

## Strike at Reynolds enters fifth week

Striking steelworkers at a local plant are still without a contract — five weeks later.

Approximately 170 members of United Steel Workers of America union, local 84-12, are on strike at Reynolds Extrusion Company Limited on Edward Street in Richmond Hill asking for a new contract to include higher wages, dental benefits and holidays.

Mediation talks between the company and the union broke off for the second time February 22

and union local president, Dennis Smith of Richmond Hill said he felt the company "made no effort".

"We're open to question and negotiation on any issue holding up the signing of the contract," said Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith said a letter was sent by Reynolds Extrusion to each of the striking employees advising them the company has a new attractive two-year package which will pay back time to November of 1978.

The company originally offered a three-year contract.

But "the company must have lost the offer because they never produced it that day (February 22)," said the union local president, "and they've not revealed any information."

In this letter sent to employees the company outlined the issues involved in the strike as they saw them including the fact that a different contract date was not acceptable to the company, but they would be willing to negotiate providing the union drop the date of contract issue.

Mr. Smith speaking for the union, said the ratification date was not an issue but the union did not like the company putting "pre-conditions" on the negotiations.

"We're open to negotiation on any point," he reiterated.

Representative for the company, Al Potter, maintained his stand to The Liberal that company policy is not to get involved in a battle on issues through the press, and would not comment.

So far, the strike has been a quiet one with about 70 strikers picketing each week, around the clock, 7 days a week.

Friday a transport trailer from Michigan arrived at the Richmond Hill plant to pick up extruded shapes produced in January before the strike.

Police were called to prevent violence and none occurred.

"We're not there to break the law," said Mr. Smith, "and we do not intend to harass anyone but we will continue our picket line."

Mr. Smith said union picket money for the workers had been increased by 50 per cent — from \$40 to \$60 and money was in the bank for payment of OHIP premiums.

## Richvale residents still concerned over rezoning

Almost one year later the town of Richmond Hill planning committee is still trying to please Richvale residents concerning the rezoning of their properties.

With the advent of the new official plan designating the area "fully serviced" south urban residential, and the arrival of sewers last year, the town has prepared changes in zoning that in many areas would reduce maximum frontages allowing many residents to split their properties for development.

Many residents have aired objections to the rezoning saying the change will result in a change in the character of the area and their life style.

Others feel their property value will decrease while others fear the loss of open space and increased traffic density and noise.

Meetings on the subject intensified in March of 1978 with town planning committee studying staff research reports on the area, and have continued both in public, for further discussion with area residents, and in planning committee.

Council chambers were filled last Tuesday evening for a meeting of planning committee when these matters were again reviewed, with residents making appeals both for and against the rezoning.

The general planning rationale or philosophy, according to a report from the Commissioner of Planning, Bill Power, said the installation of the sanitary sewer has reflected an evolving redevelopment trend in the Richvale area.

The report states a transition is occurring as a result of the change from rural to urban services. Old frame houses are being replaced with new brick structures and the requirement of large lots designed for septic tile fields is no longer applicable.

New bylaws are to facilitate a proper and orderly redevelopment of the individual areas.

Town staff feel no physical problems or impediments will result from the rezoning with water and sewer services sufficient, school accommodation available and increased traffic will distribute itself in all directions.

Areas discussed Tuesday as "deferred areas" will now have the appropriate bylaw amendment prepared and will then go to council for adoption.

Bylaws already passed and circulated, but brought up for discussion Tuesday evening will now go to the Ontario Municipal Board, along with the objections.

Planning Commissioner Bill Power, said in all likelihood the OMB will hold public hearings on these particular issues — but probably not for four to six months.



## Baptist minister welcomed March 6

Richmond Hill is bigger than Hinton, Alberta, but the town's new Baptist church minister, Rev. Paul Virr, is sure he is going to like it.

Pastor Virr, his wife, Inez, and his children Lois, 17, Elizabeth, 15, David 13 and Sarah-Leigh, 5, began their ministry at Richmond Hill Baptist Church January 14 and Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. the church members have scheduled a welcoming service.

The new minister views his ministry at Richmond Hill Baptist as one of leading the people "upward to God in worship, inward to the body of believers in ministry, and outward to the community in service."

