

# CIC Day of Protest

# Regional news

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. Maritime 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 faculties 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.

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

## New Brunswick

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 automobiles 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 non-essential hospital employees, construction workers, school bus driver, and municipal employees. Included were 3,000 government employees, members of CUPE local 1990.

The regional head of organization for CUPE, J.F. "Lofty" MacMillan, told workers in Fredericton not to be divided by "phoney" 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.

## P.E.I.

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) -- About 900 members of the Prince Edward Island Federation of Labor met with Premier Alex Campbell and cabinet member after marching and singing

### THE ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

## Where we are and where we're going.

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After one year the anti-inflation program is being reviewed. The program is designed to control inflation by limiting price increases. It has been successful in reducing inflation from 15% to 10%.

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The program is being reviewed to see if it is still necessary. The government is considering whether to continue the program or to allow prices to rise more freely.

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The CLC day of protest happened last week, but even with all the marchers turning out, the Anti-Inflation Board is still here.

through downtown streets here Oct. 14.

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

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

## Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) -- Fifteen hundred trade unionists marched through the affluent part of the city to the federal offices here Oct. 14. There were also major demonstrations in Labrador City, Grand Falls and in communities outside St. John's.

Effigies of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Newfoundland Premier Frank Moores were burned at the St. John's stadium.

The Newfoundland Association of Public Employees, inside and outside postal workers, laborers, firefighters, brewery workers and members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) were among those represented at the St. John's demonstration.

Tom Mayo, President of the Newfoundland Federation of Labor and NDP candidate in the Oct. 18 by-election, addressed the protesters.

The anti-inflation program "will injure Newfoundland more than any other province in Canada," Mayo said.

"In these times, we have a government that is very insensitive to the needs of the people.

"Many of those who do not have anybody to speak for them are most affected," Mayo said. Pensioners and the unorganized are virtually defenceless against the anti-inflation program, he continued.

There were no threats of reprisal by employers against any workers taking part in the protest activities or walking off the job.

Delegations from the Newfoundland Status of Women's Council and the Mummerys theatrical group participated demonstration. There was no organized student protest.

