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*Here are a few articles and opinion pieces that might be of interest to AJC members
Voici quelques articles et chroniques d'opinion qui pourraient intéresser les membres de
l'AJJ*

**Labour dispute : Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers (PAFSO)
Conflit de travail : Association professionnelle des agents du Service extérieur (l'APASE)**

Striking diplomats target Harper's office in protest

CBC News, July 30, 2013

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office in Ottawa was the target of a protest today by striking foreign service officers who are battling with the government to get a pay raise...

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2013/07/30/pol-foreign-service-protest.html?cmp=rss>

Débrayage des agents du service extérieur

Le Droit, 30 juillet, 2013

Protestant contre le refus du gouvernement Harper d'aller en arbitrage exécutoire, la quasi-totalité des agents du service extérieur canadien ne sont pas rentrés travailler ce matin, tant au pays qu'ailleurs dans le monde.

<http://www.lapresse.ca/le-droit/politique/fonction-publique/201307/30/01-4675450-debrayage-des-agents-du-service-exterieur.php>

Labour dispute leaves an unprecedented 15 Canadian embassies worldwide with reduced visa capacity

National Post, July 29, 2013

OTTAWA — Canadian foreign-service officers were to withdraw services Monday (July 29) at 15 embassies worldwide in the most substantial action the union has taken since the dispute first began.

<http://news.nationalpost.com/2013/07/29/labor-dispute-leaves-an-unprecedented-15-canadian-embassies-worldwide-with-reduced-visa-capacity/>

Foreign ministerial visits affected by PAFSO Strike

iPolitics, July 30 2013

TEL AVIV —Rolling strikes and walkouts by Canadian diplomats overseas have affected some ministerial visits, said First Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv Kristin Janson...

<http://www.ipolitics.ca/2013/07/30/foreign-ministerial-visits-affected-by-pafso-strike/>

No end in sight to strike by Canada's foreign service officers

The Toronto Star, July 29, 2013

No end is in sight to the job action by Canada's diplomats that is causing a massive backlog in Canadian visa applications by students, temporary workers and tourists from around the world...

http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2013/07/30/no_end_in_sight_to_strike_by_canadas_foreign_service_officers.html

PAFSO says prolonged strike could cost more than \$1 billion

iPolitics, July 29, 2013

The intensifying foreign service strike could cost the Canadian economy more than a billion dollars if the government and the union fail to come to an agreement by the fall, according to the union's president...

<http://www.ipolitics.ca/2013/07/29/pafso-says-prolonged-strike-could-cost-more-than-1-billion/>

Experts divided over foreign service strike's impact on Canada's brand

By Michelle Zilio, iPolitics, July 29, 2013

As the foreign service strike intensifies, experts are divided on the overall impact of the union's job actions on Canada's image abroad...

<http://www.ipolitics.ca/2013/07/29/experts-divided-over-foreign-service-strikes-impact-on-canadas-brand/>

Foreign service workers to walk out of 15 Canadian embassies around the globe

PostMedia News, July 29, 2013

Canadian foreign-service officers are poised to withdraw services at 15 embassies worldwide starting Monday in the most substantial action the union has taken since the dispute first began...

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/national/Foreign+service+workers+walk+Canadian+embassies+around/8718734/story.html>

Visas: les agents du service étranger en grève

La Presse, July 29, 2013

Les activités des quinze plus grands centres de traitement des visas du Canada à l'étranger sont paralysées ce lundi. Les agents du service étranger, dont les diplomates canadiens, font un coup d'éclat après des mois de conflit avec le gouvernement fédéral...

<http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/politique/politique-canadienne/201307/28/01-4674863-visas-les-agents-du-service-etranger-en-greve.php>

Statement by the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers: PAFSO Responds to Government's Rejection of Arbitration

PAFSO, July 26, 2013

Shortly before noon today, PAFSO received a letter from the President of the Treasury Board in which he rejected our offer of binding arbitration. Minister Clement's decision was based on the grounds that PAFSO would not accept all six of the preconditions he wanted to impose on the arbitration process...

http://pafso.com/news_releases.php?newsID=159

Déclaration de l'Association professionnelle des agents du Service extérieur : l'APASE réagit au rejet de l'arbitrage par le gouvernement

APASE, 26 juillet, 2013

Peu après midi aujourd'hui, l'APASE a reçu du président du Conseil du Trésor une lettre rejetant notre offre d'arbitrage exécutoire. Le ministre Clement motive sa décision en invoquant que l'APASE a refusé d'accepter la totalité des six conditions préalables qu'il voulait imposer au processus d'arbitrage...

http://pafso.com/news_releases_fr.php?newsID=159

Clement accepts arbitration from foreign-service workers as universities war of visa crunch

The Globe and Mail, July 23, 2013

Ottawa has opened the door for arbitration with its striking foreign service workers as universities warn Canada's reputation with international students will suffer a long-term blow if visas are not issued in time for the fall semester...

