## **AGREEMENT**

between

## TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

and

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS
INTERNATIONAL UNION
LOCAL N- 1

(Covering Mailing Room Employees)

Effective

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## **\EAMBLE:**

This Agreement is entered into by and between Toronto Star Newspapers Limited, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer", the party of the first part, and the Graphic Communications International Union Local N-1, hereinafter referred to as the "Union", party of the second part.

## ARTICLE 1:

#### RECOGNITION

The Employer hereby recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative of Mailing Room employees employed in the Mailing Rooms of the Employer in its newspaper operation located at 1 Yonge Street, Toronto, and its rotogravure operation located at 7271 Weston Road, in Vaughan Township, other than foremen, those above the rank of foreman, clerical staff and any others designated as excluded from membership in the bargaining unit as described in the Union's Recognition certificate issued by the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

The Employer further agrees that the relocation of its existing Mailing Room operations within the Province of Ontario shall not detract from the bargaining rights granted to the Union by the certificate issued by the Ontario Labour Relations Board for those persons employed or to be employed by Toronto Star Newspapers Limited in any other Plant not referred to herein.

#### ARTICLE 2:

## **JURISDICTION**

All work performed on the premises of the Employer in its Mailing Rooms at 1 Yonge Street, Toronto, and 7271 Weston Road, Vaughan Township, shall be performed by members of the bargaining unit, with the following exceptions:

- a) Repair of equipment assigned by the Employer either to employees outside the bargaining unit or to an outside contractor.
- b) Set up and maintenance of computers or other electronic devices.
  - c) Maintenance of equipment by outside contractors.
- d) Dispatch functions performed by supervisory personnel prior to the date of signing this Collective Agreement.
- e) Clerical functions performed for supervisory personnel.
- f) Work performed by employees not members of the bargaining unit prior to the date of signing, such **as** occasional work performed by supervisory personnel, work performed by Circulation Department employees relating to correction of tapes or labels or other similar functions which have been performed by these employees in the past, and the handling of tearsheets by Postai and Messenger Services staff.

- g) Work performed by employees of other employers to meet emergency situations, which are defined **as** being:
  - (i) Additional work brought into the Mailing Room(s):
  - (ii) Mechanical breakdown:

and/or

(iii) Lack of machine capacity or capability.

It is agreed that before hiring the employees of any other employer to perform work in either of the Mailing Rooms, the Employer will first provide the Union with an opportunity to supply manpower at the appropriate straight time rates.

#### ARTICLE 3:

## UNION SECURITY

- (301) Regular Full-Time and Regular Part-Time employees in the bargaining unit who are members of the Union, or who join after December 31, 1984, shall as a condition of continued employment, be required to maintain their membership in the Union.
- (302) All future Regular Full-Time and Regular Part-Time employees in the bargaining unit shall become members of the Union within 30 days from the date of commencing employment and shall, as a condition of continued employment, be required to maintain their membership in the Union.
- (303) Except **as** provided in Article 7 with reference to temporary employees, all employees **as** defined herein shall be subject to payroll deduction of Union membership dues and/or assessments as specified by the Union. Such dues and/or assessments shall be remitted to the Union on a monthly basis and the Employer shall, when remitting dues, give the names of employees from whose pay dues deductions have been made. It is agreed that the monthly dues schedule shall be as stable as possible and in any event no more than one (1) change in the amount of the deduction every four **(4)** months shall be required.
- (304) Within 30 days after the day on which a new employee commences work for the Employer, the office will notify the Chapel Chairman of the name, address, job classification and employment status of the new employee.

#### ARTICLE 4:

#### **FOREMEN**

It is agreed that Foremen and those above the rank of foremen are representatives of the Employer and have full authority to exercise the rights of Management as defined in this Article.

The Employer shall be the sole judge of competency and fitness to work, and shall have the right to hire, promote, layoff, recall, demote, transfer, discharge or discipline for just cause, to maintain order, discipline and efficiency, and to establish and enforce rules and regulations governing the conduct of employees, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

All time covered by this Agreement belongs to the office and employees shall (temporarily or permanently) perform any duties pertaining to work in the Mailing Room, provided such work appertains to the operation of the Mailing Room.

It is further agreed that all matters concerning the operations of the Employer not specifically dealt with herein shall be reserved to the Employer and be its exclusive responsibility.

Management rights will not be exercised in a manner inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement nor in a manner that is arbitrary, discriminatory or in bad faith.

#### **ARTICLE 5:**

#### NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the parties to this Contract that the members of the party of the first part will not institute any lockout, nor will members of the parties of the second part institute any strike or boycott, or fail to report for work, or interfere with prompt and regular publication during the lifetime of this Contract, as specified in section 36, sub-section 1 of the Labour Relations Act of Ontario.

#### **ARTICLE 6:**

#### GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A grievance is defined to be a controversy between the Employer on the one hand and the Union or employee or employees covered by this Agreement, on the other hand, pertaining to the interpretation application or alleged violation of any provision of this Agreement.

A grievance as defined herein shall in the first instance be raised with the representatives of the Employer in the Mailing Room, and shall be submitted in writing if this is requested.

Any grievance as defined herein must be raised as rapidly as possible, but in no event later than thirty (30) days following the incident deemed to have brought about the grievance. If the grievance is not resolved at the departmental level within ten working days of its being first raised, either party shall have the right to submit the grievance to a Joint Standing Committee, to be set up in accordance with the following provisions.

A Joint Standing Committee of two representatives of the Employer and a like committee of two representatives of the Union (in case of vacancy, absence or refusal of any such representatives to act, another shall be appointed) shall be formed.

The Joint Standing Committee shall meet within five days from the day on which either party hereto, through its authorized representative, informs the other party in writing that a meeting is desired and shall proceed forthwith to settle any question before it. Such settlement shall be final and binding on both parties to this Agreement. If the Joint Standing Committee cannot reach a settlement within ten **days** from the date on which the dispute is first considered by it, a

Board of Arbitration shall be established upon the reque either party to this Agreement. Upon such a request being made, the parties to the Agreement shall forthwith each appoint one member to the Board of Arbitration and the two members shall select a third person, as Chairman. If the two members fail to select a Chairman within five days of the appointment of the last of them, or if either party shall fail to name a member to the Board of Arbitration, the Chairman shall be selected by the Minister of Labour of Ontario on the request of either party hereto. The Board of Arbitration thus formed shall hear and determine the difference or allegation and shall issue a decision and the decision shall be final and binding upon the parties and upon any employee affected by it. The decision of a majority shall be the decision of the Board of Arbitration. Costs of arbitration shall be borne equally by the Employer and the Union except that neither shall be obligated to pay any part of a stenographic transcript without express consent.

It is understood and agreed that the time limitations specified herein may only be waived with the consent of both parties to this Agreement.

It is further agreed that, with the consent of both parties, a grievance may be processed directly to Arbitration without being heard in Joint Standing Committee. With the consent of both parties, a single Arbitrator may be appointed rather than a three man board as described in this article and the power of a single Arbitrator shall be the same as those as described herein for a three man board. Neither a Board of Arbitration nor a single Arbitrator shall be empowered to alter or amend in any way, any of the terms and provisions of this Collective Agreement.

An employee is entitled, prior to the imposition of discipline or discharge, to be notified at a meeting with management of the Employer's reasons for considering such action. The Employer shall, prior to imposing discipline or discharge, advise the employee of his or her right to be accompanied by a Union representative who shall be summoned without undue delay and without further discussion of the matter provided that the Union representative is readily available. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a Union representative is not readily available and the Employer contemplates the discharge of the employee in question, the Employer shall be entitled to suspend the employee without pay pending the completion of any investigation and the availability of a Union representative.

When a disciplinary suspension or disciplinary dismissal is to be submitted to arbitration, both parties agree to waive the normal grievance procedure described elsewhere in this Agreement and to proceed to have the matter adjudicated by sole arbitrator in the following manner:

- a) The grieving party shall advise the other party in writing of its intention to process its grievance to arbitration within five calendar days of the imposition of the disciplinary action in question and such notification shall include both the basis of the grievance and the remedy sought.
- b) Unless unavoidably delayed, or delayed by agreement of the parties to this Agreement and of the arbitrator, any hearings required with respect to the grievance shall be held within thirty (30) calendar days following selection of the arbitrator. Selection of the arbitrator by the parties shall be

- ded within five (5) calendar days of receipt of notice of grievance referred to in (a) above. Selection shall be made by the process of elimination from a panel of five (5) arbitrators. The first party to strike a name from the panel will be selected by lot. Thereafter the parties shall alternately strike names until one arbitrator remains, and that arbitrator shall be the arbitrator selected to decide the case. Following conclusions on any and all hearings which may be required, the arbitrator shall be required to render his decision in writing, giving his reasons in support thereof, within a two (2) calendar week period from the date of the final hearing.
- c) The panel of arbitrators referred to above shall consist of the following:

Martin Teplitsky Robert Prichard K. Swan D. J. Baum Howard Brown

Nothing shall preclude use of the sole arbitrator system of grievance adjudication described herein for grievances arising out of matters other than disciplinary suspension or disciplinary discharge subject only to the written consent of both parties to this Agreement.

Nothing herein shall preclude the discussion of any grievance relating to any disciplinary suspension or disciplinary dismissal and the Employer agrees to meet, on reasonable notice, with the Union to discuss the events of any such grievance.

The Employer further agrees that the Union shall be advised of any disciplinary suspension or disciplinary discharge within three (3) calendar days of its imposition.

## ARTICLE 7:

#### EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES AND JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

- 1. The employment categories in the Employer's Mailing Rooms shall be as follows:
  - a) Regular Full-Time
  - b) Regular Part-Time
  - c) Temporary

Within the limitations specified in Article 9, Regular Full-Time is defined **as** a Mailing Room employee who is regularly required and scheduled to work the normal work week as defined in Article 10.

Within the limitations specified in Article 9, Regular Part-Time is defined **as** a Mailing Room employee who is regularly scheduled to work more than one (1) shift each week but less than the normal work week as defined in Article 10. 2. It is agreed that the Employer shall have the discretionary right to offer extra shifts *to* regular part-time Mailers within the Mailing Room in which they are employed (**up** to five straight-time shifts per week including the shifts regularly worked by the part-time employee) before temporary employees or regular full-time employees are assigned to such shifts, except as may be provided elsewhere **in** this Agreement.

The Employer agrees to make every reasonable effort to ensure that the opportunity for regular part-timers to work available extra shifts shall be distributed in a fair and equitable manner.

