

SUPPORT FOR TEL UNION COULD START ON ISLAND

Sympathy walkouts slated Friday

VANCOUVER (CP) — Unless a settlement is reached by midnight tonight in the B.C. Telephone Co. strike, widespread sympathy walkouts by other union workers will take place Friday affecting thousands of jobs in parts of southern Vancouver Island.

The Telecommunications Workers Union is insisting on reinstatement of 23 employees fired during the strike, while the company says their fate should be dealt with under normal grievance and arbitration procedures.

Company and union officials meet again today with federal mediator Mike Collins to discuss possible back-to-work agreements. No progress was made at talks Wednesday, union business agent Larry Armstrong said.

B.C. Federation of Labor says its affiliates are supporting its call for a work stoppage Friday on southern Vancouver Island between Nanaimo and Cowichan Valley in support of the telephone workers.

Okanagan and District Labor Council has instructed its members to take strike action in support of the B.C. Tel workers, should the federation call for a regional walkout.

Andrew McKechnie, B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union president, said Wednesday that ferry workers will take part, cutting service between Nanaimo and Horseshoe Bay on Friday.

John Fryer, general secretary of the B.C. Government Employees' Union, said about 1,000 government employees

working in southern Vancouver Island are expected to adhere to the federation's plan on Friday.

These workers could include employees in the ministries of forests, highways, and human resources plus employees of the Liquor Distribution Branch.

Other unions affected would

be the International Woodworkers of America, Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada and Canadian Paperworkers Union.

Stu Clugston, manager of corporate communications for B.C. Forest Products Ltd., said the Crofton pulp and paper mill, which employs 1,100 people, would take days to re-

sume operation if forced to shutdown.

"It's running 24 hours a day and it takes a long time to get the steam running again," said Clugston, adding the strike could cost the mill several hundred thousand dollars.

A MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. spokesman said 2,000 people

could be affected at three of their Vancouver Island operations — the Harmac pulp and saw mill, the Chemainus saw mill and the Chemainus Woodlands logging operation.

B.C. Tel and its employees reached a tentative agreement Monday giving wage increases of up to 42.5 per cent over three years.

Union president Bill Clark says the wage package is based on the company's previous three-year proposal and contains wage increases recommended by federal conciliator Ed Peck. Under the new scheme, union members would receive seven per cent Jan. 1, 1980, and six per cent Oct. 1, 1980.

Increases varying from eight to 15 per cent will take effect March 1, 1981. Rates vary according to job classifications and follow the Peck report.

Effective Jan. 1, 1982, union members will receive a 12-per-cent increase. The proposal amounts to from 38.5 per cent to 42.5 per cent, compounded over three years.

Journemen linemen now have a base rate of \$11.15 an hour.

Refinery remains behind pickets

Husky Oil refinery in Prince George is behind picketlines for the second day as the Telecommunications Workers Union continues its war against companies doing business with B.C. Tel.

The union is also keeping an eye on a power pole used both by B.C. Tel and B.C. Hydro on the Hart Highway across from the shopping centre.

The pole carries a transformer which feeds power into the B.C. Tel office. The transformer's fuse has blown and power is maintained through a diesel generator.

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This power keeps the telephones in the Hart Highway area operating. Should it fail, all phones will be out of order.

The TWU says it will not let B.C. Tel supervisors fix the

fuse and should there be a problem concerning Hydro, pickets can be expected.

"The Hydro guys will not climb this pole," a union spokesman said.

Meanwhile, talks between B.C. Tel and the TWU are continuing in Vancouver in an effort to reach a back-to-work agreement.

The stumbling block is the firing of 23 employees for strike-related incidents. The union insists on reinstatement, while the company wants the issue to be resolved through the grievance-arbitration channels.

The strike started Feb. 10, but the dispute has lasted since the expiration of the last collective agreement Dec. 31, 1979.

Weather helps 'copter search

Citizen Staff Reporter

Good weather is aiding the search for a missing helicopter in the Williams Lake area.

Captain Ervin Cross, search co-ordinator said 14 aircraft were involved in the search.

today and other aircraft are being sent up as pilots and machines become available.

The search is concentrated in the area between Goldbridge, 40 km west of Lillooet, and Williams Lake, the path of the helicopter which is carrying ministry of environment officials and a pilot.

Pilot Bert Wartig, Harold Mitchell and Wes Prediger of Williams Lake and Nels West of Vancouver were conducting counts of mountain sheep when the helicopter went missing Monday.

Storms and snow hampered earlier search efforts.

Captain Cross said four military aircraft, seven helicopters and four civilian aircraft were in the air at 9 a.m. today.

"We've received excellent co-operation in Williams Lake," Capt. Cross said. "People are quick to volunteer for the search."

The committee will look at the whole range of options from apartments with or without full-time staff, to duplexes where someone next door can be a resource person," says association spokesman, Lorna Glazier.

The committee will also examine the need for a short-term care facility for disabled people who live at home.

"Some of these parents haven't been away for 20 years, because there is nowhere they can leave the handicapped person," Glazier said.

