

GM Chief Urges Auto Workers to Temper Demand

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 22 (AP) — General Motors Corp. urged the United Automobile Workers today to adopt a wage-program tailored to the economic facts of life instead of demanding a share of profits.

Curtice also proposed extension of current UAW contracts with the auto industry for two years. He turned down an invitation by UAW President Walter P. Reuther to address a special union convention expected to approve profit-sharing in 1958 wage demands.

Reuther, in keynoting today's convention opening, accused big business of jeopardizing the nation's economy by taking so much in profits.

Curtice, turning down Reuther's invitation by letter, declared "I can make our position clear without a personal appearance."

He said: "The whole country is worried about the problem of inflation and the business and employment prospects. It is fearful that a round of excessive wage increases this year will gravely aggravate these matters."

Prospects for an economic upturn, Curtice said, "would be vastly improved if the UAW adopted a program tailored to the economic facts of life instead of publicizing plans for a super strike fund" to support profit-sharing demands.

Reuther himself, the GM president continued, has said the proposed profit-sharing plan, with added fringe benefits, would amount to "the biggest wage increase in the history of our union."

Curtice's letter continued: "It is hoped that the program adopted by your delegates... will be sufficiently flexible so that the union will not be in a frozen position at the bargaining table when our negotiations commence."

Contract Extension
"We strongly urge... extension of the General Motors agreement with its wage formula for a period of two years beyond May 29, 1958, when the current three-year wage pact expires."

"This would mean an increase in basic wage rates of six cents an hour or 2 1/2 per cent of wage rates, whichever is greater, on May 29 and a like increase a year later, or a total increase in basic wages of at least 12 cents an hour over a two-year period."

"At the same time, the buying power of an hour's work would continue to be protected under the cost-of-living allowance provision of our GM-UAW wage formula."

The first intimation that some form of life would be carried aloft in the small sphere scheduled to be shot into space from Florida was given today by Dr. Hiden T. Cox, executive director of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

The civilian scientist's information was later confirmed at the Pentagon. The Navy said it is planned to put a small instrumented container of yeast into one or more of the Vanguard test spheres.

The experiment could provide information on the reaction of living organisms to the environment outside of the heavy atmosphere surrounding the earth.

The test spheres, measuring only six inches in diameter, would be too small to accommodate any sizable living object as they must carry miniature radio transmitters.

American defense officials said there was no plan to place a living animal, even a small one, in the small test spheres.

South Korea Gives Salem Man Medal
SEOUL, Jan. 22 (AP) — South Korea's government today awarded the Uchi Distinguished Military Service Medal with Silver Star to Col. Kenneth W. Dalton, 380 2nd St., S.E., Salem, Ore.

He received the award for meritorious service as commanding officer of a Quartermaster Group.

Portland Approves Ballot Title for Fire Department Issue
PORTLAND, Jan. 22 (AP) — The Portland City Council today approved a ballot title for a three-million-dollar bond issue that would be used to improve the city's fire department.

The measure will be on the municipal ballot at the May primary election.

Wisconsin Solon Dies of Heart Attack

(Picture on wirephoto page)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP) — Rep. Lawrence H. Smith (R-Wis.), 65, collapsed in the House restaurant at noon today and was pronounced dead at 12:30 p.m. as he was being rushed to Walter Reed Hospital.

Rep. Reed (R-N.Y.) told the House he had just ridden up in the elevator with Smith to the first floor of the Capitol and went with him to the House restaurant.

As Smith went to a small table, Reed said, he collapsed and fell to the floor. Reed said he called for a doctor at once.

Dr. George Calver, Capitol physician, said Smith died of an acute coronary thrombosis resulting from arteriosclerotic heart disease. Smith sustained a similar attack three years ago.

This was the fourth death of a member of Congress since Congress reconvened Jan. 7.

Faint Radio Signals Off Guam Stop
HONOLULU, Jan. 22 (AP) — Faint radio distress signals which had stirred hope for 10 Air Force men in a missing weather plane off Guam no longer are being heard.

The Navy reported today. Nevertheless, the destroyer Moore and five planes continued searching for the WB50 which vanished a week ago in the center of a typhoon.

It had been thought that the faint radio signals could be coming from a hand-cranked radio on a life raft.

Planes have covered a 27,000-square-mile area without finding a trace of the downed plane.

Search headquarters said chances were "pretty hopeless" of finding alive any of the seven airmen on another plane, a CV-44 transport which crashed Sunday on a flight from Hawaii to Kwajalein. wreckage was found in the sea Monday.

