

BC Fed launches Campaign BC

BC Federation of Labour President Jim Sinclair says it's time to tell Premier Campbell how we feel about his performance in Victoria.

Campaign BC is the BC labour movement's grassroots organizing program to fight for jobs, strong communities, health care, education and quality public services.

Sinclair says ordinary working people must get involved:

Tell Gordon Campbell where you stand by signing the card attached to the Campaign BC pamphlet enclosed in this issue of *ON THE LEVEL*. Turn it in to your Local Union and get involved in your Local to defend the social services we depend on for our way of life.

Support community and labour action in your area to get our province back on track.

BC's unions mobilize to register organ donors — forms inside

BC's union movement has pledged to contact at least 250,000 of its rank-and-file members to urge them to register as organ donors, in a drive to reduce the length of time the more than 469 British Columbians must wait for transplants.

"There is a chronic shortage of hearts, lungs, livers and kidneys for transplant in BC," said BC Federation of Labour President Jim Sinclair. "Many of those on the waiting list will die waiting if we don't act."

"This new partnership with the BC Federation of Labour is the largest single institutional commitment ever made to the BC organ donor program," said Bill Barrable, Chief Executive Officer of the BC Transplant Society. "It's unprecedented in this province or across Canada to have such a major commitment from such a large organization."

"One out of every four potential organ donors is lost because the individual did not register their decision nor did they share their decision with their loved one," Barrable said. "We have 450,000 registered donors now, but if we succeed in adding even a fraction of the province's union members to that list, there could be a potential increase in transplants and a reduction in wait times."

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BC Provincial Council of Carpenters argues case is about consolidating power in US

Council files statement of defence in court case

There may soon be some resolution of at least one part of the ongoing litigation against the Provincial Council started by the International two summers ago. After many meetings of discovery and grueling hours of testimony answering questions put by the International's lawyers, BC Provincial Council President Len Embree says that a Summary Proceeding will likely take place in the last week of May to deal with the International's search and seizure application. The judge will examine submissions from each side and then decide if there is enough information for a decision or if a full trial with called witnesses and cross examinations is required. Embree says if the judge rules that there are grounds for a full trial, that will likely happen in October.

This case is, on the face of it, an application by the International to seize the Provincial Council and all BC Local Union books and records. It was launched in June 2000 by United Brotherhood General President Douglas J McCarron, from Washington, along with his cohorts General Executive Board member Jim Smith, International Representative Dave Wright, Wayne Cox of Victoria Local 1598 and Mike Autzen of Floorlayers Local 1541. The suit, according to the Provincial Council's statement of defence, is in actuality, "a bad faith" action commenced for "improper purposes related to the underlying dispute between the International and the Provincial Council" to restructure the Union in British Columbia.

The point of this exercise, according to the Council's statement filed with the court in March, is to "consolidate McCarron's personal power and influence within the Carpenters Union" and "enhance the power,

influence, status and legal rights of the International in British Columbia," while reducing the rights and role of the Provincial Council to that of a meaningless entity. There is little point in seizing the Council's books as the International already has copies of all the audited statements going back to the founding of the BC Provincial Council of Carpenters in 1943. Plaintiffs Cox and Autzen sat on the Provincial Council Executive Board for many years and have had full access to all Council books and decisions. Autzen, until recently, was a Council Trustee who personally verified the books each year and found them in order. The annual budget, trustees report and audited financial statements of the Provincial Council are published each year in proceedings of the Convention and are available to any member.

The statement suggests that the real reasons underlying the International's suit include facilitating:

- implementation of restructuring by edict of the General President without any vote of the members in British Columbia (based on imposing 33 mandatory bylaws which deny the membership's democratic right to vote)
- creation of as many as five Full Service regional councils in BC, each with appointed officers and executive boards
- transfer of bargaining rights from the Council and its Locals to the International (contrary to the BC Labour Code)
- transfer of all the assets of the Council, the BC Local Unions, and the Carpentry Benefit and Pension Plans to McCarron appointed officials
- forcible mergers and transfer of assets of Local Unions without the ratification of the membership

The International, which is not recognized as a trade union under BC labour law, appears to be attempting to acquire legitimate bargaining rights by putting some Local Unions under supervision or trusteeship and then usurping their bargaining rights for themselves. Local 1907 (Mission - Chilliwack) is mentioned as a possible target, as was Industrial Local 1928 (New Westminster). A supervision hearing against Local 1928 was

instigated in 1999 based on the flawed report of an unqualified auditor from Toronto hired by the International who alleged financial impropriety. After initially trying to deny the Local legal representation and a subsequent two and a half days of hearings, the International had to agree that there was no fraud or misappropriation of funds and that the auditor's report and the original complaint contained material inaccuracies. It was

only after the Local applied to the Labour Relations Board that the International agreed to disclose the particulars of the charges before the hearing and allow the Local's lawyer to cross examine witnesses at the hearing.

The International has also launched four lawsuits against the Council and numerous affiliated Locals and individuals to force them to remit contributions

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This late news received just at press time.

Court case delayed

The May Summary Proceedings have been postponed pending the outcome of mediation talks initiated by the Canadian Labour Congress. Former BCGEU President John Shields has been appointed ombudsman by the CLC to deal with the Carpenters application for Justification (see the previous issue of ON THE LEVEL). Shields' mandate has been expanded to include acting as a mediator to determine if a negotiated solution is still possible. He has until May 31 to make that determination. Resolutions supporting the democratic rights of BC Carpenters have been pouring in from Unions and Labour Councils all over British Columbia to be presented at the CLC Convention in Vancouver starting June 10, 2002.

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Carpenters Union members march for social justice in Victoria. Over two busloads of Lower Mainland Carpenters Union members attended the mass rally of nearly 30,000 concerned citizens who told Gordon Campbell in no uncertain terms his cuts are too deep

LEVEL LETTERS



Public assets are not for Campbell to dispose of

OPEN LETTER: to Gordon Campbell

Sir:

My name is Vance Ponsford. I am 67 years old. I have worked 45 of the past 50 years in British Columbia. My job was in the construction industry as a millwright. I have paid maximum taxes from teen age to old age. Of course I complained, but I could see a steady improvement in conditions, and I felt I was getting reasonable value for my tax dollars. I have always felt that everyone in our society deserves respect and that those less fortunate should be cared for.

