

Ever since the formation of the C.L.C. with the Canadian Catholic Federation of Labour in Quebec primarily, we have brought in the O.B.U., the one big Union. We've brought in the two largest independent ~~xxxxxx~~ railway brotherhoods. There are a number of other legitimate unions which are still not within our ranks including the one from which I originated, the United Mine Workers, a good union that is not presently affiliated to us. There are others, of course, that are communist dominated and ~~xxxx~~ cannot concert (?) me as a result of our policies as well as our constitution. They ~~xxxx~~ cannot until they do something definite about their own present situations, come along with us. There are others too, of course, that we don't want, completely dominated unions, what we ~~tm~~ term the phonies. There are still a number of those in the country. We don't want company dominated unions, we don't want government unions. Any union that's not free and democratic we don't want it in our fold.

Q: There's one or two other questions I wanted to ask. Inflation seems to be a serious pressure, or ~~danger~~ danger problem at the moment.

A: I don't think that the ~~problem~~ danger of inflation is regarded as one of our major current problems in view of the recession -

Q: It seems to me that where you have full employment you're likely to have some degree of inflation.

A: Yes, there are always inflationary pressures when too much money is chasing too few goods if we were to use the over-simplified, the economic theory.

Q: Do you see inflation as being a benefit if it is permanent?

A: A-hum.

Q: I can see ~~that~~ that in many cases demands for wage increases and so on are one of the contributing factors to inflation. There are many others, but these would undoubtedly be one of the contributing factors.

A: No. I can't agree with that statement. The fact of the matter is, and it's been proved repeatedly by recognized economists that ~~ages~~ wages essentially as such - I'm speaking only of wages - that they almost invariably follow prices. Net profits with industries are increasing at a rate that has no relation whatever .

Talk on Unions and Cape Breton mines; of no value as folklore; do not know name of informant; recorded by Helen Creighton in 1957, probably in New Waterford.

Reel 176B

The first part of this reel is composed of Acadian French milling songs sung at the Grand Etang hall where the National Film Board was recording them. The songs are good but there is so much background noise that it is doubtful if any words can be made out. Towards the end they sing Cecelia, but that is better sung on other tapes, and one or two others that sound familiar. Solo parts are taken by Peter Chiasson.

At the end there is an interview with someone, I think, in New Waterford on miners' unions. I must have expected something that would lead up to folklore. As it is, the interview is of no value as folklore.