

Dock strike threatens 10,000 jobs here

By DAVE BIRKLAND

If it continues, the International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's strike could idle as many as 10,000 workers in King County by the end of the month.

The estimate comes from a Port of Seattle official and includes the 1,200 striking union members in the Seattle area.

Vac Breindl, assistant director of planning and research for the port, said the jobs affected beyond the strikers includes businesses which import raw materials, or export finished goods through the Seattle port facilities.

Breindl estimates that the total loss in revenues could amount to \$22 million per month when all ocean freight, customs duties, manufacturing industry sales, and losses to wholesale and retail manufacturers is added.

JULY, the first month of the strike is calculated to have lost the port \$185,000, but that will increase to \$250,000 per month because most port leases contain strike clauses, reducing rents after the first month of a strike.

Beyond those directly affected by the strike, industries relying on imports are also beginning to feel a pinch.

A Seattle Toyota dealer said because a few new cars have arrived, July, normally a good sales month, has been his worst this year.

In the past six weeks he has received only 40 new cars, via railroad and truck shipment from Vancouver,

B. C., when he normally would have received 80 or 90.

TOYOTAS are ordinarily unloaded in Portland and Tacoma. The additional freight costs average between \$90 and \$100 per car, the dealer said. The factory picks up about \$70 of the cost; with the rest being passed on to the purchaser.

Jim Stein, president of Auto Warehousing Co., 16 S. Spokane St., whose firm services for delivery Datsuns, Volkswagens and Mazdas at the Seattle docks, said he had to lay off 15 of his 40 employees.

Stein said he usually handles between 2,500 and 3,000 imported cars per month for Seattle-area distribution. One lucky break, he said, was about 1,800 Datsuns that were delivered just before the strike.

Seattle firms which service freighters with food and other materials also have been hurt by the strike-bound docks. There are 12 to 15 such firms.

THE ONLY thing Trident Imports, Pier 56, has received since July 1 is a shipment of English biscuits and some curry from England, says Charles Peterson, owner. Both came via truck from Vancouver, B. C.

"We have 33 different shipments on board ships somewhere that we can't get at," Peterson said.

What really hurts, Peterson said, is the money tied up in the idled freight. "It hasn't affected sales yet, but our stocks are slowly thinning out." He said he has already had to lay off several warehouse personnel.

Pier Imports, which sells goods from 63 different countries, has the same problems. Stocks are thinning, but, so far, sales haven't been hurt, according to Tom Doyie, manager.

THE STRIKE has sent Hal Griffith, owner of the Pirates Plunder, Pier 57, scrambling after goods from new sup-

pliers. It also has put a crimp in the Christmas buying, Griffith said.

Woody Auge, owner of the Chubby Tubby stores, said his back-to-school supplies are sitting on ships "somewhere."

"We haven't been hurt too bad so far," Auge said. "We'll just have to sell it a little later."

What is being brought to Seattle by truck from Canada is costing more, however.

Three different sources said it is costing about \$20 per ton more for trucked freight.

The trucking business between Seattle and Vancouver, B. C., is booming. One trucking official said his business has shifted to Van-

couver instead of picking up freight from Seattle docks.

ONE TRUCKING firm owner, Harold Maust, of Maust Transfer Co., Pier 54, said he has refused to join the rush to truck goods from Vancouver. It would wear out the equipment, he said, and besides the profit is so slim it wouldn't be worth it.

Maust said he has had to lay off 28 of his 38 truck drivers who normally work the Seattle docks.

One food distributor said it is still bringing in over 800 tons of bananas per week, but it's coming by truck and is costing "substantially more."

It is now speculated that the strike here may last be-

yond September 30, when contracts run out for East and Gulf Coast longshoremen.

Gov. Dan Evans has appealed to both management and labor to "get serious" in their negotiations. Threatened, Evans says, is the \$106 million Eastern Washington wheat crop, most of which is exported.

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Candy makers OK pay raise

Candy workers who Thursday struck six Seattle and Tacoma manufacturing plants yesterday won their argument over the amount of a pay raise.

In a special two-hour federal-mediation session in Tacoma, union officials and a representative of the Industrial Conference Board, negotiating for the manufacturers, agreed that an 8 per cent wage increase next year will be based on 1971 rather than 1970 wages.

A two-year agreement that went into effect July 1 called for a 9 per cent boost the first year of the contract and an 8 per cent raise the second year. Pickets were sent

to the plants Friday when employers contended the 8 per cent should be based on 1970 wages.

Barney Toner, federal mediator, immediately called the special session. He said complete agreement was reached and a memorandum of agreement was signed.

The contract affects 400 candy workers in Seattle Local 371 and Tacoma Local 126, Bakery and Confectionary Workers. The agreement is with Society Candy Co., Vernell's Fine Candies, Rogers Candy Co., Hyde Candy Co. and the Washington Chocolate Co., all of Seattle, and Brown & Haley of Tacoma.

(Phone workers approve contract. E 1.)

15-week strike

More talks set with Weyerhaeuser Co.

SALEM, Ore. — (AP) — Exploratory talks in a 15-week strike against the Weyerhaeuser Co. were scheduled to continue this week-end after an 11-hour session Friday.

Gov. Tom McCall and federal mediators met with representatives from the company and the striking Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers.

A statement issued by McCall at the close of Friday's session said several areas of possible solution were uncovered during the talks.

"The parties were urged to reassess their positions on the items in dispute, and the talks have been recessed to give them an opportunity to do so," the statement said.

The governor said the discussion was expected to resume "no later than Sunday morning."

The strike, which began May 8, has affected 2,400 workers at six Weyerhaeuser plants in Oregon and Washington.

Among those at Friday's meeting were John Zancanaro of San Francisco, assistant regional director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and Leroy Smith, a federal mediator from Portland.

The union negotiating team was headed by Ferris Bryson of Everett, Wash., and Lowry Wyatt of Tacoma, Wash., an ex-vice president of Weyerhaeuser, headed the company unit.

Academy honors two Seattle cadets

Ralph R. Rake, 3440 14th Ave. S., was presented the Washington National Guard Association Trophy for academic achievement during graduation exercises yesterday at the Washington Military Academy, Camp Murray, Tacoma.

Rake was one of 30 Army reservists and guardsmen, including 11 from Seattle, graduated from the academy and commissioned second lieutenant after a 330-hour course.

Allen E. Michler, 14537 eighth Ave. N. E., was given the Lieutenant Hitchcock Memorial Trophy for being the most inspirational cadet in the class.

Maj. Thomas F. Hohensinner, academy commandant, said the class was rated the best of similar academies in 12 Western states by a 6th Army inspector.

Man killed as he is thrown from vehicle

Associated Press

Kitsap S. Cultee, 30, Marietta, Whatcom County, was fatally injured early yesterday when the car in which he was riding ran off the road, rolled over and threw him from the vehicle, the State Patrol said. The accident happened about a quarter mile west of Marietta.

In Spokane, a motorcycle-truck collision shortly before midnight Friday took the life of a Spokane girl and critically injured a young man.

Officials said Ann Munyan, 16, died at a hospital following the accident.

William Tremblay, 19, Fairchild Air Force Base, was listed in critical condition.

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