

Socreds Endorse Resolution to Keep Elected Representatives Off Executive

VANCOUVER (CP)—Social Crediters moved Thursday to keep elected representatives out of the executive of the B.C. Social Credit League.

The almost 500 delegates to the league's annual convention passed a resolution submitted by eight constituency associations which said all members of the legislature and all members of parliament "should" not hold office in the league.

Thomas Irwin, speaker of the legislature and chairman of the convention, withdrew his name as a presidential candidate shortly after.

Delegates supporting the motion said the elected members did not have time to do both jobs and that the league did not want to be controlled from the legislature.

Noel Murphy, a 49-year-old Vancouver accountant, was elected league president Thursday night. He defeated past-president John Perdue.

During the afternoon session delegates slogged through many resolutions dealing with legislation and league policies.

Greater Victoria and Greater Vancouver constituencies fought it out, through resolutions, over the location of the head office of the league.

Greater Victoria associations moved that the league head offices be moved from Vancouver to Victoria. The motion was defeated without discussion.

After more than half an hour's debate, delegates finally tabled a resolution, backed by Mr. Perdue in his annual report, which called for establishment of a Social Credit newspaper to be put out by the league.

The league will not back any civic or municipal election candidates if the executive accepts another resolution passed by the delegates.

A Burnaby motion that called for abolition of the three per cent sales tax was tabled but two other motions calling for exemption of the three per cent sales tax on children's shoes and clothing and fuel oil were accepted.

Delegates rejected the suggestion of a government-supervised sweepstake to aid hospitals and other charitable organizations.

A resolution calling for hospital insurance premium exemptions for single persons earning \$720 or less a year and for married persons receiving \$1,200 or less was tabled.

An amendment asking the government to start orderly decontrol of rents as soon as possible was defeated.

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Club Starts Work on Ski Hill

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Doctor Seeking Court Costs In Libel Action

VANCOUVER (CP)—Dr. William Kemp Wednesday asked the Assize court to award him costs arising from criminal libel charges laid against him by John J. Perdue, president of the B.C. Social Credit League.

The action followed announcement in Victoria Tuesday that Attorney-General Robert Bonner had granted Perdue permission to abandon the action against Kemp, an unsuccessful independent candidate in the June, 1953 election.

Counsel for Mr. Kemp today asked Mr. Justice H. W. Davey to grant his client costs incurred in the proceedings to date before the case was allowed to be dropped.

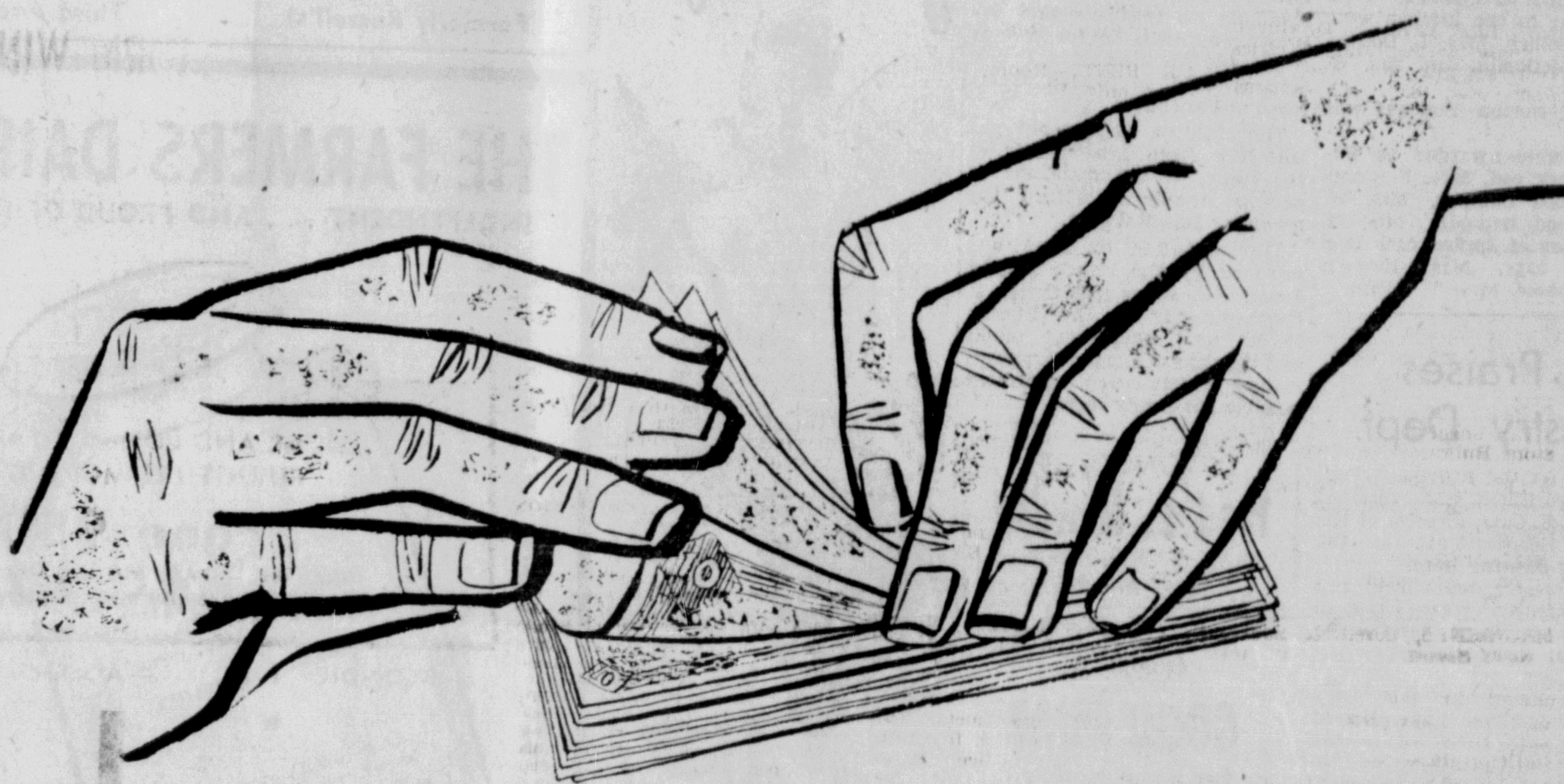
He also said he would ask court for a statement regarding the institution of criminal proceedings.

