

B.C. Contractors Concerned Over Ban On Overtime Work

VICTORIA (CP) — British Columbia's contractors are concerned about Premier Bennett's ban on overtime work as a means of reducing inflationary pressures.

Many believe the idea is fine but won't work. How will investors look at the ban? Overtime rates, though expensive, can be less expensive than delays in a project, says George H. Wheaton, of Victoria, vice-president of the 800-member Amalgamated Construction Association.

George Wilkinson, vice-president of Marwell Construction Co., said the premier's proposal will kill exploration and development projects in remote sections of the province.

He told the association's convention Tuesday that it would not be economical to add more men to remote construction camps where operational costs are high.

Putting a 40-hour work week into effect in camps would mean the construction industry is a "gone goose as far as camp work is concerned," Mr. Wilkinson said.

Robert Saunders, representing general contractors, said the industry could expect prosecutions soon for overtime violations. He said government overtime work permits will be as scarce as hen's teeth after Dec. 31.

Mr. Saunders said the government plans legislation to enforce the overtime ban through the Hours of Work Act and to impose fines for infractions.

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He said long hours and overtime are more economical than deploying more men on the job working a shorter time; the cost of operating camps and owning expensive machines continues when no work is being done by employees.

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world exposure in Montreal.

Mr. Neff said the rules required that the song reflect the spirit of Expo and its theme, Man and His World, but that Mr. Venne's Un Jour-Un Jour (One Day-One Day in the English version) doesn't do any more than say:

"If you hold on to my hand you'll step into a dream, on to a magic island like a painted summer scene."

Mr. Neff said, "This is very unfair and I'm sure there are hundreds of other contestants who feel cheated."

He added: "I feel the contest was badly handled. The judges were changed in midstream."

The original panel of five judges could not come to a decision and eventually quit. A second panel, consisting of three Expo officials and one representative of the contest organizers, was appointed.

Short Butts Dangerous

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Cancer Society said Wednesday that smoking a cigarette to a short butt is a most dangerous smoking practice.

In testimony presented to the Federal Trade Commission, the society said the nicotine content of the last few puffs is greater.

Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, vice-president of the society and a leader in its plea for men and women to give up cigarette smoking, said the facts about butts should be brought out in tests the U.S. government is setting up to measure tar and nicotine content of various brands of cigarettes.

The FTC is completing a laboratory for the testing. Earlier, the cancer society put out a statement again making a plea for men and women to give up cigarette smoking "in order to protect themselves against cancer, emphysema and heart disease."

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New Report Supports Claims Cigarette Use Dangerous

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new report backing the U.S. government's contention that cigarette smoking imperils health, this time from the standpoint of increased death rates, has been issued by the U.S. public health service.

The report attacks the subject from a somewhat different angle than the surgeon-general's report of 1964. That report blasted cigarette smoking as the major cause of lung cancer and said it was either a direct cause or closely associated with a number of other death-dealing ills.

The new report includes an analysis of death rates compiled from the records of every state health office in the country for the period 1950-1964, and deals specifically with "mentally from diseases associated with smoking."

LIST MAJOR FINDINGS

Among the major findings of the report, prepared by the health service's national centre for health statistics:

1. Rises in death rates from lung cancer and emphysema—after already rated by the health service as "the fastest growing crippling disease in the United States"—were "of unprecedented proportions for non-communicable diseases" during the period studied.
2. Mortality from chronic bronchitis nearly doubled during the period. Chronic bron-

chitis is one of the diseases the surgeon-general's report said are caused by cigarette smoking.

3. There were "substantial increases" during 1950-1964 in mortality from three of the eight groups of diseases which the surgeon-general's report had said were "associated with but not clearly causally related to smoking."

These three were: —Arteriosclerotic heart disease, including coronary disease, especially in the male population. —Cirrhosis of the liver—"with the most marked increase for the non-white population." —Emphysema—"Especially for the white male population."

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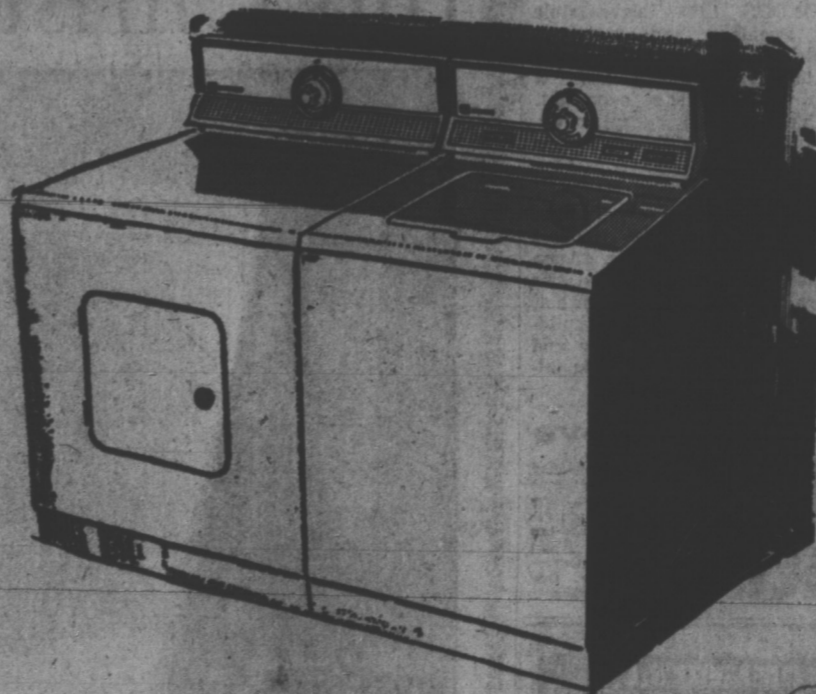
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