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J. L. Snick, et al
VS. daylight saving.
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CITY CLERK

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

You Public Safety Committee

to which was referred the within Communication

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

same be placed on file.

CHAIRMAN

MEMBER

Power

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City Council

When the FARMERS of our district are waging against Daylight Savings, dont you think that is enuf reason to give it up?

After all we get our food from the farms. I know because I have helped produce it. Food is high, people are wanting our food; while a lot of people are grumbling, because we are giving too much, others worry because we dont have enuf to give. Any way, cut that silly idea out, and give the farmers a break.

E. Edwards

President, City Council
Dear Sir,

Please note against daylight saving time. It is a continual source of aggravation in the home & no real advantage to anyone. Let the get up an hour early nubs get up & work an hour before going to their work, or else let them petition their places of employment to start work earlier.

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Daylight saving, without Voting

G.B. Melch

3122 Postage Bay Pl

Seattle 2, Wash.,

I would like to register my protest against Daylight

Saving - As one of hundreds of thousand who work and cannot attend the hearings I am against it as all who I have talked to about it are. We know all about it, we had it forced on us during the war; also it has been voted down twice in elections here in Seattle.

Mrs. Hazel Garfield

8031 22nd Avenue N.W.
Seattle Washington

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635 Elliott Avenue West
SEATTLE 98, WASHINGTON

May 17, 1948

Members of City Council
City of Seattle
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

We wish to point out to you the objections to daylight saving time as it affects the dairy farmer supplying Seattle.

Our organization, representing dairymen shipping milk to Seattle, oppose the change to daylight saving time.

First: It means about an hour's time wasted as most field work cannot be started an hour earlier.


Second: If Seattle is the only major market on daylight saving time, then dairymen would prefer to ship to other cities in order to save the hour of wasted time.

Third: It is just another additional cost in producing milk for Seattle.

We trust you will give consideration to all factors before taking action to mix up time schedules in Western Washington and to add additional costs on your milk supply.

Very truly yours,

SEATTLE MILK PRODUCERS ASS'N


Robert Cowan,
Secretary-Manager

RC/ap

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Seattle, Washington

May 12 1948

To Seattle City Council

Greetings.

This letter is to pass along an opinion and comment on the proposed day light saving ordinance.

The chief thought in favor of the ordinance seems to be more time for a longer evening so those who wish to may find greater pleasure and play, also are those in favor who wish to gain by a more profitable business from the larger attendance the extra hour will mean to pleasure concessions. This crowd is always in active attendance at the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce, or the City Council to further their wants and are in a position to make a good appeal.

The point is made that the employees of an air craft industry were 95% in favor of the ordinance. It may be stated here that many of that class of citizen work only four or five days per week which leaves them ample time play and enjoy themselves. The same is true of the ladies who love to walk in the flower gardens. Store and office workers can get their extra hour off by going to work an hour earlier. Now many stores open as late as IOAM.

The opposition is made up of the silent majority, farmers, rural dwellers, sick people in and out of hospitals, the many travelers who ride trains in and out of the city, and those who work a full six day, or the full seven days and are not interested in playing.


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Seattle City Council -----2

And last but not least are the thousands of children both in and out of school who will be greatly inconvenienced by setting the clock ahead.

In making your final decision on this matter please give your consideration to ^{the} greater number who are seldom heard in such matters notwithstanding the fact open hearings are held.

Yours truly



J.M. Dempsey

326 East 58 St.

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Seattle, Wash.
May 13, 1948

Councilmen & women:
Seattle City Council,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs & Madams:

Why do you and all those who want DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME, go to the Artic Circle where they have six
months daylight in the summer and then everyone would be
happy.?

It is so senseless especially in the northwest
and do we have ape California in everything they do.?

And you know the average person will not go to
bed an hour earlier, thus losing the hour's rest.

What are you trying to do, wreck our nervous
systems and haven't you anything else to do but sit there
and think up ways to inconvenience the people here?

Very truly yours,
Mrs. C. E. Davis,

110 W. 55th St.,
Seattle, Wash. (7)

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MEETS EVERY
THURSDAY EVENING



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

Of Seattle, King County and Vicinity

Office of Secretary-Treasurer, 1620 Fourth Avenue

ELiot 7627

Seattle 1, Washington

May 15, 1948

City Council
City of Seattle

Gentlemen:

By action of the District Council of Carpenters at
a meeting held May 13, 1948, a motion was carried protesting
Daylight Saving Time and request your honorable body to take
like action.

