

**PACIFIC PRESS TALKS STALLED**

**Two die in blaze in Langley**

VANCOUVER (CP) — Two members of a Langley family are dead despite an effort to save them from a blazing garage by a 10-year-old boy with a garden hose.

Marvin Nystrom, 38, died in hospital Friday of third-degree burns. His six-year-old daughter Treena perished in the fire Wednesday.

A spokesman for Langley RCMP said Nystrom was working in the garage while Treena was watching television in a family room in the loft of the structure when the fire broke out.

Trevor Nystrom entered the building, battling back the flames with a garden hose, and assisted his severely-burned father to safety.

Trevor was treated at hospital in the Fraser Valley suburb of Vancouver for second-degree burns to his hands and released.

"He was a pretty levelheaded kid," the police spokesman said.

The cause of the fire has not been determined and was under investigation by the provincial fire marshal's office.

VANCOUVER (CP) — An intra-union squabble over money has resulted in resignations of two key union negotiators in Pacific Press talks and stalled a settlement in the contract dispute that has closed two daily newspapers for more than seven months.

Phil Needham of the Vancouver-New Westminster Newspaper Guild, and Stan Lepper of the Mailers' Union, resigned from the Joint Council of Newspaper Unions at Pacific Press which produces the Sun and Province.

Sources said the two negotiators felt the council had agreed to accept a company wage package providing a top scale of \$512 a week in key classifications by the end of 36 months. They resigned when other unions in the council sought to negotiate a higher figure.

One source said the new economic package would call for a raise of about 48 per cent over 40 months. The \$512 figure represented an increase of 29 per cent. A senior reporter earned \$395 a week under the last contract which expired Nov. 1.

**Two union officials resign**

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The position of the other four unions in the joint council — pressmen, printers, drivers and engravers — followed a major breakthrough on the issue of manning the presses which had been the main stumbling block to a settlement since negotiations began.

Talks Thursday night and early Friday produced agreement on terms of reference in sending the manning issue — the number of pressmen required to work a given shift — to arbitration.

Originally, the pressmen, who make up fewer than 100 of the 1,400 Pacific Press employees, wanted only the manning clause sent to arbitration. The company wanted other related clauses such as hiring and overtime included in the process.

At an earlier stage of the

negotiations, the pressmen left the joint council after mediator John Kagel, a San Jose, Calif., lawyer, issued a confidential report accusing the union of failing to bargain in good faith.

After agreement was reached on arbitration of the manning issue, the pressmen returned to the joint council and Labor Minister Allan Williams, who had become involved in the talks, said Sunday that final bargaining could be completed in a couple of days if the parties show maturity.

Also participating in the talks were Jim Matkin, Williams's deputy, Don Munroe, chairman of the British Columbia Labor Relations Board, and Jim Kinnaird, president of the B.C. Federation of Labor. The joint council was to meet

today to discuss the latest developments in the talks.

After the agreement on arbitration of manning was signed, the company said in a joint statement Friday that it was the hope and expectation of both sides that the remaining issues could be settled quickly. Under the agreement, a three-man panel under Munroe with an appointee named by each side would study the dispute after a return to work. The panel's recommendations would be binding if neither side could agree on them.

**Victoria press accord reached**

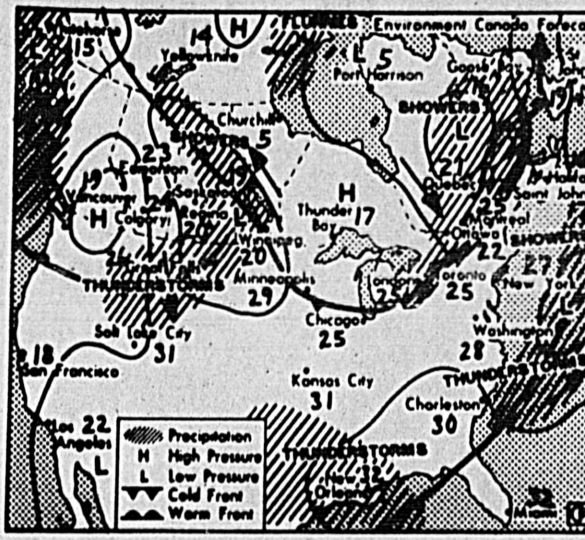
VICTORIA (CP) — A tentative agreement was reached Saturday afternoon between Victoria Press and its five unions.

Victoria Press produces the morning Colonist and evening Times.

The agreement came after a marathon bargaining session which began Friday and continued until Saturday afternoon.

Previous contract expired Nov. 30, 1978. Details of the proposed agreement were not released. No date was given for ratification votes.

**THE WEATHER**



Many parts of Canada can expect continued warm weather on Tuesday. Figures indicate expected high temperatures. Other features are for mid-day.

**Synopsis**

Chilcotin Cariboo, Central Interior: Mostly cloudy with a few showers today and Tuesday. Risk of afternoon thundershowers. Highs both days 17 to 20. Lows tonight 5 to 8.