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/arbitration-an-option-for-clement-as-striking-foreign-service-workers-deadline-nears/article13358175/#dashboard/follows/>

Le ministre Clement accepte l'offre d'arbitrage

Le Droit, 23 juillet 2013

Le président du Conseil du Trésor, Tony Clement, accepte l'offre d'arbitrage faite la semaine dernière par l'Association professionnelle des agents du Service extérieur dans le but de mettre fin à la grève entreprise par ses membres...

http://www.lapresse.ca/le-droit/politique/fonction-publique/201307/23/01-4673428-le-ministre-clement-accepte-loffre-darbitrage.php?utm_categorieinterne=traficdrivers&utm_contenuinterne=cyberpresse_B9_politique_1837445_section_POS2

Statement by the Honourable Tony Clement President of the Treasury Board – PAFSO Negotiations

Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor, 23 juillet, 2013

<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/media/nr-cp/2013/0723-eng.asp>

Déclaration de l'honorable Tony Clement, président du Conseil du Trésor – Négociations avec l'APASE

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, July 23, 2013

<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/media/nr-cp/2013/0723-fra.asp>

<p>Rand Formula La Formule Rand</p>

A century of fighting for what you believe in

The Windsor Star, July 22, 2013

Though it didn't occur to him as he sat in the middle of the blockade of Riverside Drive during the legendary 1945 Ford strike, Ernest White was creating another chapter in a familiar family storyline.

The 1945 strike produced the Rand Formula and is considered perhaps the most significant labour action in Canadian history. A 112-day strike in the mid-1950s helped bring about key gains in health care and benefits...

<http://www.windsorstar.com/century+fighting+what+believe/8669397/story.html>

What is the Rand Formula?

Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (COPE), July 22, 2013

<http://copeontario.ca/what-is-the-rand-formula/>

Rand Formula video

IAM District78, July 2013

http://iamdl78.org/?page_id=2049

Les employés des services techniques piétinent d'impatience

Le Droit, 31 juillet 2013

C'est au son des tambours, en brandissant des pancartes et des drapeaux, que les employés des services techniques du gouvernement fédéral, sans contrat de travail depuis plus de deux ans, ont célébré le retour de leurs représentants à la table de négociation, mardi midi, à Ottawa. Les discussions ont repris lundi et vont se poursuivre aujourd'hui...

<http://www.lapresse.ca/le-droit/politique/fonction-publique/201307/31/01-4675634-les-employes-des-services-techniques-pietinent-dimpatience.php>

The cost of government deregulation

Huffington Post, Larry Rousseau, president of PSAC Blog, July 29, 2013

Tragedies like the 2008 listeriosis outbreak involving Maple Leaf Foods, the 2012 E. coli contamination at XL Foods or even the more recent rail disaster at Lac-Mégantic remind us that government oversight of everything from food production to labour standards to transportation is key to keeping Canadians safe...

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/larry-rousseau/the-cost-of-deregulation_b_3668667.html

CFIA contract flip-flop latest sign of Tories 'hardball' approach to PS unions

Ottawa Citizen, July 29, 2013

OTTAWA — The chair of a conciliation panel has scolded the federal government after its representative on the panel rejected three recommendations he had earlier endorsed during contract bargaining involving more than 4,000 employees of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency...

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/business/chair+conciliation+panel+scolded+federal+government+after/8722835/story.html>

Federal public service pension board executives' earnings rise by half to \$16M, report finds

PostMedia, July 22, 2013

OTTAWA — The five top-paid executives at the Public Sector Pension Investment Board, a federal Crown corporation, were awarded more than \$16 million in total compensation for the 2013 fiscal year — a roughly 50 per cent increase over the previous year — as the organization posted record investment returns, reveals a new report.

<http://blogs.windsorstar.com/2013/07/21/federal-public-service-pension-board-executives-earnings-rise-by-half-to-16m-report-finds/>

Bills C-377 and C-525: recent legislative initiatives to keep an eye on

Shannon Robinson, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, July 20, 2013

Two recent private member bills, Bills C-377 and C-525, propose legislative changes that would, respectively, impose financial reporting requirements on labour organizations and change the certification procedure for unions under the Canada Labour Code...

<http://www.mondaq.com/article.asp?articleid=252330>

Getting bloody for taxpayers

The Windsor Star, July 18, 2013

When was the last time you heard a call for bloodshed in the middle of a nice, polite Canadian political discussion? A Windsor audience of about 50 people were somewhat startled to hear just that this week from NDP candidate Percy Hatfield as he squared off with PC candidate Robert de Verteuil in a byelection debate...

<http://www.windsorstar.com/Getting+bloody+taxpayers/8674605/story.html>

Would you wear these T-shirts to your public service job?

The Ottawa Citizen, July 22, 2013

OTTAWA — Public service is sometimes boring, sometimes absurd, and regularly the subject of jokes. But a new Ottawa T-shirt company wants public servants to show they aren't all humourless drones.

“The shirts aren’t meant to be mocking of civil servants,” says Nick Charney, co-founder of Bureaucratees...

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/technology/Would+wear+these+shirts+your+public+service/8689232/story.html>