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off the job, with downtown stores in Vancouver empty, most offices devoid of workers, the transit system shut down for half the day, and neither of the two daily newspapers were published.

Workers in the forest and paper industry and in the mines also stopped work in other parts of the province, with some joining the Vancouver march on the regional AIB office which attracted 7,500 protesters.

In Alberta, however, members of the Alberta Public Employees Union were among the major participants in the action, supported by workers in the building trades and the resource extraction industries. An estimated 34 thousand workers in the province stayed off the job, and protest rallies were held in Edmonton, Calgary and other centres.

Manitoba saw an estimated 30 thousand stay off the job, with 10 thousand workers participating in a march on the legislature in Winnipeg. The town of Thompson, where miners struck the AIB successfully following a wage settlement roll-back, was completely shut down for the day.

In Saskatchewan, over 24 thousand construction, transportation and retail workers joined the work stoppage, and about 1200 people braved a cold rain to rally in the Regina legislature buildings. Farmers, metis, and students also joined the rally.

In the Maritimes, members of the fishermen's unions tied up that industry in each of the provinces, with major shut downs occurring in isolated areas such as Labrador City and Grand Falls, Newfound-

land. Workers demonstrated in St. John's, Newfoundland; Sydney, N.S.; and Moncton and Saint John in New Brunswick, all of which have been hit with major wage roll-backs in the past year.

An estimated 30 thousand stayed off their jobs in Nova Scotia, almost half these workers on Cape Breton Island: reknown for its high unemployment ratio. The protest organizers say 18,500 gave up a day's pay in Newfoundland, where protest focussed on unemployment as well as wage controls.

About 27 thousand were off work in New Brunswick, a large portion of whom work in the forest and paper industry, and 1900 in PEI, some of whom joined a Charlottetown rally which pinned a workers proclamation to the doors of the legislature building.

Unite in National Protest

SYDNEY (CUP) -- While 2,500 workers and unemployed picketed and threw placards at the federal and provincial buildings here on the national day of protest, another 13,000 stayed off the job according to Cape Breton District Labor Council estimates.

Sydney's steel plant was shut down with management maintaining blast furnaces. Maritimes Tel and Tel management operated phone and telegram lines as all workers withdrew services for the day.

Public Service Alliance and United Mine workers both walked out against union executive recommendations.

Hospital, nursing home and civic workers also threw full support behind the protest. Partial support came from off-duty police, fire and postal workers. Several small shops were closed in downtown with day of protest posters in the windows.

Cape Breton District Labor Council president Jack Haley told demonstrators in the steel hall, "As long as there is a system that avoids planning, rewards people for their power rather than their need, discriminates against the old and the handicapped and the unorganized, and feeds upon artificial consumerism, then collective bargaining will be defended at all costs."

He asked for and received support to send telegrams to Ottawa and Halifax demanding an end to wage controls and Nova Scotia's withdrawal from the anti-inflation scheme.

The 500 full-time and 2,000 part-time students at Cape Breton College took no official stand on the protest, but several faculty cancelled classes and, along with some students, attended the morning rally.

The Sydney protests by far overshadowed a march of about 1,200 to the Legislature Building in Halifax. The march began with a rally of 400 at city hall, but swelled to 1,200

during the two-block walk to the government building.

Speeches were given by provincial NDP leader Jeremy Ackerman, N.S. Federation of Labor president Gerald Yetman and Homer Stevens, a representative of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers from Vancouver.

A small demonstration against the controls was also held in New Glasgow.

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) -- About 90 members of the Prince Edward Island Federation of Labor met with Premier Alex Campbell and cabinet members after marching and singing through downtown streets here Oct. 14.

Federation representative Bob Crockett presented a proclamation which outlined methods of dealing with inflation.

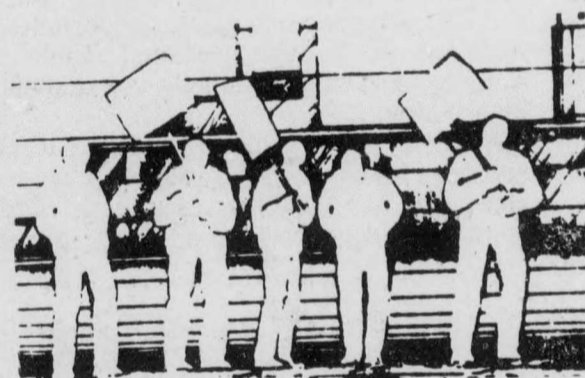
Regional high schools were closed throughout the province while bus drivers protested, but schools remained open in the capital city.

Maintenance workers at the University of Prince Edward Island were out for the afternoon. Secretaries and library workers remained on the job despite an earlier decision to support the day of protest.

Labor leaders through the province termed the protest "a success", and said it would force the government to recognize that it can't expect labor to co-operate in economic policies that ignore the interests of working people.

"We are challenging the federal governments to recognize the CLC and the trade union movement as a legitimate part of the Canadian community," said a representative of the provincial federation.

FREDERICTON (CUP) -- Labor organizers here termed anti-controls protest actions in Fredericton, Moncton and Saint John a success.



Marches of 300 in Fredericton, 2,500 in Saint John and 12,000 in Moncton marked the CLC's national day of protest Oct. 14.

Some vandalism and damage to automobile occurred in Saint John, where a protester was hit by a driver attempting to cross picket lines in a van.

Workers involved in the New Brunswick protest represented nonessential hospital employees, construction workers, school bus drivers, and municipal employees. Included were 3,000 government employees, members of CUPE local 1190.

The regional head of organization for CUPE, J.F. "Lofty" MacMillan, told workers in Fredericton not to be divided by "phony issues" such as bilingualism or the constitution.

Other speakers included representatives of the provincial New Democratic Party, the Canadian Labor Congress and the Canadian Paperworkers Union.

MONTREAL (CUP) -- About 15,000 workers and supporters rallied at Place Viger to begin a two mile march through this city Oct. 14.

A total of 125,000 stayed away from work, according to Montreal Labor Council estimates.

Involved in the demonstration were the Federation des Travailleurs du Quebec

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