

Union Asks GM To Hike Wages

Auto Workers Want Pension Increase, Too

DETROIT AP — Bound by contract until 1955, the CIO United Auto Workers is asking General Motors to go beyond their historic cost-of-living pact and grant immediate wage and pension benefits.

If G.M., the industry's pattern setter for years, agrees, the union presumably will ask Ford, Chrysler and other auto companies with similar contracts to do likewise.

The UAW has disclosed that informal discussions on the subject, as secret at the contract negotiations themselves, have been held recently. But the talks reportedly have been brief so far. General Motors declined comment on their nature.

TOUCHED OFF DRIVE

The union's National General Motors Council, representing some 350,000 G.M. workers throughout the country, touched off the drive for contract improvements.

Emphasizing that it was not attempting to reopen the non-renewable contract, the council said additional benefits were needed to bring the contract, signed in pre-Korean May, 1950, abreast of current living conditions. So it adopted a resolution asking the industry's biggest producer to "implement" the agreement by:

- Boosting the guaranteed annual 4-cent hourly rate—the so-called annual improvement factor—to 5 cents.

- Adding 21 of the 26 cents an hour gained in cost-of-living adjustments since the pact was signed to base pay. This would mean that only 5 cents could be taken away if the cost-of-living dives sharply between now and May, 1955.

ADJUSTING PENSIONS

- Adjusting pensions of G.M. workers who have retired under the contract to give them the same purchasing power they had when the agreement was signed. The union did not say how much of a raise would be needed in the current maximum of \$125 a month, including social security.

General Motors and the UAW first negotiated the now much-used escalator system hitching wages to living costs in 1948. That was a two-year pact. In 1950 they revised it somewhat and extended it for five years.

Police Seek Two Convicts

MEDFORD AP — More than a dozen Oregon State policemen Saturday continued to search the rugged Upper Applegate area for two escaped convicts, Gerald Macomber and Charles Crozier.

The two fled into the wooded country after eluding police at a road block early Friday. They fled on foot after crashing a jeep over a bank.

Police, under direction of Lt. Paul Morgan, picked up the trail again briefly about noon Friday, but lost it again. Morgan asked for a bloodhound and additional police.

Police headquarters here said Saturday there were no new developments in the search.

Lost Spectacles Found By Duplicating Loss

VERNON, Mich. AP — When Le-Grand Reed missed his glasses, he recalled putting them on the hood of his car a short time before he drove five miles to a service station.

He retraced his route but failed to find them. Then a neighbor suggested putting an old pair of spectacles on the same spot on the hood and starting out again.

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People in Service



PVT. SHELDON KAISER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaiser, Meadowview, is taking basic training at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif. He is in the Signal Corps.

DARRELL E. JAUQUES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jaques, Walton, is home on a 30-day furlough after having spent 18 months in Guam with the U.S. Navy. When returning to duty he will be stationed in San Diego.

LT. ROBERT E. Sargent, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sargent, 1825 Onyx St., Eugene, is assigned to the Air Forces Human Resources Center at Parks AFB, California. He is with the Center's Personnel Research Field Section, where he is a staff assistant.

LT. COL. FRED A. Adlard, Veneta, recently was appointed commander of the 3d Battalion, 223rd Infantry Regiment, while

serving in Korea. His wife, Carmen, lives on Rt. 1, Veneta. His mother, Mrs. Mabel E. Adlard, lives at 1337 Jefferson, Eugene.

THOMAS M. PURCELL, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Purcell, 142 Madison St., Eugene, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Gatling, one of the ships that took part in the NATO naval exercise "Mainbrace."

DALE M. STONEBURG, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stoneburg, Box 196, Oakridge, is aboard the destroyer escort USS McCoy Reynolds in Pearl Harbor after four months' duty in the Korean Zone.

GORDON D. ERICKSON, radarman seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenroot D. Erickson, Rt. 1, Springfield, is serving aboard the veteran destroyer USS Alfred A. Cunningham in Korean waters.

OR OLD FACIAL

MILWAUKEE, Wis. AP—There's one of those tricky water fountains in the sewer commissioner's office here—the kind that squirts you in the face when you stoop for a drink. The office force has dubbed it "Old Faceful."

LIVE ON RIGHT STREET

LOUISVILLE, Ky. AP—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bates, who were married in 1902, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The couple lives on Lovers Lane in nearby Fern Creek.

Building Fire Threatens Oil

GRANTS PASS AP—Fire Saturday destroyed a vacant building, but firemen kept the flames from spreading to eight storage tanks full of gasoline which surrounded it.

The engine crew of a passing Southern Pacific train spotted the fire and brought out station personnel by blowing the train

whistle. They turned in the alarm. About 20 barrels of 100 containing gasoline, thinner, solvent and oil which were only 40 feet from the flames were moved before firemen arrived. The firefighters poured water on the remaining barrels and storage tanks.

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Two prizes will be awarded on the local campus. The first award of ten books and the second prize of five books will be presented to the winners at the All-campus sing to be held during Junior Weekend next spring.

The essays, which must deal

with some phase of reading or the art of fine book making, may not exceed 2,000 words. Students who intend to enter the contest must notify Miss Rise of their plans by Nov. 1.

The judges of the University of Oregon section of the contest will be Dr. Carl Hintz, university librarian, and two faculty members to be appointed by him. Essays may be submitted to either Dr. Hintz or Miss Rise.

In 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pauper Press, which is a library with a collection of books because of the "promotion of good reading." The books were the Pauline Potter collection of Beautiful Books Union.

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