

# Police ratify contract - strike called off

By STEVE BELDING

FREDERICTON - At press time this week the new contract between the city and police local number 502 of CUPE was about to be ratified.

Police in Fredericton have been working without a contract for the last six months. Monday, Sergeant Ron Cronkite, president of the local, told the BRUNSWICKAN that "at the moment it doesn't look

like there will be a strike and an agreement will be reached."

Cronkite explained that there was actually no big issues holding up the proceedings. In fact, wage agreements had been reached about a month ago.

If the offer is accepted it will mean an increase of 9 per cent for a first class constable (present salary \$6700) retroactive to April 1, 1971 until the same date next year. For the following year, the increase is to be 9 per cent as well.

Then from April 1973 to December 1973 an increase of 7 and one-half per cent. The 33 month pact is slated to expire December 31, 1973.

The cause of the holdup which prevented the culmination of negotiations was a slight dispute over promotional

clauses and skills pay. By Tuesday afternoon Sgt. Cronkite said that things had been pretty well cleared up and that the negotiating committee had reached an agreement with the city. Policemen were scheduled to vote on the contract last night (Thursday). Generally no problems were foreseen and it is expected that the contract was signed.

If the negotiations committee had not reached agreement, Cronkite said that the men could have walked out Tuesday at midnight. However they probably would have left some time for the public to prepare for the strike, said Cronkite, if indeed the men were to walk out.

To insure public safety, "emergency services" would

have been provided so that violent incidents like those in Sydney this summer and in Montreal a year ago would not take place.

What would it have been like if a strike had happened?

Citizens of Fredericton seemed to be generally concerned about the possibility of their well-respected police force walking out.

"Boy, this place will be in an awful mess if they do strike," said one when interviewed earlier this week.

## Among ourselves

We have been educated in this system and it is not our intention to tear down the system, or to point out its faults for spite. We realize that any school is simply an extension of its human in fluence. This brings us to the human condition--to the story of mankind today.

We are not going to play games about who is right or who is wrong, but it seems that within our schools are people whose lives are going to determine the probably end of man's story. Our main concern is that these lives are given every aspect of what the story of mankind consists of. We are concerned that these individuals who yet have a life ahead of them, have an opportunity to spend it in honesty, happiness, love, and with a full purpose in living which can start even now. No one has to wait until university to obtain happiness. The door is present and it is our sincere desire to show you that door. Many people have been turned off from Christianity by the hypocritical life which some people have lived in claiming to be Christian, but not in truth practising their beliefs. We ask you for this moment that you choose to read, to look to the cross, and then to the person of Jesus Christ rather than to the people you have met. Like everything else, we have to try it before we will believe it. He will provide us with a much deeper understanding than we have ever had before.

If all we know about Jesus is what other people have told us, then we have not really given Him a chance to prove to us all that He claims to be. For those of us who are really searching for the truth, let us continue to search, but not to exclude the life of Jesus.

If after all our searching and studying and coming to the end of our resources, we still have not come to any conclusion, there is still a final avenue for us to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus is truly God's Son. That final avenue is an experience which we can have, if we will take the step and accept Jesus into our hearts and ask Him to change our lives for us. He will do it whether we are sitting in the lounge, classroom, or the lab, and He will fill our empty selves and present to us the world in its proper perspective--all untwisted and right side up. What will he fill us with? Love, joy, peace, kindness compassion and finer values that this world does not have.

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## New crisis centre opens in town

By NEIL DICKIE

FREDERICTON - CHIMO, a telephone crisis response-information and referral service is scheduled to open here October 11.

The service is founded by a group of concerned local people from a number of occupations (including students) who have worked since last spring to come up with the present CHIMO system; 1 central telephone number to call in the event of any type of emergency or problem.

Operators, volunteers from the area, are trained a minimum of 16 hours each. More volunteers are needed - if you are interested phone 454-5537. People

are needed for jobs other than telephone operators too.

CHIMO'S main function is to "fill the gap" that present social service agencies leave, according to a member of the elected controlling group - Judy cont'd on page 13

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