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LOCAL OFFICERS IN RESIDENCE TRAINING COURSE

The PSAC will be conducting a 5 day Local Officers in residence training course at the Travelodge in Whitehorse from Oct. 30th to Nov. 4, 76.

There will be 30 people on the course, 15 federal and 15 territorial. Participants will be requested to take leave without pay for those working days covered by the course and they will be reimbursed by the Alliance.

The course is an intensive 5-day union orientation program with emphasis on the running of a local and the role of the local officers. Other topics will include collective bargaining, grievances, legislation and running a meeting.

All shop stewards and/or members interested in running for union office in December, are encouraged to submit their names. Those interested should contact the YTPSA office (667-2331) for an application. Closing date will be October 8, 1976.

YTPSA TRI - ENNIAL CONVENTION - DEC. 4, 1976

The date for the YTPSA Tri-ennial Convention was set at the last meeting of the local executive. The convention will be held in Whitehorse Dec. 4. The importance of this convention cannot be overstated. Along with a considerable number of suggested changes in the local constitution, the membership will be presented with a proposed increased local dues structure which the executive feel is an absolute necessity for the efficient running of your union. Election of officers will also take place.

According to By-law 7, Section 3, of our constitution, the Tri-ennial convention shall be composed of the elected officers of the Association and one delegate representing each of the areas or work places which are now represented by a shop steward.

Each area are expected to elect one representative. If any areas feel they require assistance in conducting these elections, please contact the YTPSA office at 106 Strickland, Whitehorse.

SHOP STEWARDS MEETING

An important Shop Stewards meeting will be held Sept. 27th at the Carpenters Hall, 106 Strickland Street beginning at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recently enacted Public Service Commission Ordinance, collective bargaining input, the collective bargaining committee and the tri-ennial convention.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING INPUT

In order that every member has the opportunity to submit input for collective bargaining, we are enclosing contract proposal forms with this newsletter.

The forms are self-explanatory. Members who do wish to make submissions are encouraged to use them and submit them as soon as possible, but no later than ~~Oct. 20/76~~
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This input in turn will be used by the collective bargaining committee to determine the priorities at negotiations. Area input meetings may be held at the request of members in any work area. If members feel a meeting is necessary in their area, please contact the union office.

Once the collective bargaining committee has determined the priorities for the negotiating team, these priority proposals will be submitted to the YTG as soon as they have been formalized.

The YTPSA executive hopes to commence collective bargaining by December at the latest.

CLC NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST

The Public Service Alliance of Canada National Board of Directors announced Aug. 13 that it would not support the CLC "National Day of Protest". In debating the policy, the board expressed the view that if it asked Alliance members to participate in the day of protest, it would be counselling them to take action that could result in charges being brought against them with accompanying fines, costs of legal defence as well as the loss of a day's pay.

A second major consideration was a lack of any significant degree of positive membership response.

President Andy Stewart said the board's decision should not in any way be interpreted to mean that there is support in the Alliance for the government's wage controls.

"We are opposed to the imposition of controls and have supported the CLC in their efforts to have them removed but we do not believe that a one-day strike will accomplish this objective. In arriving at this decision, the Board of Directors was convinced that the outcome reflects the view of the overwhelming majority of the membership," he said.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COMMITTEE

The Collective Bargaining Committee will meet in Whitehorse on Nov. 6, 1976.

It is proposed that the committee be composed as follows:

1. The 4 Area Directors of the Association, located outside of Whitehorse, plus a representative, to be elected from Carmacks.

2. Representatives from the following areas or work places in Whitehorse:

Vocational School - 1	McCauley Lodge - 1
Custodian - 1	Weigh Scales and Workshops - 2
Corrections - 1	Ambulance - 1
Territorial Admin. Bldg.	

1st floor - 2
2nd floor - 2
3rd floor - 2

3. The elected officers of the Association.

Every area or work place should submit the name of the member in their area they would like to represent them on the committee.

The committee is to establish the priorities for the next round of negotiations with the Territorial Government. The negotiating team will be elected from this committee.

The committee will meet on Saturday, November 6th. It is important that members submit their input by Oct. 20th. Members submissions must be collated prior to Nov. 6th, in order to allow the committee to properly consider proposals.

PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The fourth national convention of the Public Service Alliance of Canada was held in Winnipeg May 31 - June 4, 1976. Although there were many policy reports and committee recommendations waiting to be brought to the convention floor, the main interest of the convention was the election of the new National President.

This was the first time since the founding convention in 1967 that the position was open. Past President Claude Edwards who held that office since 1967, had declared early this year that he would not be seeking re-election.

By convention time three candidates had declared their willingness to run. During convention week, it came down to a race between Bill Doherty, 1st Vice-President, PSAC and Andy Stewart, 4th Vice President PSAC. Mr. Stewart was the successful candidate and the new Executive Management Committee of the PSAC as elected by the Convention now consists of the following members:

President	Andy Stewart
1st Vice President	Bill Doherty
2nd Vice President	Jim Wyllie
3rd Vice President	Paul Cascon
4th Vice President	Aileen Manion

Because of the time spent on the constitution and the finance committee reports, along with the election of officers, the bulk of the policy reports and committee recommendations did not get to the floor. They had to be referred to the National Board of Directors.

The convention did pass a new dues structure. Membership dues paid to the PSAC Centre are currently \$2.75 per month. These will be increased to \$4.65 per month on August 1/76, to \$4.75 per month on January 1/77 and \$4.85 per month on January 1 1978. This is a total increase of \$2.10 per month over the three year period until the next National Convention in 1979.

At present, the YTPSA dues structure is \$7.15 per month. Of this amount, \$4.65 goes to the PSAC Centre and \$2.50 is remitted back to the local. In order for the local to carry on effectively, a dues increase will have to be considered at the upcoming YTPSA Convention in December.

If any of the union members in your area have not received their letter due to a wrong address, please have them contact the Union Office giving us the correct address. Please include your union when making out "Change of address" in the future.

The office coffee pot is always on. Please drop in and pass the time of day with your office staff.