Two Navy ships remained in the area, 275 miles southwest of Hawaii, seeking possible survivors.

Roommate Slayer Calls Herself Lucky
REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Jan. 22 (AP) — A Freepoint, N.Y., girl who faces either prison or a mental institution for beating to death her roommate, said today: "Wherever they send me, I'll try to make the best of it."

Tomorrow the jury which convicted 20-year-old Elaine Soule of second-degree murder will begin hearing her case in innocent by reason of insanity. This trial was expected to last two days.

"I realize I got a break," said the slayer of Catherine Elvins of Seattle.

The prosecution, charging Miss Soule planned the killing out of jealousy over Miss Elvins' better education and money, had asked for a first-degree penalty. The jury decided there was malice but no premeditation when Miss Soule beat the slaying Miss Elvins 26 times with an iron and established her 20 times with a kitchen knife last July 24 in their Burlingame apartment.

If the jury finds that Miss Soule is sane, she will face imprisonment from five years to life. The jury also must set the length of her sentence.

Volatile Diva Wins Acclaim At Chicago
CHICAGO, Jan. 22 (AP) — Maria Meneghini Callas tonight drew resounding approval from a Chicago audience in her first singing engagement since her now celebrated upset of the Rome Opera Jan. 2.

Presenting a selection of arias in the city in which she first triumphed in this country, the volatile diva had the audience enthralled.

A glittering crowd in the cavernous Civic Opera House greeted her with a thunderous ovation to which she responded radiantly.

She wore a black velvet gown with a bustle and a black velvet stole high on her neck set off with white full-length gloves.

The first aria she sang, "Non mi Dir" from Mozart's "Don Giovanni," brought an ovation nearly a minute long. She also sang the "Veni l'Affretta" from Verdi's "Macbeth," and a selection from Rossini's "Barber of Seville."

Standin for Angel Food Cake



MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 22—Firemen had to free Kathy West, 3, after she got her head firmly stuck in this angel food cake pan at her Minneapolis home today. Mrs. Eugene Johnston, her mother, used butter and a pair of scissors in a vain effort to extricate the child before calling for help. (AP Wirephoto)

Met Star Gives Appealing Concert to Salem Audience

By STANLEY BUTLER
Assoc. Prof. of Music, Willamette U.
Leonard Warren sang in a powerfully appealing manner last evening at the Willamette University Auditorium. A wide-ranging program was securely served by Mr. Warren's flexible voice and imagination.

It goes without saying that a leading Metropolitan Opera baritone will have a virile voice of great strength. One might, though, be surprised by a tenderness that was equally attractive. Mr. Warren's good-natured smile seemed to carry over into his singing, and tempered power with gentleness.

The program opened with a group of four songs, mostly written more than two centuries ago. After the refinements of a Ravel group, we welcome because they aren't familiar, there followed two contrasting arias: first, the diabolic "Credo" from Verdi's Otello, and as an encore, the smooth "O du mein holder Abendstern" from Wagner's Tannhauser. After the intermission there were two more arias, one from Gounod's Faust, and again as an encore, the "Prologue" from Leoncavallo's Pagliacci.

American songs, often characterized by jaunty, ended the printed program. Such selections indeed gave us a sumptuous feast.

Mr. Warren's technique is sure and unassuming. Breathing which the listener blessedly takes for granted supports a wonderfully even tone quality. Every number was nurtured with moderation, yet each mood was effectively projected. There were fortissimos and pianissimos whenever needed, but a classic sense of proportion prevailed.

The singer's voice was equally at home with the flowing lines of Giannini's "Tell Me O Blue, Blue Sky" or the jagged fast notes of Bach's "Good Fellows Be Merry." His dramatic instinct ranged with equal facility from the understated.

Two Acquitted Of Mail Fraud

PORTLAND, Jan. 22 (AP) — U.S. District Judge Gus Solomon today ordered judgments of acquittal for two California men charged with mail fraud.

The acquittals were ordered for Robert Middleton of Redding, Calif., and William S. Ingram of Oakland, Calif. Both are lumber brokers.

They and three other persons went on trial here yesterday, charged with 26 counts of mail fraud and one of conspiracy to defraud.

Solomon, in ordering the acquittals, said "I find that there would be insufficient evidence to convict these two defendants of charges of mail fraud or conspiracy to commit the same, on the issue of intent."

The others still on trial are Richard Bailey, 36, Eugene, Ore.; Norman E. Eggman, 45, Portland; and Mrs. Laurel Macy, Springfield, Ore.

