

RAIL TALKS 'IN TROUBLE'

Efforts to settle the B.C. Railway labor dispute through a government-appointed industrial inquiry commissioner are not going well, it was learned today.

The commissioner, Jack Sherlock, met briefly today with representatives of the BCR and the United Transportation Union.

Sources later said the UTU is considering whether to ask the government to remove Sherlock and appoint another commissioner.

The sources said the UTU is alleging Sherlock has already "pre-judged" the case. He was appointed last week.

A main ingredient of the dispute is payment of overtime on a daily basis after eight hours for trainment working on BCR freight runs. It would set a precedent for railroading in North America.

PLUMPTRE

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Immediate parties to the dispute know the costs of the eventual settlement can be passed on easily to consumers.

Bill MacDonald, chief negotiator for the Food Industries Council — a group of six supermarket and wholesale bakery employers — said the council has accepted the invitation and will listen to what Mrs. Plumtre has to say.

Asked if it is practical at this stage for the council to reduce its earlier wage offer, MacDonald said "I really don't know. The step Mrs. Plumtre has taken is certainly an unusual one and we are just going to have to wait and see."

Hugh Comber, of the bakery workers' union, said no comment will be made from the labor side until the unions have met and decided their answer to the invitation.

Labor mediator Clive McKee, appointed to act in the dispute by the provincial government, has been asked by the review board to sit in on the Wednesday meetings, planned to be held separately with each side.

The call to Ottawa came after it was disclosed that negotiations resumed in secret almost two weeks ago but then recessed indefinitely over the weekend. The talks with McKee were making little progress, reliable sources said.

The supermarkets had shut down as a result of a lockout, Sept. 5.

The food companies had offered clerks and meatcutters a general raise of \$1.30 an hour and other benefits. Bakers were offered \$1.49, all for contracts running less than a year with the purpose of achieving a common expiry next March 31.

The clerks and meat cutters would work an average 36-hour week and the bakers would remain on their long-standing 35-hour week. Rates would be \$7.95 for meatcutters, \$6.55 for clerk-cashiers, \$7.25 for general clerks, and \$8.41 for bakers.

Cyclists raise \$7,000

About 350 cyclists showed up Sunday for the first annual Canadian Diabetic Association bike-a-thon, raising some \$7,000 in pledges.

Organizers blamed cold, rainy weather for the relatively light turn-out in the Lower Mainland and Victoria.

Vancouver area cyclists rode on routes on the North Shore, in the city, Burnaby-New Westminster, Richmond, Delta-Surrey and Coquitlam.

42 injured in typhoon

TOKYO (Reuter) — At least 42 people were injured and more than 4,000 homes destroyed or damaged when Typhoon Cora hit the Izu Islands south of Tokyo Sunday night.

ICBC to hit bad drivers

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ICBC head, emphasized that he will not make changes in ICBC because he is displeased with Strachan's administration.

"I can't say he did a bad job anymore than I can say I can do a better one."

But he claimed that Strachan and ICBC — with its \$38 million loss last year — have been victims of continuous, unwarranted criticism which has resulted in a loss of public confidence and support.

And he suggested that the media meet him half way in instituting an honest, open policy.

"I want to seize this opportunity to talk to the media to see if we can arrive at a better understanding of the corporation and to try to get a better rapport between the press, the public and the government," he said.

"I want it fully understood that this is

TWO SEEK PRESIDENCY OF B.C. CONSERVATIVES

A contest for the presidency of the Conservative Association of B.C. could live on the annual general meeting of the party this weekend.

Edith Gunning, a former teacher and member of the Saanich municipal council, the current first vice-president of the association, is running against Vancouver lawyer Tony Saunders, B.C. part president in 1973-74.

A close associate of provincial leader Scott Wallace, Mrs. Gunning is from Wallace's riding of Oak Bay. Saunders has been active in the affairs of the federal party, and was national leader Robert Stanfield's British Columbia campaign chairman in the 1974 election.

Wallace has refused to endorse either candidate. "I don't think it's my job to endorse anybody publicly," he said today. "Both individuals are people who have put



BOMB-SHATTERED LIVING ROOM shows power of Sunday afternoon blast that killed George Chatzspiros and injured his wife and son. Bomb arrived at Dunbar home by special delivery mail.

—Deni England Photo

East Indian expatriate urges halt in Canadian aid to India

SASKATOON (CP) — Dr. Hai Sharma, assistant sociology professor at Simon Fraser University, said Sunday that Canadians should pressure Ottawa to halt aid to India.

He said aid should be withheld until there is an end to all states of emergency in India, the release of political prisoners, the reinstatement of the judicial process, the right to oppose the government and the removal of censorship.

He said the action is needed because India, traditionally known as the world's largest democracy, has become one of the world's largest police states.

A critic of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Sharma was here during the

weekend as part of a campaign to rouse Canadian public opinion against the Indian government.

A member of the Organization of Expatriate East Indians in North America, Sharma said in an interview the current civil liberties crisis now under way in India is an indication of how far along the road to a police state the nation has moved.

Since June 25 when Mrs. Gandhi declared a state of emergency, political opponents have been jailed, strict press censorship has been imposed and thousands of people have been arrested as political prisoners, Sharma said.

"It is a clear indication that India is now a Fascist state," he said.

Sharma, who has visited but not lived in India for 12 years, scoffed at the term democracy being applied to India.

"That term was deliberately coined by the Western media and Western powers," he said.

"Real democracy cannot exist in any country, including Canada, while there are class divisions and control of the economy by a minority."

5 perish in fire

SAPULKA, Okla. (AP) — Five children, 18 months to 13 years old, perished Sunday when fire swept through a small wooden frame house near this Tulsa suburb.

