

UAW makes GM and Ford dual strike targets

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DEARBORN, Mich. — The United Auto Workers union decided yesterday to make General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. dual strike targets, and gave union President Owen Bieber sole power to single out one of the two automakers for a possible strike Sept. 14.

Bieber told representatives of union locals from throughout the country that the UAW action means GM and Ford "should start all over" on their bargaining proposals.

A day earlier, the two companies offered nearly 500,000 domestic auto workers no increase in their base wage rate and no guarantees that GM and Ford would keep jobs in the United States. The union had made job security its No. 1 issue in this year's contract talks.

Bieber said the companies should bring new proposals to the union "with haste because there's only 16 days left."

He sought to squelch speculation that union leaders could not make up their minds, saying the unusual move was the UAW's best chance to speed up the talks.

But Ford chief negotiator Peter Pestillo called the move "a complexity" and accused the union of engaging in "theater."

He added that "theater plays a great role in collective bargaining," but said the move would rob the talks of the intensity that occurs when one company is the target and the other waits its turn.

GM issued a noncommittal statement calling the move an "opportunity."

The UAW chose twin strike targets only once before in its history, in 1970, when GM and Chrysler Corp. were picked before Labor Day. GM was singled out the day before the Sept. 14 deadline, and a 67-day strike ensued.

Full-scale strikes against both companies are deemed highly unlikely this year, even though the union has its richest strike fund ever, \$50 million.

However, a union source said that top officials have discussed striking selective targets at both companies which could hamper and even shut down operations at GM and Ford. The source spoke only on condition that he not be identified.

The strike target decision was made by the UAW's 25-member international executive board, which met for more than two hours in a ballroom at a suburban Detroit hotel.



Fighting the flames
Troy Halkon, 19, of Ladonia, Mont., uses a shovel to throw dirt on flames as he fights a forest fire south of the town of Roundup. Forest fires have raged in the area since the weekend.

3,500 arrested in India

Authorities round up protestors and Sikh activists

By TINA CHOU
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NEW DELHI, India — Authorities arrested at least 3,500 people yesterday in northern and eastern India, to put down protests over the ouster of an opposition leader and to block a planned Sikh convention.

About 500 Sikh activists were rounded up in Punjab as the government tried to stop them from holding an international convention of their sect, which officials said would be used by Sikhs to gain political points.

More than 2,000 people were briefly detained in eastern Bihar state, where thousands stopped work to protest the recent ouster of a noted opposition leader in southern India.

The strikers, including some state legislators, were supporters of N.T. Rama Rao, a popular former movie star who was dismissed as chief minister of the Andhra Pradesh state on Aug. 16 by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's administration.

The United News of India reported that at least six people were wounded as police used truncheons to break up protestors in Bihar. The strike, called by opposition parties, shut down schools, businesses and shops in Bihar.

Similar protest strikes have been held in at least three other Indian states this month. The dismissal of Rao appeared to have strengthened unity among India's splintered opposition political parties, which are trying to defeat Gandhi's party in national elections due in five months.

Among the 500 people arrested in Punjab, northern India, set up road barriers on highways and deployed paramilitary troops on bridges in an attempt to prevent an expected 10,000 Sikhs from entering Amritsar city next Sunday for the convention.

The government also announced a ban on carrying more than four persons in any truck or tractor-trailer, following reports that Sikhs planned to ride into Amritsar from other parts of Punjab in large vehicles.

Authorities said they are considering setting a curfew in Amritsar and sealing all entry points to the city to stop the Sikhs from attending the convention.

The Akali Dal — the main Sikh political party and the Sikh religion's high command — called a world Sikh conference to discuss social and political issues, including the Indian Army's assault in June against armed Sikhs holed up in the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Walesa urges Soviets to meet needs of Poland

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WARSAW, Poland — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa warned Communist authorities yesterday that the "threat of conflict" in Poland would remain as long as they failed to meet demands for increased democracy.

Walesa accused the government of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski of abandoning the August 1981 agreements with striking workers that made Solidarity the first free trade union in the Soviet bloc.