Los Angeles' Longest Transit Strike Ends
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22 (AP) — The longest transit strike in the city's history ended tonight when bus drivers voted \$11 to \$10 to accept a two-year contract offered by Metropolitan Coach Lines and Asbury Rapid Transit System.

AF Prepares Bid Calls for Housing At Mount Hebo
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP) — The Air Force today advised Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) it is preparing a call for bids on construction of housing for 27 military families at the Mount Hebo Air Force Station in Tillamook County, Ore.

Explosive Gas Sold As Fuel Oil

By CONRAD FINK
CHICAGO, Jan. 22 (AP) — In a dramatic battle against time tonight, authorities quickened a widespread search for 100 persons who mistakenly purchased an explosive gasoline instead of fuel oil for their stoves.

Concentrating on a house-to-house campaign, the search by authorities tonight had recovered more than 800 gallons of the 1,300 gallons sold by a single pumping station on the West Side.

A force of 100 police, 60 firemen and 40 Civil Defense volunteers moved through a densely populated four-square-mile area warning householders of the potential danger. A loudspeaker on a roving fire truck also carried the warning.

No Explosions Yet
Thus far, no explosions have occurred but a fire official said there was "a great potential for explosion."

Emergency headquarters for the search was set up at the Martin Oil Co. service station where the gasoline was sold.

Oil company officials discovered the error today and notified fire officials.

Company officials said the explosive mixture was found only in the fuel oil at the station, 1000 S. Sacramento Blvd.

The Martin Co. has more than 70 stations. The company had not determined how the mistake occurred.

Some Discovered
Many purchasers of the explosive liquid discovered the danger when they smelled gasoline fumes, fire officials said, and returned it to the station.

Others heard warnings on radio stations or from the fire department loudspeaker.

Meanwhile, the company said it had no way of knowing who purchased the gas.

Company officials also said the mixture would burn without exploding in many cases.

"If the stove burner is in good condition and there is no leakage, the gasoline should burn without trouble," he said. "But the danger still is there and we want to do everything in our power to make sure no explosions occur."

Navy Reveals Missile Tests

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22 (AP) — The Navy announced today it will make 500-mile test launchings of its double-sonic Regulus II guided missile from ships at sea to the Army's Dugway proving grounds in Utah.

Initial launchings will be from Edwards Air Force Base, 75 miles north of Los Angeles. Later launchings will be made from Point Mugu and ships in the city of San Nicholas Island, 50 miles off the coast, a Navy spokesman said.

Rear Adm. Jack P. Monroe, commander of the naval air missile test center at Point Mugu, said the inland range is necessary because reference points available only on land are needed to insure pinpoint accuracy of Regulus II's guidance system.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Prev.
Albany	43	40	50
Baker	43	40	50
Bend-Redmond	40	30	50
Eugene	49	30	50
Klamath Falls	35	17	50
Medford	39	38	50
Newport	44	38	50
North Bend	44	37	50
Portland	48	38	50
Salem	48	37	50

	Max.	Min.	Prev.
Albuquerque	34	14	—
Atlanta	48	27	—
Boise	35	18	—
Butte	40	13	—
Chicago	32	28	20
Cleveland	34	32	28
Denver	33	9	27
Detroit	34	30	29
Fargo	15	8	—
Fort Worth	34	27	—
Galveston	37	45	—
Helena	32	25	—
Kansas City	34	9	—
Las Vegas	54	40	—
Los Angeles	64	44	—
Memphis	70	60	—
Minneapolis	21	12	—
New York	32	40	48
Omaha	37	2	—
Phoenix	61	34	—
Salt Lake City	44	13	—
San Diego	67	44	—
San Francisco	57	38	—
Washington	46	38	38

Today's forecast (from U.S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with occasional rain through Friday. Mild temperatures with the highest today near 50 and the lowest tonight near 40. Willamette River: 6.0 feet. Temp. 13:01 a.m. today 43.

	Since start of weather year Sept. 1	Last Year	Normal
To date	19.83	12.73	26.44

Tide Table (Taft, Ore.)

