

# **Postal convention delegates suggest** rejecting proposed national contract

Booing and jeering their union president, delegates to the National

Association of Letter Carriers convention have recommended the nation's 170,000 mail carriers reject a proposed national postal contract. The 4,300 delegates, meeting in Chicago, recommended by voice

vote Monday their members reject

to ratify the contract. The results are expected in about three weeks. In Newark, N.J., Monday a fed-eral judge issued a preliminary in-junction barring the New York

Metro local of the American Postal Workers Union from conducting a New York local and a vocal oppo-nent of the contract proposal. strike vote

New York postal workers have been among the most vocal opponents of the proposed contract and New York City union leaders were among those leading the rejection of the contract at the letter carriers' convention.

The delegates greeted national President Joseph Vacca with boos and catcalls when he was introduced at the convention in McCormick Place

'It's the first time that a president has been booed like that and not received a standing ovation," said Vincent R. Sombropto, leader of the

nent of the contract proposal. Delegates said Vacca's chilly re-ception reflected the deep division within the 175,000-member union over the proposed contract.

The union president also was jeered when he read provisions of the controversial agreement, which calls for a 19.5 percent wage increase during a three-year period. The union had sought a 17 percent pay increase over two years. In a statement issued later, Vacca

said he remained committed to ratification of the contract because it contains a "decent pay package" and unprecedented work rule improvements.

In Newark Monday, U.S Judge Frederick B. Lacey s New York Metro local of the can Postal Workers Union co encourage, participate in ors a strike vote for its 23,000 w because a walkout would be il

"A strike is against the law United States," Lacey said." can perceive no basis in whi union or its leadership encourage or set up such ast

Michael Klein, the union ney, said he was not sure w the union is planning to Lacey's ruling or what altern tion it might take.

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**United Press International** WASHINGTON — The Senate Banking Committee Tuesday voted unanimously to authorize the first American coin to honor a real woman — a dollar bearing the image of 19th century suffragette

whether Americans really want a all. new \$1 coin.

Garn said the government may be 'minting a new Edsel." He said he will offer an amend-

The legislation was approved after ment calling for a national survey to determine the coin's "potential for determine the coin's "potential for

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by Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, to delay passage for six months while an ex-tensive survey is conducted on dication that it will be accepted at

Committee aides said they hope the legislation will gain final con-gressional approval and be sent to President Carter before Congress adjourns for the year in October.

"We are trying to rush it through, and I think we will just get in under the wire," a committee staffer said. If approved, the Treasury hopes to have 500 million of the new coins

in circulation by mid-1979. Issuance of the new coin had stir-red up controversy because the Treasury wanted to place the symbolic Miss Liberty on the new coin, saying the image would honor all women and not just one individual. The Senate version of the new coin would differ from a similar annually.

### Anthony's likeness on one sid depiction of the Apollo 11 ma on the other. The House bil depict a soaring American the reverse side of the Anthon trait. Sen. William Proxmire,

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House bill, which was approve

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chairman of the banking par the Anthony coin garnered varied and comprehensive from major women's group bill he had seen in his 20-y

nate career. The Treasury, which drop original opposition to the A coin earlier this month, said

## Michigan police che for gas fumes in hom

MILAN, Mich. - Authorities made a house-by-house inspection Tuesday of about 450 evacuated homes checking for fumes from gasoline that was dumped accidentally into the small community's sewer system.

Police officer Bruce Bacon said the 1,000 to 1,500 persons who were evacuated from their homes on the sewer system. community's northeast side Monday were allowed to return to their residential areas at 8 a.m. EDT Tuesday, but were prevented from entering the homes until the check was completed.

'It is still an emergency and will be until the inspec finished," Bacon said. "We're house to house so it will take for everyone to get home."

The 20-block area was eva when a fuel truck makingad to a gas station mistakenly, Gas fumes sparked at

minor explosion and "two small house fires," Bacon s Crews worked through night pumping the gasoline sewer system

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