It appears to me that you are well on your way to handing all the publicly owned assets of the province over to the allegedly more efficient private sector. These assets are not yours to dispose of as you see fit. In my opinion the private sector is only interested in profit. One of your ministers remarked that British Columbians should get over their "feeling of entitlement." If the people of British Columbia are not entitled to the decent life their taxes have paid for, then who is?

As I see it, Gordon Campbell and the BC Liberals were elected following a deceitful and malicious smear campaign. I have yet to see anything I would describe as liberal from this government, except for generous tax cuts for the rich and powerful. What's next on the privatization schedule, Gordon, the police?

People of British Columbia, can't you see what this government is doing? Services are being eliminated, or at best, gutted. Taxes are going up (for those of us who earn less than \$60,000 per year) and we can look forward to user fees and higher costs for everything else. Gordon Campbell, you have exhibited contempt for the poor, the elderly, and the honest working people of this province. I am sure the voters will show you the same contempt in the next election. In the meantime, you can take pride in the knowledge that you have set this province back 50 years.

Vance Ponsford Millwrights Local Union 2736 (retired)

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DIFFICULTIES — When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure.

— Peter Marshall

Give Life — Sign up for organ donation registry

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Look inside this issue of *ON THE LEVEL* for the BC Transplant Society's organ donor registration forms which can be returned postage-paid directly to the BC Transplant Society. They have been coded to allow both partners to evaluate the success of the program.

"We expect to receive about five percent of the registration forms we send out by conventional distribution channels," Barrable said. "Our hope is to double, triple or quadruple that return rate as a result of the drive the Federation has undertaken. That will have an enormous impact on our registry."

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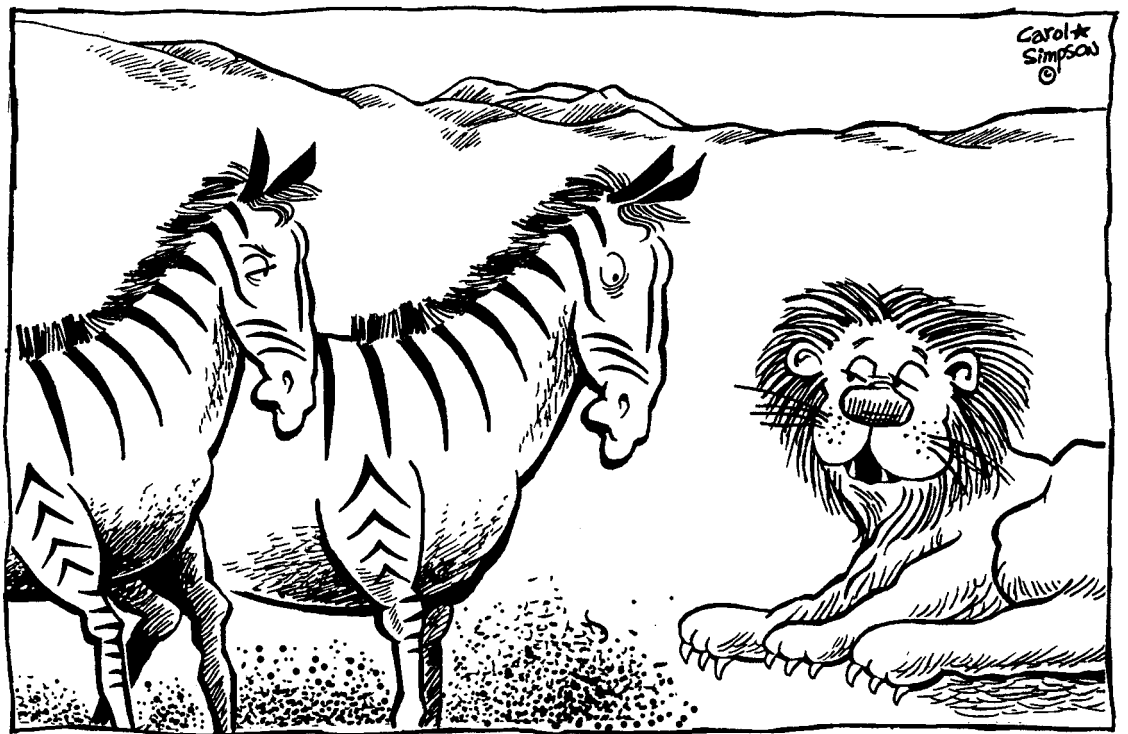
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"Your herd is due for another downsizing. Should we go by seniority or early retirement?"

Labour Relations Discussion Paper

Draconian labour code changes proposed

by Doug McCorquodale

It is no surprise that the provincial Liberal government is contemplating restrictive anti-union changes to the Labour Code. In March, the government released its *Discussion Paper: A review of Labour Relations in British Columbia*.

This discussion paper suggests giving increased power to employers to interfere in organizing drives. It also prepares to allow the employer to decertify the union after a two-year closure or hiatus of the business. The paper proposes that there will be no successorship of the business if it is sold, leased, or transferred by a trustee under the **Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act**. Both the two-year hiatus allowing for decertification and the no successorship under the bankruptcy act suggestions are aimed directly at the construction industry.

In addition, the discussion paper seeks a broadening of Essential Services designations in the public sector. The paper also seeks a detrimental revamping of the Labour Relations Board review of arbitration awards and appeals. Furthermore, the paper considers weakening or removal of the expedited arbitration procedure in the Code.

The paper postulates the possible use of fees to access the services of the Labour Relations Board as well as the privatization of mediation services. Also, according to this paper, strike votes will be government-supervised as a mandatory procedure.

The discussion paper also develops a call for partial decertification wherein a bargaining unit could carve itself up. This would allow sections of the bargaining unit to decertify despite the fact that they are a minority within the bargaining unit.

