

Bellingham shopping a break-even journey

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walkout in Vancouver, he ordered extra bread baked and meat cut.

However, the manager of a Safeway down the street had not heard of a pending supermarket shutdown here.

The manager of the Blaine Thriftway, Kelly Montford, said Canadians have been buying bread "like crazy" during the past week. He is expecting a rush of extra business from Canadians, but isn't bringing in extra produce since the store is kept fully stocked during the summer months anyway.

So merchants in both centres, who already depend on Canadian shoppers—Schuster says more than 30 per cent of his weekend business is Canadian—are prepared.

For the record, the items purchased on the Sun shopping list, and their comparative prices at a Vancouver Safeway (where possible) are:

- Bacon, 1 lb.: \$2.19 (U.S.), \$2.35 (Can.)
- Cheese, 1 lb.: \$1.83, \$1.95
- Eggs, doz. extra large: 74, 95
- Milk: 77 (64 oz.), 63 (40 oz.)
- Orange juice: 72 (12 oz.), 89 (16 2/3 oz.)
- Shredded wheat, 18 oz.: 69, 89
- Butter, 1 lb.: \$1.15, \$1.13-1.16

Whole wheat, stone ground bread, 22 1/2 oz.: .59, unavail. at Safeway here.

Canned tuna, 7 oz.: .69, .95. Chicken fryers, 1 lb.: .58, .79 (at local Red & White).

Top round steak, 1 lb.: \$1.79, \$2.59. Lean ground beef, 1 lb.: .88, \$1.09. Flour: 5 lb.: 79; 46 (2 lb.): .

Sugar, 5 lb.: \$1.54, \$1.89. Stewing beef, 1 lb.: \$1.55, \$1.35. Carrots, 1 lb.: .27, unavail. at Safeway here.

Broccoli, 1 lb.: .49, unavail. at Safeway here.

Obviously you could make substantial savings if you bought large quantities of some meats or tinned tuna, for example, in the U.S.

However the Canadian agriculture department restricts the quantity of meat any one person can import at a time to 20 pounds. There are also restrictions on the quantity of dairy products that can be imported.

The specific duties are small: Three cents per pound of beef or veal, a half cent per pound of pork, about 12 1/2 per cent of the value of chicken, 7 1/2 per cent on canned salmon, 11 per cent on other canned fish, 12 cents a pound on butter, three cents a pound on cheese, 3 1/2 cents a dozen eggs (limit of two dozen per person). Citrus fruit is free of duty. The duty on 10 pounds of sugar would be 12 cents.

A final point to keep in mind is the price of gas. At the Bellingham station where we filled up it was 64 cents a gallon. Since the U.S. gallon is about one-sixth smaller than the Imperial, this works out to 77 cents a Canadian gallon. Gas is available here from 68 cents a gallon, so you will want to gas up here before you cross the border.

POINT NAMED AFTER LAING

The most northerly point of land in Canada has been named Arthur Laing Peninsula, in honor of the late senator from Vancouver who died this year after a 50-year career in federal and B.C. politics.

The peninsula juts north from Ellesmere Island, ending at Cape Columbia, only 420 miles from the north pole.

It fell under Laing's jurisdiction in 1963 when he was appointed to his first federal cabinet post, as minister of northern affairs.

The peninsula's name was approved by the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, the department of Indian affairs said today.

Prisoner recaptured

GHENT, Belgium (Reuter) — Police using tear gas today recaptured an armed prisoner who had holed up with his teenage wife in the office of the governor of Ghent prison, police said.

They said the man, 24-year-old Daniel Verheugen, stabbed himself in the stomach as police smashed into the room in a cloud of tear gas. He was taken to hospital. His wife was unhurt.

Strike injunction sought

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union force their will on the government in policy areas.

"Obviously not, otherwise any public service union, having sufficient muscle, could blackmail the government on any policy they personally did not like."

A little more than two hours after CATCA president Jim Livingston announced the strike threat Thursday Marchand countered with his request for the walkout to be delayed until after the long weekend.

Association directors refused to back down.

Vice-president Mike Tonner said Marchand knew for three days that the controllers planned to strike Sunday.

"We regret having to inconvenience the public, but that's better than mid-air accidents," he said.

The association has been protesting for four years the proposal to have non-control personnel assume some control responsibilities.

In Vancouver, airline spokesmen said today they are waiting to see what action the government takes. They said they probably will continue to operate if control towers are manned by supervisory personnel, but consider this unlikely.

"If the air controllers go out and there's no air control service, we can't operate," said a CP Air official.

He said weekend flights are heavily booked, with people returning home after

summer holidays and children going back to school next week.

"Every airline is booked to capacity — it couldn't have hit at a worse time. I suppose the air traffic controllers took that into consideration," he said.

A spokesman for Air Canada said the airline will keep operating as late as possible Saturday night in the hope of a breakthrough.

"If not, we'll just have to close down Sunday," he said.

The strike is planned for 12:30 a.m. (PDT).

"It's our busiest weekend of the year. We're talking about 45,000 to 50,000 passengers a day," the spokesman said.

