

Jollimore disappointed

by Jamie Ferguson

A followup meeting to the Oct. 14 day of protest was held Tuesday Feb. 8 in a public forum, to discuss communication between the community and labour unions.

Jerry Jollimore of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Transport and General Workers, said Tuesday that he was very disappointed with the outcome of the protest. He also stated he found it very disheartening speaking in the grand parade, above the blasting of construction

union workers.

One observer noted however, that, "the day of protest was quite a success since it was the first time in history that a national protest by workers was organized. Over a million workers stayed off the job. Collectively they gave up over forty million dollars to protest regressive government policy."

Gerald Yetman of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour (NSFL) pointed out Premier Regan agreed

that AIB controls only control wages not prices and that the buying power of our dollar is only eighty cents, compared to the rest of



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Canada.

Yetman also said that our MLA's should attempt to get Nova Scotia out of the program.

Jollimore and Yetman both agreed that what is needed is the education of the community.

Rumor has it, that, the Minister of Education, will announce shortly, that the labour movement may begin an education program in the local high schools, for a week in March. This will feature speakers from the labour council "to tell it as it is."

Jollimore also mentioned that he has already started his campaign against Ron Hanson, for the position of alderman in ward 8. He said that he hopes to be the first alderman ever elected from the labour force.

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AIB beaten

ST. JOHN'S (CPA-CUP) -- Newfoundland auto mechanics, members of the International Association of Mechanists, have become the first group of workers to actually beat an AIB roll-back by using the procedures outlined in the anti-inflation act.

In a landmark decision, the three-member AIB Tribunal has overruled the AIB administrator and the Board and restored the original terms of the collective agreement reached between the mechanics and their two employers.

The 111 mechanics, early last year, settled for a two-year contract providing 28 and 20 per cent wage increases, which was the same as what other mechanics in the province had settled for. Since the 111 were employed by large companies, they subsequently came under AIB scrutiny.

The result was an AIB roll-back to 20 percent in the first year and 6 per cent in the second, leaving them nearly \$2 an-hour (\$5.84 vs. \$7.80) behind mechanics doing the same job in the same city working for smaller employers.

Unhappy with the decision, the mechanics, the union, and the employers appealed to AIB administrator Donald Tansley to change the AIB decision. This he did by further increasing the rollback, leaving them with 8 per cent and 6 per cent over two years, and by slapping a \$50,000 fine on the companies and the workers for paying and receiving "excess wages".

Next the mechanics approached the federal cabinet to appeal Tansley's decision, only to be told by the government that they would have to approach the highest appeal body, the AIB Tribunal, for a review.

Following submissions from the union and the AIB administrator at public hearings held in St. John's, the Tribunal announced its decision restoring the original contract and giving the workers wage parity with other Newfoundland mechanics.

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