The most insidious changes being proposed are within Section 2, the **purpose** of the Labour Relations Code. The changes sought are to include employees as a separate party from the union in LRB hearings. This will facilitate the practice of the employer funding legal assistance for the involvement of anti-union employees at Labour Relations Board proceedings. Another change in the purpose is to include economic competition as a factor to be considered when rendering labour board decisions. The application of labour law will be fundamentally biased in favour of the employer. This new purpose of the Code may lead to the extraordinary circumstance where an employer could have an application for certification of a union dismissed because it would, in the view of the LRB, "make the employer uncompetitive." These changes to the purpose would obviate any pretense of fairness.

The original purpose of the Code was to have recognition strikes and the settlement of disputes with work stoppages replaced by labour tribunals. If the tribunals are to be tilted in favour of the employer then the government can look forward to a more militant trade union movement. This will **not** increase economic stability in the province, which the government claims as one of their goals. In fact we can expect capital to continue to stay away from British Columbia.

Recently announced changes to the Employment Standards Act point the way that this administration seems to be headed. An order in council (cabinet decision) in April removed any lay-off provisions for construction workers. There will no longer be any requirement for advance notice or compensation for layoffs for non-union construction workers.

McCarron refuses BC constitution changes

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to the International pension plan, even though the plan has been deregistered in Canada. The Statement of Defence alleges that the purpose of these suits is to intimidate individuals and undermine their support of the Council as well as bankrupt Locals which could then be put under trusteeship, allowing the International to acquire their bargaining rights.

Since 1999, McCarron has refused to approve changes to the constitution of the Provincial Council passed by majority referendum vote of the membership. He also stated in a meeting in Port Alberni in August of that year, that members would not have the right to vote on his brand of restructuring—"no" vote on mergers, "no" vote on

founding officers.

The Provincial Council was also threatened with supervision because two of the plaintiffs in the court action, Victoria's Wayne Cox and Floorlayers Mike Autzen, were asked to leave the part of an Executive Board meeting that was to discuss the Council's response to their court case.

The Statement of Defence concludes that the suit is designed to interfere with the Provincial Councils ability to carry out the purposes, objects and responsibilities of a trade union on behalf of its members. Members of trade unions are entitled at law to exercise their democratic rights without interference, something McCarron seems incapable of understanding.

Vern Baisden scholarship started Millwright member's memory honoured

Honouring and remembering a faithful tradesman, unionist and family man, Selkirk College recently announced a scholarship dedicated to the memory of Vern Baisden, a Millwright Local 2736 member who was killed on the Keenleyside Dam project in April last year. He plunged to the ground when a man-lift malfunctioned.

The *Vern Baisden Memorial Scholarship* will be awarded annually to a high-ranking Millwright Machinist student who has applied to the Millwrights, Machine Erectors & Maintenance Union Local 2736.

Columbia Power Corporation, along with Peter Kiewit Sons, Klohn-Crippen, SNC/Lavalin, Fasken Martineau Dumoulin LLP, with matching funds from the Province of British Columbia, have endowed the Selkirk College Foundation with \$21,000 to help reimburse the tuition to one student enrolled in the Millwright program.

A college spokesperson indicated that the first scholarship should be awarded this June.

Vern's widow, Janet Baisden has written a dedication for the scholarship that describes her husband well.



– Vern Baisden –

"To have known Vern is remembering his laugh and the kindness in his heart.

Vern loved life to the fullest and he always tried to have a positive attitude in everything he thought and did.

He hated to see anyone waste their lives as there was so much to give and learn.

Vern loved his trade as a Millwright of over 25 years, and was very proud of being a member of the Millwrights Union. He took his work very seriously, but always tried to have fun with his work. Vern always said, 'Whatever it is that you choose to do in your life, make sure you love it.'

Vern was also a dedicated member of AA, and was very active with the program. He had helped many people, whether it be through his works or his kindness.

Vern's life was 'One day at a time.'

If Vern were here, he would say, 'Be good to one another and love one another,' because life is too short.'

Thousands expected to march BC Fed plans massive Vancouver rally May 25

We're marching for jobs, strong communities, public services, healthcare and education.

Campaign BC, It's about our future.

The BC Federation of Labour's province-wide mobilization against the Campbell government's economic and social policies is confirmed for a massive May 25 march in Vancouver.

Demonstrators will begin marshalling at 10:30 a.m. in four locations: Victory Square, Library Square, the Burrard Skytrain station, and Seaforth Peace Park in Kitsilano. The groups will join together at the north end of Burrard Bridge and head for Sunset Beach for a rally at noon.

"Opposition to this government is not only solid, but growing daily," said Federation President Jim Sinclair. "We're calling on anyone who is angry with this government to join us to show Campbell that voters know his economic and social policies have utterly failed British Columbians."



Northwest Carpenters march for education in Terrace. John Jensen, Local 1081 and Ken Lippett, Local 1735 support students fight for lower tuition fees



Sunshine Coasters march for public services

Local 2068 Powell River members with slightly altered banner join several hundred Sunshine Coast demonstrators in a local protest of Cuts to BC Public Services on February 23, 2002. From left are: Jim Stapleton, Walter Forsyth and Harry Keillor



Peter Greenaway Local 1928 receives his 45-year pin from Pat Haggarty



Boota Sidhu getting his 30-year pin from Local 1928 President Pat Haggarty



Joe Vanderark (left) and Dean Gogal receive Local 1928 25-year service pins



Dimitre Veljokovic getting his 25-year pin from Pat Haggarty



Claude Theroulde (left) Joe Silva, Steve Smeaton and Chris Toombs receive 15-year pins at the annual pin night for Local 1928