Greater Vancouver, Lower Mainland, East Vancouver Island: Mostly cloudy today with a few showers. Cloudy with periods of rain Tuesday. Highs both days 19 to 21. Lows tonight near 9.

North and West Vancouver Island: Mostly cloudy today with a few showers. Cloudy with periods of rain Tuesday. Highs both days 15 to 18 along the coasts rising to 21 inland. Lows tonight near 9.

Northern Mainland, Queen Charlottes: Mostly cloudy with a few showers today and Tuesday. Highs both days 13 to 15. Lows tonight near 8.

Thompson Okanagan, Columbia Kootenay: Mostly cloudy with a few showers today and Tuesday. Risk of a few afternoon thundershowers. Highs both days 23 to 27. Lows tonight 8 to 11.

**Temperatures**

City	High	Low
Vancouver (CP)	27	13
Cranbrook	27	16
Penikese	27	14
Revelstoke	27	14
Vancouver	27	14
Prince Rupert	11	09
Stewart	13	08
Port Hardy	14	09
Comox	22	12
Victoria	22	12
Prince George	19	09
Kamloops	27	16
Dawson City	23	04
Whitehorse	16	06
Fort St. John	20	09
Yellowknife	11	05
Inuvik	14	05
Lethbridge	24	10
Medicine Hat	24	10
Edmonton	22	11
Calgary	23	11
Saskatoon	25	10
Moose Jaw	25	08
Regina	24	08
Winnipeg	23	07
Thunder Bay	23	04
Toronto	26	12
Ottawa	24	11
Montreal	24	12
Quebec	25	10
Halifax	13	11
Charlottetown	18	11
Fredericton	15	12
Chicago	30	17
New York	18	16
Miami	32	25
Washington	22	17
Los Angeles	20	17
San Francisco	16	11
Denver	26	12
Las Vegas	37	19
Phoenix	35	23

**Doctors change minds**

VANCOUVER (CP) — Five doctors who had threatened to withdraw their services from the Queen Charlotte Islands reversed their decision Friday following a meeting with the British Columbia Medical Association.

The doctors had submitted their resignations, which would have been effective July 1, after the provincial government refused to pay them overtime.

But Dr. George Deagle, speaking for the five, said they have agreed to accept a government commitment to pay them for overtime worked — at least until new salary negotiations are completed this summer.

**Port union 'inviting intervention'**

VANCOUVER (CP) — Longshoremen who have threatened a strike at seven Pacific ports Thursday are in effect inviting federal government intervention to end the dispute, a spokesman for the British Columbia Maritime Employers' Association says.

The possibility of a strike that would disrupt shipping on the West coast has mounted over the last week with both sides standing firm on their contract proposals.

Norm Cunningham, president of the employers' group, says officials of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, representing 3,000 workers, may say they do not want a legislated settlement but in fact are "inviting it to happen."

The Trudeau government ended a month-long 1975 strike with a parliamentary back-to-work order which the union said was repressive.

The new Joe Clark government, which took office today, could take an even harder line. Progressive Conservative MPs have frequently said they favor tough measures against strikes in what they regard essential services.

Cunningham says he would not like to see a legislated settlement but is not hopeful that contract talks can be revived before Thursday.

"I don't like to make conjecture about these things, but if people are smart, they don't invite third party interference." Bob Peebles, Canadian president of the union, says a change in the employers' offer could avert a strike if it came quickly but refused to say whether he thought any move was forthcoming.

"We wouldn't be enamored of any back-to-work order," he added.

An agreement was nearly reached at one point when an association offer was narrowly rejected by one vote. A federally-appointed conciliation commissioner, Mr. Justice Henry Hutcheon, has urged the union to vote again on the last offer.

**ALERT BAY INQUEST**

ALERT BAY, B.C. (CP) — The medical treatment given an 11-year-old Indian girl in the days leading up to her death was described Friday as "being on the level of malpractice" by an internal specialist and pediatrician.

Dr. June Mills of North Battleford, Sask., was testifying at an inquest into the death of Renee Smith, who died of a ruptured appendix and peritonitis on Jan. 22 — five days after she was taken to hospital complaining of severe abdominal pains.

Dr. Mills, called to testify at the request of the Nimpkish band council, said the girl's condition was such that death was inevitable unless surgery had been performed. Only very unusual extenuating circumstances could have justified failure to operate.

Dr. Jack Pickup, the doctor whose practices have become the focal point of the inquest, has testified that he had to pressure the girl's relatives to admit her to hospital, but that she was obstinate, unco-

operative and refused to undergo surgery.

Dr. Mills has testified that the drugs given to Renee throughout her illness were wrong and succeeded only in masking the symptoms of her illness, leading Pickup to believe that she was improving.

She said she was familiar with the problems of doctors in isolated areas such as Alert Bay, a tiny community on Cormorant Island off the north coast of Vancouver Island. However, after 35 years of experience, Pickup should have kept more complete notes on Renee's case and properly charted the course of her illness.

Pickup would have been able to give an accurate account of Renee's condition only if she had been given a full medical examination. The doctor, who has been accused of having a drinking problem, did not fully examine her, Dr. Mills said.

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