

Strike threat plagues UAW convention

by William Allan

Fremont, CA — The 27th Constitutional Convention of the United Auto Workers Union (UAW) AFL-CIO opens at the Dallas Convention Center Sunday, May 15, with the backdrop of General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler reporting profits after taxes for the first quarter of 1983 of over \$1 billion.

The UAW leadership will reveal its lowest paid membership in many years with little over 900,000, a drop from 1.5 million reported at the last constitutional convention in Anaheim, Ca.

The union admits to 260,000 unemployed members and 300,000 retirees. The union leadership is coming into this convention with a controversial record of having approved concessions in wages and fringes to the Big Three of \$5.6 billion, since the Anaheim convention.

While the UAW claims to have 1,000 locals in the U.S. and Canada, it is expected that there will be a number of locals not able to send

delegates because of drastic cuts in income due to heavy layoffs. Some 2,500 voting delegates will attend, claim UAW press releases.

It is never explained by union convention arrangers why such gatherings are held in cities with few auto workers. The convention usually costs several million dollars. This year it will see the retirement of President Douglas Fraser, and executive board members Ken Morris, Bard Young and Buddy Battles.

A floor strategy is expected to try to prevent hot discussions on getting some money back of the \$5.6 billion given to GM, Ford, Chrysler by their workers, based on the over a billion made in this first quarter and GM's close to \$1 billion in 1982. One tactic will be to spend lots of convention time on hoopla electing Owen Bieber to succeed Fraser and filling vacancies on the executive board.

However, Fraser will not be leaving the auto scene. He has decided to stay as a member of the Board of Directors of Chrysler Cor-

poration. In the last two quarters Chrysler has made close to a quarter of a million dollars in profits, and Robert Miller, Chrysler's executive vice president, says they expect similar profits in the second quarter of 1983.

Negotiations will open between Chrysler and the UAW in January, 1984, and Miller says some wage concessions will be asked in fringes and increased production.

The GM-Toyota move to establish what could be an open shop at the Fremont plant here after the UAW-GM contract expires in September 1984 could become the most explosive issue at the Dallas convention.

Now the UAW Local 1364 delegation from the Fremont plant has sent a letter to the convention asking that it instruct the officers to wage a battle to see that UAW members will be first hired when the new Toyota-GM small car starts rolling there. The GM-Toyota duo plans to produce 200,000 small cars a year but says no more than 3,000 workers will be needed.

"If there are any moves not to put Fremont on the floor, the entire California UAW delegation will react strongly," said George Nano, shop chairman at the now closed Fremont plant and a convention delegate. "Sure, we will use the petition method, but we will demonstrate also on the floor and outside to win support."

During the convention the Ford plant at Milpitas, Ca., will start phasing out the jobs of the several hundred workers left from the 5,000 that worked there five years ago.

Fraser's answer to much of this is that it will all be settled by what he has called "peaceful collective bargaining." However, recently in New Orleans UAW-GM sub-councils voted to back the Fremont workers to stop the plant re-opening with non-union employees. The two sub-council delegates from 20 locals in assembly divisions voted unanimously to get all locals to add support to Fremont UAWers in Local strike demands to GM.



CHAD DEBNAM

Debnam chosen

Chad Debnam has been appointed to the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

The scope of the committee will research the present charter and Home Rule provisions. In light of present county cutbacks and the possible decline in services, Debnam believes the finding of this committee could be invaluable to future health and development of Multnomah County.

The committee must present its finding to the public by August 3, 1983. All amendments to the charter proposed by the committee may be voted on in the November 1984 General Election.

Contracting

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The National Association of Minority Constructors (NAMC) formed a Task Force to deal with key issues. Among the amendments the Task Force seeks to have included in the DOT regulations are:

a) That minority requirements be implemented on a contract by contract basis to "assure maximum opportunity for MBEs to participate in a broad range of contract performance."

b) A rule that requires recipients to seek minority contractors from other jurisdictions if none from the local jurisdiction can be used.

c) A more stringent procedure 'relative' to the waiver provision: granting no waivers without a public hearing and allowing a penalty when recipients have failed to comply.

Rose float donations sought

The Albina community will be represented by a float in the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade if necessary funds are raised.

