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## Non-operating Unions Set Rail Walkout Dec. 1

### Rates Increase Is Key Issue

By ROBERT RICE  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
MONTREAL (CP) — Fifteen railway unions representing 130,000 non-operating workers Tuesday served strike notice on Canada's major railways, threatening to tie up both transcontinental carriers Dec. 1 if wage demands are not met.

The union set 6 a.m. regional standard time, Monday, Dec. 1 for the nation-wide walkout. Decision to go on strike in 20 days was made by the joint negotiating committee of the 15 unions after results of a strike poll showed a "great majority" of their membership in favor of a "peaceful withdrawal."

The unions immediately prepared to notify their members of the strike action, which—if it goes through—would be the second big railway strike this year and the fourth since 1950. The non-ops workers who do not actually operate trains—last went on strike in 1950 to back demands for a five-day week. The 11-day strike was ended when Parliament intervened. The firemen's union went on strike for nine days against the CPR in January, 1957, and again for three days in May of this year.

Settlement of the wage dispute—Canada's biggest single labor squabble—hinges on a board of transport commissioners' ruling on a railway application for a 18-per-cent freight rate increase. The railways promised to settle with the unions if they got the full rate boost—estimated to be worth \$60,000,000 a year.

The unions have accepted a conciliation board majority report that recommended a wage increase working out to about 14 cents an hour, spread in three instalments over a two-year contract.

A year ago, when negotiations first opened, the unions demanded a 35-cent-an-hour increase but agreed to the conciliation award "in the interests of industrial peace." During wage talks and subsequent conciliation hearings, the railways maintained they could not afford to pay any increase without getting an equivalent freight rate increase.

Union spokesman Frank H. Hall of Montreal said the strike action was approved with "great regret."

While wage scales for non-operating workers range widely, average hourly earnings amount to about \$1.52. The conciliation proposal would add 14 cents an hour to this, but in three stages. The non-op contract was expired last Dec. 31.

Non-ops workers are those who are employed in railway repair shops, freight handlers, clerks, maintenance workers and others whose jobs do not actually involve operating trains.

### Fire Burns In Large Sturgeon Falls School

STURGEON FALLS, Ont. (CP) — Fire was burning out of control through a large separate school building in this Lake Nipissing town Tuesday night, and firemen feared it would spread to a neighboring girls' boarding school.

The two-story building, combining the St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart schools, was half destroyed at 11:45 p.m. AST and firemen said they held no hope for saving the structure.

Gaetan Rochon, chairman of the Sturgeon Falls separate school board, said the loss would exceed \$1,000,000.

No injuries were reported. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

## Bank Teller Found In \$250,000 Theft Case

DENVER, Colo. (AP) — A pleasant-looking young Canadian with a taste for champagne and sports cars spoke freely with police Tuesday after his arrest in connection with the theft of \$250,000 from the Imperial Bank of Canada at Ottawa.

Boyne L. Johnston, 25-year-old bank teller, was quoted by detective chief James E. Childers as saying he "had thought about it many times and decided I would do it in one big swipe—not a little bit at a time."

Johnston signed a written statement regarding the Oct. 24 robbery, prompting police captain C. V. Stanley to remark "he's been very co-operative in his association with us."

Stanley estimated that "in the vicinity of \$250,000" was recovered in Johnston's room at the YMCA.

"We haven't finished counting it yet," Stanley said. "It's in \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 Canadian bills, along with a very few \$5 American bills."

Johnston was arrested Monday night in a wash room of the Chez Paree night club where he watched a strip tease act and drank champagne.

A call to police by two girl employees of the night club, Geneva Jowers, 28, and Ormonde Wynn, 27, led to Johnston's arrest. Detectives had distributed "wanted" posters bearing Johnston's photograph to a number of downtown night clubs.

Stanley described Johnston as a "nice - looking fellow" who "seems relieved that we caught him."

Johnston told detectives: "I just wanted to know what it would be like to have that much money at one time—and I found out."

He led the officers to a money-filled suitcase in the YMCA after his arrest.