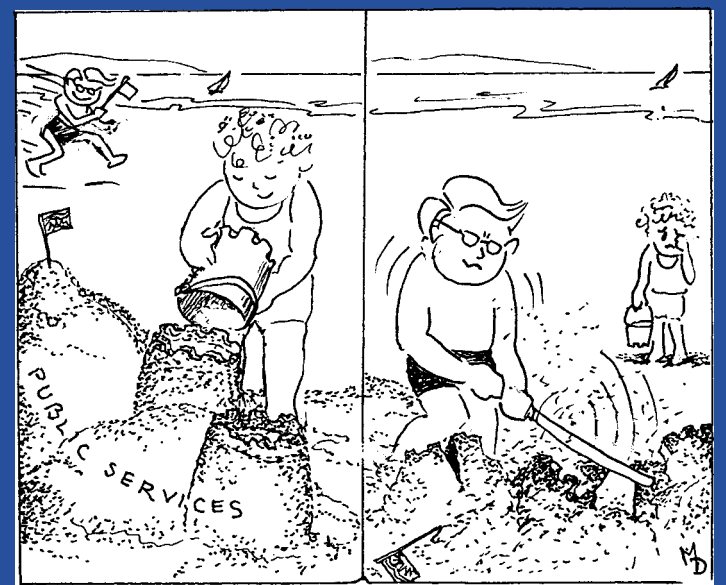
January pin night for Industrial shopworkers Local 1928

The annual service pin awards night for Local 1928 members was held at the New Westminster Hall on January 21, 2002. Pins were presented by Provincial Council Vice-President Pat Haggarty.

Retired Members

The following BC Carpenter's Union members have taken normal, early or disability retirement since June, 2001, and are eligible to receive a Carpentry Workers Pension

Aiello, Santo	Gosselin, Donat	Lu, Edward	Rebalkin, Allan
Allen, Roy	Greenall, Raymond	Makela, Vaino	Reston, Gordon
Auringer, Al	Groth, Werner	Markovic, Joe	Rossi, Dante
B a r i c h e l l o ,	Hakkarainen, Harry	Martin, Ronald	Rutledge, Jim
Gioachino	Hancock, John	McKay, Don	Sheriff, Marvin, C
Bonomo, Livio	Harris, Ronald	McKinney, Liam	Sheriff, Marvin
Brannstrom, L. Osten	Horvat, Frank	Millar, James	Shypitka, Keith
Brewster, Michael	Hupe, Florent, P.	Miller, Kenneth	Simek, Rudolf
Bridger, Warren	Issler, Henry	Moen, Garry	Simonetto, Romeo
Broadbent, Raymond	Jurinak, Lajos	Mohr, James Steven	Smith, Gordon
Brown, Brian	Kao, Frank	Mueksch, Earl	Spehar, Anton
Campbell, Robert,	Keeping, Stanley	Myerscough, John	Spencer, Barry
Carson, Gordon	Kerslake, Ken	Nielson, Kaj	Spooner, Ralph
Catarino, John	Kerslake, James	Norman, John	Stella, Massimo
Dacruz, Americo	Knowles, Robert	Nustad, Ron	Storey, Edwin
Dalla Pace, Mario	Kraft, Bruno	Ostle, Raymond	Sturmey, Kenneth
Daros, Ulderico	Krottner, Edward	Ostoforoff, Nick	Sturmey, Ken
Emerick, Stanley	Landsvik, Ivan	Pearce, Peter	Tasaka, Stephen
Farrell, Daniel James	Laverdure, Dennis	Pena, Jose	Tkach, Fredy
Fayter, Kenneth	Lee, Gordon	Pereverzeff, Sidney	Veerkamp, William
Friesen, John	Leitao, Zeferino	Perron, James	Wuerzner, Joachim
Gaudet, Paul	Letnar, Norbert	Polenen, Paavo	Young, Stanley
Gee, Robert, V.	Lowry, Kerry	Pulko, Bogomir	



Even as a little boy, Gordo had his own special agenda

A Labour Minute



Frank's buried miners

At 4:10 a.m. on the morning of April 29, 1903, ninety million tons of limestone broke loose from the side of Turtle Mountain and thundered 1,400 feet down onto the little coal mining town of Frank, Alberta, in the Crow's Nest Pass.

Seventy people were killed and part of the town was covered by 45 feet of rock — in some cases boulders as big as boxcars.

The Frank Slide, as it came to be known, also buried the entrance of the coal mine, where a small crew of 17 men were on the night shift.

The miners were trapped as the massive weight of the slide collapsed the mine entrance and 130 feet of the main tunnel.

The miners felt a tremendous shaking when the slide occurred, followed by a strong blast of wind that slammed them into walls and blew out their lamps.

No one knew what had happened, but the men made their way in the darkness to the main tunnel in an effort to get above ground.

Finding the mouth of the mine blocked, the trapped miners looked for another means of escape. A lower tunnel which emerged further out into the valley was found to be blocked too, and quickly filling with water seeping in from the Crow's Nest River, which had been dammed by the slide.

The air shafts in the upper reaches of the mine were filled with rock as well, meaning lethal coal gas would be accumulating.

Then one of the miners recalled a coal seam outcropping on the mountain above the entrance. If they could dig up through this narrow seam it might permit them to avoid drowning or asphyxiation.

The trapped miners tunneled upward through 20 feet of coal and nine feet of boulders, using only picks and shovels. They reached the surface 13 hours after the slide, exhausted but alive.

Labour Minutes recount the history of working people and take just a minute to read
— Dishaw-Roy —

BC Provincial Council challenges UBC on lumber issue

International still backs tariffs

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America General President Douglas McCarron is promoting American interests at the expense of Canada's economy, says Len Embree President of the BC Provincial Council of Carpenters in a recent press release.

The US parent of the BC carpenters union is an ally of the American lobby group that pushed for stiff countervailing duties on Canadian softwood lumber imports. McCarron, along with the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical & Energy Workers International Union (PACE) and the inaptly named US Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports sponsored a petition to the United States Department of Commerce and International Trade Commission calling for "countervailing duties and anti-dumping duties on softwood lumber from Canada." This resulted in the application of punitive duties of up to 32 per cent on Canadian lumber exports to the United States, costing the Canadian economy thousands of jobs and nearly \$300 million so far.

"United Brotherhood General President Doug McCarron is threatening Canadian jobs and industry by supporting US government policies on softwood lumber and oil and gas," Embree said. "Last year, McCarron announced his support for a countervailing duty on Canadian softwood lumber imports, a move that led to several mill closures and widespread unemployment. Now, McCarron has set his sights on the Canadian oil and gas industry."

