

Demand for Guaranteed Annual Wage in Auto Industry Said Result of Ups and Downs

Arguments Come Easy in Detroit As Plan Debated

Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series dealing with a guaranteed annual wage plan proposed in the automobile industry by the CIO United Auto Workers Union.

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Detroit—(U.P.)—Getting into an argument in Detroit nowadays is just as simple as saying "guaranteed annual wage."

There isn't a topic more on the mind of the auto industry or its workers. Those three words threaten to turn Detroit again into a labor battleground.

About the only thing people agree on about the guaranteed wage is that it resulted from a problem — the seasonal ups and downs which make the automobile industry a booming or dragging operation.

For the workers, the problem has been one of keeping solvent during the "down" periods.

For the car makers, the seasonal nature of business brings costly labor turnovers, labor shortages during "up" periods, sprawling factories built to handle the boom which stand idle at other times.

Industry Tight-Lipped

The CIO United Auto Workers is now putting to General Motors and Ford their GAW plan. Roughly, it calls for all its members to get a guarantee of 52 weekly paychecks a year with 40 hours of pay.

The auto industry has kept tight-lipped about its feelings, stating it will make its position known at the bargaining table during the next two and one-half months. But others, like the National Association of Manufacturers, have come forward with arguments against the plan.

They contend:

1. Shutting down many small supplier firms which now turn out auto parts will be an inevitable result. They say the car makers will take over manufacture of their own parts to permit better balancing of work loads through the year and prevent a shortage of supplies from causing a high cost of products.

2. The added costs of the plan would raise the cost of products, thereby cutting demand and actually resulting in less work for employees.
3. That the plan would encourage idleness and lessen incentive of laid-off workers to find other jobs.

4. That the added costs would eat up money needed for expansion and research, thereby cutting job opportunities.
5. That the companies would tend to hire fewer workers to reduce their risks under the plan.

The main argument against GAW is that the cost would be so great it would bankrupt even the biggest firms.

An example cited is Chrysler Corporation whose layoffs were high last year when the company's models didn't appeal to the public and its share of the market was 12 to 13 per cent instead of its usual 20 per cent.

The union has these answers: Parts suppliers already would have been gobbled up if that had been profitable to the auto makers. The union contends that with more stable production, the companies would be able to negotiate lower prices with suppliers.

Would Eliminate Turnovers

The union contends the plan shouldn't raise the price of cars or operation costs. It says costly labor turnovers would be eliminated, unemployment compensation payments cut.

The union denies it wants pay for idleness. It says all it asks is steady work.

The union believes the companies will find a way to end the seasonal nature of the business if the plan is adopted.

"Management ingenuity will find ways to sharply reduce, if not eliminate, these seasonal ups and downs when they have to pay a financial penalty for failure to do so," a union statement said.

Pacificus Still Tied by Dispute

Long Beach, Calif.—(U.P.)—The freighter Pacificus, center of a long standing union jurisdictional dispute, remained at pier six today after a meeting between the International Longshoremen's Union and the AFL Sailors Union failed to bring results.

The argument concerns unloading a cargo of newsprint from hatch No. 4 on the Coastwise Lines freighter.

There was speculation the owners might leave the hatch unloaded and sail for Portland, the Pacificus' next port of call. Negotiators for management and the unions met all day yesterday without settling which union should unload the hatch. The same dispute recently idled the Pacificus in San Pedro for three months before a temporary settlement was reached.

Use of 'Killed' Viruses in Salk Anti-Polio Vaccine Brings Forth Controversy Among Scientific Believers

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor
New York—(U.P.)—Scientifically the only controversial thing in the Salk anti-polio vaccine is that it uses "killed" viruses of all the three types which cause the disease.

Last ditch scientific believers in the premise that only a "live" virus can produce the lasting immunity, were going to need overwhelming proof to change their views.

And not until all scientifically

qualified authorities were convinced, would all public health doctors and other physicians start using the "killed virus" vaccine wholesale. Hence, the need for mass-testing.

Of the 1,800,000 children between 6 and 8 who took part last

spring, 440,000 were vaccinated with the vaccine, 210,000 were vaccinated with an inert substance which could no more effect the antibody producing machinery than a smile could, and the remainder merely were recorded by names, ages, and addresses.

The simplest outline the forthcoming Francis Evaluation Report could take would be that none of the children vaccinated with the vaccine got polio but that some who were vaccinated with the inert matter and some of those not vaccinated at all, did have paralytic polio.

A Rare Disease

But even something as simple and forthright as that wouldn't prove the vaccine beyond doubt. Paralytic polio is a rare disease, 19 to 20 cases in a population of 100,000 is said to be an epidemic. So, any given 440,000 children could go through a polio season untouched.

