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## LABOR SEEKS TO HOLD GAINS IN NEW YEAR ACHIEVED DURING THE WAR

### Canadian Unions Face 1946 With Determination to Keep Progress Made During War

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OTTAWA, Dec. 11 (CP)—Canadian labor toward a new year in somewhat anxious but nevertheless determined mood. The labor movement emerged from the war with its membership at a all-time high with new legislation favorable to labor and with a firm intention of keeping in peacetime the gains made on war production.

Reports made public in 1945 placed the total membership of labor unions at 720,000, double the pre-war figure. The question of what is going to happen to that membership looms large as the year nears an end. The unions found new strength in war industries. Thousands of semi-skilled and unskilled workers carried a union card for the first time; but many of them were to change jobs to fit into the peacetime economy.

Strikes in the early part of the year had been low—for the first eight months the time loss was 63 percent lower than in the same period of 1944—but toward the end of the year the figures soar, largely as a result of the Ford Motor Co. walkout at Windsor, Ont.

The main issue in the Ford dispute is union security—the demand of the United Automobile Workers (C.I.O.) for a union shop and check-off. The company opposes that demand with the argument that a union shop agreement, requiring every employee to join the union, and the compulsory deduction of union dues from payrolls, are undemocratic.

While statements from both sides emphasize the union security issue there is evidence of strong feeling in the minds of the ordinary worker walking the picket line that other securities are involved, too—job security and wage security.

### Wage Per Year

A guaranteed wage of \$1,800 a year is one of the issues between the company and the union. The average Ford worker admits that he received a good hourly rate and that he had worked steadily while war production was at its peak but he is nervous about the future.

### Labor Presents Civic Case—

## MAYOR, CIVIC LABOR CANDIDATES AIR VIEWS AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Civic Labor Federation's seven candidates for civic office took turns in speaking before an audience of about forty in the Oddfellows' Hall last night and their brief talks were followed by a speech by Mayor H. M. Daggett in which he concluded a summary of the work done by city council this year with an appeal for a solid labor vote.

Speakers were the four labor candidates for the two year aldermanic term—J. S. Black, John Mulrooney, Harold A. Ponder and Alderman George A. Bludworth—the one year aldermanic candidate, Peter P. Forman; and the two labor school board candidates, Mrs. Pearl H. Howe and Mrs. Myrtle Roper. August Wallin was chairman of the meeting.

City Clerk H. D. Thain, who is also returning officer, explained the method of the Hunter ballot which is to be used for this year's voting.

Mayor Daggett credited the 1943 council, composed largely of labor members, with establishing trust funds for the city's telephone and waterworks utilities. From this policy of "salting away" 25 per cent of the profits of both utilities, two funds, containing a total of some \$43,000 have been set up. The telephone reserve now contains \$11,273. While the waterworks reserve fund has about \$32,000.

In addition, a third fund, composed of receipts from the sale

## LABORITE M.P. IS FOUND DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 11—A Laborite member of the British House of Parliament has been found dead after being listed as missing since Friday. He was 48-year old J. E. Whittaker. The British Press Association said that Whittaker had been ill for some time and apparently died of exposure.

## CONDITION CRITICAL

Famous American General is, However, Comfortable and Completely Rational

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 11—The latest report concerning General Patton says the two-gun general remains in a critical condition although his physicians state he is "quite comfortable and completely rational." He is suffering from a broken neck and partial paralysis as a result of a motor accident Sunday. Mrs. Patton is on the way to the side of her husband. Weather conditions prevented her plane landing at Paris this morning and it is now believed heading for southern France.

It is disclosed that a British specialist in neuro-surgery has been flown to Heidelberg to examine Patton.

Fluctuations in peacetime employment are not peculiar to the Ford Co. They have been fairly common throughout the automobile industry. The Windsor workers who during the strike have gone for weeks with only one income from union relief

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## Important Agreement

Soviet to Co-operate in Giving Control of Manchuria to Nationalists

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (CP)—The official Chinese news agency reports today that China and the Soviet Union have concluded an agreement whereby Chinese Nationalist forces will be flown into Manchuria to take over such important cities as Mukden and Harbin.

The report says agreement also has been reached on the procedure to be followed for the Chinese Nationalists to take over local administrations throughout Manchuria. The Russians are said to have agreed to protect the Chinese Nationalist troops, presumably against the Chinese Communists, whenever they land in Manchuria.