At a meeting in December, US President George Bush publicly enlisted McCarron's support to pressure Democrat Party allies in the US Senate who oppose a plan to drill for oil and gas in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Bush's Wildlife Refuge proposal is designed to replace Canadian oil and gas with Alaskan

resources. Canada is among the top three oil exporters to the US, and Canadian natural gas feeds about 16 per cent of US demand. Competition from the Wildlife Refuge gas reserves will jeopardize future Canadian oil and gas mega-projects, put Canadian jobs at risk, and endanger Canada's Porcupine Caribou Herd, which uses the Wildlife Refuge for its calving grounds.

At the same time as BC's lumber industry faces huge losses from steep US duties, the BC Council of Carpenters is defending itself in court against a bid by the International to scrap union elections and take control

McCarron, is attacking BC workers in the forest industry at the same time as they are going after BC Carpenters

of its pension and strike funds.

"The United Brotherhood, led by General President Doug McCarron, is attacking BC workers in the forest industry at the same time as they are going after BC Carpenters," said Embree.

"The US parent is a member of the Canadian Labour Congress, but its actions against the Canadian forest industry and union democracy breach the CLC constitution, and put the lie to claims that they are looking out for the best interests of BC carpenters."

BC Carpenters claim that the lawsuit brought against them by their US parent is a ploy to impose a trusteeship on the BC un-

ion. BC Carpenters have withstood the United Brotherhood's campaign to place BC Locals under US control. The lawsuit is scheduled to go to court in late May.

"It would be a travesty if at the same time the US parent is supporting an attack on the Canadian softwood lumber industry they are able to use BC courts to put us under trusteeship, then take away our democratic rights and control over pension and strike funds," Embree said.

Last spring, in a province-wide referendum, 77 percent of BC Carpenters voted for autonomy from the United Brotherhood. Since then, the United Brotherhood has refused to meet with the BC Council to discuss the results of the vote. The BC Carpenters have turned to the CLC to press for autonomy from the US parent.

International wants status

Embree says the United Brotherhood wants to impose large regional councils in BC by merging locals, firing elected leaders and acquiring the right to negotiate collective agreements.

"Under BC law, the United Brotherhood does not have status as a trade union and can not negotiate contracts," Embree said. "Only by taking over locals can they get that power, and at the same time gain control of all financial assets including strike and pension funds."

"Doug McCarron turns union democracy upside down," says Embree. "Instead of union leaders being accountable to the membership, every member becomes accountable to Doug McCarron."

Stock windfall for labour leaders under scrutiny

A black eye for labour — US grand jury investigates McCarron and others in ULLICO

by Josh Coles

In April, a US federal grand jury and the US Department of Labor launched separate investigations of UBCJA General President Doug McCarron. Both are investigating personal stock deals he made while sitting on the board of a union-owned insurance company.

The Wall Street Journal and Business Week Magazine report that the grand jury is probing whether McCarron and other US union leaders violated criminal and labour laws by using their positions on the board of governors of ULLICO Inc. for personal gain, while their unions' own investments plummeted in value.

ULLICO, a privately-held company owned by Trade Union officials, was founded by the AFL-CIO in 1925 as Union Labor Life Insurance Co., to provide life and health insurance to union members.

McCarron has sat on the ULLICO board since 1996, guiding the investment of Carpenters Union pension funds and UBCJA cash. According to its 2001 financial statement, the UBCJA has over \$14 million of its assets invested in ULLICO stocks.

For years, ULLICO invested conservatively and unions enjoyed moderate returns from their investments. **But in 1997, a year after McCarron was appointed to its board, ULLICO changed investment strategies and invested \$7.6 million in a risky telecommunications company start-up called Global Crossing.**

While initially incredibly profitable, last year Global Crossing became the fourth largest bankruptcy in US history.

But during the good years, according to Business Week, **ULLICO board members were allegedly given the opportunity to personally purchase ULLICO shares at bargain prices in anticipation of the big gains ULLICO was set to make in Global Crossing investments.**

Board members, it's alleged, were then able to **sell their shares back to ULLICO before their value had been reset** to reflect the unavoidable reduction in price related to Global Crossing's accelerating fall during the recent industry-wide telecommunications crash.

Even though they knew ULLICO's troubles were jeopardizing their own unions' funds, board members **personal shares were protected because they voted in a procedure that fixed their personal shares final selling price.** Board members sold their ULLICO shares at a price inflated by the good years of Global Crossing but untouched by its collapse.

Union and pension funds, with much larger stakes, did not enjoy the advantages of this

scheme and got hit hard by ULLICO's exposure to Global Crossing, according to Business Week.

McCarron personally held 3,000 ULLICO shares which could have reaped well over \$200,000 in personal profit from 2000 to 2001, depending on when he sold the shares. Meanwhile, carpenter union funds took a ULLICO bath. One union president who commented, Martin Maddaloni of the plumbers, admitted to making \$184,000 by selling 2,000 of his ULLICO shares back to the insurer.

"I didn't think there was anything wrong with it," Maddaloni told the Wall Street Journal, "I just took advantage of the process."

According to the Journal, Maddaloni, who has served on the insurer's board for two years, said ULLICO's in-house lawyers had blessed the transaction.

Overall, ULLICO's board members sold 73,000 of their 120,000 shares, Business Week says, giving them combined profits of at least \$ 6.7 million.

McCarron has refused comment on the allegations. But the Wall Street Journal reports a McCarron spokesperson stating that "the transactions were conducted properly."

According to Business Week, the grand jury is to determine if the board members are criminally liable for voting in a procedure where ULLICO repurchases of its stock confer benefits to board members at expense of their own unions' investments.

There is also the question of whether McCarron's and others dealings in ULLICO stock created a conflict of interest that violated civil labour law. The Wall Street Journal reports that the U.S. Department of Labor is separately investigating this question — a probe that potentially could lead to removal of McCarron as General President and invoke civil fines.

Business Week also points out that several anti-union corporations are primed to use the scandal in their propaganda against persistent organizing drives by their workers.

BC Provincial Council President Len Embree says McCarron should do the right thing and come clean about his personal investments. "He should resign if in fact there is any conflict or wrongdoing," Embree said.