- It is agreed that a Regular mailer situation shall be created in a mailing room in which a Regular mailer part-time completes 110 day shifts, or 110 lobster shifts, or 110 night shifts, or where such equivalent day or lobster or night shifts are completed by a combination of regular part-time employees and temporary employees, either in the period of six months concluding on June 30 in any calendar year or in the period of six months concluding on December 31 in any calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing however it is understood that shifts worked to cover extended periods of absence due to sickness or disability or as a result of approved leaves of absence shall not be included in any calculation of shifts for the purpose of determining whether or not a regular full-time situation is to be created. Such a regular situation shall be offered to the regular part-time mailer employees from within the mailing room in which the 110 shifts were worked in order of their priority. The employee named to fill the situation shall be subject to a trial period as specified in Article 7A and this process shall, if necessary, be continued until the additional situation is filled to the satisfaction of the Employer. In the event that the employee named to fill the situation is the employee who worked the 110 shifts which created the regular situation in accordance with the foregoing that employee shall not be subject to a trial period, but shall be confirmed as a regular situation holder upon selection.
- 4. When the Employer intends to add a regular fulltime situation or situations under circumstances other than those which require the promotion of regular part-timers as described in paragraph 3 above, the following provisions shall apply:
  - i) a notice of vacancy shall be posted in the Employer's Mailing Rooms at One Yonge Street, Toronto and 7271 Weston Road, Vaughan Township for not less than five (5) calendardays.
  - ii) first consideration will be given to regular part-time employees and the Employer will grant a trial period in the vacancy to one such part-time employee who in its judgement is a suitable candidate based upon (but not limited to) the criteria of competency, ability, reliability, attendance, disciplinary record, potential and general fitness to perform the work.
  - iii) if the Employer **is** unable to find a suitable candidate from among regular part-time employees, the Employer agrees to next consider candidates from applicants (if any) from Bindery Pocket Feeder Loaders or Inserters holding regular situations **and** the Employer will grant a trial period in the vacancy to one such applicant provided in its judgement such applicant is a suitable candidate

for a trial period. If no suitable candidate from the Bindery Pocket Feeder Loader or Inserter classification applies then next consideration shall be given to applicants who have worked at least 50 shifts in a temporary employment capacity in the Mailing Room in which the vacancy is to be filled and that it will grant a trial period in the vacancy to one such applicant provided in its judgement such applicant is a suitable candidate for a trial period, failing which the Employer shall select a candidate for a trial period from whatever source it deems appropriate.

When the Employer intends to add a regular part-time Mailer situation or situations the following provisions shall apply:

- iv) a notice of vacancy shall be posted in the Employer's Mailing Rooms at One Yonge Street, Toronto and 7271 Weston Road, Vaughan Township for not less than five (5) calendar days.
- v) first consideration will be given to applicants from Bindery Pocket Feeder Loaders or Inserters holding regular situations and the Employer will grant a trial period in the vacancy to one such applicant provided in its judgement such applicant is a suitable candidate for a trial period. If no suitable candidate from the Bindery Pocket Feeder Loader or Inserter classification applies then next consideration shall be given to applicants who have worked at least 50 shifts in a temporary employment capacity in the Mailing Room in which the vacancy is to be filled and that it will grant a trial period in the vacancy to one such applicant provided in its judgement such applicant is a suitable candidate for a trial period, failing which the Employer shall select a candidate for a trial period from whatever source it deems appropriate.

All applications for vacancies must be in writing and addressed to the Superintendent of the Mailing Room in which the vacancy exists. Applications must be received in the appropriate Superintendent's office no later than seven (7) calendar days following the date of the posting.

- A temporary employee, either full-time or part-time, is defined as one hired to cover absence due to sickness, disability, vacation, or leave of absence, or to meet additional work requirements when it is not possible to cover the shifts required at the applicable straight-time rates through the use of regular full-time or part-time employees. Temporary employees shall be exempt from all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, except those pertaining to rates of pay, hours of work, and overtime. Temporary employees shall be subject to payroll deduction of Union membership dues on a proportionate basis and such dues shall be remitted by the Employer to the Union monthly. The proportion shall be based upon the ratio of hours worked by the employee to the regular hours for the same class of work under this Agreement worked by a regular situation holder, but in no case shall the dues deducted and remitted in respect of a temporary employee exceed those payable by a regular fulltime employee.
- **6.** The following Mailing Room Job Classifications are recognized:

- Lead Hand Mailer
- Mailer
- Mailer-in-Training
- Preparation Clerk (1 Yonge Street Plant only)
- Manual Inserter (or Machine Inserter)
- Bindery Pocket Feeder-Loader (7271 Weston Road only)

Additional classifications may be created during the life of the Agreement as a result of the introduction of new equipment or processes. Rates for such classifications shall be subject to negotiation and, failing agreement by the parties, to binding arbitration, but in the event new classifications are introduced as a result of the introduction of bindery equipment, it is agreed that rates for such classifications shall be competitive with those paid in commercial binderies in the Toronto area.

Employees working in classifications as at the date of signing this Agreement shall not be reclassified to lower-rated jobs but shall have the right to claim lower-rated jobs of employees with less total continuous mailing room service in the event of a staff reduction and provided they are competent to perform the work of the lower-rated job.

It is understood and agreed that the Employer shall have the right to introduce new classifications at rates set by the Employer and that in the event such rates are changed by negotiation or arbitration, the amended rates shall be made retroactive to the date of commencement of work in the new classification.

## **ARTICLE 7A:**

#### TRIAL PERIODS

In the event that:

- (i) a part-time employee seeks to claim a regular full-time situation, or
- (ii) a regular full-time employee seeks to claim a full-time situation in either **a** higher-rated or a lower-rated classification

and he or she might otherwise be entitled to the situation or classification sought, the employee shall be confirmed therein if he or she proves himself or herself suitable, able and competent to perform the duties of the situation and satisfactorily completes the trial period as defined herein. At any time during a trial period and prior to confirmation in the situation or classification, the employee may return to his or her former position and employment category if he or she so desires or may be returned thereto if the Employer determines that the employee is not performing the duties of the situation or classification to the Employer's satisfaction or is not suitable, able or competent to perform such duties.

An employee who engages in a trial period and actually works in the situation or classification sought for a period of service composed of a minimum of 65 normal shifts (determined in accordance with Article 10) shall be confirmed in the situation or classification. Such trial period may be extended or waived by mutual agreement between the Employer, the employee and the Union. The Union agrees that any extension of a trial period of up to 65 normal shifts

re( ed by the Employer as a result of the employee's absuce from work during the trial period shall be granted automatically upon notice in writing by the Employer,

The terms of the foregoing two paragraphs shall not apply to an employee who works in a higher classification for the purpose of covering an authorized leave of absence or absence due to sickness.

It is understood and agreed that if a part-time employee or a lower-rated full-time employee, is, at any time during the said trial period, found by the Employer not to be suitable, able or competent to perform the duties of the situation or classification or not to be performing such duties to the satisfaction of the Employer he or she shall be returned to his or her former position and employment category without loss of seniority or priority. A lower-rated employee who is confirmed in a higher rated situation must complete the necessary service in that new classification before receiving top rate wages. This shall not apply to a mailer in progression who is promoted to a lead hand position. Such a mailer shall be paid at the fully experienced journeyman mailer rate but his priority date shall not change.

A temporary employee who wishes to be considered for employment in a regular situation, either full-time or part-time, may, solely at the discretion of the Employer, be permitted a trial period in accordance with and subject to the limitations of the foregoing paragraphs and may also be required to submit to a medical examination performed by a physician designated by the Employer before being confirmed.

## **ARTICLE 8:**

## PROBATION AND PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

All new employees hired to fill regular situations, either full-time or **part-time**, shall be on probation for a period not *to* exceed one hundred (100) shifts actually worked from date of hire.

The Employer's right to discharge **an** employee during the course of his/her probation shall not be subject to the grievanceprocedure.

The Employer's right to require pre-employment medical examinations and to have such examinations performed by its physician or a physician designated by it, and the Employer's right to determine whether or not a person shall or shall not become an employee is recognized by the Union and it is also recognized and agreed that such examinations may be conducted at any time during the probationary period of a new employee, although the Employer agrees that every reasonable effort shall be made to conduct such examinations before a person starts to work.

## **ARTICLE 9:**

## **REGULAR SITUATIONS**

As at the date of signing this Collective Agreement, the Employer agrees to employ the following number of regular employee situations:

1 Yonge Street	Full Time	Part Time
Mailers Inserters Preparation Clerk	101 46 1	10 4

#### 7271 Weston Road

Mailers	17
Pocket Feeder-Loaders	14

It shall be at the discretion of the Employer as to whether or not such employees shall be replaced if absent for any reason.

The number of regular employee situations may be modified upwards or downwards at the Employer's discretion. A reduction in the number of regular full-time situations specified herein shall only be made by attrition or upon ninety (90) days notice. A reduction in the number of regular part-time situations specified herein shall only be made by attrition or upon thirty (30) days notice. For the purposes of this Agreement, "attrition" shall be defined as the non-replacement of employees who leave, quit, die, retire, go on long term disability, voluntarily transfer or are discharged. Any reduction in the number of situations by attrition shall be without notice.

#### **ARTICLE 9A**

## SENIORITY AND PRIORITY

- 1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the parties recognize and agree that "seniority" shall be defined in terms of an employee's total length of continuous service as an employee of the Employer and shall be the basis upon which an employee's entitlement to service related benefits, such as vacations with pay but not vacation scheduling, shall be determined in the absence of a specific provision to the contrary.
- 2. The parties further agree that, for the purposes of this Agreement, "priority" shall be defined as the relative ranking of employees who are employed in the same job classification in the same Mailing Room and shall be determined on the basis of the employee's length of service in their classification and Mailing Room as follows:
  - (i) The priority of a mailer shall be determined solely on the basis of his or her service in the relevant Mailing Room after acquiring journeyperson status and entitlement to journeypersonrates of wages.
  - (ii) The priority of an inserter shall be determined solely on the basis of his or her service in the relevant Mailing Room as a fully-experienced inserter after having achieved and for so long as the employee is entitled to the top rate in accordance with Article 12.
  - (iii) The priority of **an** employee employed in any other classification, existing or introduced during the term of this Agreement, shall be determined solely on the basis of his or her service in the relevant Mailing Room after having become entitled to the top rate of pay provided for his or her classification.

Priority shall be the criterion applied in regard to all differentiations between employees in the application of the terms of this Agreement which are not specifically required to be made on some other basis or which do not relate to an employee's suitability, ability or competence to perform the work of a classification. In particular, and as provided in this Agreement, an employee's priority shall determine his entitlement in regard to the effects of any staff reduction, shift selection and vacation scheduling.

3. The Employer shall maintain separate lists **as** to seniority and priority in respect of the employees in each of the Mailing Rooms referred to in Article 2 and in respect of each of the classifications (mailer, manual inserter, machine inserter, preparation clerk, bindery pocket feeder-loaders and any new classification which might be introduced during the term of this Agreement) of employees employed there and in respect of each of the employment categories (regular full-time and regular part-time) of employees employed there.

