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### Unions Face Critical Period

UNION leadership in North America is entering upon one of its most critical periods of testing as to maturity and responsibility.

In many instances its demands have been so extreme as to constitute record new highs and almost impossible extra burdens to accept.

It is not unusual for these demands to total from 30 to 60 per cent actual increased cost for employers—and through them their customers—to meet.

That these demands should be coming at a time when the cost of living could otherwise be held in check is a serious thing for everyone concerned, including organized labor.

And that the unions should have such an apparently reckless disregard for the ability of consumers to buy the services of their members is equally disturbing.

There can be little doubt, for instance, that carpenters recently had reached an unjustifiable inflationary idea of their current value to buyers of carpentry services when they proposed that their wage should be \$20 a day.

How can the ordinary run of citizens, who do not earn \$20 a day, buy all the other essentials of life and still hire carpenters to build them homes at \$20 a day, plus the contractor's fee of ten per cent or so?

### Scripture Passage for Today

"I will guide thee with mine eye."—Psalm 32:9

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Reflects and Reminisces

You never know what you can't do since you try not to be your age.—Buffalo Courier.

Supt. Leopold of the Mounties is beyond 60, and retiring. That is, officially. But actually, he says he isn't. His record is faultless, and health so good that some Communists still worry.

**ALMOST FEEL THAT WAY**  
It is asserted by Ottawa that Canadians still hold thousands of dollars of "shin plasters," 25 cent paper notes which were last made in 1935. Needless to worry, for it's impossible to figure what one could buy.

The former king of Egypt, finding himself banished early this week, took a good look at his beautiful yacht, and figuring he'd eventually live in the United States, sailed for Naples. Tough isn't it, when you think you're the owner of a swell yacht, realize you happen to be nothing of the kind.

Some, if not all of the freighters calling here have some passenger accommodation. Traffic, though, is rather light. But there was once a smart looking Danish craft that carried more than a score on a sight seeing cruise. And it didn't mean financial chaos either.

The quantity of cash, mental energy and postage dropping into the waste paper baskets of Canada is not becoming any the less. It's more, opine the press. In other words, when will the public realize that what a newspaper lives on is paid advertising—and not courteous invitations to give something for nothing.

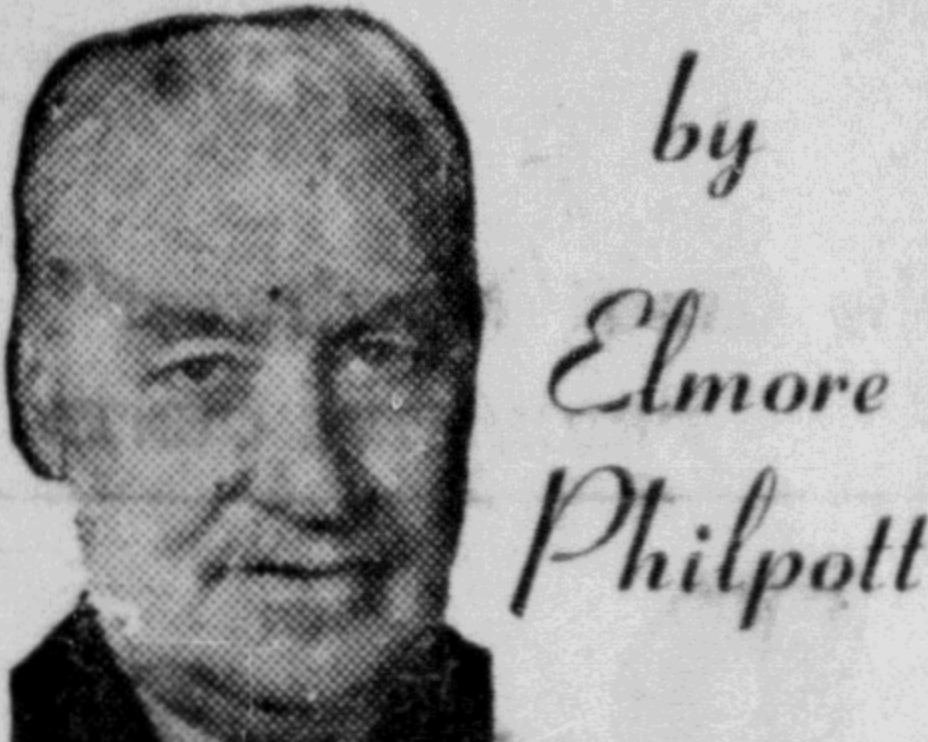
There's this much about long drawn out summer time strikes. There's apt to be employment later on, when frost is thick on the window pane, and a crunching sound arises, as you swing briskly along.

**TRY BARLEY**  
It was not until war that Japan discovered a few notions about food, and that explains why shipload after shipload of barley keep sailing from Prince Rupert and other ports. For ages, rice fed the Far East. Now it's beginning to look like a bit of variety in Yokohama. Barley cakes go well.