The Labour — Global Crossing relationship

When did what happen at ULLICO

from the Wall Street Journal

About two dozen labour leaders sit on the board of ULLICO Inc, which is an umbrella company controlling around \$4 billion in insurance and union pension assets. ULLICO also controls Zenith Administrators which looks after most US Carpenters Union pension plans.

Some timelines:

- 1996 Douglas J. McCarron is elected to the Board of Directors of privately held ULLICO Inc. joining with 28 other trade union representatives.
- 1997 ULLICO invests \$7.6 million in Global Crossing, a telecommunications startup.
- 1999 Fall—ULLICO is losing money on some of its other operations but earns \$127 million by selling some Global Crossing stock. Insiders knew those gains would lift the annual evaluation of ULLICO shares from \$54 to about \$146 when its books closed at the end of the year.
- 1999 December — ULLICO offers each director the chance to buy 4,000 ULLICO shares at the 1998 evaluation of \$54. The union pension funds that own almost all of ULLICO aren't given the same offer, or even told about it.
- 2000/01 December 2000/January 2001 — ULLICO buys back 205,000 of its shares at \$146 per share. Stockholders with fewer than 10,000 shares are allowed to sell all their holdings, so officers and directors can take full advantage, but the pension funds can't. Insiders know that the decline of Global Crossing's stock puts the true value of ULLICO's shares closer to \$75.
- 2001/02 December 2001/January 2002 — ULLICO buys back an additional 200,000 shares, allowing officers and directors who hadn't sold before to cash out at \$75. Again, insiders know that the further collapse of Global has again cut ULLICO's true value, this time to \$44.
- 2002 March — ULLICO's pension-fund shareholders now own a less valuable company. Its Global Crossing profits have gone disproportionately to officers and directors, some of whom are trustees of the union pension funds that lost out on the deal. Global Crossing shares, which peaked at just over \$64 fell in March, 2002, to just 11 cents.

Eligible but not enrolled

Carpenters Union members listed below have not enrolled in either the Carpenters Pension Plan or Benefit Plan and as a result are not earning credits. You must enroll in the Plans to be covered. Complete an enrollment form at your Local Union even if you have been previously enrolled and dropped off for some reason.

No Local assigned	Wallace, T	Local 1237	Local 1812	Local 1998
Musgrave, D	Rosetto, R	O'connor, Daniel	Baldwyn, Mike C	Roy, Phil
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Apprenticeship model to change drastically

ITAC chopped by provincial Liberal cutbacks

Gordon Campbell trashed apprenticeship with a stroke on January 17, 2002 when he announced layoffs for over 11,700 government workers. The Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission was one of the big losers.

Ten ITAC field offices will close down by the end of May and the six remaining offices will close by March 31, 2003. A total of 112 ITAC staff will be terminated. This will include all program co-ordinators, field counselors and office clerks.

All ITAC advisory committees have been shut down including the ITAC Board, the Chairs' Advisory, and all Trade Advisory Committees.

ITAC was set up in 1996 to look after apprentice and trades training across the province. Now training has been abandoned to the private sector.

The government will no longer be a stakeholder in trades qualification or indentureship. There will be no indentureship agreements signed with government, apprentice and employer. Government's role will be limited to standards and credentials. Counseling and apprentice advisory services are out the window. Government will not be involved in enforcement of rules and ratios and will not monitor worksites and cer-

tainly will not enforce wage increments. Apprentices will have to track their own job experience, schedule their own training and pay tuition fees (likely around \$10 per day to start).

The Ministry of Advanced Education will take over the responsibility for managing standards and credentialing only under the new model. A transition advisory committee (size and make-up unknown, although a Ministry spokesperson indicated it will be very small) will be established to design a new model. Scheduled school assignments will be maintained during the transition period, according to the Ministry.

The average length of programs will be reduced and new programs will be developed to address areas where skill shortages exist. We can probably look forward to modular courses designed to appeal to narrow interests rather than broad, all-encompassing trades training. Flexibility is the buzzword of the day.

Government plans to combine apprenticeship and entry level trades training funding and offer one stream of training

that will be modularized into specialized components like framing, formwork and finishing. As colleges and private trainers will have free license to put on any kind of course for anyone regardless if they are indentured apprentices or not. It is unclear whether the provincial government is prepared to uphold the Interprovincial Red Seal Standards.

Apprenticeship has traditionally been a combination of time on the job and training. The new model appears to eliminate the time requirement and documentation.

There was no consultation with industry, especially the unions, prior to implementation of these sweeping changes, although they do look remarkably like the ICBA's recommendations.

Apprentice contests set for June

The Carpenters Provincial contest will be hosted by Local 2300 Castlegar at the Recreation and Aquatic Centre, June 13-15. There will be a radio station broadcasting live from the venue and the practical projects will be built on Saturday June 15. Last year's winner, Mark Furlotte from Local 1598 Victoria, will be a judge. CATC co-ordinator Bob Whitaker expects up to 14 contestants.

The Carpenter Lather Provincial Apprentice contest will be held at BCIT in Burnaby this year from June 20 - 21. The written portion will be held on the first day and the second day will be devoted to a practical project. Last year's winner Brent McKee, from Vancouver Local 1995, will be a judge at this year's event. Carpenter Lather Co-ordinator Guy Kiss expects up to seven contestants.

Secondary picketing now legal

CLC/CALM

In January, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that secondary picketing "typically defined as picketing in support of a union which occurs at a location other than the employer's premises" is generally lawful.

The case stemmed from Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union Local 558, whose members were locked out by Pepsi-Cola in Saskatchewan in 1997. To press their demands the union picketed retail outlets carrying Pepsi products.

In its ruling the Supreme Court says: "labour speech engages the core values of freedom of expression, and is fundamental not only to the identity and self-worth of individual workers and the strength of their collective effort, but also to the functioning of a democratic society."



Okanagan District Council BA Terry Sawiuk presents Patty Broxham her bursary cheque for her essay on an organizing drive at MacDonaldis in Kelowna



Carpenters Union bursary winner Raquel Guardo Yerex accepts her cheque from Local 1735 BA Ken Lippett. Her essay was titled "Women in the Workplace."



