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go through until after his Ministry meets with dairy representatives to establish its timing.

"We don't intend to pass the other regulation immediately, because there are a number of companies using the plastic-coated paper containers. In all fairness, we must allow these companies enough time to decide on an alternative container and to gear their operation to it," he said.

"The one-way plastic jugs have just been test-marketed by one company," Mr. Auld said, "so we can take immediate action there."

He said Ontario's action on these containers is the first step in attacking the added load that disposable packaging places on waste disposal.

"We are taking a positive approach to the problem that is in tune with the growing concern of a public that is increasingly conscious of pollution."

ONTARIO HYDRO'S STRIKE CONTINUES

Ontario Hydro supervisory personnel continued to handle most of the supply of power to the province and meet other operating commitments as the strike of the 12,000 member Local 1000, Canadian Union of Public Employees against the utility entered its fourth week.

"For a number of days last week only 800 union workers were on the job across the province," said Jack Hamer, Area Manager for Ontario Hydro.

"CUPE attempted to provide notice to Ontario Hydro that shift workers at generating and transformer stations would return to work prior to the weekend.

The Commission told the Union these people would not be accepted back to work before Monday morning, permitting supervisory staff to operate the stations on a previously planned schedule without the disruption of further possible walkouts," said Mr. Hamer.

He said that with the stations being operated by management staff all week, CUPE's motives in having shift workers return immediately before the weekend, which carries premium pay, appeared questionable.

Of added concern was the lack of guarantee as to how long Union staff would remain on the job, and under the circumstances, whether the public interest would best be served by the Union's proposition," said Mr. Hamer.

Union staff at operating offices such as the Thunder Bay area office returned across the province on Friday but about 500 of them in various locations walked off

the job before noon. So for management staff who had been working long hours to keep the area operating there was little rest.

The Union has yet to reply to a wages and benefits offer made to CUPE Local 1000 May 2nd, nor is there any indication of its intention of returning to the bargaining table.

Mr. Hamer said that the Commission has a responsibility to power users in Ontario to see that a settlement with the Union is a reasonable one, since it is bound to have an effect on rates paid for electricity.

Under the proposal a top-rated operator at the Pickering Nuclear Station now earning \$6.36 an hour would move to \$6.61 in the first year of the contract and \$6.88 an hour in the second year of the contract. Such operators work on rotating shifts throughout a seven-day week, and actually earn at least \$1.00 an hour in premiums above the basic rate.

Hydro has also proposed that new steps be added to the present wage schedules so that staff acquired in the future would be hired at rates closer to those of other industries in the community. This would mean that in 1972, a girl with a knowledge of typing who was hired directly from Grade 12 as an office junior would receive \$89.80 a week on 1972. A girl hired in 1973 under the same conditions would receive \$95.19 a week. At present the hiring rate for office juniors is \$100.81, well above the community average.

Anybody presently hired would not be affected by the new starting rate, but would move up in steps equalling six per cent in each of the contract's two years.

SUMMERSOUNDS '72 IN TERRACE BAY AUG. 10

Two groups of 35 Ontario musicians from age 13 to 22 will make a six-week tour this summer to 70 communities all over the province. Miss Leslie Thompson of Terrace Bay will be one of these 35 as she successfully auditioned for Summersounds.

For 70 young people, Summersounds '72 will mean a summer of making music while having an all-expenses paid tour of Ontario. For thousands of music lovers throughout the province, Summersounds '72 will mean concerts featuring original music. And for local musicians, Summersounds '72 will mean a chance to learn about music by exchanging ideas with the performers.

Marc Boyman, director of the programme, hopes