### Mobile Stations

LONDON (CP)—Mobile laboratories, designed by the National Coal Board to aid pit rescue work, may soon be supplied to every mining area. The 22-foot caravans are equipped with a control office, self-contained lab and sleeping quarters.

### As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

### King Fat Boy Out

LAST year when I visited Cairo I went to see an Egyptian movie. After the show I stopped to look in the window of a photographer's shop next door.

In the centre was a large picture of King Farouk—who has just now been kicked out of the country of which he was then ruler. It was a hunting scene, and I could not guess where it was taken—whether it was in Africa or somewhere else. But it showed the Fat Boy king standing, gun in hand, beside a magnificent car, which was grossly overloaded with various beasts and birds which the monarch had presumably slain.

IT INTRIGUED me to study the faces of the people as they studied that photo. I think I stayed there ten minutes or so trying to get the sense of what they were thinking. But in all that time I never got even a flicker of expression from those people. I found the picture definitely revolting—for I thought a good title for it would have been "Which one is the animal?"

I felt sure that those people—who are about the most desperately poor in all the world—must have felt that way too. But in those lands the government rule with such a ruthless hand that the ordinary citizen would take a real risk by expressing facial contempt at a big shot's photograph.

ONE NIGHT I visited a group of Egyptian upper class people. It was in a fine modern apartment block, quite as good as anything we have on this continent. The people there were of the professional class, keen youngish doctors and such like. We got talking about the condi-

tions in Egypt and when they were really warmed up the most dynamic character in the room burst out:

"I can't see any other solution for this country than a strong dictatorship." There was a sudden silence then, and all seemed a bit embarrassed that the conversation had gone so far.

Remember these people were not leftists or radicals in any way.

It was just one of the many straws I saw in the wind there that indicated to me big storms were coming.

THE TRAGEDY which I saw all over the Middle East was that an obviously revolutionary situation was in the making, but there was no element that I heard about in any of those countries which was capable of dealing with it.

My friend Macleod Boyer, the Canadian trade commissioner (who was murdered in the Cairo riots this year) drove me one day to see the irrigation canals. Hundreds of men and boys were working in gangs of about 20 to clean out the muck and silt. The middle man would reach down under the water and grab two handfuls of muck. He would pass the muck to his neighbor—and so it would go through about 20 pair of hands till it reached the bank. By the time it got to the bank most of it had slipped and silted back into the water.

I knew—and so did every foreign observer—that a single bulldozer would do the whole job better and quicker than the gangs of men were doing it.

But falling a plan to put those same men to work at more productive occupations the only effect of the bulldozer would be to cause starvation among those poor wretches who got a few cents per day apiece.

There is your whole problem in the Middle East—how to guide and channel the necessary social changes.

### Seaway Scheme Survey Stresses Power Projects

It may be premature to write off U.S. participation on the navigational side of the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Bank of Montreal comments in its latest Business Review.

In an economic analysis of the whole Seaway question, hydro as well as navigational, the report begins by highlighting the two factors which have brought the matter to a focus at the present time.

The first, rapid industrial expansion has culminated in an urgent need for more power. As for the second, "the discovery of rich iron ore deposits in the Quebec-Labrador area has significantly altered the economic aspect of the navigational proposal."

The scheme ultimately would permit ocean shipping to penetrate more than 2,000 miles into the heart of the continent, by providing a continuous 27-foot (minimum) channel from the mouth of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Lake Superior, the bank points out.

This necessitates the construc-

tion of dams, locks and canals, plus the deepening and widening of existing channels.

"In conjunction with these navigation facilities, the joint plan envisages development of hydro-electric power amounting to 2,200,000 h.p. in the International Rapids section (of which half would go to the United States), and would also permit at the option of Quebec, completion of work in the Soulanges section at Beauharnois to bring capacity there up to 2,000,000 h.p., as well as the potential development of 1,200,000 h.p. in the La-Grasse section."

