Union official says postal code boycott still on

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The postal code boycott is still on, at least until the executive of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) decides what to do about it.

They boycott campaign was started two years ago to show public and labour support for the postal workers who were demanding job protection from the effects of automation as well as a share in the benefits it Produced.

According to CUPW representative, Paul Mitchell, the boycott was a success and forced the government to include protection from automation in the recently signed contract.

Although little resistance was shown on providing basic protection Mitchell said the government used the boycott to deny the workers any share in the benefits.

He quoted Post-Master General Bryce Mackasay as saying the boycott was "100 percent effective" and then arguing that there weren't any benefits for the workers to share.

If the boycott is continued, and Mitchell said a final decision has not yet been made, the emphasis would have to be changed, stressing the need for a share in the benefits of automation.

But changing emphasis would not be the only problem facing a renewed postal boycott campaign.

Last October the government changed the Post Office Act making use of the code on 85 percent of any second, third or fourth class mail mandatory.

Mail which is not coded would pay first class postal rates, thereby economically penalizing those who would continue to support the boycott.

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Mitchell said he is not certain when the National Executive Board will meet to reconsider the boycott, but when asked if the union still had large stocks of boycott buttons, tee-shirts and other campaign materials, he said, "There is not much left".

Teaching positions open in business administration

UNB's School of Administration is in a position to hire at least 50 per cent of all the business doctorate graduates turned out in Canada this year, school chairman H.A. Sharp said Wednesday.

The school -- like almost all others in North America -- has been having difficulties finding qualified academics to fill teaching positions.

Sharp said the school still has eight teaching vacancies for next year, although some interviews have been arranged.

The shortage has been compounded by an increased enrollment in business administration across North America, he said, while many qualified professors are attracted to work in the private sector.

UNB is "competing for a different type of faculty," he said, "ones who are interested in teaching and research rather than consulting."

The school has "pretty strict limitations" -- one day a week -- on the amount of time a professor can spend in the lucrative consulting field during the academic year.

At present "the amount of consulting (done by professors) during the academic year is almost zero," he said.

The school attempts to hire Canadians first, he said, if qualified Canadians can be found.

With one exception all the present professors are Canadians or landed imigrants.

campus ministry available

A member of the campus ministry team will be available in room 33 of the Student Union Building Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. starting Jan. 12.

Six railways carry fewer passengers ; profits rise

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Canada's six major railways are carrying fewer passengers this year and making more money.

According to Statistics Canada, revenue freight-tons increased 3.6 percent in October 1975 compared to the year before, while passenger Miles decreased 21.4 percent.

As far as profits are concerned, railway revenue increased 16.9 percent during the first ten months of 1975 compared with the previous year costs increased only 15.5 percent, resulting in a net income of $42.7 million, up 189.4 percent from 1974.

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