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Autonomy Declared Objective of Canadians, International, Alike

Your District Board, together with the International Officers and the Officers of the Canadian Mine-Mill Council, have been engaged in discussions with the view to increasing the effectiveness of our Union in Canada and the further strengthening of the autonomy of the Canadian section of the Union.

The discussions emphasized the inalienable rights of the Canadian membership to elect their own leadership, be responsible for their own organization, administer their own funds, with properties and funds agreement rights vested in the Canadian membership, and to advance policies in conformity with their own national needs and aspirations.

It was further recognized that the membership of this Union, in both the United States and Canada, will not tolerate the importation into Canada of any of the effects of the Taft-Hartley and Brownell-Butler anti-labor legislation of the United States, and that the Canadian officers and membership should not be subjected to or dominated by the legislation of a foreign country.

The Taft-Hartley and Brownell-Butler legislation with its announced intention of enforcing conformity by the trade union movement with the prevailing policies of the United States government or face destruction, will be vigorously resisted by the membership of our

Union in the United States, and they will have our support in Canada. We are confident that the people of the United States will eventually defeat this legislation and that the trend to Fascism in that country will be reversed.

However, at the same time, every effort must be exerted to guarantee that their democratic privileges, and their right to evolve policies in their own national interest, be secured to the Canadian membership, free from any efforts of this legislation and consequent domination by the United States government.

TOO MANY EXAMPLES

We have seen too many examples in Canada where the United States domination of our trade unions, enforced by Taft-Hartley union officers who have become instruments of U.S. government policies, has restricted the rights of Canadian unionists and enforced policies detrimental to the Canadian workers and their national interests.

We will not stand for the rights of the Canadian people

to be conformed to, and subjugated by U.S. legislation. These unions in Canada which are dominated by their U.S. leadership can no longer be considered International Unions, but rather the Canadian sections have become mere colonies of the United States unions.

Our Union has retained its internationalism over these years, in its true sense, because

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Thompson on Board

VANCOUVER: All officers of the B.C. District Union were acclaimed at the 12th Annual Convention January 19. Ken Smith was returned again as president, and Les Walker as secretary-treasurer, with George W. Anderson again District 1 Board member, and Rod Black for a second time Board member for District 3.

Only change is in District 2, where Clem Thompson replaced William Booth, now become an international representative, as Board member for that district. Brother Thompson is president of Local 651, Kimberley.

'Cooperation, Not Domination' Says President John Clark

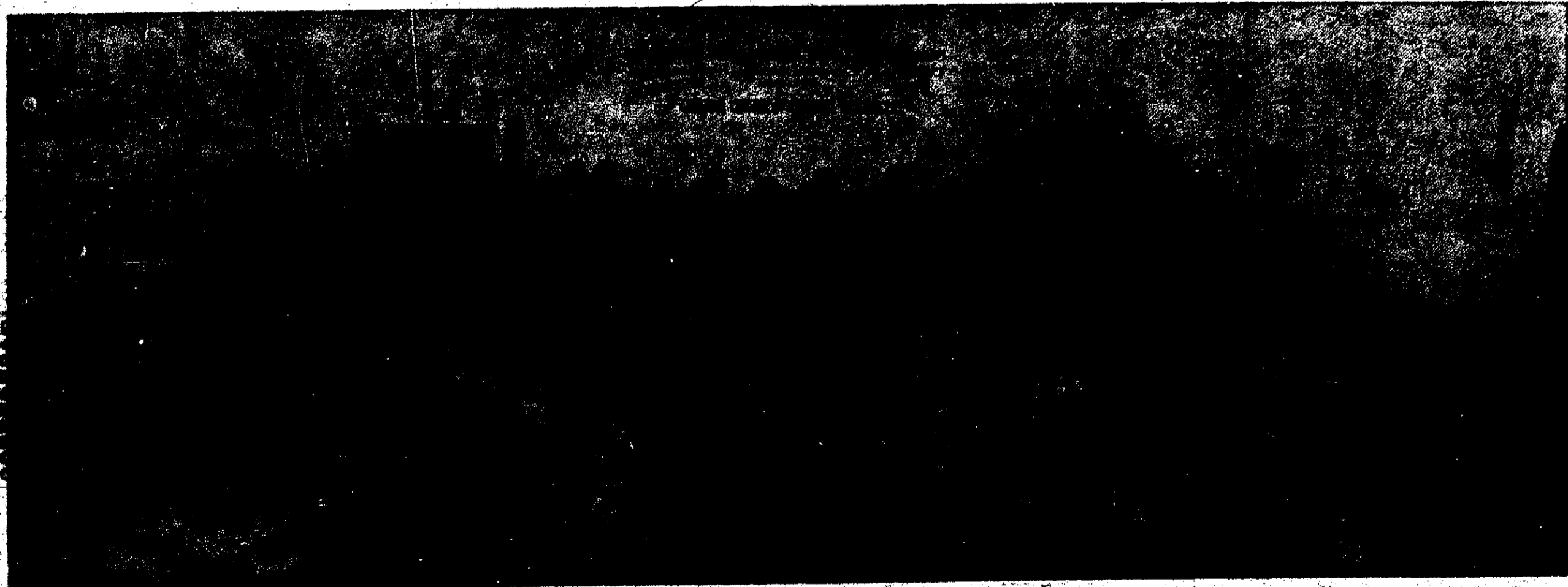
VANCOUVER: Fifty delegates, and some dozen visitors to the 12th Annual Convention of the B.C. District Union of Mine-Mill heard International President John Clark review the hard won but extensive gains of the past year and strike an optimistic note for the future.

The convention was opened by John Stehr of Local 289, Metal and Chemical Workers of this city, the host local, and although projected for three

days, went over into a tight four, with all committees working overtime to finish within that limit.

"I would be disappointed if we weren't the focal point of reaction in the struggle for the

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Delegates to 12th District Convention.

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