

Postal union calls for one-day national walkout

OTTAWA (CUP) — The 22,000 member Canadian Union of Postal Workers has become the first major trade union to officially call for a one-day national strike to oppose the federal anti-inflation measures.

Speaking to an audience of about

750 at an anti-controls rally here February 10, CUPW Vice-President Jean Claude Parrot received a standing ovation when he called on the Canadian Labour Congress to organize "a one-day strike across Canada in protest against wage controls."

Other speakers at the meeting, including Julien Major of the CLC and CUPE President Grace Hartman, had recited the usual refrain about wage controls being an attack on labour and the end of free collective bargaining.

But when Parrot's turn at the

podium came he began by stressing that talking about problems wasn't good enough: "We must also talk about solutions."

He agreed with the other speakers who had detailed the injustices of the wage-control scheme, and went from there to conclude that the result will be to "change the direction of trade union politics in this country."

Parrot said unions and labour politics "have been in a rut for too long". In the past 30 years, he said, collective bargaining has been accepted by employers, and unions and employers arrived at an understanding: provide pay increases for our members and we will "take orders, do what we are told, how we are told to do it."

"But the Trudeau controls changed all this. The government has taken the side of employers, and collective bargaining has been killed dead in one stroke" he said. "The deal we made the management has been broken."

Parrot said the CLC stand has been that the controls represent "an attack on democracy", but, he commented, "I lost my illusions about democracy a long time ago."

What is now needed, he said, is a "new trade union strategy for Canada" based on "more militant, more political unionism" engaging in a "broader field of political action" than in the past. "There is no room now for anything but fighting unions", he said.

Parrot said the CLC should be given greater power and more resources so that the collective support of organized labour can be thrown behind important strikes to ensure a victory for labour. The tradition of "passing-the-hat" is obsolete, he said, urging the creation of "a large, central strike fund and a strategy on how to use it."

"We are faced with a fight. Let's fight to win", he said, concluding that it was time to "stop working for our masters and start working for ourselves."

RCMP accused of violating rights

EDMONTON (CUP) — An Alberta Human Rights and Civil Liberties Association spokesperson has accused the RCMP of violating every section of the Bill of Rights in the treatment of two Native activists here.

Allegations by Frank Blackhorse reported by his lawyers indicate the RCMP may have arrested him without warrant, denied him his rights and subjected him to improper procedures.

A defense committee including members of the Alberta Human Rights and Civil Liberties Association is presently working on research into Native treaties to aid in the Blackhorse defense.

According to the lawyers, Blackhorse was arrested with two other men, Leonard Peltier and Ron Janvier, on February 6, Peltier and Blackhorse are members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) wanted in the US by the FBI.

The three were apparently kept overnight in Hinton, near where they were arrested.

Blackhorse and Janvier claim they had not been allowed to make telephone calls to contact a lawyer, nor were they advised of their rights. Blackhorse claims he was

detained without clothing and had not been allowed to smoke.

On February 7, after calls from a news reporter, the law firm of Wright, Chivers, Worton, Pollock and McBean were called in. Lawyer Barry Chivers later said there were "unusual security measures" surrounding the case.

Peltier was then sent to Vancouver.

A local AIM member says he was told by an RCMP officer that no Indians would be allowed to see Blackhorse, but discovered that Peltier had been allowed visitors in Vancouver.

Although a report in the Edmonton Journal stated that the US government was expected to start extradition procedures to have Peltier and Blackhorse handed over on charges in the US, Blackhorse appeared February 9 before a department of immigration inquiry on charges that he had overstayed the three month period allowed to visitors in Canada.

It now appears that Blackhorse was arrested without a warrant. The immigration charges apparently only arose after he had been interrogated in Edmonton, and had nothing to do with the charges from the US.

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The immigration hearing has been adjourned until February 25 when his lawyers say they must proceed with charges concerning Native rights in North America.

Under the 1974 Jay Treaty, Native people have the long standing right to cross the border freely. Chivers argues that neither Canadian nor US immigration officers have any jurisdiction over Native people.

Asked why Blackhorse was subject to deportation rather than extradition, Chivers said he felt it was simply a matter of experience rather than proper procedure.