Sincerely,

Financial Secretary

EC

APPILIATED UNIONS

CARPENTERS' 131
MILLMEN'S 328
FLOOR LAYERS' 637
SHIPWRIGHTS' 1184
SHINGLERS' 1195
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SEATTLE

May 10, 1948

Mr. William M. Norton, Chairman
Daylight Saving Committee
Seattle City Council
County-City Building
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Mr. Norton:

Subject: Daylight Saving

The people wanting daylight saving are a small percentage of the population of the district of Seattle; so, the City Council in bringing up this matter for debate, will face a most troublesome problem. Does it have the right; that is, the moral right, to impose a change of time desired by some citizens of the City of Seattle, but opposed far more by those outside, and especially by the farmers and the farmers' wives and mothers?

After all, a City cannot live to itself alone. Grass would grow in the streets if it were not for the greater number of people who reside within its trading territory and do business there and seek their recreation there. Indeed, there is a good reason for believing that many of the people who wrote in letters for daylight saving, did so without full consideration for the farmer and the communities dependent upon Seattle and without full thought for the confusion that follows daylight saving.

In the Pacific Coast territory, and especially in the larger cities, when put to a vote, it was defeated from two to one to as high as four to one and farmers ten to one. Last year Spokane voters decisively defeated a proposal to institute daylight saving time. Much time would be spared and much inconvenience and costly confusion omitted if the plan to advance the clocks one hour in the City of Seattle were dropped. No one is deceived by the thin artifice

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Mr. William Norton, Chairman, Daylight Saving, Seattle-2-May 10, 1948

of setting the hands of the clock forward. We know what has been done and will allow for it even though the timepieces proclaim the hour of five in the morning that it is really only four.

The benefits derived from daylight saving are mostly imaginary. It is within the power of each individual to save his own daylight so he need not make others miserable or cause them any loss. If Seattle should accept the advise of the self-appointed daylight savers, it would find itself sadly out of joint with the rest of the cities. You incur the enmity of your rural districts and especially those in the dairy business. Our neighbors' clocks would continue to show correct time, while ours, in the City of Seattle, would indicate something obviously false. Let us not try to fool ourselves with a scheme which has been tried in the State of Washington and in many cities and wisely abandoned.

At nearly every session of the Legislature the daylight savers try to get a Bill passed. Such a Bill was introduced at this last session, and it is still in the Committee Room and should remain there forever.

Many cities in the State have tried it, and they had nothing but confusion. Your transportation systems cannot change their clocks to suit what Seattle thinks the time ought to be. So-called daylight saving should never be attempted either by local cities or States, and if at all, should be National. No city has the legal right to pass an ordinance for so-called daylight saving. If it did so, it could only affect their own employees.

The Mayor and the City Council of Seattle are elected to office by the people and they should represent all of the people. The amusement field, and especially the theatres, have found that there also was a big loss in revenue during the so-called daylight saving period. I would also call to your attention that the theatres in the City of Seattle are not only paying a license for the privilege of being in business in this city but also a business and occupational tax for the privilege of being in business and in addition collecting and turning over to the city admission taxes on every admission. Some will say that it is a selfish interest. To that I will agree that it is a selfish interest, but if our attendance drops off, as it always does during this period, the city loses as well as the theatre; so, why change it?

We feel sure that the city officials will give due consideration to the theatres and those in the amusement field and not tamper with the clocks as some in the city would have you do. Thanking you, I am

Yours truly,

I.T.O. OF WASHINGTON, NORTHERN
IDAHO AND ALASKA


J. E. Hone, Ex.-Secretary

JMH:eb

cc: Mrs. F. F. Powell
Mr. Robert Harlin

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Gentlemen -

You do not dare
leave this idiotic scheme to
the vote of the people, once
and for all time, do you?
Why do you persist in
trying to foist on an
unwilling citizenry such
an obvious falsehood of
time saving. - if you
are bound to add 1 hour on
one end of 24 hours you
must take it off the other end -
So what do you save? Try off
it.

— Mrs J. Hahn
3510 N. St. Vancouver
Wash.

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P.S. I have been a resident
State of Washington since 1906
a taxpayer most of that time.

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TELEPHONE
ELiet 8266

UNITED BROTHERHOOD
SHIPWRIGHTS, SHIP JOINERS and BOAT BUILDERS
Local Union 1184

205 Canadian National Pier
SEATTLE 4, WASH.

May 17, 1948

President City Council
County City Building
Seattle

Dear Sir.

At the regular meeting of this Local Union May 14 1948
a motion was passed to inform your Honorable body that
this Union is opposed to the proposed DAYLIGHT SAVING
PLAN.



Sincerely

John B. Wigen Bus. Rep.

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UNITED DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

635 ELLIOTT AVENUE WEST

SEATTLE 99, WASHINGTON

A FEDERATION OF NORTHWESTERN COOPERATIVES OF
DAIRY FARMERS WHO OWN AND OPERATE FARMS, MANU-
FACTURING PLANTS, AND MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS.

