

GIRLS REFUSE TO WORK UNDER 'ZOMBIE' CSM

Ottawa, Aug. 21 (CP).—The Ottawa Citizen said today that the replacement of a draftee company sergeant-major by a general service non-commissioned officer ended a work stoppage Saturday of about 30 girls in No. 8 temporary building at the Central Experimental Farm near here.

The newspaper said the girls took exception to the appointment of a draftee in charge of their group, on the grounds that many had relatives overseas and were unwilling to work under a "Zombie."

The Citizen, quoting "employees of the section," said the sergeant-major was replaced when work started today. The girls are employed in posting the orders of No. 2 District Depot at Lansdowne Park.

The newspaper continued:

"This is not the first instance of trouble at No. 8 Building. Earlier in the summer considerable trouble was allegedly caused when a number of 'Zombie' N.C.O.'s were brought into the staffs employed in the various sections.

"This trouble, according to reports, flared to a head when an active (force) sergeant-major was dismissed from his post to make way for a draftee warrant officer. The ousted sergeant-major carried his trouble to higher authorities, and, it is said, a court of inquiry was appointed to look into the situation.

"No report has yet been received as to the results of the deliberations of this court."

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