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A Thought for Today

If you try hard enough, anything can happen. — Charles Sifford

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FOOD SURVEY

Bev Christensen



Last week's column outlining Agriculture Canada's estimated cost of feeding a family for a week attracted several letters requesting more information.

Apparently the column shocked some people when they compared their food costs with the figures produced by the government.

It is impossible to answer all the questions they raised here but if you wish a copy of the charts giving more information on these figures, forward a self-addressed, stamped envelope to me and I'll provide you with this information.

However, the one question which was common to all the letters asked how much meat was included in the diet.

This points out our North American preoccupation with meat as the only source of protein. Examining the information supplied by Agriculture Canada reveals the department includes more meat alternatives — peanut butter, canned baked beans, white beans and cottage cheese — than meat.

In addition, the diet also includes generous amounts of milk, cheese, eggs and cereals which are also sources of protein.

If you're just beginning to understand the relationship between meat and non-meat sources of protein, you're missing a good method for spending your food dollars wisely. And that doesn't necessarily mean eating canned beans every day.

For some recipe ideas using beans and rice, see the Home and Family Section of Friday's paper.

For real savings, avoid buying canned prepared beans and start with the dry beans as suggested in the recipes. This will take longer but the savings are considerable.

For example, a 14-ounce tin of prepared red beans, which are the type you use in chili con carne, costs approximately 75 cents.

You can buy a pound of dry red beans for 83 cents. When they're prepared according to the directions in the recipes, that will yield 40 to 48 ounces of beans.

The same amount of beans would cost \$2.14 to \$2.57 if you bought it by the can.

The same is true for pinto beans, lima beans and the small white beans used for making pork and beans.

Rice is a basic food in many countries. This year when potato prices are high you can buy five pounds of rice for approximately the same price as 10 pounds of potatoes.

But that rice, as everyone knows, will increase in volume considerably when cooked. Five pounds of rice should yield 35 cups of cooked rice, or 70 servings.

The best meat buys I could find this week were fresh pork shoulder roasts for 99 cents a pound at Safeway which could be used to prepare your own home-cured hams, chuck steaks for \$1.48 a pound at Overwaita and turkey wings for 59 cents a pound at Woodward's which would be interesting to prepare by adapting the recipe for barbecued chicken wings.

Lowest total price for the 34 items in our weekly food price survey taken Wednesday was \$56.16 at Overwaita on 15th Avenue. The same groceries cost \$56.92 at Safeway in the Sprucecland Shopping Centre, and \$57.10 at Woodward's and Super Valu in the Pine Centre.

Average price this week was \$56.82, 2.2 per cent higher than last week's average price of \$55.57 and 12.9 per cent higher than the average price of \$50.29 recorded last year.

In the list which follows, the store having the lowest price is identified by the following abbreviations: Overwaita-Owte, Safeway-Sfwy, Woodward's-WWs and Super Valu-SV.

GAMBLE ON CANCER DRUG

B.C. Interferon venture looks like good politics

An analysis by GEORGE OAKE Southam News

VANCOUVER — Premier Bill Bennett is gambling the government's 4.6 million British Columbia Resources Investment Corporation shares on a drug.

Interferon, a potential wonder drug in the treatment of cancer and viral infections, will be produced here under licence from Britain's Wellcome Foundation, a pioneer in in-

Pioneer mourned

Pioneer resident Florence (Floss) Moffat, step-mother of former mayor Harold Moffat, died Wednesday at age 82.

The former school teacher and founding member of the Good Cheer Club, which was established as a charitable group in 1927, died in the Prince George Regional Hospital after being admitted earlier the same day.

She had been in failing health for several years.

Mrs. Moffat was predeceased by her husband, Alex, who died in 1962.

She leaves two step children, Harold Moffat of Prince George and Alice Temple of Onoway, Alta., five sons, Keith, Donn, Earl, John and Gilbert all of Prince George and two daughters, Betty McQuarrie of Edmonton and Joyce Berdusco of Indianapolis, Ind., numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The funeral services will be conducted at Knox United Church Monday at 2 p.m.

Strike effects felt

VANCOUVER (CP) — A strike at two B.C. cement companies has halted about \$1 billion in construction projects and forced layoff of about 5,000 workers, a spokesman for the Construction Labor Relations Association said today.

Chuck McVeigh said in an interview that a survey on the strike's effect was done last week, and a B.C. Federation of Labor hot edict against cement imported into B.C. this week has resulted in even more widespread layoffs and downtime on construction sites.

McVeigh said the situation is particularly frustrating because construction companies had already settled a contract good through next year and now they are being shut down by a strike over which they have no control.

The United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers International has been on strike against Inland Cement since November and launched a strike shortly after against Canada Cement Lafarge.

The federation declared a hot edict against imported cement after union members complained the product was reducing the impact of their strike.

Emergency ward changed

The emergency ward at Prince George Regional Hospital is on the move.

For the next 18 months, it will be housed in the old patient recovery area, while construction takes place on a new emergency and out-patient department, on the grounds of the old emergency ward.