Extradition is a much more stringent process. In order to extradite a person a foreign government must establish a prima facie case, that they must convince a Canadian Court that the charges are justified by submitting the same kind of evidence that would be presented at preliminary hearings.

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Ad sparks traffic jam

SANTA CLARA (GUARDIAN-CUP) — A traffic jam that completely blocked a six-lane freeway for more than three hours during a cold day in January resulted from an advertisement offering jobs at \$2.25 an hour.

From 7 a.m. until 10:15 cars were backed up for more than two miles in each direction from the entrance of Marriott's Great America amusement park.

Commuters between San Francisco and San Jose were unable to use the Bayshore Freeway during what the Highway Patrol called the biggest traffic tie-up on that highway.

The help-wanted ad offered 2200 seasonal jobs, starting five weeks later, and to continue for six or seven months.

The first 14,000 persons in line filed out applications. Another estimated 20,000 tried but did not get into the park grounds. Some came on foot and bicycle. Some had camped out in the 33 degree temperature. Many abandoned their cars to build roadside

campfires.

The advertised jobs included ride operators, waiters, waitresses, clerks, ticket-takers, sweepers, gardeners and guides. On the basis of police estimates of the crowd, there were over 15 applicants for each job.

Program announced

RIVER GROVE (ENS-CUP) — A college in River Grove, Illinois has announced a new, accredited academic program - in household moving.

The two-semester program, will offer instruction in such things as how to move a piano down three flights of winding stairs, and how to prevent the filing of a damage claim after you drop the piano.

Officials at Triton College say the course will be open to both men and women.

Income gap remains unchanged

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government spent a lot of money last year on "glib advertising campaigns" for International Women's Year, but did almost nothing to remove the gap between what women and men paid for doing the same job, NDP leader Ed Broadbent charged February 5.

He called the provision in the Anti-Inflation Act which allows pay increases beyond the guidelines "to eliminate sex discrimination in pay practices" but condemned the government for failing to publicize this provision or take steps to implement it.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Broadbent cited Department of Labour figures which show that "instead of the gap between women's and men's income narrowing in the past decade it has widened."

The average income of the 2 million women in the labour force is now 60 percent of what is paid to a man doing the same job he said, pointing out that the gap is wider now than in the mid 1960's.

The special provision in the Anti-Inflation Act allowing for women to catch up to men was good, he said, "but it would have been more laudible if the government had followed up once again with something more than

the permissive phrase that is in the legislation" and had taken steps to "implement seriously that possibility which it leaves open to employers."

He suggested the government embark on an advertising campaign to inform employers of this possibility and their "moral

obligation" to pay men and women equally.

The federal government could also "persuade, cajole or coerce in some way the provinces to take direct steps to implement on a mandatory basis this permissive clause in the anti-inflation program", he said.

Minister gets fowl reception

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Chickens and placards greeted the provincial minister of education, Ben Hanuschak, as he opened the University of Manitoba Festival of Life and Learning February 4.

Demonstrators met the minister protesting threatened increases in tuition fees chanting "No more cutbacks", and holding signs that said "We want quality education".

As Hanuschak began, three chickens were thrown from a balcony above, landing in front of the speakers podium. Two demonstrators approached the minister and tried to give him the chickens.

In his speech Hanuschak referred to the need for dialogue

between the university, community and government. "That concerns that you are expressing are perfectly valid," he said.

The government must set priorities, continued Hanuschak. "I am not averse to the notion of free tuition. But I am not willing to pay the tuition of a millionaire's son ... we must bring about some rationale in the allotment of student aid ... we cannot afford the maximum level of excellence in post-graduate work in all faculties. We cannot keep up with the Joneses."

Hanuschak declined to answer demonstrators questions after the speech and had no comments for reporters.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

SPRING GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 8, 1976

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Tartan Room, STUD

AGENDA:

- minutes of the Fall General Meeting
- business arising from the minutes
- Constitution amendments
- progress report on GSA-LSS lounge
- review of budget expenditures to date
- recommendations for 76-77 budget
- report from Grad. School Exec. Comm. reps.
- Elections of President, Second Vice-Pres., Treasurer
- other business

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.