"A balance is required in all three areas if a church is to function according to the scriptural pattern," he said. Music for the occasion will be presented by a Ladies Ensemble from Calvary Baptist Church in Oakville, and sister congregations as well as friends and acquaintances, are invited to share the evening of fellowship as members of the congregation welcome Pastor and Mrs. Virr into their church family.

## Absent trustees will penalize themselves

With an 11-4 vote, Separate School trustees decided to penalize themselves for missing any board meeting or standing committee in future.

There is already a section in the Education Act which states: "A board may provide for a deduction of a reasonable amount from the allowance meetings of the board."

Director of Education John Zupancic, on instruction from Chairman Larry Pelliccione, added six clauses to the board's existing Policy 25, dealing with trustee allowances. They were passed with little opposition.

A trustee will now lose half his or her monthly honorarium for missing a regular or special board meeting called by the chairman. The penalty will be waived as long as prior notice of absence is given to either the chairman or the secretary-treasurer of the board.

By missing a meeting of either the education or management committee (depending upon assignment) trustees must forfeit 25 per cent of their monthly honorarium.

Other strict measures of the policy include the taking of attendance at each meeting (recorded in the minutes) and the recording of late arrivals or early departures of trustees at the appropriate point in the minutes.

When trustees are found derelict in their duties, it will be Superintendent of Business Administration Ed Joyce's job to make the corresponding deductions.

The only one vehemently opposed to the motion was Markham Trustee Dan Di Rocco. "I'm opposed to the intention of the motion making trustees attend meetings, although it does not state it that way, because I don't see why he or she wouldn't attend the appropriate meeting," he said.

Mr. Di Rocco went on to say trustees are elected by their constituents and if they are failing to fulfill their responsibilities, it is up to the electors to remove them.

He claimed the board has no business telling a trustee whether he should be at a meeting or not.

The chairman said the board wasn't discussing what or what isn't its business but an addition to a ministry regulation.

There already exists a rule stating a trustee can be terminated for missing three consecutive meetings.

Di Rocco didn't like the idea of trustees "individually penalizing fellow trustees".

The trustee who had requested the chairman to consider the addition to the policy, Con Thompson of Richmond Hill was absent.

## Notice to Residents of Thornhill

### RECONSTRUCTION WORK ON HIGHWAY 11 STARTS MARCH 1, 1979

Work will include widening and paving of Highway 11, installation of storm sewers, widening of CNR structure, and improvements at the intersections of Highway 11 and existing side streets.

MTC awarded the contract for this reconstruction (Hwy 11 from Steeles Ave. to Highway 7) to Repac Construction Ltd.

The contract is scheduled to be completed July 31, 1980.

Certain modifications to traffic operations on side streets will be required during the construction period.

Two driving lanes will be provided on the following streets at all times:

Crestwood Ave., Meadowview Rd., Clark Ave., Elgin St., Arnold Ave., John St., Uplands Ave., Highway 7B and Royal Orchard Blvd.

Any one or combination of the remaining side streets in the construction area may be closed to traffic for a period not exceeding six continuous hours at one time.

During the period any of the side streets are closed to traffic, the adjacent side streets (to the north and south) will be open to vehicular traffic, to provide residents with an alternate route.

Vehicular and pedestrian access to private homes, businesses and off-street parking areas fronting on Highway 11 will be maintained at all times.

During the reconstruction work, Highway 11 traffic will be maintained, though restricted to a single lane at times.

Your co-operation throughout the construction period is appreciated.

For further information please contact: R. Dixon, Project Supervisor, 495-0117.