"I went to a lot of night clubs and kept high most of the time on champagne, vodka and beer," Johnston said. "I knew I would be caught, but I didn't think much about the consequences."

After going as far west as Los Angeles, Johnston came to Denver last week and spent \$4,150 on a sports car. Childers said Johnston thinks he spent at least \$55,000 in the 17 days since he left the bank.

The detective chief said the Canadian related: He transferred the stolen money from a bank vault to a canvas sack after the bank closed at 6 p.m. Oct. 24. He and his wife, Bernice, 23, drove to the home of her parents at Renfrew, about 70 miles west of Ottawa.



MAYOR PLACES WREATH

Mayor Edwin C. Johnstone, winds and the first snowfall of the season the turnout for the parade did not suffer and throngs of the city's citizens were on hand to view it.

## U.N. Turns To Outer Space After Taking Vote On Korea

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP) — Western pressure prevailed again in the United Nations Tuesday as the General Assembly's political committee called for free elections in divided Korea. But the voting victory leaves the same stalemate that has prevailed since hostilities ended more than five years ago.

The vote in the committee—which acts mainly as a steering body in passing political agenda items up to the UN Assembly itself—had been predicted long before the six-day debate ended Tuesday. Predicted too was the non-compliance of North Korea and Communist China in allowing Korea-wide elections to take place.

OUTER SPACE PROBLEM — With the Korean debate out of the way, the political committee now turns to the question of demilitarizing outer space. This debate is expected to bring back into the UN some of the disarmament problems now being thrashed out at Geneva by the

command of Comrade Francis MacNeil formed in front of the Legion Home at 10:30 with the firing party from "C" Squadron, 17th Regiment in the lead, followed by the RCMP, Sea Cadet Band, color party, veterans, RCAF, Sea Cadets, Air Cadets, Scouts and Cubs, Fire Department.

Children of both the high school and St. Mary's Academy proceeded independently to the square.

President of the Summerside branch Comrade Ben Champion conducted the memorial service. The Last Post was played by Bugler Alban C. Gallant who also sounded Reveille after the reading of "The Shall Grow Not Old" by Mr. Champion.

The funeral salute of three volleys was followed by the hymn "Sleep, Comrade Sleep," and The Lord's Prayer.

A very large number of wreaths were placed by many (Continued on page 5 Col. 2)

## Canadians Remember War Dead At Services

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Canadians remembered their war dead Tuesday as with heads bowed they observed two minutes of silence at the 11th hour.

In many centres, wreath-placing ceremonies were held along with religious services and parades by the armed forces and veterans units.

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At Vimy Ridge in France, members of the Canadian Legion observed Remembrance Day in ceremonies at the Canadian memorial.

Most of the overseas servicemen observed Remembrance Day Sunday when parades and other ceremonies were held at army bases in Germany and air force bases in France and England.

At home, parades and services were also held by many organizations Sunday while Tuesday was a working day for many.

A chill wind blew in Halifax where the armed forces and veterans marched to the cenotaph. There, wreaths were placed in remembrance of the Canadians who died in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean conflict. At Province House, a handful of older veterans honored the Canadian dead of the Boer War in South Africa.

A copy of Canada's Book of Remembrance was placed in the legislative library at Fredericton.

## Murder Trial Resumes Today

EDMUNDSTON, N.B. (CP) — The murder trial of John Jacob Vollmann, Jr., of Madawaska, Me., charged in the knife-slaying of 16-year-old Gaetane Bouchard of Edmundston East, enters its ninth day here today with 30 of an expected 48 crown witnesses yet to be heard.

Vollmann, native of Elizabeth, N.J., and former resident of Milford, Mass., was arrested May 14 by Maine State detective Otis Labree of Houlton after the body of the girl was found in a nearby gravel pit by her father and a younger brother.

The trial began Nov. 4. Testimony started Nov. 6 after a marathon 1½ day selection period to obtain 12 petit jurors. A total of 131 persons were questioned as to fitness to serve.

## Thousands Honor Dead In Island-Wide Ceremonies

Thousands of veterans, members of military organizations and associations and civic groups and citizens turned out in snow and bitter wind to pay homage to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in two world wars yesterday in Remembrance Day services across Prince Edward Island.

