

UAW's Guaranteed Annual Wage Demand Could Affect Millions of Americans

Salk's Experiments Prove Conclusively That Vaccine Works

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New York — (U.P.) — Dr. Jonas E. Salk's closely detailed scientific experiments proved, more or less conclusively, that his anti-polio vaccine works. Last spring's mass testing with 1,800,000 children merely put the icing on the cake, so to speak.

To work, the vaccine had to stimulate the bodies of vaccinated persons into manufacturing antibodies that would resist all three types of viruses which cause paralytic polio. It had to produce enough of these antibodies to ward off any viruses which managed to get into the body. And these antibodies had to remain in sufficient numbers for a reasonable period of time, since there would be no point in making a child immune to polio if the immunity was going to be a matter of only hours or days.

Original Goal
Dr. Salk's original goal was to develop a vaccine which would produce as many or more lasting antibodies as a case of paralytic polio will produce. Anyone who has ever had polio is thereafter forever immune to the particular type of virus which caused his case. That is "natural" immunity and it is the best kind to have but is most impractical because to get it, you have to risk dying or crippling by polio.

In March of 1953 Salk started the scientific world by revealing in the journal of the American Medical Association that he had developed a vaccine which had produced in 90 children and adults levels of antibodies that were higher than the levels in the blood of persons who had had polio. In October of that year he announced to a medical meeting that his vaccine had done this in 475 more children, and furthermore, the high levels of antibodies had maintained themselves for months.

No Failures
By March of last year, he was able to report to a medical meeting on almost 5000 human experiments. There were no failures of the vaccine to produce effectively high levels of antibodies. But most important was the impressive evidence that the vaccine did what the disease-causing virus itself did in the human body, that is, set up a kind of stand-by factory for the production of antibodies at an emergency rate, which, when the virus again appeared in the

blood stream, went into frenzied activity. This is called the "booster" or "recall" phenomenon.
By now it seemed clear that the vaccine might well produce immunity for life, as the virus itself will provided it doesn't kill the victim. But there seemed not the slightest doubt that it would last at least for a few months, which would be quite enough to wipe out the disease. A "polio season" when the viruses are most prevalent, lasts only a few months; children could be vaccinated once a year or even twice a year if that was needed to make them immune.



TO LEAD CHOIR—Dr. Lawrence R. Schoenhals, pictured above, will conduct the capella choir of Seattle Pacific college at 8 p.m. today at Medford Junior High school gymnasium. The group's appearance is being sponsored by the Free Methodist church of Medford. There will be no admission charge, but a free will offering will be received to defray traveling expenses for the group, according to the Rev. John M. Root, pastor of the church.

Bond Election Friday In Grand View District

Voters in the Grand View Water district will be asked to pass on authorization for \$85,000 worth of bonds for construction of water facilities at an election Friday.

The poll will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Earl M. Richardson residence, 2133 Crater Lake ave.

An estimated 350 persons are eligible to vote in the election.

Some Say Plan Could Destroy Nation's Economy

Editor's Note: The following is the first of two explanatory dispatches on the guaranteed annual wage. It is a simplified rundown on just what is the union's GAW plan for the auto industry. The second presents management and union arguments.

By REY W. BRUNE
United Press Correspondent
Detroit — (U.P.) — The guaranteed annual wage plan which the CIO United Auto Workers is demanding from the automobile industry could affect the lives of nearly every American in one way or another.

The effect might come through huge disruptive strikes, strikes idling hundreds of thousands in the automobile industry and supplier firms.
It might come through revolutionary changes in employee-employer relationships—if the union wins its case. In that event, the plan almost certainly would spread to other fields. It could spread through the nation's entire industrial setup.

Could Wreck Economy
Those changes, some say, could wreck the national economy, bankrupt even the biggest firms. Others say the changes could help spur the national economy to its greatest heights.

The plan certainly will be one of the most widely-discussed topics in the nation in the next two and one-half months while the union bargains for it with General Motors and Ford, the firms which produce three of every four cars sold today.

