

# Unemployment hits hard at industry

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In the past few weeks, ever since U.S. President Nixon announced the wage and price freeze south of the border, Canadians have been watching for the sign that would indicate that the freeze really was affecting us. What follows is the result of a survey compiled by the BRUNSWICKAN on layoffs in this country. Whether or not all of these can be attributed to

the action in the states is debatable, but there can be no question that the new "Nixonomics" had a great deal to do with much that has happened.

No industry is immune simply because of its size. Layoffs, both temporary and long-term, are hitting this country very hard.

Major layoffs made since the middle of this year, or announced for the near future, will mean that 2,000 employees of

General Motors at the Ontario and Quebec plants will be laid off; 650 employees at Domtar in Quebec and 1,200 employees at the Toronto Telegram will go the same route.

Total unemployed in August stood at 455,000, down from a month earlier by 60,000.

The latest figures for Canada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate indicate a rate of 6.5 per cent up .2 per cent from a month before. A major

reason for this was that more young people than usual remained in the labour market.

General Motors blamed the rising Japanese imports; Domtar plans now to cease the manufacture of newsprint at Trois Rivieres. They say they have lost \$3 million in the last 18 months largely as a result of the floating Canadian dollar.

The Telegram is ceasing publication because it has been losing money for a long time.

Across the nation, the picture looks like this:

Bowaters Newfoundland has decided to shut down its paper-making equipment at Corner Brook for an indefinite period of time. This will result in the layoff of at least 350 of the mill's 1,000 employees and leaves the future of about 800 loggers in doubt.

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### Calgary paper says nuclear blast called off

CALGARY (CUP) - Senior representatives of the executive branch of the American government assured the University of Calgary student newspaper, The Gauntlet, that the threatened Amchitka atomic test will certainly be delayed and probably cancelled.

Meanwhile, about 3500 Vancouver-area university students and about 1200 University of Calgary students protested against the threatened blast over the weekend, either by marches or petitions. Earlier that week the American Senate and Congress had placed total responsibility for the decision of holding or cancelling the test on the shoulders of President Richard Nixon.

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, an agency of the American government, conceived of the Amchitka test as an adjunct to the American Anti-Ballistic Missile program, a program already approved by the U.S. Congress.

But arguments against the blast seem to outweigh those defensive ones in favor of it. These arguments include:

1. potential radiation leaks since the blast could be in an unstable geological area, ie along the San Andreas fault.
2. political and technological developments which make the test unnecessary, and
3. tidal wave and other potentially-dangerous ramifications of the blast.

According to Gauntlet sources, the executive branch of the U.S. government now feels that a potentially-disastrous nuclear war is neither necessary nor inevitable. Defence against war-oriented thinking and action can be achieved without exposing the planet to the inherent problems of the Amchitka blast.

The problem with the U.S. decision-making echelons has apparently been that AEC technocrats figured out how to do something and are now fighting to justify the decision and the expenditure of \$160 million. However, since the Congress had already approved the ABM program, the problem was not totally their creation.

But the proposed 5 megaton blast has also brought to light other factors that the AEC did not take into consideration. Every seven years the danger of

earth tremors along the San Andrea fault is at its most extreme because of the wobble of the earth's axis.

This happens to be the seventh and most dangerous year.

The experience of atomic testing in Nevada shows the AEC to be notoriously inaccurate in predicting the results of nuclear tests. Large areas of the state of Utah, for example, were exposed to extreme radiation levels because of the Nevada tests.

The decision to cancel Amchitka was really made over a month ago, Gauntlet sources report, and Nixon has received many representations on the matter, including a respectful suggestion that it might not be wise to insist upon California's premature and physical secession from the American Union.

Apart from the lack of ad-

equate examination of the problem was created by communication difficulties within their government structure. According to Gauntlet sources, the executive branch admits that the AEC was probably misdi-

rected, and stands ready to share some of the blame.

One of the countries affected by the proposed blast, Japan, has made strenuous representation to the Americans. Tidal waves from the Amchitka

blast would affect all the Pacific rim area, including British Columbia, but apart from a motion of the Canadian House of Commons, Canadian protests do not seem to have been too strenuous up to now.



The Liberal leadership candidates were in town last week to participate in a question and answer period at Tilley Hall. For story, see page 9. A GLEANER photo

### CIA linked with FLQ by Star

WASHINGTON - Canadian government intelligence agents are still trying to discover the source of a purported "top-secret" document, bearing the letterhead of the Central Intelligence Agency, connecting that body with the Front de Liberation du Quebec.

The document was obtained about two weeks ago here by a reporter from The MONTREAL STAR.

This became apparent last Friday when the Canadian embassy asked the STAR for a photostat copy of the material "so that our experts can continue their investigations."

Two weeks ago the STAR, having published the text of the document gave the embassy a photostat copy of the photograph version which had been slipped into the mail slot of the STAR here by an anonymous woman.

The purported CIA document suggests that four days after Ottawa imposed the War Measures Act to deal with the Quebec crisis on October 16, the CIA "temporarily" broke contacts with "the FLQ militants" because it feared the emergency measures would uncover its links with the terrorist organization.

While the U.S. State Department has denounced the document as being an obvious fake, Canadian authorities clearly take a serious view of the matter.

One official at the Canadian embassy commented last week that "we are satisfied that the document was not contrived by Canadians."

The implication of this remark is that officials here have ruled out separatist militants as the source of the document, as well as pro-federalists, who

might have tried to embarrass the U.S. by implying, through the document, that the CIA was operating in Ottawa's backyard without its knowledge.

The same embassy official also said that Canadian experts doubted that it was an official CIA paper. They had reached this conclusion because it bears the CIA seal and lists the address of the CIA as 2430 E Street, N.W. Washington.

The CIA does not put its seal on documents, nor its address the STAR was told.

The address in question was the CIA headquarters until, several years ago when it moved to another address.

There has been some speculation here that the document was contrived by some foreign power, such as France or the Soviet Union, that could have planted the document here so as to further strain Washington-Ottawa relations.

### SUB parking prohibited

UNB - Kevin McKinney, day director of the SUB, has indicated that harsher measures will be taken to deal with those people who still insist on parking their cars in the circle immediately behind the Student Union building.

Up until now, parking tickets have been issued to these

people but this method has proved inadequate.

Illegally parked cars (once trucks) now face the possibility of being towed away at the owners risk and expense. This area must be kept vacant in order to allow access to vehicles in case of emergency, he said. Such as ambulances and fire trucks.