## NAZIS WATCH SELVES STRUT

NUERNBERG, Dec. 11—Twenty-one German leaders on trial for war crimes gazed with mixed emotions today at a motion picture re-enacting their strutting years as self-proclaimed supermen on the march which led them to ruin. The Nazi chieftains watched the familiar scenes from German films flashed across the screen. The documentary film of Nazi aggression was shown as evidence before the international military tribunal.

## Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert—Cloudy to part cloudy and cool, becoming fair this evening. Winds moderate to light, continuing fair and cool Wednesday.

North Coast and Queen Charlottes—Moderate to fresh north-westerly winds. Partly cloudy and cool, becoming fair in afternoon.

## Bulletins

**STARTING JAP TRIALS**  
TOKYO—The acting commander of the United States Eighth Army, Lieutenant General C. P. Hall, announces the first war crimes trials in Japan will start a week from today in Yokohama.

**WAR CRIMES PICTURE**  
NUERNBERG, Germany—A four-hour motion picture documenting the evil history of the Nazi party will take up most of today's war crimes court session in Nuernberg. Two United States Naval officers assembled the film in Berlin from the confiscated libraries of the enemy.

**TO SET STRIKE DATE**  
PITTSBURGH—A spokesman for the C.I.O. Steelworkers Union says the union's wage policy committee will meet today to decide the date of the industry-wide strike in the United States. The committee's decision is to be announced sometime this afternoon. The walkout will affect 650,000 American steelworkers.

**INCIDENT ON GUAM**  
GUAM—It is revealed that three United States Marines have been killed on Guam after being ambushed by Japanese who were well aware of the war's end. Another American marine was wounded in the fracas which occurred Saturday.

**PRIORITIES FOR BRIDES**  
PARIS—The Canadian embassy in Paris has announced that French brides of Canadian soldiers will be granted free transport to their new homes. They will also be granted priorities on Canadian troopships and planes. Frenchwomen engaged to Canadian servicemen will pay reduced fares enroute to this country.

## Seven Die in Saskatchewan Hospital Fire

### Twenty-seven Are Rescued When Flames Sweep Up Elevator Shaft In Prairie Town Hospital Building

MAPLE CREEK, Sask., Dec. 11 (CP)—Seven patients were burned to death Monday night in a fire which destroyed the Union Hospital in this southwestern Saskatchewan town. It is believed they suffocated in the smoke-filled building when a fire which began in an elevator shaft at 10 o'clock partially gutted the hospital.

At the time the fire broke out there were about 30 patients in the hospital—some of them women and children. Those who were rescued were taken to a nearby military hospital. The hospital is valued at \$20,000.

Heavy smoke poured from the burning building, and shortly after the fire began firemen believed they had it under control, but flames broke out again shortly after midnight.

Those dead are all from Saskatchewan. They are: E. A. Fredrick, George Chadwick, George M. Adams, Dennis Leo Gaff, Mrs. J. Black, Leo Yick Chow and Robert Young.

**TO NATIONALIZE MINES**  
LONDON—British Fuel Minister Shinwell has announced that a bill to nationalize British coal mines will be presented to the House of Commons by the Labor government within a few days.

**BURNED TO DEATH**  
BRANTFORD, Ont.—Two Indian children died yesterday in a fire which destroyed their frame home on the Six Nations reserve at Brantford. The children were alone in the house when the fire started, apparently from an overheated stove.

**CHARGES BRITAIN**  
OTTAWA—Liberal Senator Thomas Vren of Quebec has charged Britain with violation of the Ottawa trade agreements by raising what he called a complete embargo against Canadian goods. Senator Vren declared in the upper house last night that Canada should look after her own interests "first, last and all the time."

**RIOT AT FUNERAL**  
BUENOS AIRES—Four persons were wounded yesterday in Buenos Aires during a funeral procession. Hearses were bearing the bodies of three others killed during the week-end political demonstration against strong man Colonel Juan Peron.

**TEST ATOM BOMBS**  
WASHINGTON—The United States Army and Navy are contemplating joint tests of atom bombs against battle-ships. It has recently been suggested that captured Japanese warships be used as targets for the tests. Whether or not this plan will be carried out has not yet been announced.