Guaranteed Wage Outlined
Exactly what is the plan?

It is a labor contract under which employers guarantee work on a year-around basis. The paychecks would keep flowing even if there isn't any work.

Some forms have been tried many times. Some of the plans go back 60 years. More than 190 separate plans have been proposed. But none like the UAW plan. It is more sweeping in scope, more definite in "guarantee" than anything ever tried.

Nunn-Bush Shoe Co., for example guarantees 52 weekly pay checks but the size of the checks isn't guaranteed. Proctor and Gamble guarantees workers 48 weeks of work a year but the number of hours isn't guaranteed.

Hormel guarantees 52 weeks of pay of 38 hours a week. But the plan ignores seasonal ups and downs. Overtime work in on week isn't paid for at premium rates. The extra hours of pay are held up and the pay metered out to fill out short work weeks.

What the UAW wants is much broader. It wants a guarantee of 52 weeks of work a year, with 40 hours pay in all 52 weeks. Overtime in any week would be dumped on top at premium pay.

Same Take-Home Pay
For every two weeks a worker is at his job, he would pile up a guarantee of one week's pay against layoffs. Workers with two year's seniority would have a 52-week guarantee. This is the top guarantee.

The exact amount a worker would get would depend on his pay scale. Part of the pay would come from unemployment compensation. The company would make up the difference to give him the same "take-home" pay. Strikes in supplier firms which cause material shortages would not cut off guarantee payments.

The union also contends management should plan on maintaining pay checks for its workers in case of "acts of God" such as fires, storm damage and the like.

Registration Required
A worker who was laid off would have to register with the state unemployment office and take a "suitable" job if one was available. If the replacement job paid him less, the employer who owed him a "guarantee" would have to make up the difference.

That is the broad outline of how the plan the UAW proposes would work. The union has said it is open to "satisfactory" changes.

The automobile industry has kept its views on this specific plan to itself so far. Both sides have their arguments ready. This is the plan the argument will be about. The results of the argument could affect millions of us.

Portland Motorist Fined \$1,000 for Drunk Driving

Portland — (U.P.) — A Portland motorist was handed a \$1000 fine, one year in jail and loss of his operator's license for three years yesterday for drunken driving.

The stiff sentence was given Arthur L. O'Neill, 36, by Municipal Judge J. J. Quillan, who cracked down hard on errant motorists during the day's court session.

O'Neill filed notice of appeal. Appeal bond was set at \$3000.

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Scelba Faces Pro-Communists

Rome — (U.P.) — Premier Mario Scelba staked the life of his government today against a last minute attempt by pro-Communists to thwart his departure tomorrow for the United States.

The left wing Socialists of Pietro Nenni introduced a resolution in the Chamber of Deputies asking the government for assurances that Scelba would make no decision in Washington on joint Italian-American exploitation of Italy's newly discovered oil fields.

Scelba immediately labeled the move a "pretext" to embarrass him during his talks with U.S. leaders. He made rejection of the Socialist resolution a confidence issue.

A vote on the resolution was expected sometime tonight.

Scelba is scheduled to leave for Canada and the United States tomorrow.

The Premier won an important victory last night when the chamber postponed local elections until 1956.

Klamath Air Base Work Due in Late Summer

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said yesterday the Air Force plans to start construction in late summer or early fall of a small installation at Klamath Falls, Ore., which will cost about \$50,000. When fully occupied the site will have 200 officers and airmen.

Two Patients Flown By Mercy Flights

Two emergency medical patients were flown to Portland by a Mercy Flights, Inc., plane yesterday. They were the 335th and 336th patients carried by the non-profit air ambulance corporation.

Earl Guches, 819 Marshall st., was taken north for surgery. He was accompanied by his wife on the flight. Marie Williams, Talent, was taken to a Portland hospital for treatment of a lung condition. Both patients were accommodated on the same flight in the twin-engine Cessna ambulance plane.

The aircraft encountered severe icing conditions at Eugene on the return flight, and remained there overnight, returning here today.