"From 1968 through 1971, the Jimmy Bang-Bang Walker Youth Foundation, a non-profit organization, sponsored prize-winning floats representing Portland's Albina community." Bang-Bang Walker said, "We believe 1983 is the right time to re-establish Albina's spirit of community by entering another float in the Grand Floral Parade."

The formal design for this year's float has already been drawn, but

the frame welding and flowers will cost \$8,000 and must be paid for in advance, and the deadline is May 20, 1983. Organizations can help by mailing their checks to the Float For Albina Fund, a specially established trust account at the American State Bank. Those sending contributions will join the Phil Reynolds Medical Clinic, Pacific Northwest Bell, Burns Bros., AA Ambulance, Franz Bakery and Portland Bottling Company who have already contributed that amount to help enter a float from Albina in this year's Grand Floral Parade.

Along with a receipt, the Foundation will send contributors buttons bearing the "Float for Our Community" slogan, and they will receive a special listing in the news media of the community. Immediate help is needed. By responding to this appeal as promptly as possible, the public can help maintain Portland's most beautiful tradition — the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. Send contributions to American State Bank Account Number 020-53033, Main Branch, 2737 NE Union Ave., Portland OR 97212.

Jackson discusses excellence

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logical bridge between America and Africa are Afro-Americans. This may be the finest contribution we make to this culture — our ability to bridge gaps between this country and other people of the Third World. In the case of Africa, the first world."

Rev. Jackson stated in his speech that the migrant in America is equivalent to the black in South Africa. "Blacks did not come to this country looking for a thrill and were not given a reception at the Statue of Liberty. We came as slaves against our will. Hispanics were annexed and subjected to genocide. Migrants and Native Americans were victims of the policies of genocide. It is with the migrant that the great duplicity of American morality comes out. We love the labor and despise the children of the migrants. There must be some consideration for those who were victims of negative action. There must be affirmative action to offset the negative action. We must commit ourselves to the matter of attitude — to defend the poor, motherless, fatherless and the needy.... In a real sense, the migrant in America is America's version of South Africa. Who else has to carry the passbook and the shame?"

Rev. Jackson was recently catapulted into the national spotlight with the mayoral elections in Chicago. Those who predicted a defeat for Harold Washington placed blame on Jessie Jackson's flamboyant style and oratory. Some

segments of the white press publicly lynched Jackson. He responded, "Historically, strong black leadership has always been victimized by reaction. There is an attempt by whites to make of us lepers. Our people react by putting us on quarantine. In my case, there has been the attempt to put on the leprosy spots, but for the most part, black people and people of other races have come to my rescue. That may be because the media is so broad based and diversified. We are living in a time where the media cannot conceal their crucifixion. It is not just me. The day Ron Dellums was to have hearings on the military budget, they threw the dope leprosy on him. The Ethics Committee was to be chaired by Louis Stokes and they threw the drunk driving leprosy on him. So, there is a trend historically to cut us down."

Jessie Jackson gave new meaning and life to economic boycotts because he spearheaded an economic boycott on Coca Cola and Budweiser. What are his feelings on the Black United Front's boycott on 7-Up and the Portland Bottling Company? "Boycotts are legal and effective, if you have the numbers and the discipline. I'm not aware of the Portland boycott but we have worked out a major agreement with the 7-Up Bottling Company in St. Louis. If they will get in touch with us we can provide some help and a sense of direction."

At the conference Jackson said he will make up his mind whether he wants to run as a presidential



Jerome Broussard visits with Theodore Freeman, Sr., a man who owes his life to the young man. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Broussard saves neighbor

Theodore Freeman Sr., a retired railroad man, probably owes his life to a manly little boy seven years old.

The boy is Jerome Broussard, son of Mrs. Christine Broussard who lives next door to the Freemans on a friendly street in the shadow of King elementary school. Jerome attends the Immaculate Heart parochial school where he is in second grade ("doing third grade work," his mother confides proudly).

A few weeks ago, Freeman, a diabetic, drove the family car to "run some errands." Returning home he felt sleepy and a little nauseated as he steered his car into his driveway. "I remember parking the car, and that's all," Freeman relates.