## **ARTICLE 10:**

#### HOURS OF WORK

Except as may be provided elsewhere in this Agreement, the normal straight time work week shall consist of 35 hours per week made up of 5 shifts of 7 working hours exclusive of a meal period of 30 minutes as designated by the Employer.

An employee shall be entitled to **an** unpaid lunch period at a time designated by the Employer, which shall be posted at the start of the shift. The lunch period shall be scheduled to commence not earlier than two hours and not later than five hours after the employee's posted shift starting time. The stated lunch period may be delayed by 15 minutes.

If, due to the necessity of maintaining production continuity and if an employee agrees to work through his lunch period, the Employer will make every effort to provide within the shift, a continuous thirty-minute lunch period as close to the designated time as possible or, if that is not possible and the employee works through a complete shift without a lunch break, the Employer will pay the employee an additional one-half hour's pay at the appropriate overtime rate.

The day shift at the 7271 Weston Road Plant is defined as being any straight time shift worked (excluding the meal period) between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The first night shift at the 7271 Weston Road Plant is defined as being any straight time shift worked in which the majority of the scheduled shift hours (excluding the meal period) fall within 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

The second night shift at the 7271 Weston Road Plant is defined as being any straight time shift worked in which the majority of the scheduled shift hours (excluding the meal period) fall within 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.

For Mailing Room employees employed at the 1 Yonge Street Mailing Room, a day shift shall be defined **as** being a shift the straight time hours of which **start** and end between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; a night shift shall be defined **as** being a shift the straight time hours of which start and end between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; a lobster shift shall be defined **as** a shift the straight time hours of which start in

the day shift hours and end in the night shift hours, or stathe night shift hours and end in the day shift hours.

Individual starting times for regular full-time employees on any given shift shall be designated by the Employer and posted. Such posted starting times (not necessarily the same each day) will remain in effect for five (5) consecutive shifts.

Except as provided hereinafter, or as may be agreed by mutual consent, a work week for a regular full-time employee shall consist of either 5 day shifts, 5 first night shifts, or 5 second night shifts.

At the discretion of the Employer, the work week for employees at 1 Yonge Street working in the Preparation Clerk classification may be made up of 4 day shifts and one night or lobster shift.

The number of employees assigned to any shift on a regular basis at any given time shall be at the discretion of the Employer, but the assignment of shifts to regular full-time employees shall be made on the basis of priority within the Mailing Room in which that employee normally works.

At least one week's notice (or less, by mutual consent) shall be given of any change in shift from day to night or night to day, or from day or night to lobster or vice versa.

The Employer will endeavour to provide relief periods when work requirements permit, but it is understood and agreed that relief periods shall be at the sole discretion of the Employer.

Subject to the operation or application of any contrary or inconsistent provision of this Agreement, no employee may be scheduled by the Employer to work more than one normal shift during a calendar day and each employee shall be entitled to at least one eight-hour interval between scheduled shifts. These limitations are not to apply in the event that an employee works extra shifts for which he or she was not scheduled.

A Mailing Room employee who reports late and who is not sent home shall be paid only for time actually worked and shall not be entitled to overtime pay until he or she shall have worked the normal straight time hours of the shift unless the employee's supervisor accepts the employees reason for lateness as reasonable and specifically agrees that pay at the overtime rate shall be paid.

The Employer agrees that a Mailing Room employee who reports late but is ready and able to commence work not more than one (1) hour after his or her scheduled shift starting time shall be permitted to work for the balance of that scheduled shift. The Employer shall have the option of requiring any employee who reports late and is not ready and able to commence work within one (1) hour of his or her scheduled shift starting time to work the balance of the shift, but shall be under no obligation to allow such work or to make any payment to such employee who is not required to work.

Nothing herein shall preclude or limit the Employer's rights to discipline any employee for absenteeism or lateness.

#### **OVERTIME**

- a) Overtime to regular shifts is defined as all time worked, which is required and authorized by the Employer, in excess of the straight time hours of a shift and contiguous to that shift. Such overtime shall be paid for at the rate of time-and-one-half of the regular hourly rate for the shift for the first 2 1/2 hours, and at double the regular hourly rate for the shift thereafter. Overtime shall not change the status of a shift from what it would have been had no overtime been worked. If an employee works one hour or more of post-shift overtime, he or she shall receive a meal period of 30 minutes or pay in lieu thereof at overtime rates, provided that no such meal period shall be required or paid for unless the employee in question shall have actually worked 60 minutes or more after the conclusion of the scheduled shift, excluding ail pre-shift and lunch period overtime.
- b) The Employer agrees to provide as much notice as possible when post-shift overtime is to be worked and will also provide employees its best estimate of the duration of such post-shift overtime when advising employees of its requirement.
- c) An employee required and authorized to work a sixth shift in any week shall be paid at time-and-one-half the regular straight time rates for the shift. Overtime on a sixth shift shall be paid for at double the regular hourly straight time rate for the shift.
- d) Except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, all work that is performed between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on Sundays shall be paid at double the regular straight time hourly rate.
- e) All work performed on recognized holidays, or days celebrated as such, shall be paid for at double the regular straight time hourly rate for the shift, in addition to the regular pay for the work week.
- f) A regular full-time situation holder called back to work after he or she has completed his or her regular shift's work and has left the premises shall be paid for a minimum of 4 hours. If an employee works 2 1/2 hours or less, he or she shall receive 4 hours pay at time-and-one-half rates. If the employee works in excess of 2 1/2 hours, he or she shall be paid at the rate of time-and-one-half for the first 2 1/2 hours and double time thereafter, but in no event shall he or she receive less than 4 hours pay at time-and-one-half rates. Time travelling to and from the office shall not be considered part of the call back period.
- g) Double shifts shall be paid on the same basis as sixth shifts as described in (c) above, except that a double shift worked by a Regular Part-Time employee as an extra shift in accordance with the terms of Article 7 shall be paid at straight time rates.
- h) The Employer shall compensate for all authorized overtime in quarter hour units.

#### **ARTICLE 12:**

#### **WAGE RATES**

#### JOURNEYPERSON MAILERS

Effective January 1, 1987
Day Shift\$629.96 per week
Night or First Night Shift\$664.96 per week
Lobster or Second Night Shift\$669.96 per week
Effective first full week following date of signing Day Shift
Effective January 1, 1988
Day Shift\$667.76 per week
Night or First Night Shift\$712.76 per week
Lobster or Second Night Shift \$717.76 per week
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Effective January 1, 1989 Day Shift\$694.47 per week
Night or First Night Shift\$739.47 per week
Lobster or Second Night Shift\$744.47 per week

Employees assigned as lead hands shall be paid a differential of \$5.00 per shift worked to a maximum of \$25.00 per straight time workweek. In the event a lead hand is required and assigned to be in charge of a shift, such lead hand shall be paid a differential of \$12.00 per shift worked to a maximum of \$60.00 per straight time workweek.

Lead hands assigned as machine set **up** men shall be paid a differential of \$8.00 per shift worked to a maximum of \$40.00 per straight time workweek,

#### MAILERS IN WAGE PROGRESSION

On completion of 875 shifts, Journeyperson rates of wages shall be paid, but no employee, temporary, regular part-time or regular full-time, shall be paid at those rates until he or she has completed 875 shifts.

0-125 shifts	60%
126-250 shifts	
251-375 shifts	
376-500 shifts	
501-625 shifts	
626-750 shifts	
751-875 shifts	

On completion of 875 shifts, Journeyperson rates of wages shall be paid.

## MACHINE INSERTERS & BINDERY POCKET FEEDER-LOADERS

Effective January 1, 1987	
Starting Rate	\$11.95 per hour
Fully Experienced Rate	
(after 65 shifts worked)	\$13.27 per hour

Effective January 1, 1988 Starting Rate	\$12.67 per hour
Fully Experienced Rate	•
(after 65 shifts worked)	\$14.07 per hour
Effective January 1, 1989	
Starting Rate	\$13.18 per hour
Fully Experienced Rate	44.60
(after 65 shifts worked)	\$14.63 per hour

Effective January 1st, 1986 Inserters and bindery pocket feeder-loaders shall be eligible for a night shift differential of \$7.00 per shift, and a lobster shift differential of \$8.00 per shift. Inserters assigned as lead hands shall be paid a differential of \$5.00 per shift worked to a maximum of \$25.00 per straight time workweek.

Effective first full week following date of signing Inserters and bindery pocket feeder-loaders shall be eligible for a night shift differential of \$8.00 per shift, and a lobster shift differential of \$9.00 per shift.

Effective January 1st, 1988 Inserters and bindery pocket feeder-loaders shall be eligible for a night shift differential of \$9.00 per shift, and a lobster shift differential of \$10.00 per shift. Inserters assigned as lead hands shall be paid a differential of \$5.00 per shift worked to a maximum of \$25.00 per straight time workweek.

In the event a lead hand is required to be in charge of a shift, such lead hand shall be paid a differential of \$12.00 per shift worked to a maximum of \$60.00 per straight time workweek.

## MANUAL INSERTERS

Effective January 1, 1987 Starting Rate* *IntermediateRate* **Top Rate*	\$10.36 per hour
Effective January 1, 1988 Starting Rate* *Intermediate Rate* **Top Rate*	\$ 9.75 per hour \$10.98 per hour \$11.33 per hour
Effective January 1, 1989 Starting Rate* *Intermediate Rate* **Top Rate	\$11.42 per hour

Effective January 1st, 1986 Inserters shall be eligible for a night shift differential of \$7.00 per shift, and a lobster shift differential of \$8.00 per shift.

Effective first full week following date of signing Inserters shall be eligible for a night shift differential of \$8.00 per shift and a lobster shift differential of \$9.00 per shift.

Effective January 1st, 1988 Inserters shall be eligible for a night shift differential of \$9.00 per shift and a lobster shift differential of \$10.00 per shift.

Inserters assigned as lead hands shall be paid a differential of \$5.00 per shift worked.

\*To achieve intermediate rate, employees must be al: maintain consistent inserting rate of 700 papers inserted or collated per hour.

\*\*To achieve top rate, employees must be able to maintain consistent inserting rate of 900 papers inserted or collated per hour.

## MAILING ROOM PREPARATION CLERK

	Effective January 1, 1987	Effective January 1, 1988	Effective January 1, 1989
Start	\$427.06	\$452.68	\$470.79
After 6 mos.	\$451.68	\$478.78	\$497.93
After 12 mos.	\$476.33	\$504.91	\$525.11
After 18 mos.	\$501.02	\$531.08	\$552.32
After 24 mos.	\$525.66	\$557.20	\$579.49
After 30 mos.	\$551.54	\$584.63	\$608.02
After 36 mos.	\$577.68	\$612.34	\$636.83
After 42 mos.	\$603.82	\$640.05	\$665,65
After 48 mos.	\$629.96	\$667.76	\$694.47

It should be understood that the premium paid to Leadhands for being assigned as the person in charge of a shift will only be paid to one (1) Leadhand on any given shift. If more than one (1) Leadhand is assigned to a shift when no Supervisor is assigned to that shift, the Company will designate which Leadhand is to be in charge of the shift.