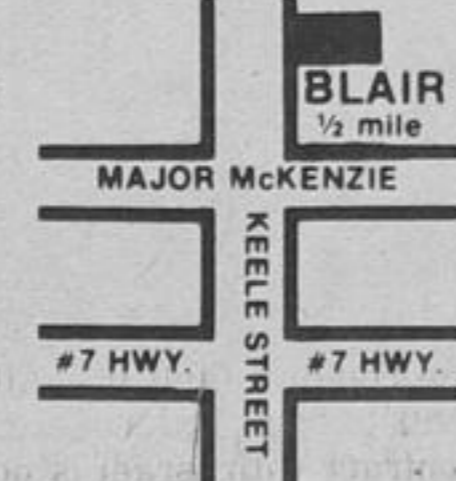


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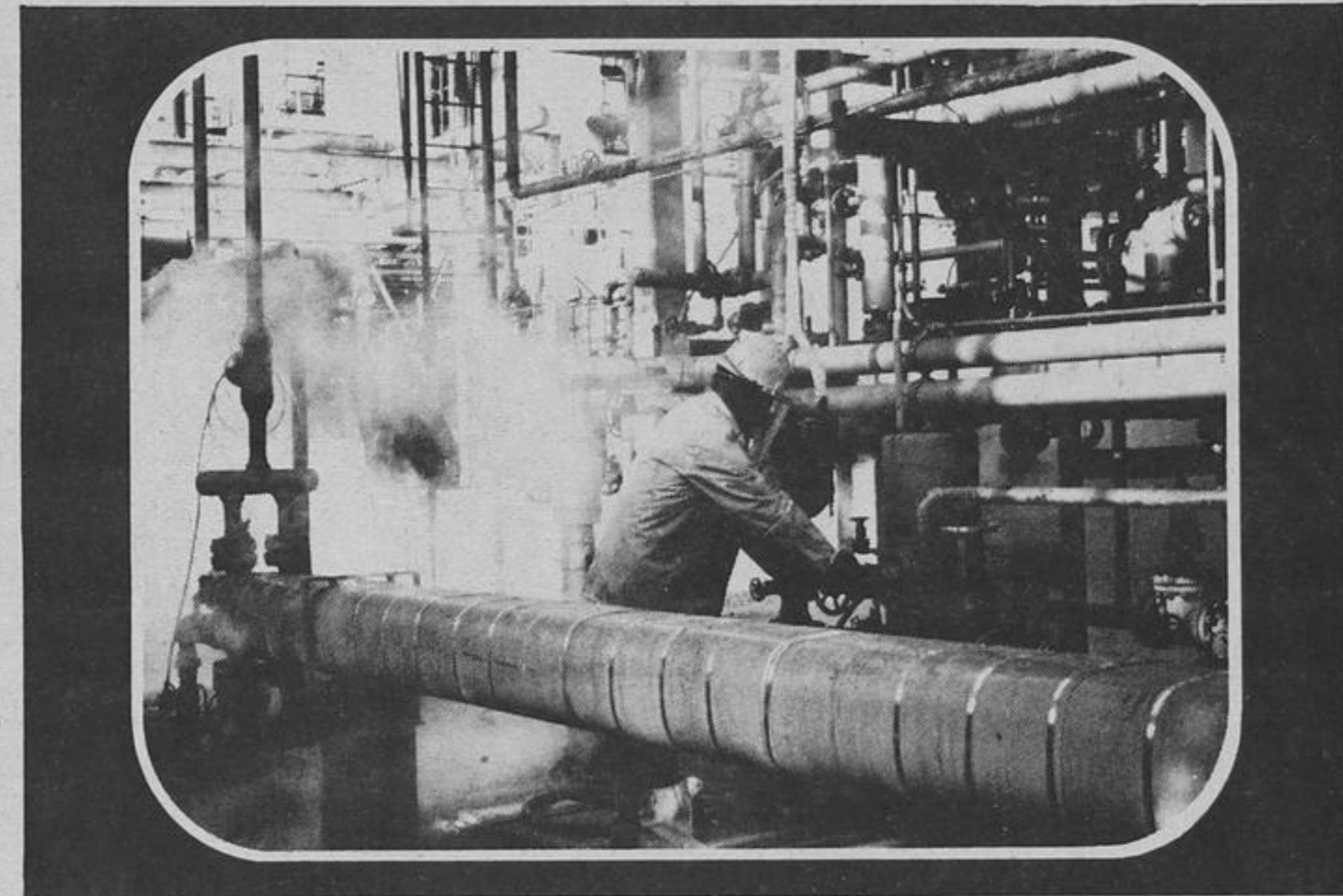
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