However, non-paralytic polio is quite common, otherwise, the paralytic kind wouldn't be so rare. The viruses get into the body readily, they produce antibodies and natural immunity, and the individual hardly knew

he was ill, if he knew at all.

Measuring the Antibodies

Part of the Francis evaluation has been to measure the antibodies in the blood and bodily wastes of all the children, to show how many had developed great increases in antibodies and in polio viruses after they were vaccinated, or weren't. This will be the complex part of the report, which stands in need of interpretation. But it will be the telling part of physicians and other scientists.

Meanwhile, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has 27,000,000 cubic centimeters of the vaccine distributed to public health authorities in all parts of the country. Nine million dollars worth, enough for 9,000,000 children, will be given free to all children in the first and second grades and to all unvaccinated children in last year's testing, if their parents consent.



WHERE 66 PERISHED—Rescue workers stand near the still smoldering tail section, largest intact piece of wreckage left from the crash of a Military Air Transport Service plane. The plane, en route to California, was returning to Hickam Field in Hawaii after encountering radio trouble when it hit Mt. Palikea. Nine crewmen and 57 passengers died in the fiery crash.

Ground Observers Need Skywatchers For Night Hours

The Medford Ground Observer corp is in need of several persons, preferably men, to fill watches at the post after midnight on several days.

Mondays from midnight to 2 a.m., Tuesdays for the same period, the second and fifth Fridays from midnight to 2 a.m. and every Wednesday from 2 to 4 a.m. are open for volunteers, who may register by calling Mrs. Lucille Brock at 2-8217. Also open are watches from 6 to 8 a.m. every Tuesday, and from 8 to 10 p.m. every evening of the week.

First Aid Class

Earl Sterigere, post supervisor, reported at the last GOC meeting that the American Red Cross First Aid class for GOC volunteers will be held every Friday starting April 1, from 7:30 to about 9:30 p.m. at the Elks temple. The class will be instructed by Dean DuBarry, and will take nine weeks to complete. Any GOC members who is interested in taking the course and has not signed up, may do so by calling Sterigere at 2-4106. The only cost is for the textbook.

Sgt. Bernard Moore described the work of an air filter center to the group and explained the proper way to report planes. He also displayed an Air Force map of the world, and showed how the flying time has been lowered with the new type jet-bombers now in use. He explained how radar does not spot every plane. Without civilian volunteers, enemies could penetrate deeply into the United States before being spotted.

Post Among Best

Lt. Lew Ayres, who is being transferred to Portland, spoke briefly, stating that the Medford GOC is rated one of the best in Oregon. It has been the first post in several instances to spot planes from Canada, who have gotten this far south without being spotted on radar or by other GOC posts.

Several plans for future activities of the local post were discussed, one being the repainting and fixing up the post building. Plans were also made to hold a box social at the next meeting, on April 18.

Wings were presented to Roena Fugill, John Fugill, Marilyn Gangstee, Lucille Merrifield, and Ronnie Pruitt. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ray Daniels and her social committee.

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4-H Club News

Sew and Sew

The Sew and Sew 4-H club met at the home of Beulah Carver on March 19. The assistant leader, Zelma Kenner gave the lesson which was making stuffed toys. The refreshments were served by Beulah. The next meeting will be held at the home of Kathy DeWitt on April 16.

Judith Van Gordon.

GOOD RISKS

Chicago—(U.P.)—Ex-GIs make good mortgage risks. GI home loans three months or more overdue amounted to only .22 of one per cent last year, the Mortgage Bankers Association reported. Only 2.45 per cent were delinquent for any time at all.

Jacksonville High School Play Slated

Jacksonville — Juniors and seniors of Jacksonville High school will join to present the annual play Friday. They have chosen the three-act comedy, "Rest Assured," by Donald Paxton.

The play will be presented at the Jacksonville High school gymnasium at 8 p.m. Friday. It is being directed by Thayer Tarvin, a member of the Medford Footlighters little theater group. The play deals with the problems of a rich businessman who has lost contact with his family.

Bad Check Suspects Held in Montana

Missoula, Mont.—(U.P.)—A pair of "bad check" suspects from Oregon who used a four year old girl as a "front" were held by police today.

They were identified as Richard E. D. Seidel, 25, and Marjorie Saville, 22, both of Coos Bay, Ore.

The child who charmed prospective victims was the woman's daughter. Police said the woman had kept a record showing where each check had been cashed on the back of a box, which was stuffed with blank checks from banks throughout the northwest.

The record listed checks cashed at Roseburg, North Bend and Coos Bay, Ore.; Yakima, Redmond and Ellensburg, Wash., and Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene, Ida. The couple was arrested yesterday when a grocery store clerk became suspicious after he had cashed a check from the woman and followed her.

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