Nanaimo Local 527 President Tom Skarvig presents his daughter Angela with a bursary cheque for her essay on "The Importance of Unions in the New Millenium".

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Lawsuit may go to trial soon

Dispute with International moving forward

Council expects spirited debate at this year's Provincial convention in Vancouver



COUNCIL COMMENT
by
Dave Flynn

Between preparing for our annual convention, trying to stick handle through construction industry negotiations, advancing our justification application with the CLC, and dealing with the International lawsuit: describing the Provincial Council offices these last few months as "busy" would be a huge understatement.

Our 59th Convention will be held Thursday, April 18 through Saturday, April 20 at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Vancouver, and we are right down to the wire assembling the reports and preparing the delegates' convention kits. A quick scan of the resolutions submitted indicates that there will be, as usual, spirited debate on a wide range of topics, including government attacks on workers, softwood lumber tariffs, the future of apprenticeship training, and of course the con-

tinued pursuit of autonomy from the International.

International dispute

Our dispute with the International will be moving forward on a couple of fronts. On April 9 and 10, the Provincial Council officers will be meeting with John Shields, the ombuds-person appointed by the CLC to investigate our justification application. The mandate of the ombuds-person has been expanded to include mediation, so the purpose of these meetings will be to attempt to reach a mediated resolve.

If we are unable to come to an agreement the ombuds-person will complete his investigation and submit his report to the CLC executive. Based on the findings in that report the CLC executive will render a decision on our justification application.

Lawsuit ongoing

On the other front, the International's lawsuit is scheduled to go to summary trial the fourth week of May. In the suit the International is seeking access to the Provincial Council's books and records. They say they are simply seeking an accounting of the Brotherhood assets in BC because they are concerned the Carpenters Union in BC may attempt to disaffiliate from the International. We say they are acting in bad faith; that they already have all our financial records, including audited financial statements, and the real reason for sending in their forensic auditor is to fabricate some excuse to place the Council under trusteeship. If the International were able to gain control of the Provincial Council, and the union's finances, they would be able to impose their restructuring pro-

gram with minimal opposition. That is what this lawsuit is really about.

Bargaining setback

Construction industry bargaining suffered another setback earlier this year when the Labour Relations Board ruled that there is not a valid memorandum of agreement between CLR and the Bargaining Council. The memorandum of agreement was originally reached in December 2000. This agreement was set aside by a Labour Board decision that said the chair had exceeded his authority in accepting a counter proposal from CLR. To remedy this decision the Bargaining Council reaffirmed acceptance of the memorandum of agreement in June 2001. The validity of this agreement was also challenged at the Labour Relations Board, and on January 31 of this year the Board ruled that, because the Bargaining Council had not been properly instructed of all their options in the original decision, that the vote taken at the June meeting of the Bargaining Council was ineffective.

On February 27, CLR tabled a proposal for the Bargaining

Council to consider. The new proposal was a renewal of the original memorandum of agreement reached over a year earlier, with a proviso that would allow for the settlement of outstanding trade issues with a few trades. The Trades are concerned that so much time has elapsed since the Main Table settlement and trade memorandums were reached, that membership expectations have changed. There is a general feeling that without some further improvements to the agreement it will be rejected by the membership. The Bargaining Council is scheduled to meet again on April 12 to develop a counter offer to the CLR proposal. It is also expected that pending Labour Code amendments will provide the employers with more options, making it even more difficult for us to conclude an acceptable agreement.

PCL/Dominion withdraw

Two significant General Contractors, PCL and Dominion, have withdrawn from CLR and wish to negotiate their own deal. Stay tuned, because indications are negotiations are a long way from over.

Spotlight on organizing by Josh Coles, provincial organizer

Needless tragedy on construction site

Carlos De Vera didn't have to die. In an all-too-common tragedy, the 36-year old labourer fell to his death from a 16-storey building last month on a non-union construction site already riddled with safety complaints.

Carlos left behind his wife Judith, and their daughters Jennica, 4, and Bernadette-Rose, 18 months.

Details remain sketchy about the accident at the Broughton and Alberni job in Vancouver. De Vera's co-workers have reported that he was cleaning some concrete off a fly-form when it dropped, sending him plunging a few floors down to a safety net, which gave way seconds later allowing him to plunge 12 storeys to a second-floor pony wall.

WCB and Bayside Forming Ltd, the company De Vera worked for, remain tight-lipped about the incident. Bayside was the formwork subcontractor to Stuart Olson Construction on the residential tower project.

According to carpenters' union organizers, De Vera's death was completely preventable. The union had filed safety complaints late last year on behalf of employees already concerned about Bayside's practices.

Since December, Local 1995 organizers Apolo Suarez and Jan Noster have been monitoring the site regularly. The union knew Bayside had a history of safety and other worksite problems.

As the Vancouver Province reported after Carlos' death, Bayside was hit with four WCB safety violations at another work site in downtown Vancouver late last year, including one in which construction material was allowed to fall onto and near the site trailer.

Then in December, in a separate investigation, the WCB found the company had improperly required an employee to buy his own safety harness, also a safety violation. Three other orders were also issued on matters in contravention of occupational health and safety regulations.

Then in February, the WCB found that a "pinch" platform had fallen within an air-duct shaft due to improper installation. A worker was on the platform when it fell one level before it jammed. The carpenter grabbed a tie just before the platform fell and was rescued by another worker.

In addition to safety problems, the union has also laid several Employment Standards Branch complaints for abusive overtime practices. One former employee, who was fired in December for complaining about overtime, says Bayside requires some employees to work 12-to-14-hour days, six days a week, without overtime. The union calculates its Employment Standards complaint should result in back-pay of thousands of dollars. All this for a company barely one year old.

The chaos that is today's construction industry allows company's with track records like Bayside's to continue to get work.

Most non-union companies win low-bid jobs based not on decent minimums of safety and other conditions, but on raw construction costs.

Overly competitive low-bids lead to money-saving measures such as Bayside's 'buy your own' safety harness program and its refusal to pay overtime.

Worse yet, Bayside did not offer life insurance or other benefits to its employees. Instead of death and other health benefits, like those offered by union companies, De Vera's family will have to rely on a small WCB pension.

