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Trades And Labour Congress Demands: Windsor, Ont., May 30 (CP) -- The Trades and Labour Congress of Canada today laid down a long series of demands on governments and "unalterably" opposed a compulsory "no strike" policy.

With Health Minister Martin addressing the annual convention, the 750 delegates first received a resolution calling for a national health plan organized by the federal Government and then deferred action on it.

The Minister himself told the convention it's his view that the initiative on health insurance should come from "the people and the Governments of the various Provinces."

Meanwhile, the convention roved through a wide field of resolutions including these that were adopted:

1. It feels that Governments and employers are adopting a "get tough" policy towards workers and goes on record as "unalterably opposed to a compulsory 'no strike' policy."

2. There should be national and Provincial bodies charged with responsibility for the control of large-scale projects such as cross-country natural gas pipeline and a second trans-Canada highway.

3. The federal Government should get started immediately on the South Saskatchewan River irrigation and power project.

4. The federal Government should be pressed for immediate adoption of a cross-Canada pipeline as a publicly-owned enterprise exclusively financed in Canada and built by Canadian labour.

5. There should be no sub-letting of contracts let out by the federal Government.

6. The aircraft industry should be developed under auspices of the federal Government to stimulate employment.

7. Canadian materials should be used as far as possible in the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

8. The federal Government should try to prevent the U.S. from putting embargoes on Canadian fish products going to that country.

9. The Government should limit or suspend temporarily imports that seriously affect Canadian industry when they are brought in at cut prices.

10. There should be a national fuel policy.

11. The Government should make available to the Provinces large grants for the training of handicapped persons.

12. It also should supply cancer-treating cobalt bombs to health centres.

13. The Government should conduct an investigation into the price of medicine.

International Trade Fair Opening: Toronto, May 30 (CP) -- Dr. Ludwig Erhard, West German Economics Minister, said today free trade and relaxed currency make for a healthy international economy. He was speaking at the opening luncheon of the Canadian International Trade Fair, attended by representatives of the 32 nations exhibiting.

Introducing Dr. Erhard, Mr. Howe praised Germany's rapid economic rebirth. The country is third largest exhibitor this year at the trade fair which started a two-week run today at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

"We in Germany recognize that we share our fate with the other countries of the free world," Dr. Erhard said. "The principles of economic union and political freedom must stand if all are to survive."

Dr. Erhard who piloted Germany as Economics Minister during her 10-year recovery period after the Second World War, said narrow nationalistic think-