Mr. Justice Davey adjourned the case until Monday to allow Mr. Perdue to be present.

Open Season Set On Fishing Union

VANCOUVER (CP)—Trades and Labor Congress president Percy Bengough Wednesday declared "open season" on the jurisdiction of United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, suspended recently from the TLC for Communist leadership.

Mr. Bengough said in an interview here that "as long as the UFAW is under suspension it is open season on their jurisdiction as far as the Congress is concerned."



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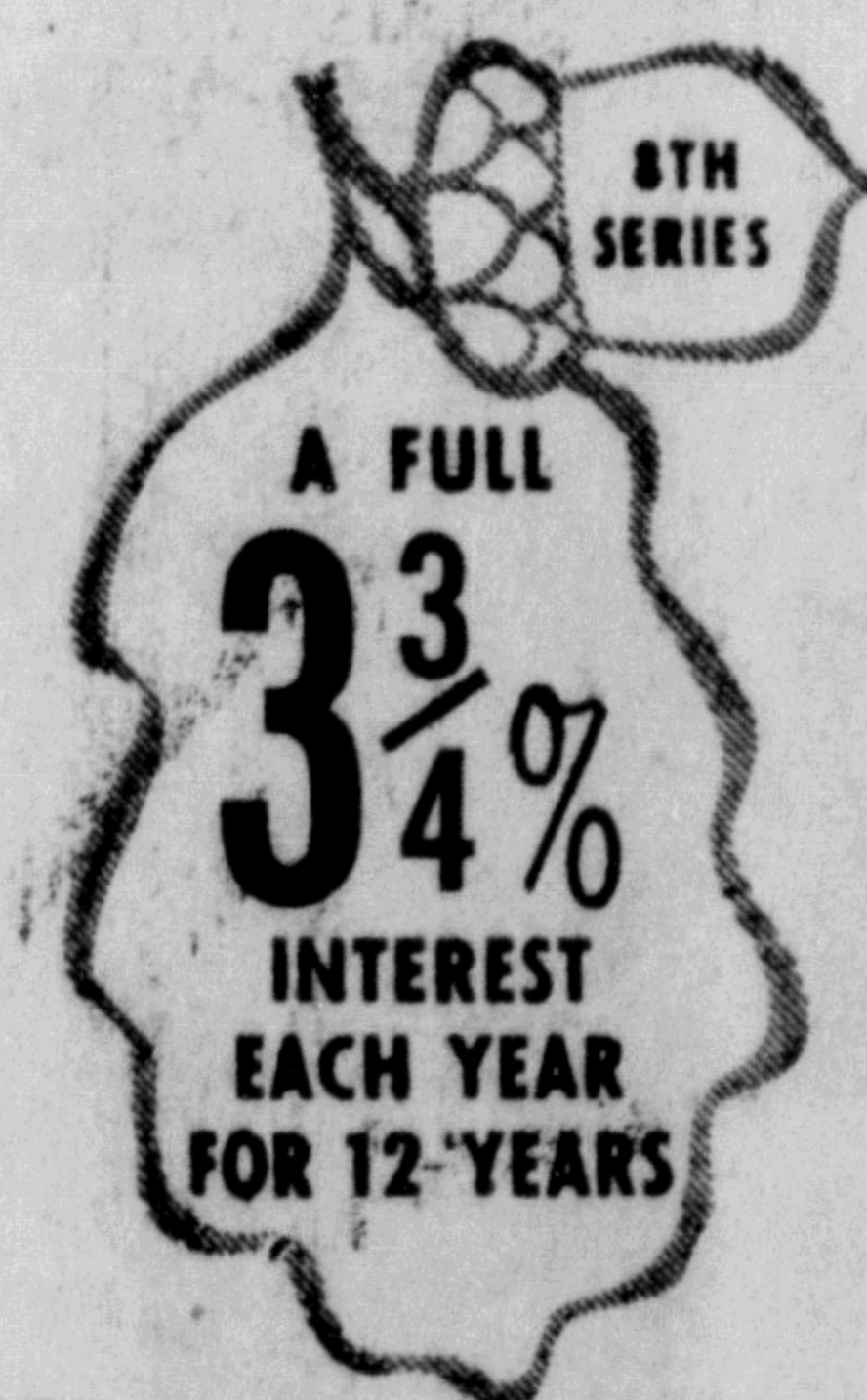
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