TV, 250 jobs roll off Admiral line

By JOHN STEWART Times staff writer

"It was quite a feeling seeing that last TV set go down the line."

With the last television set that went down the production line just before Christmas, workers at Canadian Admiral in Port Credit were also watching about 250 jobs disappear.

Dianne Rupert, president of Local 545 of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, says morale in the plant has been "pretty low, of course, but that's to be expected."

Workers were laid off because of Rockwell International's decision in 1979 to sell Canadian Admiral to York-Lambton Ltd. of Montreal. Rockwell decided to close the television manufacturing facility—the last one left in Canada

— before it made the sale. The process of "bumping" workers in the remaining refrigerator manufacturing plant of the Lakeshore Road operation now begins. Television workers who have sufficient seniority may exercise their right to "bump" workers in the refrigerator plant to obtain jobs. This process will take place slowly because there is a limitation on the number

plant each week.
Rupert estimates that eventually those workers with between six and seven years experience

of new workers who can

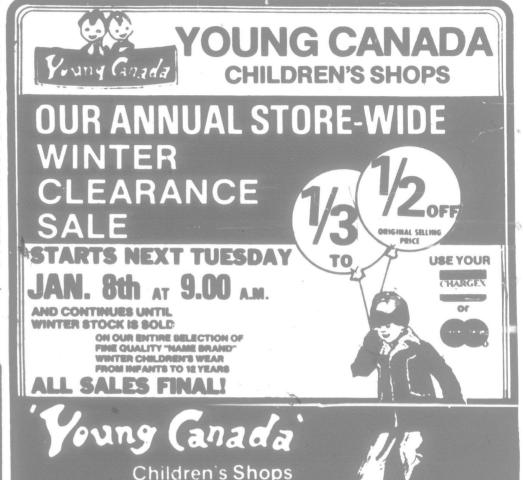
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will remain. Those with less will likely be unemployed.

There is some hope, however, that York-Lambton may expand the refrigerator plant or begin manufacturing stoves. It makes both products in other plants it owns in Ontario and Quebec.

Canada Manpower is working with potentially displaced workers to try to find other jobs for them. Some people with little seniority have already taken other jobs outside of Admiral.

Negotiations to try to retain the television manufacturing operation took place with American and Japanese manufacturers but no agreement was reached.



CP pays \$3.3 m in claims

By TOM MALONEY Times staff writer

Mississauga residents have generally ignored lawyers' advice and continue to take advantage of compensation payments from the CP Rail claims office.

CP had paid \$3.3 million in compensation claims for the November evacuation as of Dec. 21 when the Mississauga Executive Centre office closed for Christmas holidays. CP spokesman Gerry LaFontaine said 17,000 claims, representing 52,000 people, have been

The office reopens

today.

A legal clinic sponsored by the Peel Law Society advised residents who did not have immediate need for reimbursement to refuse to sign the claim form, which waives the right to further claims. The clinic closed Dec. 21, but organizer Willson McTavish said free advice on the evacuation is still available from Peel lawyers or Legal Aid.

One of the groups formed after residents had resettled has shifted its emphasis from possible class action to an action on behalf of small businesses. Bob McClelland, vice-president of Collective Legal Action In Mississauga (CLAIM), said the group is "in a state of flux."

McClelland hopes to organize 1,000 small businessmen who were affected by the evacuation. McClelland said claims

averaged \$3,000.

Another group that opened membership to Mississauga residents for a \$10 fee, Pair Assessment for Inconvenienced Residents (FAIR), met with poor response from the public. Organizer Ted Brindell could not be reached last week to comment on the group's

Lawyer Anthony Speciale, representing 70 small businesses near the derailment site, said be hopes to arrange a meeting with CP officials early in January.



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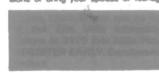
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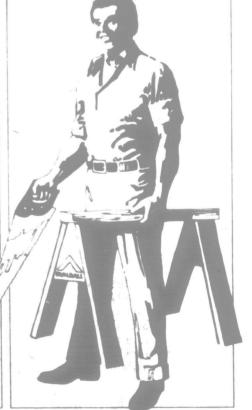
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