

Railways And Unions Agree On Automation Layoff Pay

MONTREAL (CP) — Representatives of the major Canadian railways and the 86,000 non-operating employees signed a labor agreement here to provide payments for those laid off because of automation and technical progress.

The signing followed two years of negotiations, during which a \$3,000,000 fund has accumulated from contributions by the railways on the basis of one cent an hour for each working non-operating employee.

Under the plan, agreed in principle in November 1962 but now settled in final form, employees with seven years or more of seniority are to receive payments of \$12 a week if they are laid off.

The payments begin after a 30-day waiting period and continue for as many as 100 weeks. The maximum number of weeks depends on the number of "credit units" that an employee has earned.

An employee earns four credit units for each full year of service. The maximum number of units is 100. Each unit entitles an employee to one \$12 payment. The agreement covers all full-time employees and seasonal workers who are laid off in their normal working season. It does not cover casual or part-time workers.

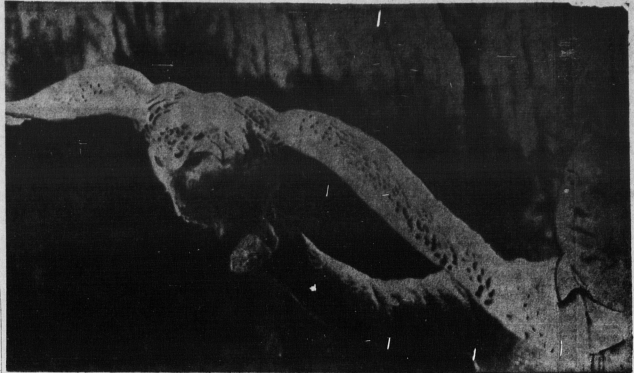
If employees who are laid off choose to resign, they will still receive the payments on the same basis. They can also choose to take their accrued benefits in a lump sum as severance pay.

The railway contributions, started in January 1963, are in the hands of the Montreal Trust Company.

At the time of the agreement in principle there were more than 100,000 non-operating employees. There are now some 96,000.

Originally, the 15 non-operating unions wanted a so-called "job freeze" under which the railways could reduce the number of employees by one per cent a year.

A British firm has developed a ladder made from glass fibre that is non-conductive to electricity and totally resistant to water.



VISITOR FROM THE ARCTIC

Owen McCormick held a Great Snowy Owl he picked off in a marsh near the Connecticut River, New Hampshire. It's a boom year in the northeastern United States, for the big birds, normally found only in the Arctic, says the Audubon Society. Owls are believed to be driven south by scarcity of lemmings, a mouse-like creature, which forms substantial part of the birds' food.

N.Y. SHIPYARD FACES SHUTDOWN

View looks down through a busy overcast Thursday at the New York Naval Shipyard in Brooklyn. The naval base is one of many being shut down in a mass Defence Department program to reduce the number of United States, military installations. Yard is scheduled to be closed within 18 months. (AP Wirephoto)

Good Will Described Key To Ending Canadian Crisis

MONTREAL (CP) — Recent agreements between Ottawa and the provinces have shown that even the most thorny problems can be solved in Canada when goodwill exists, Claude Wagner, Quebec's attorney-general, said here.

Recent agreements on tax-sharing, amending the constitution and portable pensions show that the thorniest problems can be solved when there exists above partisan preoccupations and personal ambitions a firm and tenacious desire to maintain a dialogue and make "lead to results."

"As for me," he said, "I have no doubt of the success of the enterprise. I believe the desire to maintain such a dialogue exists in Canada."

His address to the Montreal Chambre de Commerce concluded with the declaration "I believe in Canada."

Mr. Wagner said there is nothing surprising about the fact that Canada is going through a "crisis."

CHANGE IS NORMAL "It is normal that political fractures conceived a century ago in a climate different from ours should undergo modifications, even profound modifications, to adapt itself to the new conditions of our modern world," he said.

Dr. Carlson Excursion Postponed

LEOPOLDVILLE (AP) — The execution of U.S. medic Dr. Paul Carlson has been postponed until Monday pending further negotiations with the United States, rebel leader Christophe Gombye has announced in Stanleyville.

A broadcast from the leftist rebel city in the Congo, said that meanwhile it was up to Washington to find a suitable basis for negotiations over the 20 Americans in rebel hands. "The doctor was due to die today for spying, a charge vehemently denied by the U.S."

Team To Probe Crash Off Nfld.

ARGENTINA, Nfld. (CP) — A U.S. Navy spokesman at the American naval base here said a team of experts is being organized in the United States to study the crash of a Navy Orion aircraft near here Tuesday night.

There were no survivors when the plane crashed in the sea and six enlisted men perished. The spokesman said only a few small pieces of debris have been found.

HIT BACK AT TRIBESMEN

LAGOS (Reuters) — Government troops have been ordered to the TV division of northern Nigeria to quell violence there, the government announced Thursday. Many persons were reported killed in the TV area since fighting broke out among tribesmen early this year. Reuters reports Tuesday said five were killed when a band of attacking tribesmen invaded a village, in the Nigbo district, and set fire to several houses.

MORE CANAL TRAFFIC

OTTAWA (CP) — Volume of traffic moved through Canadian locks in September increased 1 per cent to 11,487,000 tons from 11,372,000 in the same month last year, the bureau of statistics said Thursday. Larger shipments of iron ore and bituminous coal accounted for most of the gain. Vessel passages through Canadian locks rose 2.3 per cent in the month to 2,383 on 2919 a year earlier.

led to the press prior to delivery. Mr. Wagner said there are many causes of the current malaise in Canada. One was that Quebec is changing.

"We are at the stage of self-criticism which will lead no doubt to a true renovation of the Quebec society, certainly founded on respect for traditions but more in line with the modern requirements of the North American context and more conscious of the value and richness of its heritage."

FEELS FRUSTRATED Another factor was that the French-Canadian in Quebec feels frustrated in Canada. There were two main reasons for this.

Canadian Firm Plans To Link In Production Of New Buses

MONTREAL (CP) — Robin-Nodwell Manufacturing Ltd., a leading Canadian maker of bus and truck bodies, announced here it will combine with an internationally-known diesel engine manufacturer to produce a new series of buses for North American consumption.

Under the plan, the Canadian company will join A.E.C. Ltd. of London, England, a member of the Leyland Motor Corporation. A.E.C. formerly combined with Canadian Car, a division of Hawker-Siddeley, to produce buses in Canada. But Hawker-Siddeley has stopped making buses.

Robin-Nodwell, which owns a school bus and van - building subsidiary at Hamilton, Ont., has been primarily employed in supplying small communities and schools.

The new plan calls for Canadian bodies to be joined with imported chassis from A.E.C.

The new arrangement was announced here Tuesday by R. T. Knowles, export sales manager of A.E.C. and J. M. Boyd, president of Robin-Nodwell.

The buses for large cities will seat 53 passengers and be driven by a rear-mounted diesel engine of up to 235-horsepower.

Production is expected to begin next summer at the company's Burlington plant.

GREY CUP DAY no picnic

For many, Grey Cup day consists of three hours parade, two hours football and any number hours partying. But for the 60 East and West Canadian Football League winners it is their last and most grueling day's work. Patrick Nagle gives a behind-the-scenes report in Weekend Magazine of that final day, from the player's viewpoint. Drawings by Roy Peterson.

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