Prints identify man found dead in cabin

Sun Staff Reporter

VALEMOUNT — RCMP here have identified the body of a man found July 8 in an abandoned cabin through fingerprint records held by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

An RCMP spokesman said today Aiden Joseph Nolan, 52, a former resident of St. John's, Nfld., had once worked for the U.S. government, so his fingerprints were still on file with the FBI.

The spokesman said po-

lice are considering the death a suicide, but are still interested in Nolan's movements during the past 12 years.

"He just walked out on his family 12 years ago and they haven't seen him since," the spokesman said.

"We have reason to believe he had been living around Vancouver, possibly under a different name, and we'd appreciate hearing from anyone who knew anything about him."

PACKAGE CAUSES SCARE

A paper bag containing the "internal workings" of a model airplane left near a gun rack by an 11-year-old boy caused a bomb scare Saturday that emptied Woodward's department store at Park Royal.

A company employee reported a possible bomb at 1:25 p.m. and store offi-

cials evacuated hundreds of shoppers for about 45 minutes while police checked out the mysterious paper bag.

It was found to contain a battery, some wires and model airplane glue.

A police spokesman said the bag was left by accident.

Dayan says U.S. pressure 'forced' Israel to sign

By MOIRA FARROW

Former Israeli defence minister Moshe Dayan said here today that Israel was virtually forced to sign the new accord with Egypt because pressure from the U.S. was so strong.

Dayan, whose visit is marked by stringent security arrangements, said that most Israelis don't approve of the Sinai accord signed Sept. 1.

"Israel could not stand the pressure from the U.S. administration," Dayan told The Vancouver Sun in an interview at Vancouver International Airport.

He said the U.S. threatened Israel with withdrawal of financial and military aid if it did not sign.

"I believe the U.S. should have put pressure on Egypt in March to end the war instead of putting pressure on Israel," he said.

"Dr. Kissinger (U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger) didn't deal very well with Israel at all.

"Although the government approved the accord because of U.S. pressure, I don't think they were very happy with it and basically almost everyone in the country accepts my position."

Dayan, 59, quit as defence minister last year but is still a member of the government. He was severely blamed in Israel for the country's heavy losses at the start of the October 1973 war.

Dayan, who is on a North American speaking tour, also made the point that the new accord should have included the Soviet Union.

He said he would like to see Russia enter into some form of detente agreement with Israel similar to the one the Russians have with the U.S.

But he said he is happy that the Arab countries now appear to be willing to sit down and negotiate a separate agreement with Israel. "Our next step is to talk to Syria."

Dayan was here to speak at the University of B.C. this afternoon and attend a re-

ception at the Bayshore Inn tonight before leaving for Toronto.

When he arrived at the Airport from San Francisco, security was so stringent that details of his visit were not given to the press until his plane landed.

Several uniformed and plainclothes RCMP officers accompanied him from the plane to an airport lounge and only press with security clearance were allowed in to see him.

Bayshore Inn staff members said Saturday they had no knowledge of Dayan's visit although arrangements for the reception were made some time ago.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, in charge of arrangements at UBC, told The Vancouver Sun that the tight security was requested by the Israelis and the hotel staff had been requested not to give out any information.

For today's UBC speech 950 tickets — the hall's capacity — were sold, but requests totalled 2,000.

The object of Dayan's tour is to explain his position on the Sinai pact to North America's academic community.

"I am very happy with the warm reception I have got from the students and the high standard of their questions," he said. His tour concludes in Toronto.

Soviet harvest down

MOSCOW (AP) — The Ukraine, which accounts for 20 per cent of Soviet grain, will harvest only about 33.6 million tons this year, official figures show.

One Western expert said the Ukraine harvest had been estimated at five million to seven million tons more, even considering effects of a drought.

The Soviet grain plan this year calls for 215 million tons for the entire country. But with the impact of drought, Western experts have lowered estimates to only 175 million tons.

People said losing faith in architects, planners

People no longer trust architects and planners to design decent buildings, the director of the University of B.C. school of architecture told the Vancouver Institute Saturday night.

Prof. Robert MacLeod said that the attitude is reflected by popular movements for conserving old buildings, citizen participation in planning and doing-it-yourself.

"Building conservation, while important and worthy in itself, is as much a consequence of people's loss of faith in our ability to build something satisfactory," MacLeod, a member of the Vancouver Heritage Advisory Board, said in an interview later.

Buildings, he said, reflect the values of society. For example a concern for making money has produced the large office building designed to generate maximum rental income.

"They're generally not built for helping people do work. The people who put up the large towers aren't the users."

Gaps have arisen between design and construction, between the person who commissions the building and the person who uses it, between the purpose of the building and the needs of the community, he said.

Formal devices such as contracts, legis-

lation, planning organizations and performance criteria have been set up to bridge the gap, MacLeod said but usually fail.

Citizen planning groups set up to bridge the gap between the builders and the community are another example, he said.

"They have many of the problems of other established structures. You may simply be allowing in another pressure group with its own special interests."

People, he said, no longer trust one another, "so you have to get everyone in on the act as part of a system of checks and balances."

"We need to have more trust and confidence."

Woman killed by car

A 76-year-old woman died Sunday night when she was struck by a car at Rupert and Fifth.

Police said Elsie Ann Duncan, of 3360 East Fourth, was crossing Rupert in a marked crosswalk about 7:15 p.m. when a car hit her and threw her almost 50 feet.

Police are holding a 56-year-old unemployed laborer in connection with the incident.

Delta publisher heads association

Delta Optimist publisher

Ernest Bexley was elected president of the B.C. Community Newspapers Association at its annual convention which ended Saturday at the Airport Inn, Richmond.

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