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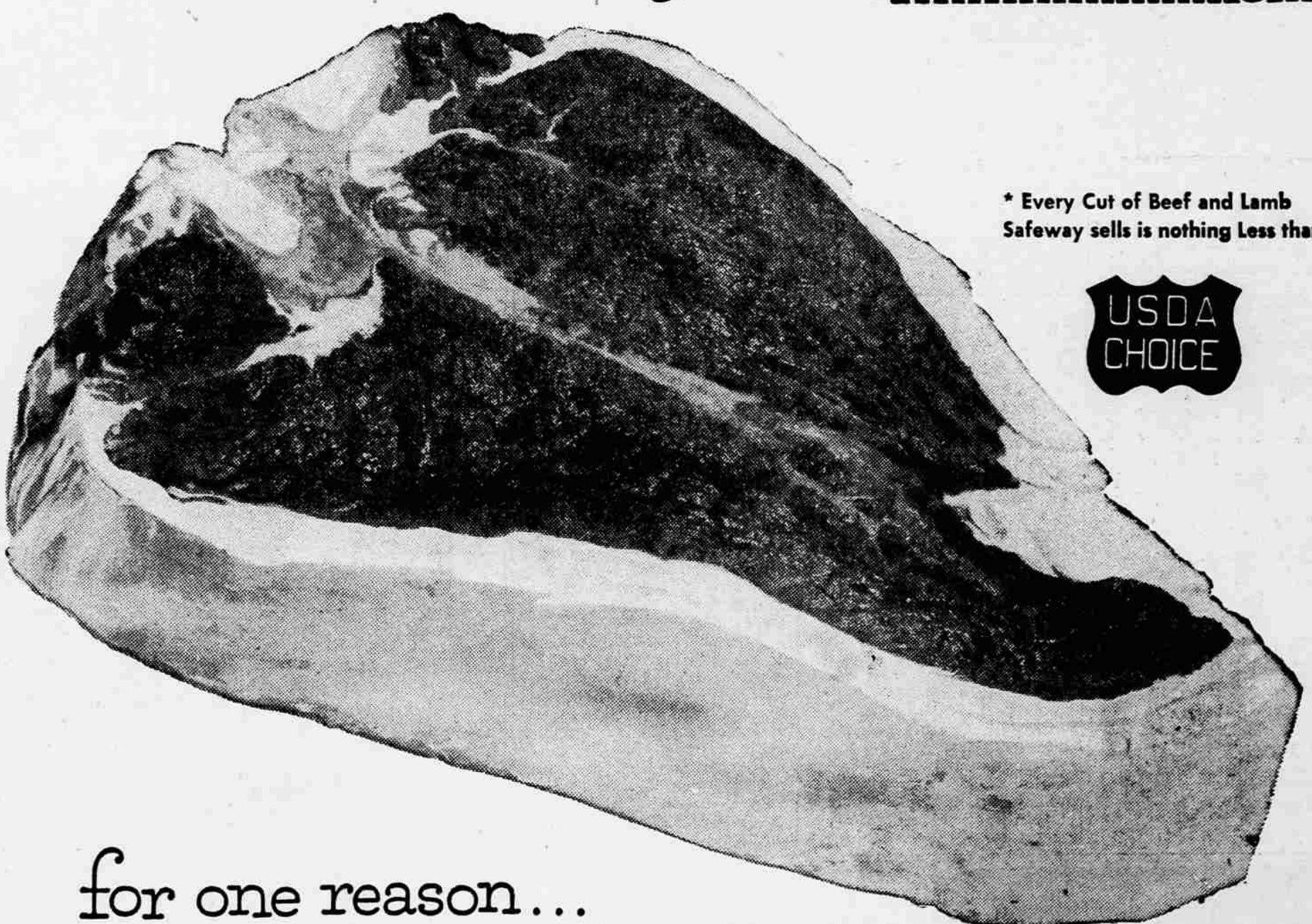
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