting this week and gave a good talk on the Union Policy. We expect he will start his tour from this camp this week.

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 17

Duncan, V. I.

Dear Brothers:

We held our regular meeting this week, and can report progress.

One of our grievances for some time has been cleaning of bunkhouses. Our Union decided to bring the matter to Victoria, with the result that the Foreman quickly decided to have the bunkhouses cleaned. Our Foreman and his office finks have been doing their best to stir up trouble and have sought to keep our social and sports committees from using the recreational by making all sorts of excuses.

Our protest to Victoria re food, has brought results, improving the food, giving us more variety and we had our first orange this morning (not Japanese).

PROJECT NO. 1,
Green Timbers.

Dear Brothers:

We have received resolutions and arbitration bill and we held our regular business meeting Monday, at which they were endorsed by membership present, about 45 men.

While supporting the Union not all the workers in this camp are members, so we are starting on a drive to enroll them into the Union.

We have had no major grievances to date and as we are so near town, New Westminster and Vancouver, also many radios, in all we have a good deal to compete with. Had a good Whist Drive and 500 rummy game last Wednesday, attendance about 75 and had coffee and cake after; it really was our first success in that line. Also we had the Vancouver Sports Club give a show, and they were thoroughly enjoyed by all the men. We have in mind to have the C.L.D.L. Players out as soon as we can gain the necessary consent. We have no piano in our Hall and no stage, but we are under way on these points.

We have not collected all dues for this month yet, but will forward same as soon as possible,

Fraternally yours,

PROJECT NO. 23,
Courtenay, B.C.

Dear Brother:

Just a few lines to let you know that our organization in this camp has been somewhat retarded by the lack of a proper contact with the Union headquarters, but that this has not altogether held us back. While we have not yet engaged in any other Union activities such as report from other Camps, yet we had a case of discrimination, which through mass pressure, we won.

It involved one of the workers who was picked on by the gang-boss. He was sent in and the foreman decided to fire him. The men in camp however, got together and interviewed the foreman and after a long discussion, he finally gave in and reinstated the man.

Fraternally yours,

 HAVE YOU PAID YOUR UNION DUES?
BOYCOTT JAPANESE GOODS!

Also took up collection for Spain amounting to over seven dollars.

Fraternally yours,

- WHY ORGANIZATION -

10% is a nice profit, 20% of course, is much better, but for 50% the one imbued with Capitalist ideology would sell his or anyone else's soul to Hell.

The worker takes his working power (power to perform certain work) to market asking for a decent, fair living wage for himself and his dependents. If the market is glutted with workers, the Capitalist gets cheap man power, the worker gets bad working conditions and semi-starvation wages (except where strong Trade Unions exist). If there is a shortage of workers the Capitalist must pay a higher price and therefore receives smaller profits. This is the result of the law of supply and demand, working freely under the competitive capitalist system. This is why during the present glut of the labor market (Unemployment) capitalists are very concerned about smashing labor organizations which retard the free competition of the workers for jobs. This is why Capitalists do not desire that the state shall provide work and wages for us as it will take a vast number of young people off the labor market.

By a militant struggle the young people of P.C. have compelled the authorities to recognize that they are determined to fight for the right to live and the present scheme is a sop thrown to keep us quiet while they prepare plans and take advantage of any mistakes we make to destroy the force of popular opinion which is all for us now.

The authorities are on the defensive. The gains which we can make during the next few months can be so considerable as to lay such a firm base organizationally as to compel the Capitalist Government to provide work with wages, which is diametrically opposed to the wishes and desires of the capitalists themselves; who in the main, dictate government policy, as we have seen during our three years of struggle.

We must be under no delusions as to the present scheme, the old relief camps started out under better conditions of wages, yet because we were unable to fight in an organized manner, choose the right time to strike and strike hard, we ended up in little better than concentration camps.

This time profiting by our experiences, of the past we can reverse this process and at all times be in a position to hit back so hard as to compel respect for our organized strength and unity.

I have tried to show our position under Capitalism as the great reserve army of workers. I have tried to show that we have secured a TOE HOLD upon more solid ground. To gain a foothold and to finally reach our aim for work and real

----- FREE MOLLAND & GRANGE! -----

It is more than a year now since Harry Molland and Fred Grange were arrested, beaten up and held without bail, by Vancouver Police who stormed the Relief Office while 200 homeless single unemployed men were waiting for word from Victoria regarding relief. This was the answer of the authorities to the boys: beatings, clubs and arrests, who, because they were unemployed and starving had gathered at the relief office and were asking for assistance from the authorized government officials in Vancouver.