#### **ARTICLE 13:**

## REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE

Any reduction in workforce shall be made by attrition or in accordance with the notice provisions specified in Article 9. In the event of a staff reduction in any job classification other than by attrition, dismissals shall be made in inverse order of priority.

Upon dismissal to reduce staff, an employee shall receive dismissal pay in a lump sum **equal** to one week's pay for every five months of continuous service or major fraction thereof with the employer, to a maximum of 52 weeks' pay. One week's pay shall be defined as straight time pay for a normal work week based on day shift rates.

A regular full-time Mailer named to be dismissed as a result of a reduction in staff may, as an alternative to accepting dismissal pay as provided hereinbefore, either (a) revert to part-time employment if part-time employment is available within the job classification concerned, in which event the regular part-time employee with least priority shall be dismissed and shall receive dismissal pay in accordance with the provisions of this Article, or (b) claim a full-timejob in a lower-rated classification provided the employee to be dismissed is competent to perform the work in the lower classification, and provided he or she has more total continuous mailing room service than the employee whose job is being claimed. In the event of such a claim, the employee with least priority in the lower-rated job classification shall be dismissed and shall be paid dismissal pay in accordance with the terms of this Article.

regular full-time Mailer having opted for available regular part-time employment in lieu of accepting dismissal pay shall, if subsequently terminated as a result of a staff reduction, be eligible to receive at that time the dismissal pay to which he or she would have been eligible under the original staff reduction termination plus whatever further dismissal pay such employee may have earned by virtue of part-time service to a maximum of 52 weeks pay plus \$500. (effective first full week following date of signing a once in a lifetime lump sum payment equal to two (2) weeks at the basic day shift rate in effect immediately prior to date of termination).

In the event a staff reduction is brought about **as** a result of the introduction of new technology, a regular full-time employee may, as an alternative to dismissal pay, or as an alternative to claiming employment **as** a part-time employee or a job in a lower-rated classification, elect enrollment in a recognized educational establishment with a view to retraining.

If an employee elects enrollment in a recognized educational establishment with a view to retraining, the Employer will establish a retraining allowance fund through a chartered bank or trust company, and such fund will provide the employee with an amount of money equal to 65% of the straight time weekly day rate in effect at the time of his or her termination for a period of up to three (3) years, payable monthly. Programs qualifying for the retraining allowance specified herein must be recognized by the Canada Manpower Department or by a properly qualified educational authority and must be designed to qualify the applicant for gainful employment in some field other than pressroom, paperhandling, platemaking or mailing room work. If, because of special circumstances, recognition as described above cannot be achieved for a specific program, then such a program may be reviewed by both parties to this agreement and may be deemed to qualify for participation by consent of both parties.

An employee electing this option must maintain a record of satisfactory attendance to qualify for a continuation of compensation. Where it is established that a trainee has dropped out of a program, compensation may be discontinued and no further obligation of any kind shall be deemed to exist toward such a person by Toronto **Star** Newspapers Limited or any agent acting on its behalf.

An employee electing this option shall cease to be an employee upon his or her enrollment in such program.

During the life of this contract every effort will be made in co-operation with the Union for the relocation of the personnel involved within the Union's jurisdiction who are affected by a staff reduction resulting from the introduction of new technology.

The Employer agrees to discuss with the Union the possibility of voluntary retirement of personnel within the Union's jurisdiction in order to reduce the impact of any layoffs, and to discuss any other alternative **means** of reducing the impact of such layoffs, including &heintroduction of a reduced work week. It is understood that pressure will not be exerted on any individual with regard to voluntary retirement.

For the purpose of this Article a reduction in workforce is defined **as** a reduction in the number of regular full-time or part-time situations brought about through termination of employment, but not as a result of transfer, retirement, resignation, disability, death or discharge for just and sufficient cause.

Severance pay at the rate of one weeks wages for each six (6) months of continuous service (or major fraction thereof) with the Employer, with a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks' wages, shall be paid on loss of situation caused through permanent suspension of publication or plant closure. Severance pay shall not apply in the case of an employee who does not lose employment through suspension of publication due to merger or plant closure.

Except as provided in Article 7, when the Employer intends to fill a vacancy for a regular full-time Mailer, a regular full-time Inserter, or a regular part-time Mailer, or a regular part-time Inserter, in either of the two Mailing Room locations referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement, it shall be posted in both Plant Mailing Rooms for a period of at least five (5) calendar days and the following procedures shall apply. A member of the Union wishing to be considered as a candidate to fill the vacancy shall make application in writing within the five calendar day posting period during which time the Employer also agrees to receive from the Union the names of any candidates it wishes to submit for the vacancy or vacancies in question. A regular part-time employee accepted as a candidate for full-time employment shall be subject to a trial period as set out in Article 7 (a).

A regular full time employee (other than a regular full time journeyman Mailer) or a regular part time employee who transfers from one Mailing Room to another in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be subject to a trial period to consist of not more than 65 shifts actually worked following the successful completion of which such employee shall be confirmed as having been transferred to &henew Mailing Room location and eligible to hold priority therein. If such employee is at any time during the said trial period found by the Employer not to be suitable, able or competent to perform the duties of the situation, or not to be performing such duties to the satisfaction of the Employer, he or she will be returned to his or her former position and the employment category without loss of seniority or priority.

When a regular situation holder from one plant is given the opportunity to work as the regular situation holder in the other plant as a result of filling a vacancy, he or she will not be considered to hold priority in the Mailing Room to which he or she is transferring until such time as the situation holders in that Mailing Room have had the opportunity to claim any shift opening brought about as a result of the vacancy. Thereafter, however, subject to successful trial period completion, (except in the case of a regular full time journeyman Mailer) such transferred employee shall be considered to hold priority based upon his or her total continuous Mailing Room service. In the event of a staff reduction in one plant regular situation holders shall have the right to claim the regular situations of employees in the other plant provided such employees have less total continuous Mailing Room service.

A regular full-time situation holder who has worked 875 straight time shifts who is dismissed as a result of a reduction in staff shall receive, in addition to the dismissal pay described in this Article, an additional amount of \$500. (effective first full week following date of signing a once in a lifetime lump sum payment equal to two (2) weeks at the basic day shift rate in effect immediately prior to date of termination). A regular part-time situation holder having worked 875 straight time shifts who is dismissed as a result of a reduction in staff shall receive a proportionate amount based on the average number of straight time shifts worked in the 12 months preceding the dismissal, e.g. a part-time employee who averaged three straight time shifts per week in the preceding 12-month period would receive three-fifths of \$500. (effective first full week following date of signing three-fifths of an amount equal to two (2) weeks at the basic day shift rate in effect immediately prior to date of termination) in addition to the proportionate dismissal pay based on the dismissal pay provisions in this Article. It is understood that this amount of \$500. (effective first full week following date of signing a lump sum payment equal to two (2) weeks at the basic day shift rate in effect immediately prior to date of termination) (or proportionate amount) will be paid only once in the working lifetime of an individual.

The Employer agrees, without prejudice to its right to implement any staff reduction, to discuss with the Union the need for any such staff reduction (other than a staff reduction brought about as a result of attrition) prior to formal implementation thereof.

#### **ARTICLE 14:**

## **VACATIONS**

Employees after one year of service are eligible for three weeks of vacation with pay in each year following the year ending June 30. Employees having completed 5 years' continuous service to September 30 are eligible for a fourth week of vacation with pay. Employees having completed 10 years' continuous service to September 30 are eligible for a fifth week of vacation with pay. Effective in 1986, employees having completed 25 years' continuous service to September 30, are eligible for a sixth week of vacation with pay. New employees and those working less than a full year to June 30 will receive one day of vacation for each 16 days worked (each 11.75 days worked in the case of employees eligible for a fourth week of vacation, and each 9.4 days worked in the case of employees eligible for a fifth week of vacation, and each 8 days worked in the case of employees eligible for a sixth week of vacation) but not more than 15 days (or 20 days or 25 days or 30 days) in any 12-month period.

Vacation pay will be based on the rate of the shift to which the employee is regularly assigned.

The vacation scheduling will be prepared by the Superintendent having regard to the requirements of the Mailing Room operation.

By January 15 of each year, the Superintendent will provide schedules for day, lobster and night shifts of Mailers and Inserters indicating the maximum number of employees to be off on vacation on a weekly basis for the following year.

The schedules will be posted on the bulletin board 1 employees will choose vacations by priority on a shift basis. Each employee will have 72 hours from the time of notification by the shift supervisor to make his/her choice of vacation -- failure to do so in the required time will result in the name going to the bottom of the list for this selection only.

Vacation scheduling must be completed by April 15 each year. An employee who fails to exercise his/her choice of vacations by this time shall be placed on the bottom of the list for purposes of choosing his or her remaining vacation time. Such an employee must select such remaining vacation time from the remaining available dates no later than May 15th or have his or her remaining vacation time assigned by the office. No employee will be allowed to forgo vacation in any year for the purpose of adding to the length of vacation in any succeeding year. It is understood that all vacations earned to June 30th shall be completed by December 31st except by mutual consent.

Employees who are eligible for two weeks or more of vacation will be entitled to two consecutive weeks of their vacation between the week in which June 15th falls and the week in which September 30th falls. No employee shall be allowed three or more consecutive weeks of vacation unless all two-week vacation periods have been arranged for all other members of the staff. As at date of signing, there were 50 regular full-time Mailers assigned to the night shift, 15 regular full-time Mailers assigned to the lobster shift and 37 regular full-time Mailers assigned to the day shift. During the prime summer vacation period as set out in Article 14, Paragraph 7, The Star will agree that for as long as the aforementioned numbers are in effect, it will permit 6 (six) regular full-time Mailers off on vacation at any one time on each of the day and night shifts and 1 (one) regular full-time Mailer on the lobster shift. The Employer may permit more than these numbers off on vacation at any one time at its sole discretion. Should the number of regular full-time Mailers at One Yonge Street assigned to any given shift change from those set out heretofore, the number of employees permitted off on vacation during the prime summer period at any one time on that shift may be modified upward or downward at the Employer's discretion but not less than 10 per cent of the regular full-time Mailers on any shift shall be permitted off on vacation at any one time either at One Yonge Street Plant, Toronto or at 7271 Weston Road, Vaughan Township.

Shifts lost as a result of sickness or accident (verified by a physician if required by the Employer), bereavement leave, jury or witness duty, union/management meetings as defined in Article 16 (g) (Leaves of Absence), statutory holidays which fall on a regularly scheduled work day, shall be considered as shifts worked for the purpose of determining vacation credits, except that no employee receiving long term disability benefits shall *earn* vacation credits.

