

The City

Mechanic Cleared In 'Bomb' Incident

A mechanic who held four persons hostage at the World Trade Center in July 1978 with a soft-drink can and four loaves of black bread that were thought to be a bomb was found not guilty of kidnapping and coercion charges yesterday, "due to a mental defect."

Wladyslaw Fraczek, the 43-year-old defendant, held a Workers Compensation Board judge and three other persons on the 36th floor of the South Tower of the Trade Center for 10 hours before being subdued by the police. He said he was frustrated by repeated failures to get a hearing before the board.

City Councilman Abraham G. Gerges, who represented Mr. Fraczek in a four-week jury trial before Judge Martin B. Stecher of State Supreme Court, said the case "shows what can happen to a human being caught up in bureaucracy."

The State Department of Mental Hygiene has scheduled a hearing on March 10 to determine whether Mr. Fraczek should be released.

Legal Help Union Ends Long Strike

Employees of Community Action for Legal Services, which provides the poor with legal help in civil cases, returned to their jobs yesterday after an 11-week strike. They voted to accept settlement terms recommended by two mediators in their dispute, Lennox Hinds and Eileen Hoffman.

The agreement, covering 300 employees represented by the Legal Services Staff Association, will give attorneys a \$2,500 increase the first year; \$1,000 more next Oct. 1 and \$1,250 April 1, 1981, the union said. The two-year pact would date from Oct. 1, 1979. The starting salary of attorneys has been \$15,500.

Other legal employees will receive a salary increase of \$1,250 the first year and another \$1,250 Oct. 1. Both the attorneys and the legal employees will also get a lump sum of \$500 the first year, the union said. A pension plan will also be instituted as of Sept. 1, 1981, a spokesman said.

Man Without a Bank Plans a Big Deposit

A former bank official who claimed that he had been unfairly dismissed by the New York branch of a Dutch bank because of his age, sex, national origin and the fact that he had formally complained of discrimination received a settlement of about \$100,000, according to the New York State Division of Human Rights.

The agency said the employee, Marinus Zaaier, a Dutch-born resident of Croton-on-Hudson, had worked for 10 years for Algemene Bank Nederland as personnel manager and assistant vice president. He was replaced at age 62 in

December 1978 by a younger American woman.

According to the agency, the bank agreed to pay Mr. Zaaier back wages, expenses, and attorney's fees; to reinstate his medical and insurance benefits, and to rehire him and pay him \$52,088.97 through July 1, 1981, when he would retire voluntarily. The agency reported that the settlement would not actually require Mr. Zaaier to report for work, and he said yesterday he was looking for a banking job elsewhere.

Reinspection Sought Of S.I. Storage Tanks

A City Council committee cleared a bill that would require two giant liquefied natural gas storage tanks on Staten Island to be reinspected and reapproved by 17 agencies before they could be used.

The 37.5 million gallon tanks, now owned by the Public Service Electric and Gas Company of New Jersey, have been empty since they were completed in 1974. Some Staten Island residents have been fighting to keep the tanks from being used since 1973, when 40 workers died when a similar tank 10 miles away burned and collapsed as it was being cleaned.

Under the measure, bulk storage tanks that have not been used for two years would have to undergo full recertification.

Talks Resumed In Garage Dispute

Parking garage owners and their employees resumed talks in a new effort to resolve contract differences and avert a possible strike at midnight next Tuesday. But the negotiations were later recessed until tomorrow without a settlement.

Eugene Bennett, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 272, said the union, representing 3,000 employees at 500 garages in Manhattan and the Bronx, was hopeful of receiving a new proposal that would provide a basis for a settlement. The parking attendants, who now receive \$208.50 a week, are seeking a substantial pay rise, better pensions and other improvements.

Drug-Case Sentence

A Queens man was sentenced to 15 years in prison, without possibility of parole, after being convicted in a case in which he was accused of supervising a major international narcotics organization.

The defendant, John Grammatikos, was sentenced by Judge Edward R. Neaher in Federal District Court in Brooklyn. Mr. Grammatikos, 42 years old, had been convicted last September of engaging in "a continuing criminal enterprise." The prosecution said the organization that he allegedly supervised had smuggled hashish, heroin and cocaine into the United States from the Middle East.