

500 University of Manitoba workers go on strike

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Five hundred University of Manitoba workers walked off their jobs October 12 to back their demands for better pay and working conditions.

Elements of union support among the students are such that the efforts by the administration to keep some services functioning, particularly cleaning and maintenance, will probably be sabotaged.

The union is asking for equal pay for equal work. At present, the workers are divided into many different categories which allow the university to pay different wages for basically the same work and discriminate against women in particular.

The union is asking for a fixed increase, which would reduce inequality while the university insists on a percentage increase which would heighten it.

Fearing that the administration is slowly diminishing the union's protective power, the union is also asking for the university's assurance that student part-time help will not be utilized to do the work now done by full-time unionized staff. The university administration has a record of trying to divide and conquer by creating conflicts between the students and the workers.

Germany sign pact

BERLIN — Two border agreements were signed by representatives of the German Democratic Republic and of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bonn on 20 September.

The agreements are one on principles of prohibiting damage along the border between the GDR and the FRG, as well as one on principles for the maintenance of and work on border waters and hydroeconomic plants belonging to them.

GDR Foreign Affairs Bulletin

Greeks get behind VP

GARGALIANOI, Greece — Residents of Spiro Agnew's ancestral hometown rallied Oct. 11 to the defence of the former US vice-president.

"Our city will remain on his side. We want him to know that," said Dionysos Panagopoulos, mayor of

this community of 7,000 in southern Greece.

He said the town wanted to invite Agnew to visit again.

Agnew visited in October 1971, during a weeklong trip to Greece. It was the hometown of his late father who name was Anagnostopoulos.

Toronto Star

Foreign investment up

\$2 billion in 1970

OTTAWA — Foreign investment in Canada increased by a record \$2 billion in 1970, Statistics Canada reported Oct. 11.

The increase raised total foreign corporate investment in 1970—the latest year for which figures have been released—to \$26.5 billion.

US firms accounted for \$1.6 billion of the year's increase. That put their total holdings at \$21.5 billion, 7.7 percent more than in 1969.

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Farm prices up 43%

within last year

OTTAWA — Farm prices jumped an unprecedented 43 percent between August this year and last, Statistics Canada reported Oct. 11.

Prices rose by 13 percent between July and August this year, the largest monthly increase in more than a decade.

Produce that sold for \$100 in 1961 was worth 190.90 in August, 168.50 in July and 132.70 in August, 1972.

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Agnew gets support

NEW YORK — Americans think Spiro Agnew did a better job as vice-president than Richard Nixon has done as president, according to an Oliver Quayle poll released by NBC news.

The poll, conducted by telephone after Agnew resigned Wednesday, said 54 percent rated Agnew's performance favorably while only 35 percent approved of Nixon's

performance.

Forty-seven percent thought Nixon helped force Agnew to quit.

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Heads are transplanted

TOKYO — An American brain surgeon revealed yesterday he has transplanted heads of monkeys, and that one lived 36 hours after the operation.

In a report presented to a neurological conference. Dr. Robert White, Chief neurosurgeon at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, said one of the eight monkeys operated on was able to move its eyes and chew after the head transplant.

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Favors compulsory urinalysis for users

WASHINGTON — John Bartels said Oct. 4 after being confirmed by the Senate as administrator of the new drug enforcement administration that he favors compulsory urine tests in high schools to locate drug users.

Bartels stressed the urinalysis would be used only for treatment—not law enforcement—purposes.

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Price fixer says he was odd man out in deal

TORONTO, (Oct. 11) — Cesidio Romanelli characterized himself as odd man out in a price-fixing club he said was operated by big time lathing contractors.

Concluding two days of testimony before the Royal Commission on Violence in the construction industry here, Romanelli denied most of the allegations by other witnesses that have suggested he was at the centre of many incidents under study.

Romanelli denied knowing anything about who was responsible for the shooting and bombing of Acme Lathing Co. Ltd. plant in North York in 1972.

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Students fight fruit

TORONTO (CUP) — University of Toronto Food Services will be boycotting all Dare and Kraft products, and non-union grapes from California, as well as lettuce, in response to requests from their students' union and the campus committee.

A students' union executive said in an interview a 'grace period' of

two to three weeks would be allowed before a survey of food services outlets would be made to ensure that the decision was being carried out.

While he felt that the administrative decision had been made in good faith, he thought there might be some difficulty in discriminating between union and non-union produce. This would be the primary reason for the survey.

The boycott, in the case of Kraft, is aimed at supporting the small Ontario dairy farmers who are threatened by the Kraft monopoly. In the case of Dare and the California produce, the boycott is to support the unions of workers who are seeking recognition and improved working conditions.

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