# Indonesians Promise To Poison Dutch Forces

## Determined To Prevent Netherlands Sovereignty Restoration Upon Java

Seventy Million People Prepared To Use Lethal Means to Annihilate Invading Forces on Indies Island

BATAVIA, Dec. 11 (CP)—Indonesian leaders threatened today to use both poison and arms to resist military restoration of Dutch sovereignty in strife-torn Java. Premier Sjahrir of the unrecognized Indonesian republic said Indonesian forces would fight if the British command attempted to land more troops to back up the rule of the Netherlands.

From a radio station near Soerabaja, a native leader, Soetomo, spoke of a campaign of poisoning against the Dutch, saying "the Dutch are boasting they soon will bring in thousands of soldiers. What of it? We are determined to annihilate them, even if we have to poison them to death. We have seventy million people behind us. It is an easy task for us to get rid of one or two hundred thousand enemies by poison."

# Newfoundland To Get Autonomy

## Elected Convention To Be Set Up in Old Colony

LONDON, Dec. 11 (CP)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee announced today that the British government will set up an elected national convention in Newfoundland next year. He said the convention will be established as early in 1946 as climate permits.

Newfoundland, the first British colony in the western hemisphere, was a self-governing Dominion from 1855 to 1933 when financial difficulties forced it to appeal to the British government. Since 1934 representative government has been suspended and the island has been governed by British government commission.

## URGENT DOCK TENDER FOR SHIP REPAIR

Mayor H. M. Daggett and W. M. Watts of the Prince Rupert Industrial Development Committee have sent a telegram to W. K. Levensh, vice-president in charge, western lines, C.N.R., Winnipeg, urging that the Prince Rupert Dry Dock submit a bid for repair work on the damaged Texas Oil Co.'s tanker Illinois now in dry dock here.

## GERMANS HAD DEADLIEST GAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11—A United States government official today revealed that Germany "had developed the deadliest poison gas in the world" by testing it on concentration camp inmates.

Col. Bernard Bernstein, director of the division of cartels and external assets of the United States military government in Germany, submitted the statement to the Senate military sub-committee.


It was Adolph Ochs, late owner of the New York Times, who pointed out that it was advertising revenue that gave newspapers financial independence on which freedom of the press is based. "When advertising revenue is insufficient, as was conspicuously the case in France before the war," he said, "then watch out."

LONDON (Reuters)—Under the title of "The Nazi Crime" the German War Crimes Exhibition has been moved from Paris to Piccadilly under auspices of the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

Temperature

Maximum	42
Minimum	34
Rainfall	.02 inches

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**T. Norton Youngs**

## NO WORD HERE OF WAR GOODS FOR VANCOUVER

A report that millions of board feet of lumber as well as plumbing fixtures from the United States Army installations at Prince Rupert, are to be transported to Vancouver for disposal by War Assets Corporation was given no confirmation by I. M. McKinnon, War Assets representative here today. The report was carried by a Vancouver newspaper this morning.

## MAURETANIA LANDS VETS

HALIFAX, Dec. 11—When the Mauretania docked in Halifax last night 14 troop trains were waiting at dockside to take the Canadian service personnel to their homes across the Dominion. One special, with 397 men aboard, moved to Vancouver commencing at five o'clock this morning and until seven tonight a train is steaming out of Halifax every hour over C.N.R. lines.

## SENTENCE REDUCED

Considering an appeal by Rufus White, Massett native, against a police court sentence of six months in jail, Judge W. E. Fisher in County Court Monday afternoon reduced the sentence to three months. White was convicted at Massett on a charge of obstructing Constable W. Titcomb in the course of his duty.

## URGENT DOCK TENDER FOR SHIP REPAIR

At a Civic Labor Federation meeting last night Mayor Daggett told the audience that, after he and Mr. Watts had heard a rumor that the dry dock management would not bid for the job of repairing the 5,000-ton tanker which was brought here for examination, they had made enquiries at the dry dock concerning it.

Mr. Allen, the manager, was away, and we were given the run-around," the Mayor said. "So we immediately sent a wire to Mr. Devenish urging that the dry dock make a bid for the job. We pointed out that it would help fill the interim until more definite word is received about the construction of another vessel here."

At present dry dock manager Bernard Allen is in Montreal.

HERE I AM FLAT BROKE AND ONLY SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS!



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