### Loggers Reject Overtime Request

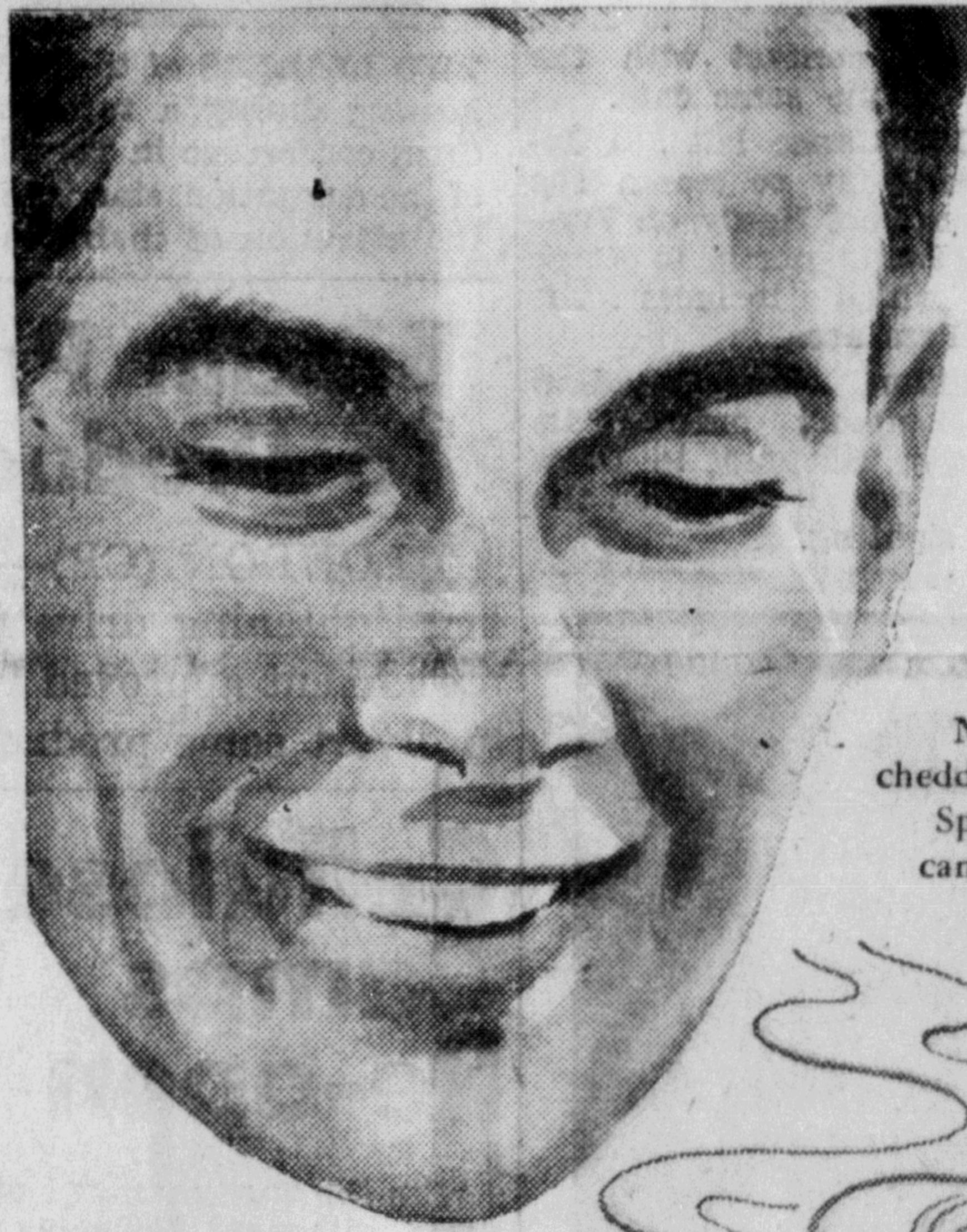
VANCOUVER (CP)—The International Woodworkers of America today turned down a request that its members work overtime to make up for time lost during the 45-day lumber strike.

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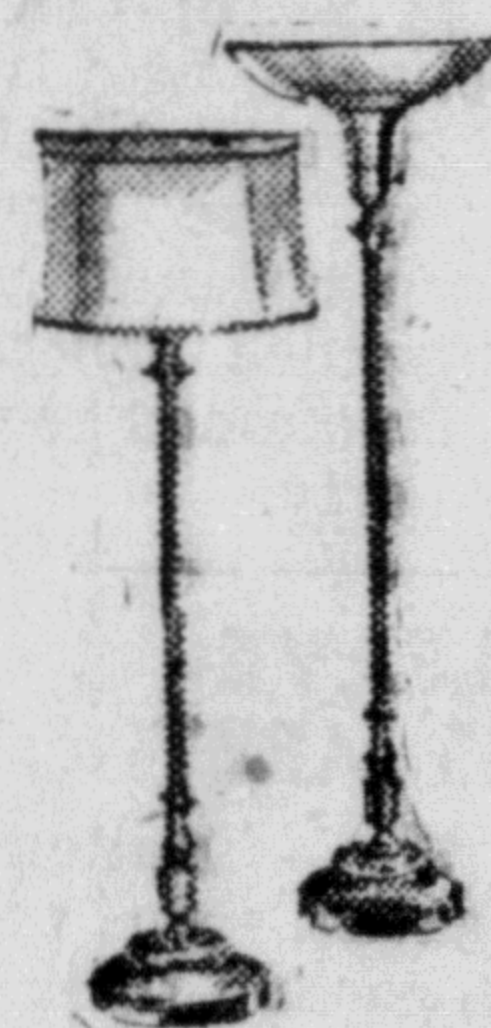
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