

CFL Players Association Wants Aid For Pensions

By BOB MacKENZIE
 OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Football Players' Association has asked the Canadian Football League to contribute \$80,000 a year to a pension fund, but it may take a while before it gets an answer.

"There are a lot of complications, particularly with the Canada Pension Plan coming into effect next year," association president Gary Schreider said in an interview Thursday.

But that isn't the only problem facing the fledgling association—it still has not been recognized by the CFL.

"I'm confident we will receive recognition," Schreider said.

The pension plan request revealed by Schreider was in an association brief presented to the league last June, but release of its contents has just been authorized by the association.

The pension plan requested by the players would involve a \$300 annual contribution by each player—a total of about \$80,000 for all nine teams—and would be matched either by the league or by individual teams.

PREFER LEAGUE MONEY
 "We'd rather have the money come from the league to protect teams in the case of a bad year," Schreider said.

The association said an annual All-Star game, possibly at the end of the exhibition schedule and before league play starts, would be another source of revenue, along with a percentage of both gate receipts and sale of TV rights for the Grey Cup.

It also wants the rights for the sale of players' pictures to chewing gum, soft drink and cereal manufacturers, a right now held by the league under a clause in each player's contract.

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by the plan, even imports who live most of the year in the U.S. The imports also will be eligible to draw benefits from the fund when they reach 65, regardless of where they reside at that time.

But Schreider said the government plan wouldn't amount to much for the average player, especially since they are hit by high taxation during their peak earning years.

The only figures worked out for benefits under the proposed players' plan are based on the single \$60,000 payment into the fund each year. This would provide a five-year veteran with \$24 a month at age 50, with payments rising for each year the pension was deferred to a maximum of \$70 a month at age 65.

"They'd be a little more than double with both the players' and teams' shares, and would increase even more with other revenue sources."

Schreider said player response to the association's organization has been excellent.

"We have 100-per-cent mem-

bership on five teams, and although final reports are not in yet for two others, I don't think there will be more than 10 or 12 players who have not joined.

"I think the biggest advantage will be for the league. It should help them recruit young players, especially when they're competing with U.S. leagues that have established pension plans."

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Dave Keon Inks Pact

TORONTO (CP) — Centre Dave Keon signed a one-year contract Thursday with Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League, leaving only Bob Fulford on the club's hold-out list.

Coach Punch Imlach, who announced the signing, said also

that Lowell MacDonald, acquired by Leafs in an eight-player trade with Detroit Red Wings last May, had been sent to Tulsa of the Central Pro League.

WELL GRANT LOAN
 SEOUL, South Korea (Reuters)—The Canadian government has agreed in principle to grant a loan of more than \$5,000,000 for South Korea to import 5,000 milking cows and dairy farm equipment facilities, a spokesman said. A group of Canadian dairy experts is expected to arrive here soon to survey the possibilities of dairy farming in Korea, he added.



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Toronto Club In Hot Water Over Offer To Geffrion

QUEBEC (CP)—Bernie Geffrion said Thursday he has received an offer of \$35,000 a year on a five-year contract from president Stafford Smythe of Toronto Maple Leafs.

Geffrion, now coach of the Quebec Aces of the American Hockey League, said the offer would have him return as a player. It was made by the general manager of the National Hockey League Leafs early this week, he said.

In Montreal, Sam Pollock, general manager of the Montreal Canadiens, said his club—parent team of the Aces—has "made an official complaint" about the reported offer to Geffrion, a former right-wing star for the Canadiens.

NHL president Clarence Campbell apparently had not received the complaint by mid-afternoon and said he would await receipt of an official protest before taking any steps in the matter.

Geffrion, the NHL's fourth-highest goal scorer with 371 markers during his playing career, took over as coach of the Aces last year after retiring from active play in the NHL.

Pollock, contacted in Montreal, said an offer, if made by Leafs to Geffrion, would be an encroachment on the Montreal club's rights.

When Geffrion retired, he remained on the Canadiens' list and no other club in the league was allowed to deal with him before receiving written permission from the Montreal team.

Said Pollock of such an offer: "It's the same thing as if we went out and talked to Gordie Howe (of Detroit Red Wings) or Rod Gilbert (of New York Rangers) direct, without first consulting the team," Pollock said.