May 17, 1948

Members of City Council
City of Seattle
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

At a meeting of the stockholders and Directors of UNITED DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, held Thursday, May 13, 1948, the following motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that UNITED DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION go on record as opposed to daylight saving time any place in the State of Washington.

UNITED DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION is composed of some 40,000 dairy farm families in the Pacific Northwest, many of whom produce the fluid milk for the people of Seattle and other Western Washington centers of population. They are very emphatic as to the harm and confusion it does to them in their dairy operations when they are required to deliver milk one hour earlier. It becomes even more confusing when several markets are being supplied and some of the markets are on daylight saving time while others are on standard time. This situation is particularly vexing to those Associations producing milk west of the Cascade Mountains and who supply Seattle and the other cities and towns from Bellingham south to Chehalis.

Very truly yours,

UNITED DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

By


Secretary

JHM:alm

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7502
Seattle Wash
April 1948.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce
Dear Sir

I seen in the Newspaper, and heard so many talking about the crazy idea of pushing the Daylight saving time on the People. but it dont save any time, and only mipes things up a lot, so a Person dont know where they are at. It makes People tired all Day, and now with all the young Men being drafted they will have to get up at 4 o'clock in the morning in stead of 5 o'clock if the Daylight time goes through, which is too early, as the ones in the service before was so tired from not enough sleep in the mornings they said. They were all in, all day and slept any place. They would be so they said 5 o'clock came too early, in this damp heavy air in Washington. and they could hardly wait till we had the regular time again back, or could be transferred some where else. and there is a lot

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of People who wants to come here because. We have no Daylight saving time, and like to get away from it. and then jobs that is done in the Summer months need dry weather, the later in the morning the better for the jobs, and men, and it is dangerous and slepery and foggy in the mornings and men is the most tired in the mornings and need there sleep, and the Paint jobs in the early morning hours are no good, as they flister and peel, and wages are to high to have things done over. And the Unions will not let men or Dofor start jobs, when it is best for the jobs, or men, and in the early afternoon the men quit jobs when it is best time to do things in this climate, and They can't work any place else any how, as the Union won't let them. Before the War had three shifts, but now it is different. But now the Club and Taverner fellows like to have a social time after work, which

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aint. right for the more important things, and we should consider the Labor workers that work out side in the damp foggy weather, that need there rest to be bited for the Days work, who hasent there own Choice in hours of resting, if They need it. And the animals cant be changed in hours of feeding and habits And Boats and industry along the waterfront cant change there times, in other countrys to Our Daylight saving time for a few months. So it all ends up to leave well enough alone. even a lot says if any Body or places want the early hour to Fish or play Golf They could make it up among there place of buissness for there group. with out hurting others. as the County City building does in Summer months But We must consider the People and jobs that mean the most to us. Yours Truly,
 From One who knows Seattle
 and dont like Dr. pills, and vitamins, to ^{keeping} going.

Enumclaw, Wn.
May 8, 1948.

Seattle Public Safety Council.

To be presented Tuesday at hearing:
(Daylight Saving)

Whereas

Daylight Saving works a hardship on farmers during the harvest season for the following reasons:

1. Interrupts ^{production of} regular cows and poultry.
2. Heavy Dew makes haying, threshing and baling impossible in early morning, and earlier chores shorten working hours.
3. Food production is of vital importance to world needs and should not be hampered at this time.

Therefore:

We the members of Sunrise Grange, No. 1097, do hereby urge that Standard Time be kept throughout the State of Washington.

Resolution Committee -
Leta M. Adalman
Norm Baker

Copy to -
Gov. Wallgren
Seattle Times.

J. L. Smick
504-Fifth Ave. So.
Seattle, Wash.

May 8, 1948.

Public Safety Committee,
City Council,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

It has always been the goal of law-makers to make laws that conform to Universal law, because universal law is righteous law.

Standard time is proven and accepted as universal law, and the spectacle of civic organizations swaggering with the impudent impunity of characterless charlatans, shamelessly admitting that their way of life cannot conform with the most perfect law that could possibly be devised, sets them in the position of considering themselves more perfect than eternal law itself. That position is the basis for every lawless act ever committed on this earth.

The Seattle P.I. a few weeks ago suggested a plan for giving these people who wanted an extra hour of evening sunshine a fair and democratic way of having it. But these same advanced cases of mental malnutrition saw fit to call it impracticable for reasons too vague to be exposed as dishonest.

If these people are allowed to depredate universal law for reasons too selfish for etnical discussions, then Blackstone is not substituting for the Fang and Claw philosophy of the sabre-tooth tiger.

Very truly yours,

J. L. Smick

JLS/H.

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