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Producers, striking actors resume talks after cool-off

United Press International
HOLLYWOOD — A nine day cooling-off period ordered by a federal mediator ends today, and producers and striking actors are back at the bargaining table to try to end the actor's eight-week walkout. The actors want a share of the

home video-pay television market. The Screen Actors Guild said the union last wanted 4.5 percent of the gross in actors' residual payments after nine playing days for each movie shown; producers offered 4.25 percent after 13 playing days.

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Douglas: memoirs of court years

United Press International
WASHINGTON — In memoirs scheduled for release next month, the late Justice William O. Douglas defends his 36 years on the Supreme Court and his controversial high public profile.

During his lifetime, Douglas, who died last Jan. 19 at age 81, lobbied for conservation, took part in international projects, promoted peace in Vietnam and counseled presidents. But controversy also surrounded many of his actions, and he faced two attempts to remove him from the nation's highest court.

Douglas wrote the autobiography, published by Random House, in part after he was forced by illness to retire in 1975. The first volume of his memoirs, "Go East Young Man," described his life before his appointment to the court in 1939.

The new volume, "The Court Years, 1939-1975," covers crucial rulings of his era. Although it discloses little new about behind-the-scenes decision making, Douglas explains his controversial actions in the

Japanese internment case and the Rosenberg spy case.

Douglas said he regretted his vote that allowed the government to round up Japanese on the West Coast.

He said he wrote a separate opinion opposing internment of the Japanese in concentration camps. "I have always regretted that I bowed to my elders and withdrew my opinion," he said.

Douglas was threatened with lynching and impeachment when he temporarily blocked the execution of convicted spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in 1953. He said their lawyer presented a new issue which deserved consideration by the full court. In a special session, the court overruled him the next day.

A second impeachment resolution was introduced by then-Rep. Gerald Ford after two of Richard Nixon's appointees were rejected for posts on the Supreme Court, Douglas said.

"Ford and his associates were planning a Roman Holiday in the summer of 1970, with my impeach-

ment as the main event," Douglas recounted.

Of Chief Justice Warren Burger, Douglas said, "While he would not throw out the Fifth Amendment (guaranteeing due process of law), he certainly would dilute it."

Douglas accused Justice Thurgood Marshall of a "lawless" breach of court rules in overturning his order blocking the bombing of Cambodia. "Nixon men" put pressure on Marshall, Douglas concluded.

President Dwight Eisenhower was "insensitive to the implications of... massive gifts to him from key men in the establishment," and John

Kennedy "was indeed a playboy public office up to 1958," Douglas observed.

Lyndon Johnson was a "fair-weather friend" who refused to speak to him after the Rosenberg case. Douglas said he had planned to retire in 1969 — his 50th anniversary on the court, but delayed because of Richard Nixon.

"I changed my mind about retiring and decided to stay on indefinitely until the last hound dog had stopped snapping at my heels," he said, "and that promised to be a long time as Nixon naturally wanted to keep my seat on the court."

9-digit ZIP codes meet skepticism

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Postmaster General William Bolger is pressing ahead with plans for a new nine-digit ZIP code, but his agency first must answer questions from a skeptical congressman and other foes. Rep. Richardson Preyer, D-N.C., has asked top postal officials to appear before his House subcommittee this week to justify the need for the latest pesky red tape for Americans — adding four more digits in ZIP codes.

Preyer believes Americans already juggle too many numbers in their lives and contends the Postal Service is being less than honest in pledging the new codes will be voluntary.

"Can you imagine trying to struggle with your Christmas card list with a different nine-number ZIP code for every single card?" asked one congressional staffer.

The new codes, which simply add four more numbers to the current 16-year-old code system, will provide data necessary for automated equipment to arrange mail in bundles sorted to individual city blocks.

Bolger, who announced plans in 1979 for the shift to nine digits, said the change is mainly aimed at business. He said it would speed mail delivery and cut by more than half the manpower needed to process mail.

Business firms provide 80 percent of the Postal Service's mail volume, so if they alone accept the new code, it could be a success. Bolger provides incentives, Bolger is promising a special "pre-sort" mailing rate cheaper than the current price of first-class stamps for companies that fully code their mail.

Starting in February, the Postal Service plans to begin notifying businesses of the new codes so they can update mailing lists — possibly with the help of a Postal Service master list of all addresses in the country (no names will be attached to protect privacy).

Dave McLean, a Postal Service spokesman, said government agencies and smaller businesses will be notified of new ZIP codes in the spring and summer, and the public will be mailed notifications of residential ZIP codes next fall.

"We are, by the way, not claiming that this is necessarily going to speed up mail delivery," McLean added. But, he said, "It definitely is going to be a money saver for us, and those costs will help hold down postal rates."

Preyer's subcommittee is worried companies could use the more precise ZIP codes for sophisticated forms of discrimination. "With this magnified opportunity to zero in on a handful of people through coding, what concerns me is the tremendous temptation to refine 'redlining' to a new art and rule out certain ZIP code holders from credit and other opportunities," he said.

Chemical co. fined for sterilization rule

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is seeking penalties of more than \$82,000 against a Utah chemical company requiring women to be sterilized to work in lead-exposed areas.

The agency proposed penalties totaling \$82,765 against the Bunker Hill Co. of Kellogg, Idaho, for 108 alleged violations of federal occupational safety and health regulations.

The agency made its only other such citation against American Cyanamid on Oct. 9, 1979. That citation is under appeal to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The agency, part of the Labor De-

partment, proposed a \$10,000 fine against Bunker Hill — a subsidiary of Gulf Resources & Chemical Corp., which operates a primary lead smelter — for the sterilization policy.

Bunker Hill was cited for a "corporate policy which required women employees to be sterilized in order to be eligible to work in areas of the plant where they would be exposed to lead."

Occupational exposure to lead can cause damage to the nervous, urinary and reproductive systems, and studies have linked such exposure to defects in offspring of workers.

The agency said Bunker Hill could not seek to eliminate the hazard to women employees from excessive lead exposure by forcing them to choose between their jobs and sterilization.

Other alleged willful violations at Bunker Hill included one for excess lead exposure in eating areas, carrying another \$10,000 proposed penalty, and two dealing with the company's failure to comply with biological monitoring of lead standards, with fines totaling \$5,400.

The government also alleged four repeat violations, carrying \$7,000 in fines. Charges include deficiencies in record-keeping and respiratory protection, and violations of OSHA's arsenic standard.

The remaining 100 alleged violations accounted for an additional \$50,365 in fines.

The firm has 15 days to contest the citations and fines to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

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Traffic controllers plan possible national strike

United Press International
CHICAGO — The union representing the nation's 16,500 air traffic controllers has ordered its local chapters to have plans ready by today for an apparent nationwide strike, the Chicago Tribune reported Sunday.

The Tribune learned of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization's plan in a confidential union document obtained by the newspaper.

Union sources told the newspaper no strike is planned today but the union wants to prepare for the March 15 expiration of its contract with the

Federal Aviation Administration. The union document, ordered local chapters to gear up its machinery, was prepared April 1979 by Robert E. Poli, the union's president in Washington. It advises the membership that strikes by federal employees are illegal, saying the union could attempt to fire striking controllers.

The document calls for the chapters to line up local strike headquarters and establish committees on internal communications, safety, welfare, picketing and solidarity by today.

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