Jan.	Time	Height	Time	Height
23	2:42 am	6.0	8:52 am	2.3
24	2:02 pm	6.0	9:08 pm	0.3
24	1:15 am	6.0	9:30 am	2.1
25	2:43 pm	8.8	9:41 am	0.8
25	2:36 am	6.1	10:30 am	2.0
26	3:32 pm	5.1	10:15 am	1.2
26	4:26 am	6.1	11:28 am	1.9
27	4:26 am	6.2	10:53 am	1.6
27	5:08 pm	4.2	12:34 pm	2.7
28	3:08 pm	4.3	1:40 pm	1.3
29	4:47 am	6.4	12:33 am	2.4
30	4:35 am	6.4	2:41 am	0.9
31	9:32 am	4.6	3:34 am	0.4
31	10:30 am	2.9	2:50 pm	0.7
	10:24 pm	4.9	4:21 pm	-0.1

Chase Halts Two MacLaren Boys

PORTLAND, Jan. 22 (AP) — A state policeman was driving here today when he saw a shoeless, shirtless man run from a house.

Officer Joseph Haystead asked the man if anything was wrong, and Robert D. Stark replied someone had just stolen his car.

Haystead and Stark gave chase and—after hitting speeds of 75 miles an hour—forced the car to the curb.

Inside were two boys, one 15, the other 16, who escaped yesterday from the MacLaren Home for Boys at Woodburn.

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Nellie White, Valley Native, Dies at Salem

Nellie Viola White, 77, of 2718 Doughton St., S. life-time Willamette Valley resident and daughter of a pioneer family, died Wednesday night at a Salem hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. White was born Sept. 27, 1880, at Silverton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cox. Mrs. White's grandparents came to Silverton Area from the Midwest in 1847.

She attended school at Bethany near Silverton and moved to Salem after marrying Harlan O. White on Dec. 8, 1901. White was formerly a partner in the pioneer White Feed Store at Salem.

Mrs. White was a member of Salem First Christian Church. Survivors besides the widower are a grandson, Gordon Allan White, two great-granddaughters, Debra Lynn and Cynthia Ann White and a sister, Mrs. Ora Har-

der, all of Salem and several nieces and nephews including Robert F. White, mayor of Salem. Arrangements are pending at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Home.

River Days Group To Elect Officers

Delegates from the 34 Salem area service clubs jointly sponsoring the annual July 4 Willamette River Days activities on Willamette River will meet next Thursday to elect officers.

Each participating organization will be asked to send a voting representative to the 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting in Golden Pheasant restaurant, Robert Hultette, president of Willamette River Days, Inc., said after a planning meeting Wednesday.

CHILD FALLS, CUTS HEAD

First aidmen said they treated 3-year-old Sonja Gilbert, 605 Morgan Ave. NE, for a head laceration suffered in a fall at her home about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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Rocket Plane to Fly 'Hundreds of Miles High at Thousands of Miles Per Hour'

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22 (AP) — The experimental rocket ship X15, expected to swoosh a man into space next year, will be tested over a range stretching from California to Utah, it was disclosed today.

Two of the pilots who will fly the craft told a news conference the flight patch will be over dry lake beds extending between Edwards AFB in California's Mojave desert and Wendover AFB in Utah.

The X15 is expected to soar hundreds of miles high at speeds of thousands of miles an hour in research flights.

Some details of its program were discussed by Air Force Capt. Ivan C. Kincheloe and Joseph Walker of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

They said the X15 would be launched from a B52 bomber at an elevation of 40,000 feet. Dry lake beds near the Edwards and Wendover bases would be utilized for a landing.

The distance between the two air bases is 490 miles.

Kincheloe, 29, who has flown more than 70 different types of aircraft, declined to disclose how long the X15 might be in flight, but he said it would be somewhat longer than the 17 minutes he piloted the experimental X2.

He estimated the speed of the X15 on its initial flight at 3,600 miles an hour and its altitude capability at 100 miles.

"This does not mean that this will be done the first time we step into the plane," Kincheloe said.

Kincheloe and Walker said that indications are that the X15 will be given its first flight early in 1959, perhaps in March, by Scott Crossfield, test pilot for North American Aviation, Inc., which is building the plane.

Kincheloe and Walker said they are undergoing a year of preparation at Edwards AFB, flying modified versions of the X1 and X2.

"We are preparing ourselves analytically and technically by simulating exit problems and the gravitational load on the pilot," Kincheloe said.

"We feel that we have adequate escape means from the X15. It has a very comfortable cockpit. I think it's a very plush setup, compared with the X1."

The X15 is expected to far exceed the performance of the X2, the hottest previous research craft, which flew at 2,200 m.p.h. to nearly 130,000 feet.

Kincheloe said the X15 will "bring back data on orbital flight" in which a manned aircraft eventually would circle the earth as have the Russian Sputniks.

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