## **ARTICLE 15:**

#### RECOGNIZED HOLIDAYS

For the purpose of this contract, the recognized holidays are New Year's Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, Civic Holiday, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

addition to the above holidays, employees shall be entitled to a floating holiday with pay to be taken at a time acceptable both to the employee and to the Employer within 30 days of the employee's birthday. If a mutually acceptable date cannot be agreed upon, the employee shall have the option of accepting a day off as designated by the Employer within this period of time or may elect one shift's pay at straight time in lieu thereof.

If any recognized holiday, except New Year's Day or Christmas Day, falls on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, it will be celebrated on either the previous Monday or the succeeding Friday, at the discretion of the Employer providing four (4) weeks' notice is given.

When no work is performed, straight time rates, based on the employees regularly assigned shift rate, will be paid for the above mentioned holidays provided these holidays result in a shortening of the work week and provided that a regular situation holder is at work the regular work day before and the regular work day following on which the recognized holiday is observed, excepting in those cases where other arrangements have been mutually agreed upon between the Employer and the employee, or absences from work due to sickness or accident and certified by a physician if required by the Employer. The Employer agrees to give every case consideration and will not refuse permission arbitrarily.

A regular full-time employee whose regular time off falls on a recognized holiday or whose vacation time includes **a** recognized holiday shall receive equivalent time off within one month or shall receive one shift's pay at straight time with the election to be made on a mutual consent basis. If the employee and the office cannot agree within 48 hours as to a satisfactory day off, then the employee shall automatically receive one shift's pay at straight time rates.

Regular part-time employees shall be compensated on a proportionate basis for recognized holidays which fall on days on which they are not regularly scheduled to work, e.g. an employee who regularly works 3 shifts in a work week shall be entitled to 3/5ths of a shift's pay **as** compensation for a recognized holiday not worked which falls on one of his or her days off.

A regular employee who is required to work on a statutory holiday which falls on his or her day off shall be paid at double the regular hourly straight time rate and shall receive in addition a day off with pay or one shift's pay in lieu thereof at the Employer's discretion within 30 calendar days of the holiday.

When work is performed on a recognized holiday, it shall be paid for in accordance with the terms of Article 11 (e).

#### **ARTICLE 16:**

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE

a) In the event of the death of a regular situation holder's spouse or children, parent, step-parent, legal guardian, brothers, sisters, parents-in-law, step-children, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers-in-law and sistersin-law, a bereavement leave shall be granted of up to 5 days from and including date of death to and including date of funeral, for the purpose of making funeral arrangements and/or attending the funeral. Pay for such bereavement leave will be limited to a maximum of up to 5 scheduled working days absent under the above conditions.

- b) A regular employee called for jury duty or subpoenaed as a witness will be paid the difference between jury or witness pay and his or her regular pay while so serving.
- c) A regular employee who enters military service of the Canadian government during a state of war or under compulsory military service will. on release from such service, be reinstated in his or her former position, or comparable one, at the rate currently paid for such position at the time of resumption of employment.

Regular employees who are members of reserve units of the Army, Navy or **Air** Force may apply for leaves of absence without pay to attend periods of annual training which are required as a condition of service in such units. Every reasonable effort will be made to grant such leaves of absence but each application must be considered in the light of existing conditions when the application is made.

Time spent in military service will not be considered a break in service.

Maternity leave of up to six (6) months will be granted on request on the understanding that the situation may be filled if the employee fails to notify the Employer in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the leave of her intention to return to work. Such maternity leave shall be without pay. The beginning and end of maternity leave shall be at the discretion of the employee within the framework of the time span provided in this section provided that upon request the employee shall provide the Employer with satisfactory medical evidence as to her ability to continue working and if unable to do so may be required to commence her maternity leave of absence by the Employer. The Employer agrees that the terms of this Clause shall be implemented in such a manner as to minimize any economic hardship upon the employee.

The Employer agrees to pay, on behalf of regular fulltime employees (and on a proportionate basis for regular part-time employees), 100% of contributions to premiums with respect to OHIP and the Supplement thereto, Blue Cross Plan for Extended Health Care, Dental Insurance and Group Life Insurance premiums for an employee on maternity leave of absence for a period of up to six (6) calendar months. In addition the Employer will pay as a maternity leave benefit at thecommencement of a maternity leave a lump sum amount equal to two (2) weeks Unemployment Insurance benefit. No Pension contributions shall be made on behalf of any employee . on maternity leave of absence neither shall such absence be considered as service for the purpose of earning service-related benefits, except that maternity leave of absence shall not be deducted from service for the purpose of determining eligibility for amount of vacation. By way of example, an employee with five (5) years of service which included a six (6) month maternity leave of absence would be considered eligible for a fifth (5th) week of vacation provided she had actually worked the required number of shifts during the vacation earning period. Service-related benefits earned up to the point of

a maternity leave of absence shall be retained upon return to employment upon which such employee would recommence earning such benefits. Maternity leaves of absence shall not change an employee's seniority or priority position.

- e) An employee who is elected or appointed to a full-time paid position within the Local or the Graphic Communications International Union shall, upon 30 days written notice, be granted a leave of absence without pay for a period of up to 2 years. An employee granted such a leave of absence shall provide at least 30 days notice of his or her intention to return to work.
- f) Upon 2 weeks written notice, employees may be granted leaves of absence without pay for the purpose of attending Union conventions and seminars, provided that not more than 2 employees from each of the two Mailing Rooms as referred to in Article 2 are away at any one time
- g) Upon 24 hours notice, a maximum of three (3) employees (not more than two (2) from any shift) from each plant mailing room will be granted time off to attend Union/Management meetings pertaining to the interpretation or application of this Agreement. It is understood that such leaves of absence shall be without pay and that arrangements will be made to provide competent straight time replacements if required by the Employer.
- h) The Employer agrees to give consideration to requests for leaves of absence for periods up to 12 months for purposes other than those referred to elsewhere in this Article. It is understood that all requests for such leaves of absence shall be made in writing and that such leaves of absence, if granted, shall be without pay. The granting of such leaves of absence shall be at the sole discretion of the Employer, and it shall be at the sole discretion of the Employer as to whether or not an employee granted a leave of absence shall be replaced. It is further understood and agreed that it shall be at the sole discretion of the Employer as to whether or not the replacement of an employee on a leave of absence (if required) shall be done through the use of temporary employees or regular part-time employees, and this provision shall apply to any leave of absence referred to in this Article.
- An employee at either Mailing Room referred to in this agreement wishing time off for personal reasons shall give the office as much notice as possible, but not less than 48 hours. It is understood and agreed that all such time off is without pay and requires the consent of the Employer. It shall be at the sole discretion of the Employer as to whether or not such absence requires coverage. No such time off shall be granted under circumstances when coverage is required unless such coverage can be provided at regular straight time rates. Permission for such time off for personal reasons shall not be unreasonably withheld by the office but it is agreed that coverage of production requirements shall be the governing principle with respect to whether or not permission is granted. Refusal to give permission for such time off which in the view of the Employer might prejudice the production and/or distribution of the newspaper or parts thereof, or products produced in the

- Rotogravure operation, shall under no circumstance e considered unreasonable.
- j) It is agreed that an employee on authorized leave of absence shall not earn any benefits which depend upon seniority during the course of such leaves but shall be allowed to retain any such seniority rights accumulated up until the time of the commencement of the leave of absence and will recommence earning such seniority rights upon return to active employment. There shall be no loss of priority as a result of any authorized leave of absence approved in writing by the Employer.

#### **ARTICLE 17:**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- a) A monthly chapel meeting of 15 minutes shall be allowed at a time suitable to the Superintendent in consultation with the Chapel Chairperson. In offices where three shifts overlap, one 15-minute chapel meeting each month shall be allowed during the working hours of 2 of the 3 shifts at a time suitable to the Superintendent in consultation with the Chapel Chairperson. In offices composed of shifts which do not overlap, two 15-minute periods shall be allowed for conducting monthly chapel meetings under the same conditions. It is understood that such meetings shall not interfere with production.
- b) The Employer agrees that, in each of the Mailing Rooms referred to in Article 2, a Union representative who is employed by the Employer and who has previously been designated by the Union to the Employer as a Union representative for the Mailing Room in which he or she is employed may, with the prior consent of his or her supervisor or the Employer's designated representatives, be permitted to leave his or her regular duties for a reasonable length of time for the purpose of investigating and adjusting grievances in accordance with the grievance procedure set out in Article 6. Subject to acceptance of the need to maintain production, consent for a Union representative to leave his or her regular duties for the purposes specified herein shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- c) Both parties agree that everything should be done to safeguard the health of employees and minimize hazards in every way possible. To this end the Employer agrees to provide and maintain sanitary conditions in the Mail Rooms, including suitable and separate changing and washroom facilities for male and female employees.
- d) The Employer agrees that when safety equipment and/or safety clothing is required to be worn by employees, it will maintain its current policy with respect to payment of such clothing or equipment, which provides that it will pay 100% of the cost thereof to the maximum amounts set out therein (e.g. the maximum payable by the Employer to cover the cost of safety shoes/boots shall not exceed \$52.00).

The Employer agrees to provide a mandatory annual hearing test through its Health Centre facilities for all Mailing Room staff.

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- e) The President or the Senior Executive of the Graphic communications International Union Local N-1 agrees to meet with senior representatives of The Star at regular intervals during the life of the contract to discuss resolution of problems, ways and means of improving productivity, and the establishment of principles which should guide the parties in the resolution of future differences.
- f) The Graphic Communications International Union Local N-1 agrees to take whatever steps may be possible in ensuring that the Weekly Indemnity Plan is not subject to any abuse.
- g) The Employer agrees to provide a bulletin board in both Mailing Rooms as referred to in Article 2. It is understood that such bulletin boards shall be used for official union communications or announcements pertaining to social activities, and it shall be the responsibility of the union to ensure that such bulletin boards are kept in a neat and satisfactory condition.
- h) The existing safety devices and practices of the Company for the purpose of protecting employees from injury, accident and unhealthful conditions of work during their working hours shall be continued subject to such improvements or changes as the Company may from time to time determine to be advisable. The parties recognize that each employee has the right and obligation to report unsafe conditions and practices to his immediate supervisor or to a member of the Safety Committee. The Employer, the Union and employees jointly share the responsibility for ensuring that employees practice safe work habits.

A Union/Management Safety Committee shall be maintained consisting of equal representation of bargaining unit employees and Management. Each party shall notify the other in writing of its appointees and any subsequent changes.

Any member of the Safety Committee or bargaining unit representative may make a report or suggestion to a Company supervisor on any matter of safety.