Without a strong union presence, construction workers today are forced to live through a bidding game where workers and their families survive by luck, not minimum human standards.

Carpenters today are wedged between turn-of-the-century conditions and chronic unemployment. Jammed between risking termination while standing up for their rights or the fate of young fathers like De Vera.

Clearly it is a time to unite all carpenters under one banner. A flag that defends workers rights, non-union or union, and on or off the job.

A makeshift memorial remains at the job. Carlos De Vera's family has set up a trust fund to help with the children's education. Donations can be made to the Carlos_Monsada_DeVera_Trust at any branch of the CIBC. For information call the De Vera family at 604 324-5811

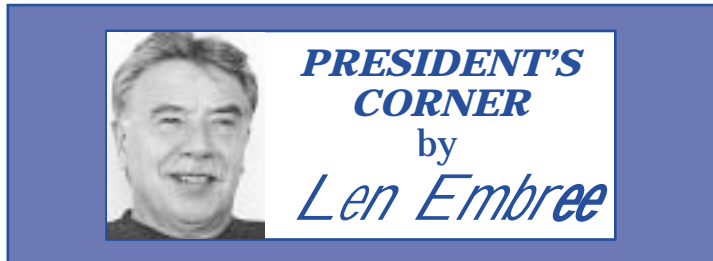


The entrance to the Stuart Olson project where Carlos De Vera died appears to support a safe work place with proper fall protection but the on-site reality was vastly different say workers

A first step to effective organizing

Labour movement rallies against service cuts

Liberals unsurpassed for meanness and vindictiveness



One of the supposed side benefits of being “long in the tooth” is that, having been around long enough, you have eventually “seen it all.” This was especially applicable when it came to provincial politics.

Unfortunately, for all working people in BC, this gang in Victoria is the proverbial exception. Whether I go back to W.A.C. Bennett or, god forbid, even consider the Vander Zalm administration, none compare to this BC Liberal gang for outright vindictiveness, meanness, and reactionary ideology.

Not too surprisingly, the response by the labour movement to this outright attack has been active, direct, and united. The play by the press to portray the opposition to the Liberals as a public sector issue has fallen on deaf ears. Anyone who participated in the Victoria rally or, indeed, the local rallies held around the province can't help but be inspired by the involvement of a cross section of our communities. It seems to me that these rallies present a unique opportunity for our union to establish ourselves, and what we stand for, in both the labour community and the community as a whole. This has to be the first step to any effective organizing for our union.

There have been a number of resolutions submitted for con-

sideration to our Convention on the issues of support for the public sector unions and also support for a long-term, concerted fightback against this Liberal regime. I look forward to the debate, and am confident that our union will be prepared to take a leadership position in this battle. Of course, in this regard, we can be considered a public sector interest as we represent several hundred School Board employees in a half-dozen Locals around the province.

International battle and softwood lumber

Which brings me to the other major battle in which we are embroiled: the one with “the International”. It's difficult, if not impossible, not to compare the similarity in attitude towards people—in this case members—between the Liberals and McCarron and his administration. Let's start with the Canadian softwood lumber issue. Even though it's a matter of record that GP Doug McCarron and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America are petitioners in support of this countervailing tariff, we are presented with some lame excuse that their position is about “fair trade.” Talk about American jingoism. The question remains: what's fair about

using our members' dues to support a position that in all likelihood will put our members out of work. This one issue, probably more than any other, points out the injustice to our members that results from the power structure of the International. A look at the costs involved in defending ourselves from the two lawsuits also is quite enlightening. They receive dues from us to use to initiate lawsuits to force positions on us that they know full well are not supported by the members.

What the hell does this have to do with representing workers and being accountable to them? If it weren't so tragic it would be humorous.

What is equally astounding is the unequivocal support they retain from lawsuit plaintiffs Cox, Autzen, and Wright. I'm somewhat comforted by the fact that in my experience when members of any union discover they have been used they usually rectify the situation with a passion.

Summary Trial

Tentative dates for summary trial on the search and seizure issue have been set for the fourth week in May. If no decision is reached, a full-blown trial could be scheduled for October.

One other update on the Canadian Labour Congress justification application: Brother Flynn and I are scheduled to meet on April 9 and 10 with John Shields, former head of the BCGEU. Brother Shields is acting as ombudsperson for the Congress on this issue. Hopefully, we will be able to give a more complete report at Convention.

In closing, I would like to

say I'm quite flattered by the International's expressed interest in my column. I fully expect to have it quoted back to me by some paid flunky at some future date.

I look forward to seeing a number of you at Convention. I also look forward to the deliberations that will take place at Convention..

That's the view for now from this corner.

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Don't sell BC Hydro!

Affordable, reliable & clean power – owned by the public – is at risk

For more than 40 years British Columbians have had among the lowest electricity rates in North America, with reliable delivery of clean, non-polluting hydro-electric power. And it's owned 100% by you – the public.

But the BC Liberal provincial government is trying to change all that for the worse. Premier Gordon Campbell has broken his promise not

to privatize BC Hydro by putting three key components up for sale – with more to come.

Now the provincial Energy Policy Task Force is recommending government deregulate electricity and move to market pricing – that would mean your electricity rates would increase from 30 to 100 percent! The Task Force also wants to privatize and break up BC Hydro.

Even BC's biggest industries warn that this would be a disaster that would cost the province more than 6,000 jobs as mines and pulp and paper operations closed.

“We believe the current system is doing a good job of providing reliable power at reasonable rates and, with appropriate adaptations, can continue to meet the needs of BC consumers for many years to come,” says the Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee, representing 30 of BC's largest corporations, with 15,000 employees in 42 locations, including Teck Cominco, Highland Valley Copper and Canadian Forest Products.

BC Hydro provides government with much-needed revenue for health

care, education and other services — last year, BC Hydro contributed \$904 million to the province and local governments.

Why would the BC Liberals break up BC Hydro? The companies bidding to privatize BC Hydro could make huge profits — at your expense.

But there's still time to stop the Liberals from turning BC into a deregulated, privatized California with brownouts, blackouts, outrageously high electricity bills and polluting energy sources like coal and oil.

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