In the long drawn out trials that followed, the Courts and judicial officials, painstakingly worked on the witnesses, on the jury and on the public, concentrating their fire on the two leaders Molland and Grange, villifying and libeling these workers in the Press. They did everything to try to convince the public that these two workers were nothing better than outlaws and responsible for the police attack and the struggle that was put up by the single unemployed men.

In the meantime, while Molland and Grange lay in the cells of the Vancouver Police Station, the single unemployed workers, despite the losses they had suffered because of the police attack, re-organized and continued the struggle with even greater vigor. More than 400 were arrested, but as a result the Government was forced to open up Forestry Camps, and they won.

While this showed the public the underlying causes of the Hamilton Hall disturbance and exonerated Molland and Grange to them, yet Judge Hanson ignored the leniency verdict of the jury and sentenced the two workers to the Penitentiary. DEMAND THEIR RELEASE!

wages, much work lies ahead of us. We must shed all illusions, we must rely first and foremost upon our own strength and then upon such allies as we can win for our policies. Practically all the people can be brought close to us if we work correctly for our demands are just, and our policy today is correct. Our chief danger lies in an incorrect estimation of our strength at any given time. First, if we fail to recognize the desire of the workers to struggle; secondly, from leftist individuals who want to continually push ahead and only succeed in isolating themselves from the workers. Today we have a Trade Union which has prestige. We are in position and must organize in the open, but we must be on guard against over-enthusiasm, developing left tendencies. Build our Union. Protect our Union. Treasure the good name of our Union. Forward to 100% Trade Unionism on the job!



THE DINNER BELL

by DOC



CANADIANS AID SPAIN

The young people of Canada have played a glorious part assisting the Spanish people in their heroic struggle to preserve democracy and the civil liberties threatened by the barbaric onslaught of Fascism. The threat of Fascism in usurping the rights of the majority of the Spanish people, (80% of the electorate voted for the Popular Front program), is proof that we in Canada, are faced with the grim realisation that it can happen here - unless we prevent it.

The thousand Canadians who represent the finest traditions of our Country embodied in the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion of the International Brigade have left us, prepared to lay down their lives that Fascism shall not pass. There are some people of course, that are strongly opposed to Canadians "meddling" in the affairs of another country. "Why don't they stay at home and mind their own business?" they say. If the question of preserving democracy and civil liberties were only a 20th Century "phenomenon" we may agree with their point of view, but history proves otherwise. The American Revolution of 1776 was a popular revolt against the tyranny of Britain, which laid the foundations of the American Republic. The people who actively supported the American fighters for democracy were labelled as 'traitors' by the English ruling-class. It was progress that brought about the Declaration of Independence, which would not have been possible without the material aid of the freedom loving peoples of the World in that century.

Again, in the last century, Greece, after 300 years of Turkish tyranny, revolted to drive the invaders from their country. Men came from all over the World and fought for Greek Liberty (much the same as the International Brigade in Spain), to save the country from barbarianism. The famous English poet, Lord Byron, although exiled from his native land, gave his fortune and his life in the struggle for Greek independence. Greece beat back Turkey and received her national equality, despite the sabotage of the powerful nations of that time - Great Britain, France, and Czarist Russia.

A parallel exists today in regard to Spain, except that theirs is a different alignment of these three countries. We are able to see that the preservation of democracy and of freedom has always burned in the hearts of men. The difference is that it has International significance today. It concerns every man, woman and child from cities of millions to the last outposts of the Northlands. We can, therefore, point with pride to the fact that there are over 200 workers from this province fighting against Fascism in Spain. Some that you may have met and known intimately, have given their lives, but where their life-blood has flowed into the Spanish soil, a new and freer life will arise that will be an eternal monument in the hearts and minds of democratic and progressive people the World over.

The support of the Canadian people has expressed itself in donations of Food and Clothing; funds for orphans' homes, for refugee children, medical supplies, etc. Although the Canadian Government refuses to assist the Loyalist government of Spain, we have rendered all this aid.

The task that faces the Canadian people is to see that the Government of this country recognizes the democratically elected government of a fellow-member of the League of Nations and gives it all possible support, against what amounts to open aggression by Italy and Germany.

- WM. TURNER.

ORDER OF UNION BUTTONS DELAYED

The order of Union Buttons which was placed by the R.P.W.U. with a Montreal firm, is being delayed by what appears to be the effects of the Padlock Law of Quebec.

It will probably be necessary to place the order with some other firm in view of these circumstances.