The Safety Committee shall meet at least quarterly to deal with any new or outstanding items of safety. Minutes of meetings will be distributed to each Committee member and to the Employer's Industrial Safety and Health Administrator

The activities of the members of the Safety Committee shall be:

- (a) to bring to the attention of those concerned any equipment, procedures or practices which create a safety hazard.
- (b) to make a report or suggestion concerning a safety hazard in writing to the Employer's Industrial Safety and Health Administrator who shall report on the action taken at the next Safety Committee meeting.
- (c) to recommend safety educational programs so as to promote safe working conditions and methods throughout the shops.

(d) the Employer will provide the Safety Committee with a ,position on any unresolved issues arising out of Safety Committee meetings within a reasonable period of time.

#### **ARTICLE 18:**

#### HEALTH BENEFITS WEEKLY INDEMNITY PLAN

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY

A member of the Union who is actively engaged in working for his or her Employer **as** a regular Mailer or Inserter and who has three months of continuous service with this Employer is automatically eligible for this plan.

#### 2. TERMINATION OF PLAN

On retirement except that those members of the Plan who are aged 65 or over will not be entitled to benefits at the 60% rate.

#### 3. AMOUNTS OF BENEFITS

Benefits will be paid weekly at the rate of 100% of the contract day rate for the disabled employee for a maximum of 26 weeks. Thereafter benefits will be paid to regular situation holders with two or more years of continuous service at the rate of 60% of the contract day rate in effect on the last day of his or her 26th week of disability until age 65, and such benefits will be paid monthly.

If an employee who is a contributory member of the Toronto Star Pension Plan is disabled and becomes entitled to benefits at the 60% rate in accordance with the foregoing paragraph, payment representing that employee's contribution will be made by the Employer directly to the Toronto Star Pension Plan from the beginning of the long-term disability period which commences after the first 26 weeks of disability. The employee's rate of pay for pension plan purposes will be assumed to be the rate paid at the end of the initial 26 weeks' period of disability.

Benefits in either period will be reduced by any amounts paid under Workmen's Compensation Board regulations.

## 4. BASIS FOR PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Except in the case of absence resulting from compensable injury, benefits will commence on the second working day for all types ofdisability (accident, sickness or disease). For the first 26 weeks andthe next 78 weeks, disability of the employee shall be deemed (1) inability to perform each and all material duties pertaining to his or her occupation, and (2) no engagement in any occupation or employment for wage or profit. Commencing with the third year of absence, disability (and hence qualifications for benefits) is defined as the continuous inability of the insured employee to engage in each and every gainful occupation or employment for which he or she is reasonably qualified by reason of education, training or experience. In the case of absence due to compensable injury, any difference between payment for the first day

of absence received from the Workmen's Compensation Board and regular straight time pay which the employee would have received will be made up by the Employer.

Benefits will be paid for as many separate and distinct periods of disability as may occur but successive disabilities due to the same cause will be treated as a continuation of the original disability unless the periods of absence are separated by a return to active employment for a 90-day period. Where the disability is considered successive, the one-day waiting period will not apply for payment of benefits.

Employees must be under the care of a duly licensed physician or surgeon (or chiropractor or osteopath for a maximum period of four weeks) in order to claim benefits. A claim form will be provided.

#### 5. CONTRIBUTIONS

The Company agrees to pay 100% of the cost of the Short Term Disability Plan and the Long Term Disability Plan.

The Company reserves the right to self-insure short and/or long term disability program, in which event a third party adjudicator will be appointed, with the consent of both parties, to deal with any challenged claims and with the Company further reserving the right to introduce a visiting nurse service.

#### 6. EFFECT OF DISABILITY ON SERVICE

The time the insured employee is receiving benefits at the 100% rate shall count as service for all benefits in this Agreement relating to service. The time while receiving benefits at the 60% rate may countas service only for pension purposes but not for any other benefits. Upon return to active work the employee will be deemed not to have broken continuous service with his or her Employer.

## **GROUP LIFE INSURANCE**

Employees covered by this agreement who have completed at least three months' service shall be eligible to participate in the Group Life Insurance Plan of Toronto Star Newspapers Limited. Such employees may select coverage in an amount equal to \$5,000.00 (\$6,000.00 effective first full week following date of signing) or equal to one year's salary at base rate, or equal to two years' salary at base rate.

For employees who elect to become members of the Plan, the Employer will pay the cost of the first \$5,000.00 (\$6,000.00 effective first full week following date of signing) of the Plan and will pay one-half of the premium cost of the excess coverage.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE

The Employer agrees to pay 100% of the cost of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan and of the Supplement thereto, and to continue to pay one-half (effective first full week following date of signing 100% of the cost) of the cost of the Blue Cross Plan for Extended Health Care, such Plan to be revised so as to eliminate deductibles at no additional cost to the employee.

## PENSION PLAN

Regular full-time employees shall be required to join the Toronto **Star** Pension Plan upon fulfillment of the eligibility requirements. It is understood and agreed that normal retirement is required at age 65, or as may be specified in accordance with the terms of the Pension Plan.

## **DENTAL INSURANCE**

Both parties to this Agreement agree that effective November 1, 1980, Industrial Life Insurance will replace Blue Cross as carrier of The Toronto Star's dental insurance programme. It is understood and agreed that dental services covered by the Industrial Life Plan will be identical to those services covered by the Blue Cross Plan Number 9 as at October 31, 1980. The regulations of this Plan governing eligibility, enrollment, dependants and exceptions, will also remain unchanged and are attached to this Agreement as General Information.

It is agreed that all regular full-time employees of Toronto **Star** Newspapers Limited are eligible to participate in and must participate in Industrial Life Dental Plan unless specifically excluded by virtue of the terms of the plan.

Regular part-time employees of Toronto Star Newspapers Limited are eligible to participate, but once enrolled, may not opt out of the Plan except under the terms and conditions specified in the Plan.

It is agreed that temporary employees are ineligible to participate in the Dental Plan and participation is optional for employees who are covered for denial insurance through the dental plan of a spouse employed by a company other than Toronto **Star** Newspapers Limited.

Toronto **Star** Newspapers Limited agrees to pay 50% of the premium cost of the plan for regular full-time employees to a maximum of \$19.27 per month for an employee enrolled in the family plan, and a maximum of \$9.92 per month for an employee enrolled in the single plan.

The Employer agrees to update the O.D.A. Schedule to 1987 rates effective July 1, 1987. The Employer agrees to add Part II - Prosthodontic Services and Part III - Major Restorative Services effective January 1, 1988 and at that time to amend the contribution formula so **as** to have the Employer pay 75% of the premium for such Plan with the employees paying 25% of premium costs.

#### VISION CARE

Effective July 1, 1987 (and subject to the terms of the Insurance Company's Plan) the Employer will provide a basic Blue Cross Vision Care Program at a benefit level of \$120.00 towards the purchase of prescription eye glasses or contact lenses once every 24 months, with the Plan assuming the costs up to \$120.00 per eligible family member in each 24 month period.

#### ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Effective first full week following date of signing the Employer will pay the premium cost for insurance coverage to provide a benefit of \$100,000. to be paid in the event of the accidental death of an employee occurring or resulting from injuries sustained in the course of his or her employment.

#### REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, BENEFIT PARTICIPATION

Regular Part-Time employees who meet the eligibility requirements may participate in any of the benefits specified in this Article. The Employer's contribution toward the cost of benefits for Regular Part-Time employees shall be proportionate to the Employer's contribution for Regular Full-Time employees and the proportion shall be based on the amount of straight time hours worked by a Part-Time employee in comparison with the amount of straight time hours worked by a Regular Full-Time employee. The Employer may deduct the full cost of such benefits in advance and shall reimburse the employee the Company's contribution the month following.

#### **ARTICLE 19:**

## TERM OF CONTRACT

This Agreement shall take effect on January 1, 1987, and shall remain in force until June 30, 1989. It is mutually agreed that only the scale of wages provided in Article 12, including overtime (if any), will be retroactive to January 1, 1987, but all other provisions will be made effective upon the signing of this contract.

Within 90 days prior to the termination of this Agreement the Employer agrees to negotiate with the Union for a new Agreement to take effect on July 1, 1989. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in effect during such negotiations. If such negotiations do not result in a new Agreement prior to June 30, 1989, the new Agreement shall be made retroactive to July 1, 1989 in respect to wages and overtime (if any).

The name of the Union as set out in this Collective Agreement has been accepted by The Star with the clear understanding that G.C.I.U. Local N-1 has acquired the rights, privileges and duties of its predecessor, Printing and Graphic Communications Union Local N-1.

## TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

PER:

PER:

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL N-1

PER:

PER:

## TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

One Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5E 1E6

July 11, 1985.

Mr. Don Oliver, President, Graphic Communications International Union Local N-1, 255 Yorkland Blvd., Suite 206, Willowdale, Ontario, M2J 1S3.

Dear Mr. Oliver:

It is hereby understood by the Union and the Employer that Article 2 of the collective agreement is not intended to detract from the bargaining rights granted to the Union by the Certificate issued by the Ontario Labor Relations Board in File No. 6702-74-R for those persons employed or to be employed by Toronto **Star** Newspapers Limited in any other plant not referred to in Article 2.

Yours truly,

Chris J. Davies, Director, Industrial Relations.

## SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE MAIN AGREEMENT (AND FORMING PART OF THE MAIN AGREEMENT)

## **BETWEEN**

## TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

(hereinafterknown as the "Employer")

## AND

## GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL N-1

(hereinafterknown as the "Union")

## **RE: SUNDAY NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION**

In the event that Sunday is worked **as** part of a regular work week in connection with the production of a Sunday newspaper, (irrespective of whether the Sunday newspaper is a morning or afternoon newspaper) straight time rates shall apply to the regular hours of the shift with overtime, extra shift or statutory holiday pay being applied **as** it would be in connection with any other regularly scheduled straight time shift.

A Sunday shift is defined as being a shift, the straight time hours of which fall between the hours of 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 6:00 a.m. Sunday for night shift employees, and from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for day shift employees.

A Sunday lobster shift shall be defined as any shift the straight time hours of which are not started and completed during either of the day or night shift span of hours as herein defined.

Dated this day of , 1987.

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL N-1

PER: PER:

TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

PER: PER:

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED (the "Employer") AND GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL N-1 (the "Union") COVERING MAILING ROOM EMPLOYEES AND FORMING PART OF THE MAIN COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EMPLOYER AND THE UNION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1987 to JUNE 30, 1989.

1. Except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, the normal straight time workweek for Mailers holding regular situations assigned to a short workweek shall consist of four shifts of eight hours (seven and one-half hours for Bindery Pocket Feeder Loaders), exclusive of a meal period of not less than 30 minutes, the duration and timing of which shall be determined by the Employer. If any additional shifts are required and authorized by the Employer, such shifts shall be worked at regular straight time rates, unless exceptional circumstances require premium rates which can be shown to be an established and agreed to practice. Such shifts shall consist of eight consecutive hours of work for Mailers (seven and one-half consecutive hours for Bindery Pocket Feeder Loaders) exclusive of a meal peiod and any pre or post shift overtime authorized and required by the Employer.

