

Union Leaders Set To Head Into Nfld. Woods Shortly

By ROBERT RICE
OTTAWA (CP)—A high-powered team of union leaders probably will head into the woods of Newfoundland soon in a bid to solve a major jurisdictional dilemma facing the Canadian Labor Congress.

The dilemma involves the International Woodworkers of America and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America—two major affiliates of the 1,070,000-member CLC.

They are fighting over which union should represent Newfoundland loggers, a jurisdictional scarp that confronts the CLC with a serious rift that could lead to the loss of one of the other of the two unions.

After months of studying the dispute, the executive council of the CLC—inner cabinet of organized labor in Canada—has appointed a four-man committee to make a detailed investigation.

HEADS COMMITTEE
The committee is headed by Frank H. Hall of Montreal, chief negotiator for off-train railways men. The three other members are William Mahoney of the Steelworkers Union, George Burt of the Auto Workers Union and William Jenoves of the Bricklayers Union.

All are general vice-presidents of the CLC and top union leaders in their own fields in Canada.

Claude Jodoin said Tuesday in announcing appointment of the committee.

Any trip to Newfoundland would probably involve hearings in St. John's and visits to the logging areas in the hinterlands of the island province.

Mr. Jodoin said the committee has wide terms of reference for its investigation. He said the two unions placed evidence before the CLC that was in direct conflict on some points.

The Woodworkers Union, with 36,000 members in Canada, has charged the Carpenters Union with raiding its jurisdiction. This charge is one of the most serious in union books.

If found guilty, the 65,000-member Carpenters Union would face suspension from the CLC. Under the congress consti-

tion, the decision on expulsion—casting a union outside the mainstream of labor—would be placed before the full convention of the congress.

Mr. Jodoin said the special committee has been asked to make its report before the next CLC convention, set for April 9-13 in Vancouver.

The dispute has been brewing for months. It stems back to the 1959 strike of IWA loggers in Newfoundland, a bitter, violent struggle that ended through direct intervention by the government of Premier Smallwood.

The Newfoundland government decertified the IWA and helped set up a new union, the Newfoundland Brotherhood of Woodworkers. This union later dissolved itself in favor of the Carpenters Union.

Early in the dispute when it was still before the officers of the CLC, rather than the 21-member executive council, a peace plan was advanced by Mr. Jodoin. It called for a vote by the loggers themselves on which union they wanted. The vote was to be supervised strictly by the CLC itself.

The IWA accepted this proposal, but the Carpenters Union balked, conducting its own vote and claiming majority support. The companies also recognized the Carpenters Union as bargaining agent for the loggers.

In pressing its raiding charges against the Carpenters Union, the IWA has hinted that it will walk out of the CLC if the Carpenters are not suspended.

REDS SCREEN BERLIN VIEW

A wooden screen at right has been added by the Communists to the Red-built wall on East and West Berlin border to impede a clear view into the East Berlin zone. West Berlin police, armed with automatic weapons, patrol along the wall. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Berlin).

Increase In Women's Jobs Is Dramatic Development

TORONTO (CP)—The rapid increase in the number of women who have found regular employment is the most dramatic development in the Canadian labor force in the period 1950-1961, says the Bank of Nova Scotia in its current monthly review.

The following figures concerning the period are given:

Female population of working age, up 1,239,000 to 6,032,000; women in work force, up 627,000 to 1,739,000; participation rate, up 5.6 per cent to 28.8.

Male population of working age, up 1,160,000 to 5,982,000; men in work force, up 733,000 to 4,783,000; participation rate, down four per cent to 80 per cent. "Working age" means civilian non-institutional population 14 years of age and over.

The review comments in part:

The average number of women employed in 1961 was 55 per cent greater than in 1950 and the number of married women 2½ times as great. In contrast growth of male employment was only 12 per cent reflecting a moderate rise up to 1957 and comparatively little growth since.

STILL FEWER
Although the number of women in the labor force remains far below the number of men, the addition to the female contingent since 1955, some 470,000, has been greater than that to the male group, 440,000.

The advance in female employment has been most notable among more mature women especially in the age group 45-54 but also in the groups 35-44 and 55-64.

By 1961 married women accounted for nearly half the female labor force compared with less than one-third in 1950. (The "single" remainder includes those widowed, separated or divorced).

There has been a growing inclination for mothers to seek employment as their children grow up. Among the younger (under 24) the proportion who are married has increased considerably since 1950 and there has been a growing tendency for the wife to remain at work supplementing the income of the husband.

GIVES REASONS
Among reasons for increased female employment the bank gives growth in service industries, with automation and mechanization thus far less effectively applicable than in goods-producing industries; a continuing increase in clerical jobs for women in both goods-producing and service industries; and easing of old prejudices against women as job holders. The review continues:

Notable gains (for women) have occurred in financial establishments (including banks, insurance companies and real estate), in retail trade and in some sectors of transportation and communications (e.g. radio and television broadcasting and air transport).

The most rapid increases, however, have been in the broad group of public and private service which encompasses government offices; schools; hospitals and social agencies; hotels and restaurants; recreation and entertainment facilities; laundries; dry cleaning and hairdressing.

Much of this growth reflects the increased role of social and personal services in a higher-income and suburban economy. Another factor is that many retail stores, restaurants, beauty salons and laundries (to take a few examples) have been relatively successful in utilizing part-time help. Almost one-fifth of all employed women work fewer than 35 hours a week; the great majority of these are married.

