

Protestors badger Broomfield over nuclear stand

By Robert Downes
staff writer

The jobs of a number of Birmingham city employees could be saved due to a precedent-setting agreement by members of Teamsters Local 214, who have

accepted a wage freeze for the coming year in return for assurances that four of their members will not be laid off. The agreement has opened the door for other city unions to save jobs as well, in the face of anticipated lay-offs. Until Monday night, the city had

been considering the cutback of as many as 25 city employees. (Down from 27, due to retirements.) The cuts were deemed necessary last February, due to a projected budget deficit of \$21,000. But a vote by the 48 members of

Teamsters Local 214 late Monday afternoon has prompted a new proposal. If the four other city unions agree to forgo a contracted 7 percent wage increase for the coming year, their jobs could be saved as well. "Mainly, the group was concerned

about saving their jobs and those of their fellow workers," said Eugene Folk, union steward for Local 214.

LOCAL 214 represents the Department of Public Services, which is made up of the recently merged departments of public works and parks and recreation.

Prior to the agreement with the city, it was proposed that public services would lose one park maintenance position, one chipper operator position, two laborer positions and a DPW superintendent position. The reduction of two full-time positions to half time was also proposed.

Two retirements in the department reduced the number of positions to be lost to four.

Folk said that the union voted 26-12 in favor of the new one-year contract with the city at a meeting held at the public services building.

"Perhaps this can be a guide to other unions," said Commissioner Gary Kalin.

He proposed circulating a copy of the agreement to other city unions in the hope that they, too, would consider a wage freeze.

City Manager Robert Kenning said that if other city unions decided to accept a wage freeze, it would offset the expected deficit and make lay-offs unnecessary.

At present, the wages and benefits paid to Birmingham's 190 employees amount to roughly 80 percent of the city's \$10 million budget.

THE ACTUAL amount of the deficit which the city faces for the upcoming year is approximately \$800,000. That figure would be reduced to \$521,000 if the city moves ahead with a plan to increase its tax levy by 4.3 percent. The 4.3 percent figure was chosen because it is equal to the increase in the average cost of living for 1982 over the average for 1981.

Besides the wage freeze and the assurances of jobs through June 30, 1984, the new Teamsters contract provides a number of options in the event that other city unions receive raises and either retain jobs or lose them. The contract also provides for increased dental coverage.

obituaries

RICHARD P. HURDART

Mr. Hurdart, 82, of West Bloomfield died March 28 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Born in Illinois, Mr. Hurdart was a retired editor of the Detroit News. Survivors include his daughter, Mary McIntosh, and four grandchildren. Services were April 2 at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. William P. Saum II officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

STANLEY W. MELCHER

Mr. Melcher, 79, of Farmington died March 31 in St. Marys Hospital, Livonia.

Mr. Melcher was a traffic manager for Automobile Manufacturing before retiring. Survivors include his wife, Reatha; sisters, Helen Riles and Marion Purdy. Services were April 4 in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. T. Richard Hartsch officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

JAMES P. TOMPKINS

Mr. Tompkins, 55, of Farmington Hills died March 31 in Grand Rapids. Born in Ohio, Mr. Tompkins was district sales manager for Columbia Steel & Casting Company. He was a World War II Navy veteran and received the World War II Victory Ribbon.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia; daughters, Sarah Hovey, Mary Beth and Kathy; mother, Estella Tompkins and one grandchild. Services were April 2 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. William A. Ritter officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia.

PEARL E. LUARK

Mrs. Luark, 79, of Detroit died April 1 in Redford Community Hospital.

Mrs. Luark was a homemaker. Survivors include her children, Mabel Traud, Ella Traud, Leslie Luark, Delores Province and Evelyn Slaw; sisters, Beatrice McKenzie and Elsie Comb; brothers, Richard, Fred and Oscar Cling; 22 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Services were April 5 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Richard Duncan officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

LOYD M. RUSSELL

Mr. Russell, 82, of Florida, formerly of Farmington, died April 2 in South Miami Hospital, Fla.

Survivors include his daughters, Judith O'Malley and Karen Russell-Corace; sisters, Mildred Wright, Wanda Milton and Leone Hulse; one grandchild.

Services were April 7 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. William A. Ritter officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

FREDERICK W. MINES

Mr. Mines, 69, of Farmington died April 4 in St. Marys Hospital, Livonia.

Mr. Mines worked for National Bank of Detroit for 42 years. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; sons, Thomas, David, Christopher and Robert; brothers, George and Walter. Services were April 7 at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Don Van Dyke officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

WILSON HACKETT

Mr. Hackett, 81, of Waco, Texas, for-

merly of Detroit, died April 4 in Valley Grand Manor Convalescent Home.

Mr. Hackett was a retired teacher for the Detroit Public Schools.

Survivors include his son, Ralph and a daughter, June Gorman; six grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were April 8 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Jeffrey Diner of Nardin Park United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

MARY RUTH HOOD

Mrs. Hood, 81, of Farmington died April 4 in St. Marys Hospital, Livonia.

Mrs. Hood was a homemaker. Survivors include her sons, John and Thomas; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were April 7 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. William A. Ritter officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Erie, Mich.

ROBERT G. LOOMIS, SR.

Mr. Loomis, 84, of Detroit died April 6 in Northern Nursing Home.

Mr. Loomis was the retired president of Redford Dairy Co., past president of Ice Cream Association of Greater Detroit, past president of the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club of Farmington, past president of the Exchange Club of Redford and a member of the Western Golf Club.

Survivors include his sons, William, Robert Jr. and Don; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were April 9 at Ross B. Northern and Son Funeral Home with the Rev. David W. Sherwin officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

EMIL KRAMER

Mr. Kramer, 71, of Livonia died March 31.

Born in Ohio, Mr. Kramer was a design checker for the automotive industry.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Mae; a daughter, Kay Wack and a son, Ken; brother, Bill and three grandchildren.

Services were April 2 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. George A. Fleischer officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia.



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