United Air Lines plans to bus passengers to Seattle if the strike goes ahead.

But Pacific Western Airlines, which flies to Seattle, does not plan to bus passengers across the border.

All international flights will have to be re-routed because flights to Europe from North America usually fly over Canadian Arctic airspace. That is not possible without controllers.

Drug ring smashed

COPENHAGEN (CP) — An international ring which smuggled 440 pounds of hashish a month into Canada has been broken up, police said Thursday. They said the couriers picked up the hashish in Pakistan, brought it to Denmark and then sent it on to Canada in false-bottom suitcases.

PINNED DOWN

Policewoman shot on patrol

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Two men, suspected robbers, grabbed a female deputy sheriff Thursday, pinned her arms to her side, disarmed her and shot her with her own gun.

Deputy Irma Alvarez, 32, patrolling alone as part of a "unisex" program, became the first woman law enforcement officer shot in the line of duty in California. One female officer has been killed in the United States since women began doing street patrol work in recent years.

Miss Alvarez was in serious condition today at Beverly Hospital in Montebello after surgery. The bullet passed through her left arm into her chest.

She stopped a car carrying two men in Pico Rivera for speeding, unaware that a bakery had just been held up a short distance away by robbers who took \$200 at gunpoint.

She told investigators that as she approached the car, two men leaped out and ran towards her. She reached for her revolver but one of the men grabbed her in a bear hug, pinning her arms to her side, and shouted "Get her gun, get her gun" at the other.

She managed to get a mace-like chemical spray from her gunbelt, spraying the man who held her, but his accomplice took away her pistol and shot her.

Fire under control

PIRU, Calif. (UPI) — Firefighters declared complete control Thursday over a 1,100-acre brush fire that raged for four days in the Piru Lake area of the Los Padres National forest.

A spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service said 60 men would remain on the lines tonight for the mop-up.

ICBC set to tackle claims

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burne, Burnaby, and 406 Southwest Marine, Vancouver, will operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

All claims centres and branches will open next Friday, Bortnick said.

Strachan announced that ICBC's board of directors had accepted settlement terms proposed by industrial inquiry commissioner Dr. Noel Hall. Employees accepted the terms Thursday.

Fred Trotter, president of Local 378, Office and Technical Employees Union, declined to disclose details of the vote by 1,800 ICBC workers, but said Hall's report was approved "by a fair majority."

Asked how many claims have to be dealt with, Strachan said he could not estimate this until the employees have been back on the job for some time.

Some employees, he said, should be back to work on Tuesday but full operations may not resume until late next week when staff have had a chance to catch up on work left on their desks when the strike began.

Strachan said he could not estimate how many ICBC employees quit during the strike.

During the strike, Strachan said, ICBC management had worked hard to provide emergency service to people suffering extreme financial hardship.

The minister said the ICBC board agrees fully with Dr. Hall's comment that, because of the length of the strike and the inconvenience to the public, both sides had a public duty to restore service at the earliest possible date.

"We intend to make that our prime objective," Strachan said.

The minister said he was unable to estimate how long it would be before operations are back to normal.

But he described as a "major exaggeration" an estimate by some bodyshop operators that it could take two years to clean up the 3 1/2-month backlog.

Strachan said he expected, however, it would take some months.

Trotter said the union still wants to meet with the company "to clear up a few things and get hours of work written up."

The Hall report had been recommended by the OTEU's negotiating committee.

The industrial inquiry commissioner proposed a compounded wage increase of 39.5 per cent over a 28-month contract to expire Sept. 30, 1976.

Workers would receive an increase of 15 per cent or \$100 a month retroactive to June 1, 1974; another eight per cent retroactive to Nov. 1, 1974; an additional six-per-cent increase effective Sept. 1, 1975; and a final six-per-cent boost on March 1, 1976.

On the other contentious issue between the two sides — hours of work — Hall recommended a three-day work week of 11 hours and 40 minutes a day for computer personnel, a four-day week of eight hours and 20 minutes a day for claims centre employees and a five-day, 35-hour week for office workers.

Trotter said: "We weren't that happy with the whole settlement but we had to look at the whole picture and consider how long we had been on strike."

It has been estimated that a backlog of more than 200,000 insurance claims have accumulated during the strike which began May 20.

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Death sentences bring protest

BURGOS, Spain (Reuter) — Two Basque nationalist guerrillas were condemned to death today and five people were reported wounded by police bullets as a wave of protest demonstrations and strikes swept the Basque country.

The guerrillas, Jose Antonio Garmendia Artoia, 23, and Angel Otaegui Echeverria, 33, were sentenced by a military court here for killing a policeman in April last year.

Basque sources said two people were wounded in the northern beach resort of

Zarauz, east of Bilbao, today, and three last night in San Sebastian and the nearby town of Hernani.

Police opened fire to break up a demonstration in Zarauz by about 400 people who marched through the streets, forcing shops and bars to close and driving holiday-makers off the beach.

In San Sebastian, police traded shots with youths who were distributing anti-government leaflets. They wounded and captured Miguel Maria Azpillaga, 23.

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