



OSCI's serene exterior belies controversy within.

OSCI keeps mum

"They made no modification of their proposals, seem to have no authority to make agreements, have no imagination or creativity in finding a resolution or they are refusing to recognize the rights of the employes under the contract."

That's how OSEA negotiator Tom Gallagher sums up the situation in the negotiations between OSEA and the Oregon State Correctional Institution (OSCI). Although there are only four articles at issue in the mid-term re-opener of the agency contract, the management negotiators have refused to settle any of them.

"I have never dealt with a group of people who were

harder to communicate with," according to Gallagher. "There has been a total failure to communicate despite all of OSEA's efforts. You can't talk to a wall," he said.

The dispute quickly went to mediation when it became apparent initial negotiations were unsuccessful. After only two hours of discussion the mediator decided that those efforts were fruitless. The dispute now goes to fact finding.

The major issue is the current bid system for correctional officer positions which is based on seniority. Management will not allow women correctional officers in certain areas, citing the rights of privacy of the inmates and the security of the institution. This means female workers can only bid on about 28 of the potential 113 positions.

According to Gallagher, these conditions constitute a contract violation and a violation of the women officers' affirmative action rights because restricting them from certain jobs prohibits them from receiving the full range of experience of their profession.

Jan Derr, a woman correctional officer and member of the employe bargaining team, thinks the idea of women working in corrections is new to the people in positions of authority. "They're still very protective of women," she said. "I'm sure it's (management's attitude) going to be changing, but it's changing too slowly," she added.

Meanwhile, the dispute appears no closer to resolution than when the negotiations began.

Dollar plummets while prices soar

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AGE) - The 1967 dollar plummeted to a new low of 51.2 cents in June as a 0.9 percent rise in consumer prices sent the index to a new high.

Consumer prices have risen at a 10.4 percent annual rate during the past six months at an 11.4 percent rate during the last three months, according to U.S. Department of Labor figures.

June's increase put the Consumer Price Index at 195.3, meaning that goods and services that cost \$100 in the base statistical year of 1967 now cost \$195.30. The government adjusts the index to offset seasonal influences.

Volatile food prices again fueled the increase as grocery store prices in June rose 1.4 percent across the country. Restaurant prices rose 1.1 percent in June. Supermarket prices have skyrocketed at an annual rate of 21.4 percent in the past six months.

Food isn't the only culprit, however, as nonfood commodities have been rising at an annual rate of 8.7 percent.

Housing costs continued to climb. The homeowner price index rose 1.2 percent in June and the cost of owning and maintaining a house or an apartment has been rising at an annual rate of 12.3 percent during the past three months. Clothing prices rose 0.4 percent in June while medical care costs rose 0.5 percent. A slight 0.2 percent rise in hospital costs held the medical index down.

Electricity charges, which have been moving up rapidly since earlier this year, jumped 2.5 percent while there was a 0.7 percent increase reported for natural gas. Fuel oil prices rose 0.3 percent.

Reflecting higher prices charged by domestic auto makers, the new car index rose 0.9 percent in June, following a 1.2 percent increase in May. The cost of used cars also increased, rising 1.6 percent in June, considerably more than in previous months.

Settlements

8 & 6.6% nationally

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AGE) -

President Carter's anti-inflation program appears to have had little success in its key aim of "decelerating" wage packages in contracts that have been negotiated this year.

In settlements involving 1,000 or more workers, wage adjustments negotiated during the first half of 1978 have reached 8 percent for the first year of the contract and 6.6 percent annually over the life of the contract.

OSEA Board endorsements

Below are listed the candidates endorsed by the OSEA Board of Directors at its regular meeting on Aug. 5.

These endorsements are the result of extensive interviews by members of the district and statewide Government Relations Committees. Recommendations for endorsement for two House seats and the three statewide offices of governor, labor commissioner and superintendent of public instruction, if any, will be brought to the Board at its next meeting.

These candidates deserve your support during the campaign and your vote on Nov. 7. Their records and personal positions indicate a strong support and understanding of issues which are important to public employes.

STATE SENATE	
District	Name
No. 1	-- No Recommendation
No. 3	-- Blaine Whipple
No. 5	-- Ted Hallock
No. 9	-- Frank Roberts
No. 10	-- Jim Gardner
No. 11	-- Rich Bullock
No. 13	-- Walt Brown
No. 14	-- Dick Groener
No. 16	-- L. B. Day

No. 17	-- Keith Burbidge
No. 18	-- Cliff Trow
No. 19	-- No Recommendation
No. 20	-- George Wingard
No. 21	-- Ed Fadeley
No. 22	-- Ted Kulongoski
No. 26	-- Lenn Hannon

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Name	
District	Name
No. 1	-- Garland Brown
No. 2	-- Ted Bugas
No. 3	-- John Meyer
No. 4	-- Mark Gardner
No. 5	-- Nancy Ryles
No. 6	-- Mike Ragsdale
No. 7	-- Pat Whiting
No. 8	-- Vera Katz
No. 9	-- Tom Mason
No. 10	-- Phil Lang
No. 11	-- Rick Bauman
No. 12	-- Rod Monroe
No. 13	-- Gretchen Kafoury
No. 14	-- No Recommendation
No. 15	-- Jim Chrest
No. 16	-- No Recommendation
No. 17	-- George Starr
No. 18	-- Jane Cease
No. 19	-- Hardy Myers
No. 20	-- No Recommendation
No. 21	-- Sue Pisha
No. 22	-- Sandy Richards
No. 23	-- Glenn Otto
No. 24	-- Joyce Cohen
No. 25	-- Glenn Whallon
No. 26	-- Ed Lindquist
No. 27	-- Ted Achilles
No. 28	-- David George
No. 29	-- Bill Rutherford
No. 30	-- Joel Mathias
No. 31	-- Vern Faatz
No. 32	-- Peg Dereli
No. 33	-- Bob Vian
No. 34	-- John Schoon
No. 35	-- Tony Van Vliet
No. 36	-- No Recommendation
No. 37	-- Bud Byers
No. 38	-- Max Rijken
No. 39	-- Grattan Kerans
No. 40	-- Postponed
No. 41	-- Mary Burrows
No. 42	-- Nancie Fadeley
No. 43	-- Postponed
No. 44	-- Ed Beal
No. 45	-- John Kitzhaber
No. 46	-- No Recommendation
No. 47	-- Bill Grannell
No. 48	-- Doc Stevenson
No. 49	-- No Recommendation
No. 50	-- Clayton Klein
No. 51	-- No Recommendation
No. 52	-- Bob Beckett
No. 53	-- Gary Wilhelms
No. 54	-- Tom Throop
No. 55	-- Chuck Bennett
No. 56	-- Wayne Fawbush
No. 57	-- Mary Bates
No. 58	-- Jim Petersen
No. 59	-- No Recommendation
No. 60	-- Jim Ogle