Tax Concessions Are Urged To Aid Industry, Research

TORONTO (CP)—Tax concessions to encourage industry and research are urged by the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto in a submission to the federal minister of finance.

High tax rates on corporate profits and individual incomes should be reduced substantially, the board states, to stimulate business expansion and improve its competitive position at home and abroad.

Other countries, particularly in Europe, have employed substantial reductions in high tax rates or granted special forms of tax relief with telling effect in restoring and energizing their economies.

"While such tax reduction may be followed by an initial loss of revenue, this will be compensated for by increased taxable profits and incomes in the following years."

Tax policy regarding "research and invention and those who make creative personal contributions in those fields" should, the board urges, be so liberalized that Canada will be a "tax-haven" for such activities.

"Broadly-based research and invention would be the foundation for the establishment of new industries and industrial processes."

CALLS FOR STUDY
The recommendations are made in a 15-page presentation. While making specific immediate recommendations, the board urges "a thorough exploration of the tax structure with a view to working out a system of taxation at all levels of government which in the long term will best raise the revenue required with minimum injury to the growth and operation of the economy."

In the federal field, dealing with medical expenses, the board says the taxpayer "is not allowed to deduct expenses incurred for custodial or full-time care of himself or dependents in a nursing home, simply because such care did not extend over a full year or because there was not complete confinement to a bed or wheel chair within that time."

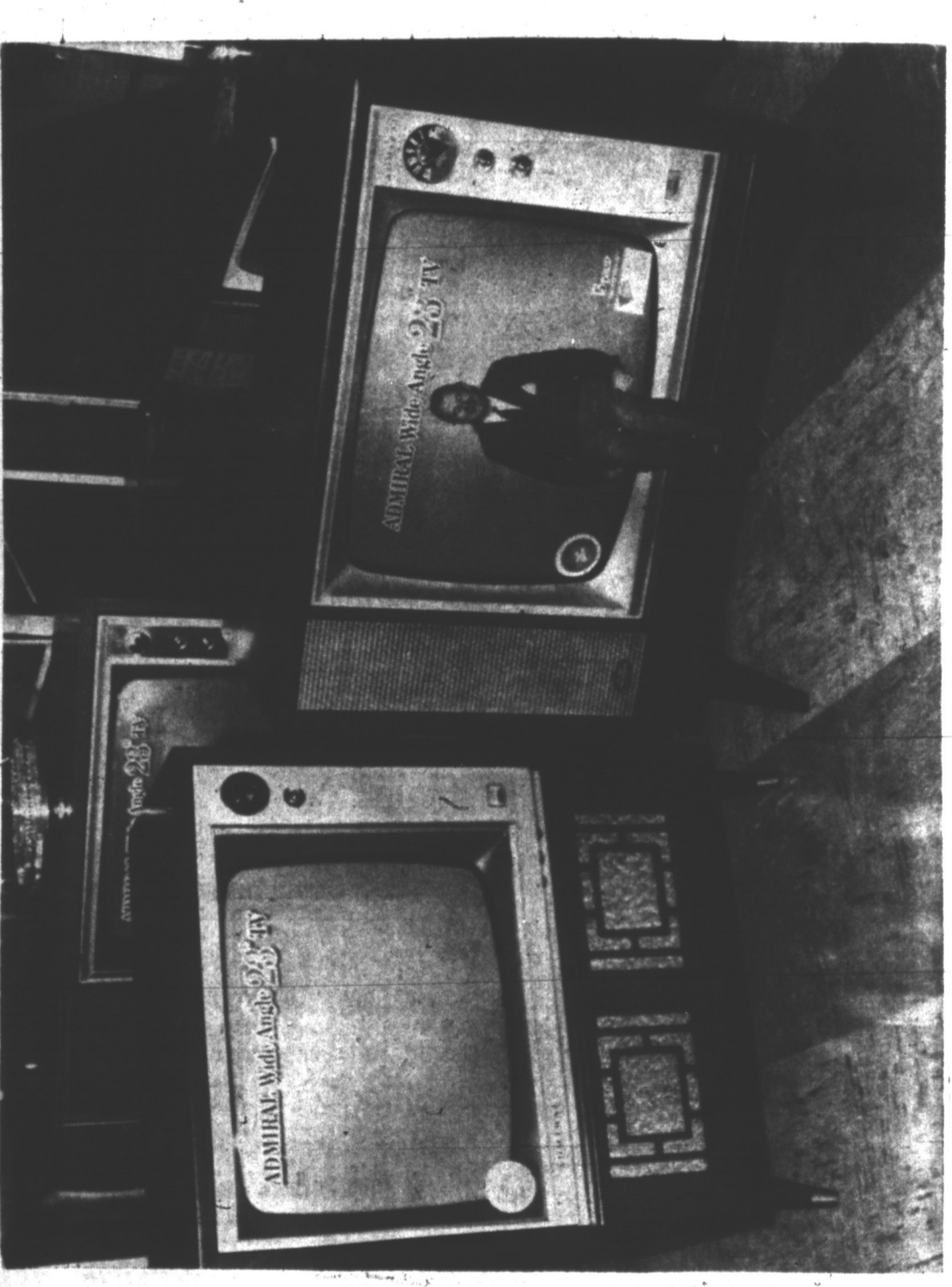
Revision of government policy is recommended "regarding the practical availability of a depletion allowance to all who develop oil and gas developments in Canada, having regard to the competitive tax advantage of capital from United States sources in such operations in Canada," and other considerations.

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