It is understood and agreed that the workweek to be worked by regular situation holders assigned to work a short workweek may be made up of a combination of day shifts, first-night shifts and second-night shifts and that regular straight time rates of pay referred to in the Main Collective Agreement shall consist of one thirty-fifth of the applicable contractual weekly rates of pay.

When two conveyors are in operation in the Rotogravure Mailing Room **as** a result of a double delivery operation on the press, mailers assigned to work on the conveyors may, at the discretion of the Employer, be assigned to work on a continuous operation basis, in which case, the straight-time hours of work of the shift shall consist of eight hours, including a paid 30-minute lunch period, the timing of which shall be subject to Employer discretion. As an alternative, when two conveyors are in operation as a result of a double delivery operation on the press, the Employer may, at its discretion, assign sufficient employees to the conveyor operations to permit an unpaid

lunch break to be taken, as provided elsewhere in Agreement.

It is understood and agreed that the priority or seniority of regular situation holders assigned to a short workweek in accordance with the provisions of this Clause shall continue and shall accumulate on the same basis as if the said regular situation holders assigned to a short workweek had continued as regular full time situation holders working a normal 35 hour workweek and without reduction in respect of their shorter workweek.

The following provisions shall apply to regular situation holders assigned to a short workweek:

#### a) BENEFIT PARTICIPATION

Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan coverage: The Employer will pay premium contributions on behalf of regular full time situation holders assigned to a short work week to the same extent as for a regular full time situation holder.

#### b) GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

The Employer shall pay on behalf of regular full time situation holders assigned to a short work week the full premium cost of Group Life Insurance coverage in the amount of \$5,000.00. (\$6,000.00 effective first full week following date of signing).

For regular situation holders assigned to a short workweek who elect excess coverage, a year's salary at base rate shall be established at fifty-two (52) times the Mailer's straight time pay at day shift rates based upon thirty-five (35) hours per week in the case of Mailers and at fifty-two (52) times the Bindery Pocket Feeder-Loader's straight time pay at day shift rates based upon thirty-five (35) hours per week in the case of Bindery Pocket Feeder-Loaders.

## c) VACATIONS

Regular situation holders assigned to a short workweek shall receive vacations in accordance with Article 14 of the Collective Agreement, except that the rate of pay for each week of vacation shall be equal to thirty-two (32) times the Mailer's regular hourly straight time rate of pay (thirty (30) times the Bindery Pocket Feeder Loaders regular hourly straight time rate of pay).

Regular situation holders assigned to a short workweek shall be entitled to additional vacation pay (but not vacation) in respect of all fifth shifts worked at straight-time in addition to the normal four shift short workweek and compensated as follows:

- -6% of such additional straight time earnings for employees entitled to three (3) weeks' vacation;
- -8% of such additional straight time earnings for employees entitled to four (4) weeks' vacation;
- -10% of such additional straight time earnings for employeesentitled to five (5) weeks' vacation;
- -Commencing in 1986, 12% of such additional straight time earnings for employees entitled to six (6) weeks' vacation.

#### WEEKLY INDEMNITY PLAN

The weekly indemnity plan benefit as described in Article 18 of the Collective Agreement shall be calculated on the basis of the average number of weekly straight time hours worked by a regular full time situation holder assigned to a short workweek to a weekly maximum of thirty-five (35) straight time hours during the six (6) month period immediately preceding an absence due to sickness.

#### e) EXTENDEDHEALTHCARE

The Employer agrees to pay one-half (effective first full week following date of signing the full cost) of the cost of the Blue Cross Plan for Extended Health Care to the same extent as for a regular full-time situation holder.

#### f) PENSION PLAN

Members of the Toronto **Star** Pension Plan are required to maintain their membership therein and remain subject to all of its terms. Regular situation holders assigned to work a short workweek will be given credit for extra shifts worked at straight time to a maximum of an additional three hours of straight time per week in the case of a Mailer and five hours of straight time per week in the case of Bindery Pocket Feeder Loaders.

## g) DENTAL INSURANCE

The Employer will pay the premium contributions on behalf of regular full time situation holders assigned to a short work week to the same extent as for a regular full time situation holder.

2. The feeding of pockets on inserting equipment at the newspaper Mailing Room at One Yonge Street will be performed by Inserters, as provided in the Collective Agreement between the parties dated January 1, 1987 to June 30, 1989. The delivery and/or removal of bulk product to and from machine inserting equipment and the feeding of the head pocket when the product to be fed into the head pocket is a broad sheet section of the daily newspaper (but not an insert or tabloid section) shall not be considered part of the work to be performed by Inserters. The starting rate shall be paid for the first 65 shifts worked. The Employer further agrees that when an employee designated as Machine Inserter is assigned to manual inserting from time to time as required, the said Machine Inserter shall be paid not less than the appropriate machine inserting rate. An Inserter shall be considered a Machine Inserter when the majority of the work performed by that employee on a regular basis is machine inserting.

Nothing in this Clause shall be interpreted to preclude the Employer from employing Manual Inserters for manual inserting at the manual inserting rates specified in the Collective Agreement. In the event that Manual Inserters are used from time to time as Machine Inserters, they shall be paid at the appropriate machine inserting rate for hours so worked; that is to say at the starting machine inserting rate for the first 65 shifts so worked and at the fully experienced machine inserting rate for shifts worked thereafter. Such sporadic work on machine inserting equipment, however, shall not entitle any such Manual

Inserter to reclassification as a Machine Inserter, unless such Machine Inserter is reassigned to machine inserting on a regular basis and except under that specific circumstance a Manual Inserter will revert to manual inserting rates when reassigned to manual inserting following periods of sporadic machine inserting coverage.

3. The normal straight time workweek for Inserters at One Yonge Street shall consist of 35 hours per week made up of five shifts of seven working hours, exclusive of a meal period of 30 minutes each shift, the time and duration of which are to be determined by the Employer. It is agreed that the workweek for Inserters may be made up of a combination of day, night or lobster shifts; however, the Employer agrees to make every reasonable effort to minimize the scheduling of such workweeks and to endeavour to schedule Inserters to workweeks made up of five day, five night or five lobster shifts.

Should the Employer hire regular part time Inserters (that is to say, employees who are regularly scheduled to work more than one shift each week, but less than the normal workweek as defined herein) such regular part time Inserters will be requested, in order of priority, to work any extra shifts within the newspaper Mailing Room up to five straight time shifts per week, before temporary Inserters or regular full time Inserters are assigned to such shifts, provided that:

- (a) such regular part time Inserters notify the office in writing that they wish to be provided with this opportunity and will make themselves available for such extra shifts; and
- (b) a part time Inserter who refuses extra shifts offered in accordance with these provisions or fails to cover that shift having indicated willingness and availability to work and who does not provide an explanation satisfactory to the Employer may be deemed by the Employer to be ineligible for extra shifts for a period of six months following which the employee in question shall be subsequently placed at the bottom of the regular part time employee list for purposes of eligibility to work available extra shifts.

The Employer agrees to make every reasonable effort to assign overtime to Inserters in a fair and equitable manner. The Employer further agrees to provide two unpaid ten minute breaks, one before the meal break and one after the meal break in each shift, whenever possible, but it is understood and agreed that production requirements may preclude the possibility of breaks from time to time. Meal periods for Inserters shall be granted in accordance with the terms of Article 10 of the Collective Agreement.

It is agreed that inserting equipment will be operated in a manner which will permit Inserters to be rotated from pocket to pocket as directed by Mailing Room supervision.

- 4. It is agreed that in the event that additional full timejourneyman openings become available at the Rotogravure Mailing Room following completion of the current work and personnel transfer to the newspaper Mailing Room at One Yonge Street, such openings shall first be offered to full time journeymen at the newspaper Mailing Room at One Yonge Street in order of priority.
- 5. Extra shifts required and authorized for Bindery Pocket Feeder Loading work shall be assigned to Mailers and to Bindery Pocket Feeder Loaders on a rotational basis. It is understood that if an extra shift is offered to an employee and rejected, it shall be considered as though it had been worked for purposes of eligibility to work subsequent extra shifts.

Except as provided hereinbefore Mailers assigned to a short workweek at the Rotagravure Mailing Room shall be given the first opportunity to work a fifth shift at straight time in that Mailing Room before such shifts are offered to temporary or part time Mailers. Such straight time fifth shifts shall be offered in order of rotation in order of priority.

It is agreed that there shall be no reduction in rate of pay to Mailers assigned to Bindery Pocket Feeder Loading work.

6. With respect to part timers, the Employer agrees to make a reasonable effort to ensure that the opportunity to work extra shifts in excess of those forming part of the guaranteed minimum shift requirement for part timers is distributed in a fair and equitable manner.

In the event of disagreement with respect to the assignment of any particular part timer:

- (a) the Chapel Chairman shall have the right to meet with office representatives to discuss the matter; and
- (b) if the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of both parties, the Union will retain the right to pursue the matter through the grievance procedure.
- 7. The Employer agrees that if the regular situation holders assigned to a short workweek at the Rotogravure Mailing Room are required, on a consistent basis, to work more than four (4) shifts per week and, in fact, work five (5) or more shifts per week on the same shift throughout a significant period (which, for the purposes of this Clause, shall be not less than six (6) consecutive months) it will, at the request of the Union, discuss with the Union the possibility of the regular situation holders assigned to a short workweek reverting to a normal workweek of five (5) shifts of seven (7) working hours.
- **8.** It is agreed that the Main Collective Agreement between the parties dated January **1, 1987** to June **30, 1989** shall be deemed to be amended to the full extent required to give effect to the terms of this Supplemental Agreement and that the implementation of this Supplemental Agreement shall for all purposes be deemed not to have violated any provisions of the above mentioned Main Collective Agreement.

- 9. Any set-up of the Muellers or other bindery equip t falling within the jurisdiction of the Union shall be are function of either a Lead Hand or journeyman Mailer and The Star agrees to assign a Lead Hand to each shift. The delivery of bulk product for use on bindery equipment or the removal of skidded finished material shall not be considered as part of the work of Bindery Pocket Feeder Loaders but as part of the functions of a journeyman Mailer. It is understood that the work of Bindery Pocket Feeder Loaders shall consist of feeding bindery equipment pockets and off-loading material from bindery equipment.
- 10. It is understood that the term regular situation holder, as used throughout this Supplemental Agreement, applies to all of the regular employees in the classifications set out in Article 7 of the Main Collective Agreement between Toronto Star Newspapers Limited and Graphic Communications International Union Local N-1 (covering Mailing Room employees) dated January 1, 1987 to June 30, 1989. For example, a regular situation holder may be a regular full time or regular part time Mailer, Preparation Clerk, Manual Inserter, Machine Inserter or Bindery Pocket Feeder Loader.
- 11. It is recognized that as of the date of signing this Agreement there are 17 Mailer regular situation holders and 14 Bindery Pocket Feeder Loader regular situation holders assigned to the Employer's Rotogravure Plant located at 7271 Weston Road, Vaughan Township.