The first snow fall of the fall greeted marchers and onlookers in many points and in other areas it was mixed with rain and a cold wind that sent temperatures plummeting.

However the low temperatures and wintry weather did not cool the spirits nor the zeal of the Island's 23 legion branches to pay tribute to fallen comrades of the First and Second World Wars.

CHARLOTTETOWN — The playing of "O Canada" by the band of the P.E.I. Regiment under the direction of Lieutenant C.E. MacGregor began Memorial Services at the Charlottetown Cenotaph. The traditional reciting of "They Shall Grow Not Old" was given by Comrade Spurgeon Leard, president of the Charlottetown branch and Rev. E.C. Evans, Protestant padre of the branch led in prayer. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Bugler David Mills.

Wreaths were placed at the Cenotaph by Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman, Mrs. Harry Tidmarsh, representing mothers of fallen sons, Premier A.W. Matheson, Mayor Edwin C. Johnstone, Lord Rowallan, M.C., chief scout of the British Commonwealth, S.W. Leard, the president of the Air Force Association, Naval Veterans Association, the P.E.I. Branch of the War Amputees Association of Can-

ada, the United Services Officers Club, Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, and the Nursing Sisters (Overseas) Association. Staff Sergeant Fraser placed the wreath for the R.C.M.P. In addition wreaths were placed by veterans on parade and the general public.

Lieutenant-Governor Hyndman took the salute in front of the Provincial building as the parade wound its way back to the Legion home following the service.

In the group at the saluting base were Lord Rowallan, Premier Matheson, Brigadier W.W. Reid, Mr. Leard, and aide-de-camps to the governor Lieutenant-Commander Douglas Saunders, (Navy), Major Roy MacGillivray (Army) and Flying Officer Ian Rankine (Air Force).

SUMMERSIDE — Ceremonies in Summerside were held during a driving snow storm which failed however to hinder a large number of young and old who came to the Cenotaph in Memorial Square to pay homage to those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Mayor W.A. Currie, in his address to the gathering at the square said, "Let us remember that the dead are not honored by the mere placing of their names on these monuments of granite, unless it is a true symbol of our intention to honor them by devotion to the justice for which they gave their lives. It is to this end that we must commit ourselves if we really mean anything on such an occasion as this, and plan to be a true example to the world. Only then



HEIGHT OF THE BLAZE

## Fire Razes Service Station, Mechanic Sent To Hospital

Breaking out shortly before 7:30 last evening fire completely destroyed the B.A. Service Station, located at 134 St. Peter's Road, and sent a mechanic to hospital suffering from burns received while working in the establishment.

Operated by John S. Hambly, the service station was owned by W.G. Barbour of Charlottetown.

Also lost in the blaze was a large dump truck, owned by Sandy Frizzell of Parkdale, the proprietor's car and the entire stock, consisting of oil, anti-freeze and automobile parts.

SUFFERERS BURNS — Ian MacDonald, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry MacDonald, Mt. Edward Road, suffered burns to the right leg and was admitted to the Prince Edward Island Hospital, where he is expected to be under treatment for several days.

MacDonald, who is not a regular member of the service station staff, was assisting a friend in the work being done to the Frizzell truck, around which the blaze is thought to have originated.

Firemen fought the oil-fed flames, which at times shot dozens of feet in the air, for almost an hour before bringing it under control.

No estimate of damage could be learned last night but it is thought that it would run well into thousands of dollars.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

## Canada Sells Cheese To UK At Loss

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government has sold about 10,000,000 pounds of cheese to Britain at a loss of some four cents a pound.

The cheese, purchased by the government under its price support program of 3½ cents a pound at Montreal and 34 cents in Ontario, was sold to United Kingdom importers at 30 cents, officials said Tuesday.

The loss will be absorbed by the federal treasury. Britain is one of the main markets for Canadian cheddar.

The federal government's decision to sell its stocks at 30 cents a pound was based on similar selling prices by the Ontario cheese marketing board which also held some stocks mainly from last year's production.

