

Decision On Strike Ballot Seen Made In U.S. Office

MONTREAL (CP) — CNR President Donald Gordon has told the railway's engineers that company negotiators "find it difficult to avoid the conclusion" that the decision to circulate a strike ballot among the engineers was made by the union's head office in Cleveland.

"I think you will agree with me that influence of this kind from outside Canada on a vital matter affecting your personal interests in Canada is highly undesirable," he said in a letter to the CNR's 2,800 engineers.

A strike ballot was sent to engineers of both the CNR and the CPR after conciliation board reports on their contract disputes with the companies were brought down late last year.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (Ind.) rejected the majority reports, but the railways put them into effect as of Jan. 1.

Mr. Gordon said in his letter, mailed last week, that O. J. Travers, assistant chief engineer of the union, had told the CNR the engineers would be asked their opinion of the conciliation board report.

QUOTES TRAVERS

He quoted Mr. Travers as saying this would be done without recommendation from the union's negotiating committee.

Consequently the question of whether the engineers approved of a strike "was not the kind of inquiry he had led management to believe would be asked."

Mr. Gordon said cheques totalling almost \$220,000 have been mailed to the engineers as replacement for the so-called arbitrary allowances. These are special payments, given engineers preparing for or ending a run, according to a set formula instead of on the basis of time actually worked.

Mr. Gordon said a union committee statement describing these payments as "selling a birthright for a mess of pottage" obviously is not fair since the committee does not mention that the CNR will pay wage increases totalling five per cent next Nov. 1 if an agreement is signed.

EARN \$7,000 YEARLY

The engineers now earn an average of \$7,200 a year.

"Reports reaching my office indicate that numerous attempts to muddy the waters and belaud the real issue are now being made," Mr. Gordon said.

"The real issue is whether your company shall be required to continue payment at high rates for work which is not performed, in the guise of arbitrary allowances."

These allowances called for 45 minutes pay for anchoring crews in Western Canada, although these exchanges could be made in three minutes, according to Mr. Gordon.

New Political Storm Gathers

LONDON (AP)—Britain has refused to take sides in the feud between Prime Minister Sir Roy Welensky of the Rhodesian Federation and Secretary-General U Thant of the United Nations over UN operations in the Congo's Katanga province.

As a result a new political storm has begun to gather over Britain, whose relations with the UN have been strained over its Congo policy.

One signal of trouble ahead was a charge by George Grown, acting leader of the opposition Labor Party, that Prime Minister Macmillan's government is refusing to co-operate with the world body.

The foreign office dissociated itself from a snub delivered to Thant by Welensky, who heads the Central African Federation of the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

WANTS OBSERVERS

The secretary-general last week proposed sending UN observers into Northern Rhodesia to see that there was no running of arms and privately-recruited soldiers into Katanga.

Welensky, a supporter of Katanga's President Moise Tshombe, refused.

Instead he invited Thant to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, to discuss the border situation and also Welensky's own accusations of UN atrocities against civilians in Katanga.

The British plains have not expressed themselves one way or another on Thant's precise request to set up observation posts in Northern Rhodesia. Britain's approval would be needed because it handles foreign relations for the semi-independent federation.

Fish Mission To Seek Sales

ST. JOHN'S (CP) — Edward Snow, managing director of Bay Roberts Fisheries, has been selected as one of a five-man trade mission to the Caribbean next month seeking markets for Canadian salt codfish.

Vice-president of the Newfoundland Fish Traders Association and a director of Newfoundland Association of Fish Exporters Limited, Mr. Snow will join representatives from Nova Scotia and Quebec on the month-long tour.

Ray Kinella, head of the fisheries branch of the federal department of trade and commerce, and one other official of that department will make the trip, Mr. Snow said here.

The group is scheduled to leave Ottawa Jan. 30, and will visit markets in Brazil, Trinidad, Barbados, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and the U.S.

ST. LOUIS

Mr. Alphonse Marchand of the RCME, has returned to his duties in Halifax, N.S., after spending Christmas with his wife and family in St. Louis.

Miss Velda Doucette employed in Halifax, N.S., and Miss Ida Doucette employed in Boston spent Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphy Doucette in DeBlois.

Miss Marguerite Perry of Dartmouth, N.S., spent Christmas at her home in St. Louis.

Mrs. Camille Perry left recently for Halifax, N.S., where she will visit for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters and four children of Halifax, N.S., are visiting at the home of Mr. Peter's mother, Mrs. Sylvan Peters in Palmer Road.

Miss Dorothy Gaudet has returned to Quebec after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gaudet and family.

Miss Myra Gaudet, nurse-in-training at the Charlottetown Hospital spent the holidays at her home in St. Louis.

Mr. John Perry of the Canadian Army stationed in Camp Gagetown, N.B., spent Christmas with his wife and family in St. Louis.

Miss Doris LeClair employed in Charlottetown spent the holidays at the home of her sister Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Gaudet and family.

Mrs. Delina Bernard of Halifax, N.S., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bernard in Palmer Road.

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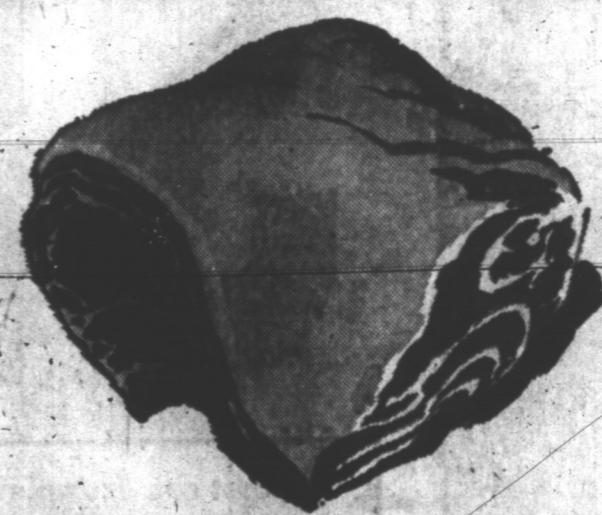
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