"We have made an official complaint about it and I just don't want to discuss the matter any more," he said.

Funch Imlach, Leafs' coach, contacted in Toronto refused to comment on the situation as he said he knew nothing of any offer made to Geffrion.

Meanwhile in Quebec City, Geffrion said: "All my hockey time has been with the Canadiens and I want to end my career in that organization."

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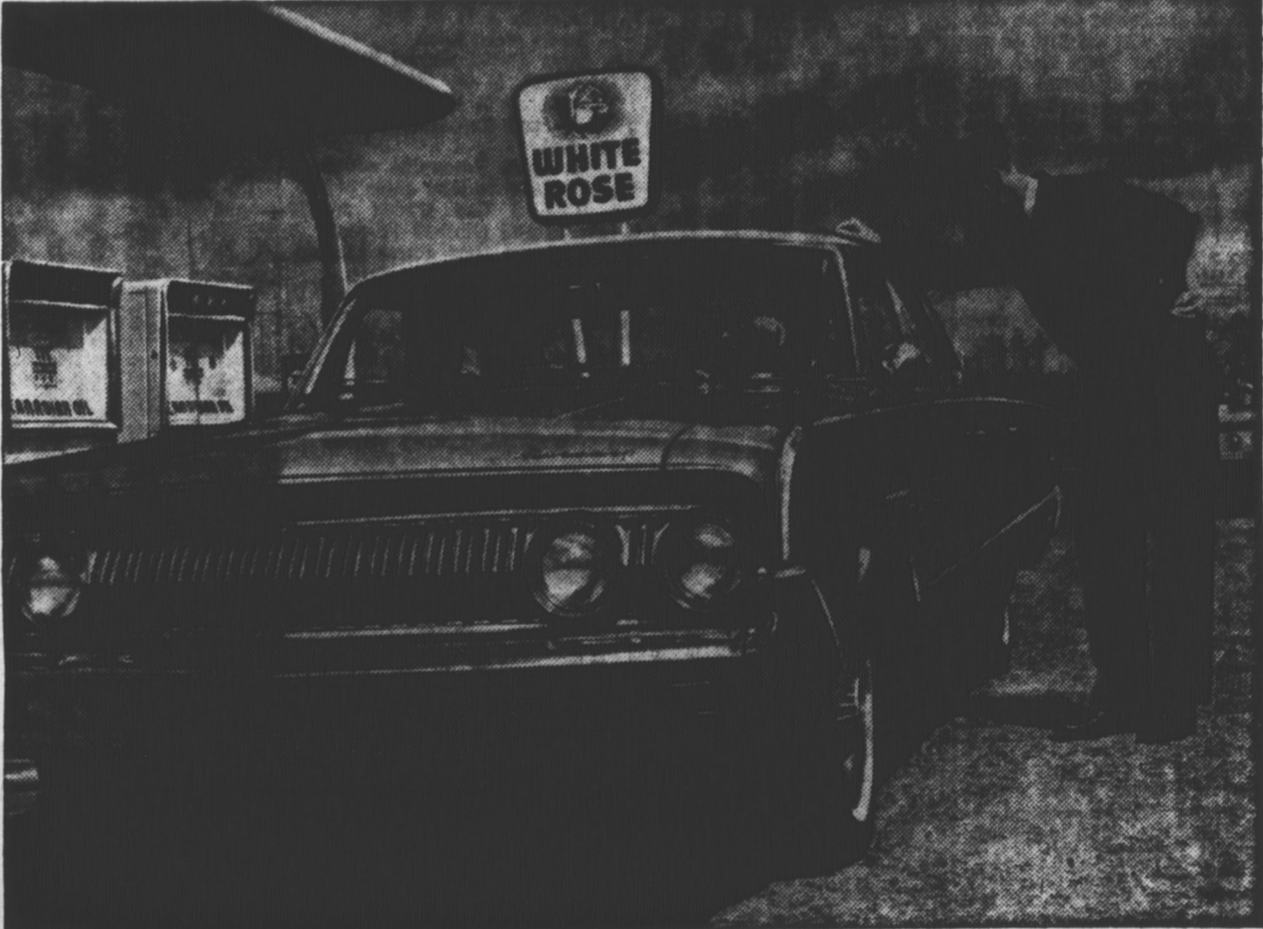
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