Jerome, playing near, eventually noticed Freeman's car carefully parked, but he also noted that the motor was running, and that there was smoke coming from the exhaust. Freeman was slumped and asleep against the closed windows of the car. "There was an awful lot of

noise coming from the car," Jerome remembers, "and I thought maybe the car might blow up. I tried to wake Mr. Freeman up, but he didn't hear me and I knew something had to be done."

"I ran to tell Jacquelyn Quesada — she's 15 years old. She looked at the car and yelled to her mother, 'Something is wrong with Mr. Freeman.'"

The mother, Clara Quesada, ran to the car and together they pulled Freeman out of the car into the fresh air — and turned off the car's motor.

Mrs. Freeman, out of the city at the time of the incident, was not told of the occurrence until her return to the city several days later. After a day or two of rest, Freeman was feeling no ill effects and returned to planting a spring garden.

No need to ask Freeman who is his favorite little boy in the neighborhood. He's quick to tell you — "Jerome Broussard."

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS, STATE OF OREGON		STATE BANK NO.	
(Including Deposits Substitutes) (Dollar Amounts in Thousands)		32	
LEGAL TITLE OF BANK		FEDERAL RESERVE DISCOUNT RATE	
AMERICAN STATE BANK		12	
CITY	COUNTY	STATE	REP CODE
PORTLAND	MULTNOMAH	OREGON	97212
		CLASS OF BUSINESS	RANGE
		SAVINGS	31, 1983
ASSETS			
1. Cash and due from depository institutions			2,377.1
2. U.S. Treasury securities			800.0
3. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations			380.0
4. Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States			1,961.4
5. Other bonds, notes, and debentures			2,308.8
6. Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock			0.0
7. Trading account securities			0.0
8. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell			3,500.0
9. Loans, Total (including unearned income)			4,811.7
a. Loans, Total			4,811.7
b. Less allowance for possible loan losses			0.0
c. Loans, Net			4,811.7
10. Lease financing receivables			0.0
11. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises			523.1
12. Real estate owned other than bank premises			0.0
13. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies			0.0
14. Customers liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding			0.0
15. Other assets			0.0
16. TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)			34,234.0
LIABILITIES			
17. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations			1,154.1
18. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations			3,102.1
19. Deposits of United States Government			0.0
20. Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States			4,528.1
21. Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions			3,440.0
22. Deposits of commercial banks			0.0
23. Certified and officers' checks			0.0
24. Total Deposits (sum of items 17 thru 23)			12,224.3
a(1). Total demand deposits			5,154.1
a(2). Total time and savings deposits			7,070.2
25. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase			0.0
26. a. Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury			0.0
b. Other liabilities for borrowed money			0.0
27. Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases			0.0
28. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding			0.0
29. Other liabilities			164.0
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES (including subordinated notes and debentures) (sum of items 24 thru 29)			12,224.3
31. Subordinated notes and debentures			14,819.7
EQUITY CAPITAL			
32. Preferred stock a. No shares outstanding (per value)			0.0
b. No shares authorized (per value)			0.0
33. Common stock a. No shares outstanding (per value)			4,000.0
b. No shares authorized (per value)			0.0
34. Surplus			17,024.3
35. Undivided profits			35.0
36. Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves			0.0
37. TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)			21,059.3
38. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31 and 37)			34,234.0
MEMORANDA			
1. Amounts outstanding as of report date: a(1). Standby letters of credit, total			0.0
a(2). Amount of standby letters of credit in Memo item (a(1)) conveyed to others through participations			0.0
b. Interest-bearing deposits in depositories of \$100,000 or more			3,129.1
c. Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more			0.0
2. Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:			
a. Cash and due from depository institutions (corresponds to item 1 above)			4,953.1
b. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (corresponds to item 8 above)			4,500.0
c. Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more (corresponds to Memoranda item (b) above)			4,072.0
d. Total deposits (corresponds to item 24 above)			12,525.1
e. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase (corresponds to item 25 above)			0.0
f. Other liabilities for borrowed money (corresponds to item 26 above)			0.0
g. Total assets (corresponds to item 16 above)			34,234.0
NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer and retained for not less than three months other than the officer's signing the report.			
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ALAN L. BARTO, CASHIER		APRIL 21, 1983	
NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT		FEDERAL RESERVE DISCOUNT RATE	
VERA B. F. BOONER		12	
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