PATRIARCH OF VENICE — The Pope has promoted the Bishop of Verona, Msgr. Giovanni Urbani, to be his successor as Patriarch of Venice, it was announced Tuesday. Msgr. Urbani, 58, was born in Venice.

## Seek Body Of Missing Woman

HALIFAX (CP)—Navy divers will resume the search today for an unidentified woman presumed drowned when a car plunged early Tuesday into the Nine Mile River near Shad Bay, 16 miles from here.

Police said the woman was a passenger in a car driven by a man who escaped uninjured. Names were not released. The bridge guard rail was hoisted from the water Tuesday night.

## Claims No Progress Made In Replacing Winter Fair Arena

AMHERST (CP) — Veteran town councillor E.J. Anderson said here Tuesday night the town is no closer to getting back its burned-out Winter Fair building and skating rink than it was the day a fire levelled them last July.

Mr. Anderson said the Maritime Stock Breeders Association, sponsors of the annual Maritime Winter Fair here, has shown "a complete reversal of opinion" in a letter calling for the town to restore the buildings.

Town council said the proposals did not meet its approval and called for a meeting with the MSBA.

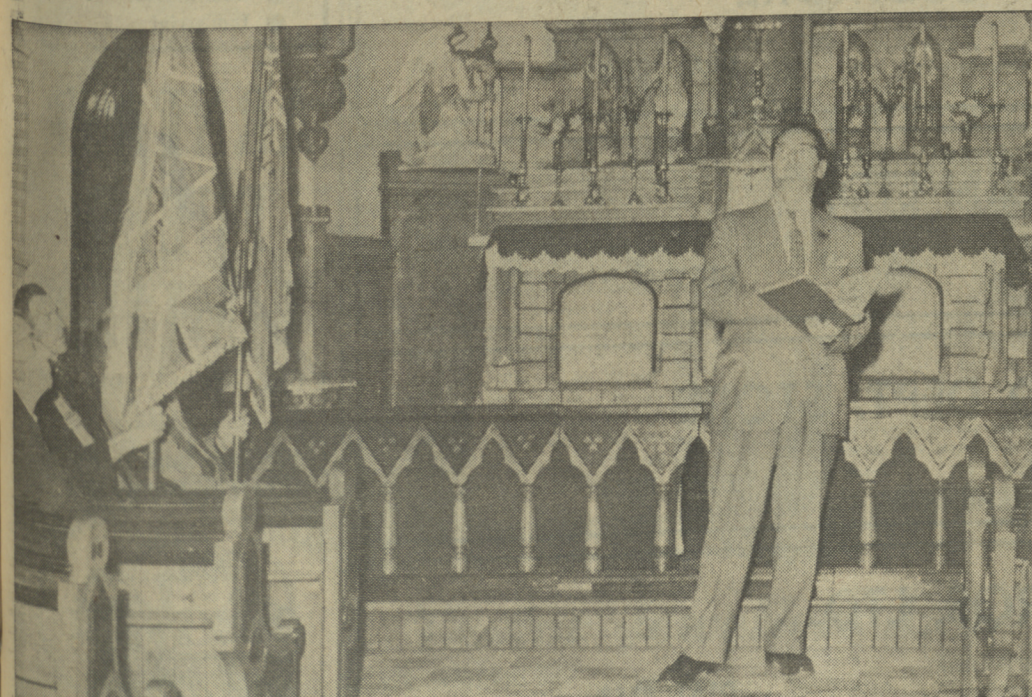
Mr. Anderson said officials of the association had announced shortly after the July 6 fire that it was then an opportunity for "a bigger and better plant."

Since then "our efforts to secure information or another meeting were ignored."

He said it was obvious the MSBA "have been shopping around to find some other town or city to take over the fair, and failing to find a sucker to assume the expense, have announced a decision that could have been made the day after the fire."

Meanwhile, delay in reaching a decision on the future of the buildings has cost the town \$100,000 in possible salvage from the wreckage of the arena, Mr. Anderson said.

## ISLAND OBSERVES REMEMBRANCE DAY AT MEMORIALS AND CHURCHES



ADDRESSES AT MISCOUCHE



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