Pat Kasprow, emergency department head nurse, says patients requiring emergency treatment should still come to the emergency entrance.

"They will be met by a nurse who will decide where they should be sent."

Mill lays off 112 workers

VANCOUVER (CP) — Canadian Cellulose Ltd. says it has laid off 112 workers at its Castlegar, B.C., sawmill division for an indefinite period because of poor markets.

The company says it is also looking at its Kootenay Forest Products plant at Nelson, and officials say shutting down the plywood plant, with 200 workers, hasn't been ruled out.

The Castlegar sawmill resumed a three-shift operation last April after being destroyed by fire. But company officials said Wednesday the concept of a third shift hasn't worked, and the 112 workers put in their final hours last week.

"We weren't getting the efficiencies that we thought we would when we added the third shift and we didn't think the downturn would last as long as it has," the official said.

B.C. lumber producers are currently facing high inventories and slumping markets because of high interest rates in the U.S., and a lack of demand in Japan.

Canadian Cellulose spokesman George Lambert said that although workers have been laid off at Castlegar, the company has no immediate plans to cut back shifts at its other B.C. mills at Kitwanga, Terrace, Smithers and New Hazelton.

Our weekly shopping list

2 ltr. two per cent milk, WWS	1.58-1.61
1 pound butter, Owte, Sfwy	1.93-1.95
1 pound margarine, SV	.61-.69
1 pound medium cheddar cheese, Sfwy	2.59-2.99
1 doz. medium eggs, Owte	1.25-1.30
2 ltr. ice cream, SV	1.99-2.39
1 pound Crisco shortening, SV	1.03-1.07
1 ltr. Mazola cooking oil, WWS	2.73-2.89
1 pound regular ground beef, Owte	1.38-1.69
1 pound T-bone steak, Owte, Sfwy	4.48-4.68
1 pound pork chops, SV	1.89-2.59
500 gr. pork sausage, Owte	1.63-1.86
500 gr. sliced side bacon, Owte	1.78-2.49
1 pound butt end or shank ham, Owte	1.48-1.85
1 pound wieners, SV	1.09-1.49
1 pound cod filets, SV	2.19-2.49
1 pound frying chicken, SV	1.09-1.58
10 pounds potatoes, Sfwy	2.06-3.30
1 pound carrots, WWS	.29-.49
1 pound cooking onions, WWS	.39-.53
1 pound tomatoes, WWS	.69-1.30
1 head lettuce, Owte, WWS, Sfwy	.79-.85
1 pound cabbage	.35-.35
10 oz. tin Campbell's tomato soup	.39-.39
12.5 oz. can frozen orange juice, Owte	.93-1.09
5 kg. flour, Owte	3.75-4.85
2 kg. granulated sugar, WWS	2.45-2.75
60 Red Rose tea bags, WWS	2.12-2.15
1 pound coffee, Sfwy	2.49-3.39
1 pound apples, Sfwy	.25-.49
1 pound oranges, Owte	.30-.45
1 pound bananas	.55-.63
2.25 kg. rolled oats, Sfwy	2.59-2.75
20 oz. loaf sliced bread, Owte	.67-.95

Friday Winter Games schedule

	Begins	Ends	
Friday March 6			
BADMINTON	9:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	Civic Centre
BASKETBALL - Women	12 noon	10:30 p.m.	Kelly Road Jr. Sec.
BASKETBALL - Men	12 noon	10:30 p.m.	Duchess Park Jr. High
BOWLING	9:30 a.m.	4:40 p.m.	Fifth Ave. Bowladrome
BOXING	1:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Exhibition Spts Centre
	8:00 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	Exhibition Spts Centre
BROOMBALL	8:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	Kin I Centre
CURLING	9:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	Golf and Curling Club
DIVING	1:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Four Seasons Pool
FENCING	9:30 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	John McInnis Secondary
FIGURE SKATING	10:15 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	Prince George Coliseum
GYMNASTICS	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	College of New Caledonia
HOCKEY - BOYS	8:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	P.G. Elks Centre
HOCKEY - GIRLS	8:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.	Kin II Centre
JUDO	9:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	D.P. Todd Secondary
KARATE	10:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Lakewood Jr. Secondary
RACQUETBALL	8:30 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	YMCA-Golf and C.C.
SPEED SKATING	1:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	Prince George Coliseum
SQUASH	9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Triad-Golf & C.C.
			Spruce City Squash
TABLE TENNIS	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	College Heights Secondary
VOLLEYBALL	9:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	Prince George Sen. Secondary
WEIGHTLIFTING	5:45 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	Vanier Hall, PGSS
WATER POLO	7:45 & 6:15 p.m.	12:15 & 10:30 p.m.	Four Seasons Pool
	1:30 &	5:00 p.m. &	YM-YWCA
WHEELCHAIR VOLLEYBALL	7:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	
WHEELCHAIR VOLLEYBALL	Able Body vs Wheelchair at 9:00 p.m.		YM-YWCA
WRESTLING	9:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	Connaught Secondary

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