



BARRICADE IS REMOVED

Pickets Saturday remove steel rail barricade at Port aux Basques, Nfld., to allow passengers and vehicles on CNR ferry William Carson to pass. Some 200 passengers in 71 cars had been held up for more than two hours. The ferry arrived from North Sydney, N.S. (CP Wirephoto)

Newfoundland Telephone Seeks To Head Off Strike

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—President Gunder Osberg, of the Avalon Telephone Co. Ltd., said Sunday the firm will do everything it can to keep operating if a threatened walkout of 300 maintenance, repair and installation workers takes place as scheduled today.

The strike is scheduled for 7 a.m. NDT today.

Mr. Osberg, in a prepared statement, said:

"I am surprised and shocked that our employees would contemplate such a thing as an illegal walkout. The dispute is still in the hands of a conciliation board whose work is not completed and whose report has not yet been submitted.

"The company will take all necessary steps to prevent any interruption of vital communication. The action of the union is illegal and the company will do all in its power to keep operating."

company since expiration of their contract in March. A conciliation board was set up and has not yet reported.

The Avalon workmen, who cover the St. John's area, Grand Falls, Stephenville, Corner Brook, Port aux Basques, the Burin Peninsula and the heavily populated Conception Bay shore, are seeking wage increases totalling 50 cents an hour in a two-year contract.

Mr. Walsh said the highest paid man in the local now earns \$73.50 for a 40-hour week, or just under \$2 an hour. He said this was \$20.00 below the next lowest wages for the same job anywhere in Canada. Prince Edward Island was the second lowest in Canada, he said.

The men are seeking a 30 cent-an-hour increase retroactive to last spring and 20 cents more in April, 1967, or 25 cents retroactively and another 25 cents next April.

Business agent James Walsh of Local 1615, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said the electricians were to meet later Sunday with representatives of a separate unit of Local 1615, which covers about 160 telephone switchboard operators, to determine whether the operators intend to respect the picket lines set up.

He said the strike action follows a unanimous vote taken in secret ballot at Gander Saturday, when the men demanded ballots against the advice of union officers.

Doctor, Wife Do Big Job In Malaysia

PORT CREDIT, Ont. (CP)—Dr. John Hall, 27, and his 22-year-old wife, have already worked themselves out of their first job.

The Halls were part of a five-member Canadian medical team sent to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, two years ago to reshape a floundering dispensary and turn it into a hospital.

The dispensary now is the country's first intensive care clinic, with modern facilities, two doctors, 17 nurses and 100 assistants.

Once in Kuala Lumpur, a city of 30,000, the Halls were given a crash language course, free housing, a small food allowance, and salaries of \$3,600 for Dr. Hall, as a qualified physician, and \$1,800 for Mrs. Hall, a trained nurse.

With Dr. and Mrs. Victor Newfield of Saskatoon, they worked up to 15 hours a day and seven days a week, treating patients and training students.

"We soon learned to accept the unbelievable disease and appalling filth which surrounded us," Dr. Hall recalls.

His place in the hospital is being filled by Dr. John Taylor of Toronto while Dr. Hall takes a vacation and starts a four-year surgery course at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

CONTRACT EXPIRED

They had been negotiating requested wage increases with the

W. Germany Armed Forces Chief Named

BONN (Reuters) — Lt. Gen. Ulrich de Meiziere, 54, has been appointed chief of West Germany's armed forces as Chancellor Ludwig Erhard took swift action in the country's defence crisis.

Lt. Gen. Johannes Steinhoff, a 52-year-old former fighter ace who shot down 167 planes in Second World War dogfights, was asked to take over as inspector-general of the Luftwaffe (air force).

Defence Minister Kai-uwe von Hassel announced the new appointments after conferring with Erhard on the crisis of confidence in the bundeswehr's (armed forces) civilian leadership.

Erhard earlier Thursday accepted the resignations of the three "rebel generals" who stepped down in protest at the defence chief's conduct of the ministry.

Bank Told No Discrimination

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP)—Nearly 14,000 United States banks eligible for federal deposits have been put on notice they must not discriminate against Negroes or others because of race or religion in their hiring practices.

President Johnson released Saturday details of a letter Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler has sent to top officers of the banks.

The letters said all government depositories are subject to the order, effective Nov. 30.

WRECK BEGAN COLONY

The colonization of Bermuda began when a British admiral's ship struck a nearby reef in 1609.

Decentralization Planned For NES

QUEBEC (CP)—The National Employment Service is to be decentralized into five regional zones whose directors will report directly to the director-general of the manpower department, Jean Marchand, minister of citizenship and immigration, said Saturday.

Mr. Marchand, former union leader, is in charge of getting the new department off the ground.

"The current effectiveness of the placement bureau is a weak link in the chain which must be reinforced or ameliorated, if not wholly renewed," he said.

The cabinet minister said decentralization is necessary because of the geographic vastness of Canada. The manpower department eventually would have a staff of 2,000, if not more.

The manpower department has been in operation for months under Mr. Marchand, though the departments status is not legal yet.

The minister was speaking during a conference organized by the International Association of Personnel and Employment Security and the industrial relations department of Laval University here.

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