The Employer agrees to retain a minimum of 17 Mailer regular situation holders for the duration of the Collective Agreement provided that in general terms the level of work in the Rotogravure Mailing Room remains as it was during the six (6) months immediately prior to the signing of this Agreement and provided that no new equipment is introduced into the Mailing Room which could bring about the need for a staff reduction as a result of technological change. In the event of the need for a staff reduction brought about as a result of a reduction in volume of work or the introduction of technological change the appropriate provisions of the Main Collective Agreement will apply.

Dated at Toronto this day of , 1987.

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL N-1

PER: PER:

TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

PER: PER: April 11, 1983.

Mr. Don Oliver. President, Graphic Communications International Union Local N-1, 255 Yorkland Blvd., Suite 206. Willowdale, Ontario, M2J 1S3.

Dear Mr. Oliver:

It is understood that additions to the regular situation staff at 1 Yonge Street Mailing Room may be temporarily assigned to shifts out of priority during the phase-in period to allow for training, understanding of course that they will have to revert to the shifts to which they would otherwise have been assigned in priority within a reasonable period of time. A reasonable time should not exceed the duration of the basic probation period provided in the Agreement.

Yours truly,

CJD/kjg

Chris J. Davies. Director. Industrial Relations.

June 16th, 1985.

Mr. D. Oliver, President, Graphic Communications International Union Local N-1, 255 Yorkland Boulevard, Suite 206. Willowdale, Ontario, M2J 1S3,

Dear Mr. Oliver:

For purposes of this letter the term personnel file shall be defined as the file containing an employee's basic employment record, but shall not include confidential medical records maintained by professional staff in the Health Centre or files which are developed in connection with the grievance procedure.

Contingent upon Union agreement that personnel files and information contained therein are the property of the Employer, The Star agrees that a regular employee shall be permitted to read his or her personnel file contents once a year provided that he or she shall make a written request to this effect to his or her department head. The Employer agrees to provide an employee with an opportunity to read his or her personnel file on Company premises and in the presence of a representative of management within a reasonable period of time following receipt of such written request. An employee shall have the right to have corrected any confirmed error of fact in his or her personnel file.

Yours truly,

Chris J. Davies. Director, Industrial Relations. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE **MAIN AGREEMENT** (AND FORMING PART OF THE MAIN AGREEMENT)

#### **BETWEEN**

## TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

(hereinafterknown **as** the "Employer")

#### **AND**

## **GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS** INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL N-1 **COVERING MAILING ROOM EMPLOYEES**

(hereinafter known as the "Union")

Dated at Toronto this

day of

, 1987.

The Company agrees to recognize the Union's International Pension Plan provided that it is and at all times remains a Canadian registered pension plan, and provided that (with the exception of joint administration) the Employer is in no way liable for any obligations assumed by the plan or to make contributions to the plan other than those which may be negotiated.

All members of the Union must be participants in the International Pension Plan other than those designated as nonworking supervisory personnel.

Effective January 1, 1986, the Company agrees to contribute to the Union's International Pension Plan, a payment of \$1.00 per straight time shift worked to a maximum of \$5.00 per week on behalf of each member employee. The term straight time shift worked is deemed to include all paid absence except long-term disability absence. When an employee works the equivalent of a normal straight time workweek such employee shall be eligible for the maximum pension contribution provided under the terms of this Collective Agreement.

Commencing with the first full week following date of signing the Employer agrees to contribute an additional \$1.00 (\$1.25) per four shift (short) work week member employee) per straight time shift worked on behalf of each member employee to a new maximum of \$10.00 per week. Effective July 1, 1988 the Employer will contribute a further \$1.20 (\$1.45 per four shift (short) work week member employee) per straight time shift worked on behalf of each member employee to a new maximum of \$16.00 per week.

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June 16, 1985

Mr. Don Oliver, President, Graphic Communications International Union Local N-1, 255 Yorkland Blvd., Suite 206, Willowdale, Ontario, M2J 1S3.

Dear Mr. Oliver:

This is to confirm the Employer's agreem nt to continue its policy with respect to benefit contributions for employees on long-term disability during the currency of this Collective Agreement. The Employer's policy now provides for benefit premium costs for employees on long-term disability to be shared in the manner set out below:-

-	Current Monthly		Current Monthly	
Company Contribution		Employee Co	ontributions	
	Single	Family	Single	Family
O.H.I.P.	\$29.75	59.50	Nil	Nil
Hospital Supplement	\$ 2.10	5.91	Nil	Nil
Extended Health (Drugs)*				
(Drugs)*	\$11.34	31.62	.30	.90
Dental*	\$ 9.92	19.27	9.92	19.26

Life Insurance: Premium Waived (Coverage continues at the level of insurance immediately prior to commencement of L.T.D.).

\* Contributions will be amended to reflect agreements reached with respect to these two (2) benefits as shown elsewhere in the Collective Agreement.

Yours truly,

CJD/kjg

Chris J. Davies, Director, Industrial Relations.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED AND GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL N-1 COVERING ALL MAILING ROOM EMPLOYEES

#### RE: SUNDAY NEWSPAPER WORK

It is agreed that inserts, supplements or other products distributed with a Sunday newspaper are an integral part of the Sunday newspaper and that work on such products is work "in connection with the production of a Sunday newspaper" for all purposes including determination of rates of pay for Inserters represented by the Union. It is further agreed that when the inserting or collating of such products to be distributed with the Sunday newspaper is performed on Sunday as part of a regular workweek, the regular hours of the shift shall be paid at the appropriate straight time rates of pay as set out in Article 12. When such work is performed on a Sunday as a shift which is additional to the regular straight time workweek (e.g. as a sixth or seventh shift), it shall be

compensated for at double the regular straight time rate pay as set out in Article 12.

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In view of this agreement The Star agrees to pay Inserters who worked on Sunday, March 31, 1985, **as** an additional shift, at double the regular straight time rate of pay set out in Article 12 and the Union agrees to withdraw its grievance with respect to this matter dated April 9, 1985.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE MAIN AGREEMENT (AND FORMING PART OF THE MAIN AGREEMENT)

## **BETWEEN**

## TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

(hereinafter known as the "Employer")

#### AND

## GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL N-1

(hereinafter known as the "Union")

Dated January 1, 1987 to June 30, 1989.

RE: ARTICLE 2 g)

- 1. Both parties recognize and agree that all persons who perform manual inserting services on a temporary basis in the Employer's Mailing Room at One Yonge Street, Toronto and who are employees of other employers, are not part of the bargaining unit covered by the Collective Agreement.
- The Union and the Employer agree that temporary hand inserters as defined in paragraph 1. above shall not be employed for more than two (2) shifts per week of up to seven (7) hours per shift except under circumstances where this limit has been exceeded by past practice. Temporary hand inserters shall not perform work that has previously been done by members of the bargaining unit. There shall be no increase in the amount or nature of the work assigned to such temporary hand inserters over and above the amount or nature of such work performed in the Employer's Mailing Rooms in 1986 unless the Union has been given the opportunity to provide the manpower required to perform such work at regular straight time rates and is unable to do so. Subject to the foregoing the Employer agrees that work performed by temporary hand inserters shall not deprive members of the bargaining unit of any hours or overtime opportunities or in any other way adversely affect such bargaining unit members.
- 3. In the event persons described in paragraph one (1) above perform manual inserting work in the Employer's Mailing Room at One Yonge Street, Toronto, the Employer shall be required to pay a penalty fee to the Union in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per shift worked by each such inserter.

- 4. The Employer will send to the Union and the Chapel Chairman a list of those persons described in paragraph one (1) above together with the number of shifts worked by each such person during the previous three (3) months (and thereafter quarterly in arrears) and will at the same time forward to the Union the penalty payment required on behalf of such persons calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph three (3) above.
- 5. As provided in Article 2 of the Main Collective Agreement between the parties it is agreed that before hiring the employees of any other employer to perform work in either of the Mailing Rooms, the Employer will first provide the Union with an opportunity to supply manpower at the appropriate straight time rates.

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> SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE MAIN AGREEMENT (AND FORMING PART OF THE MAIN AGREEMENT)

## **BETWEEN**

TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED (hereinafter known as the "Employer")

#### AND

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS
INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL N-1
(hereinafter known as the "Union")

Dated January 1, 1987 to June 30, 1989.

# RE: MAILERS NIGHT SIDE SHORT WORKWEEK - ONE YONGE STREET

1. The normal straight time workweek for Mailers holding regular full time situations assigned to a short workweek shall consist of four (4) shifts of eight (8) hours exclusive of a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, the duration and timing of which shall be determined by the Employer. If any additional shifts are required and authorized by the Employer on the night shift they shall consist of eight (8) hours exclusive of a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, the duration and timing of which shall be determined by the Employer and shall be worked at regular straight time rates. If any additional shifts are required and authorized by the Employer on the day or lobster shifts they shall consist of seven (7) hours exclusive of a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, the duration and timing of which shall be determined by the Employer and shall be worked at the appropriate overtime rate.

Night side Mailers must advise the Office on Friday if they wish to work an available fifth shift the following week on the night side. Any such available fifth shifts not claimed by night side regular short workweek Mailers will be offered to regular part-timers before being offered to temporaries. The opportunity to work night side fifth shifts shall be offered to regular short workweek Mailers on a rotational basis in order of priority.

Benefit participation for night side Mailers on a short workweek shall be as follows:

- 1. Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan coverage: The Employer will pay premium contributions on behalf of regular full time Mailers assigned to a short workweek to the same extent as for a regular full time situation holder.
- 2. Dental Insurance: The Employer will pay the premium contributions on behalf of regular full time Mailers assigned to a short workweek to the same extent as for a regular full time situation holder.
- 3. Group Life Insurance: The Employer will pay on behalf of regular full time Mailers assigned to a short workweek the full premium cost of group life insurance in the amount of \$6,000.00. Should the regular situation holder elect excess coverage, a year's salary at base rate shall be established as being 52 times the Mailers straight time pay at day shift rates based on 35 hours per week.
- 4. Extended Health Care: The Employer will pay one-half of the cost (effective first full week following date of signing the full cost) of the Blue Cross Plan for extended health care to the same extent as for a regular full time situation holder.
- 5. Weekly Indemnity Plan: The weekly indemnity plan benefit as described in Article 18 of the Collective Agreement shall be calculated on the basis of the average number of weekly straight time hours worked by regular full time journeyman Mailer situation holders assigned to a short workweek to a weekly maximum of thirty-five (35) straight time hours during the six (6) month period immediately preceding an absence due to sickness.
- 6. Vacations: As per Roto short workweek Agreement paragraph (c).
- 7. Toronto Star Pension Plan: As per Roto short workweek Agreement paragraph (f).

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