



BIOGRAPHY

PERCY BOURNE

**Union of Canadian Transportation Employees
National President - 1971-1972**

An important pillar of the union, Percy Bourne, a former UCTE National President, began his involvement with the Montreal Airport Local as a radio operator. In 1966, he was elected a delegate to the PSAC Founding Convention and, later, Regional Vice-President for Quebec. A few years on, in 1969, at the Component's first Convention, he was elected 2nd Vice-President.

When John McLernon, President in 1971, had to resign, Percy Bourne assumed the responsibilities of National President. This was a very significant event as he was the first black President of a PSAC Component.

In his years as President, Percy Bourne raised important issues around the discrimination of women in the *Superannuation Act*. He also made a point of raising the issue of technological change and its effect on members as subordinate to machines.