"After 16 months of legal operation and 32 months of hard fight without legal structures, Solidarity is alive," Walesa said in a statement that was more critical than his recent comments. "Independent trade unions are needed for us, the working people, but they are also needed for Poland."

The statement was prepared for delivery in the Baltic port of Gdansk tomorrow to mark the fourth anniversary of the signing of the accords, but it was unclear whether authorities would allow Walesa to speak.

Walesa has recently called for moderation by the political opposition following an amnesty that freed 630 political prisoners, including several former Solidarity leaders and Walesa rivals.

Solidarity was crushed following the Dec. 13, 1981, imposition of martial law. The union was outlawed in October 1982.

Walesa's statement was read by an aide over the telephone to Western correspondents in Warsaw.

Walesa, stressing "I have always been an advocate of compromise," said he was speaking "not with bitterness, but concern."

"It is inadmissible to try to govern without taking into consideration our will to gain self-determination and democracy," Walesa said. "Further ignoring of the will of the nation bears a threat of conflict, the tragic outcome of which we are not able to imagine."

Walesa charged that authorities had honored the agreements only in "articles and speeches" published in the state-run news media.

"What about union pluralism? What about freedom of speech, publications? What about lifting repression for conscience?" Walesa asked, recalling some of the worker demands covered in the 1980 accords.

"Where are the prisons without political prisoners? What about the just wage adjustments and prices? Where is the selection of managerial personnel on the principle of qualifications, not party membership? Where is the reduction of the time for waiting for an apartment?"

Government newspapers have published a series of articles in recent days arguing that Solidarity honored the agreements. They have defended the August 1980 strikes as an expression of genuine worker concern.

News story offends family, Ferraro says

By EVANS WITT
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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Geraldine Ferraro said yesterday that a newspaper story raising questions about contributions to her congressional campaign is inaccurate and leaves an "offensive" impression about her family.

Ferraro said she had reported every contribution to her congressional campaigns since 1978 and denied that a recent contribution to her re-election campaign this year was an illegal corporate donation as suggested by the report in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

"My husband and I have already disclosed more information about our finances than any other candidate for president or vice president in history," she said.

The New York congressman said in a statement released here. "This statement leaves an impression about my family which is wrong, altogether inaccurate, and offensive."

Federal campaign finance records show Michael LaRosa contributed \$500 to Ferraro's campaign Sept. 11, 1980, six months before he was indicted for labor racketeering, and \$200 four days before he pleaded guilty on April 30, 1982.

He served eight months in prison. In addition to the personal contributions, a bakery owned by LaRosa gave \$500 to Ferraro's congressional campaign last July 1. It was this contribution the Inquirer said came from a corporation and, therefore, was illegal.

However, Ferraro denied that the check came from a corporation, saying she based this conclusion on information provided her by the bank on which the check was drawn.

Documents at the New York County Clerk show there is a corporation and a partnership with similar names. The partnership is named "G. LaRosa & Son" and the corporation is named "G. LaRosa & Son Inc."

"I have recorded on the public record every contribution ever received by my campaign," said Ferraro's statement. "The contributions referred to in this article were legal, and I properly recorded them with the Federal Election Commission."

—Geraldine Ferraro, Democratic vice presidential candidate

Ferraro's statement opened by saying the article "discusses many events concerning LaRosa's labor activities which have nothing to do with me or my family and which I know nothing about."

Running mate Walter F. Mondale told reporters in Minnesota he has "absolutely no doubt that I made the right choice with Geraldine Ferraro" and said, "I have utterly no doubt about her integrity."

Mondale was asked whether he makes it a practice to screen contributions and return any from questionable contributors.

Gemayel's death casts a shadow

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — The death of Pierre Gemayel, the father of Lebanon's president and the country's most prestigious Christian leader, casts a further shadow on the already dimming chances to get this nation out of a nine-year civil war.

The death of the 78-year-old Gemayel comes as President Amin Gemayel and his Syrian-backed prime minister, Rashid Karami, struggle to contain Lebanon's warring Moslem and Christian militias long enough to impose a security plan around Beirut.

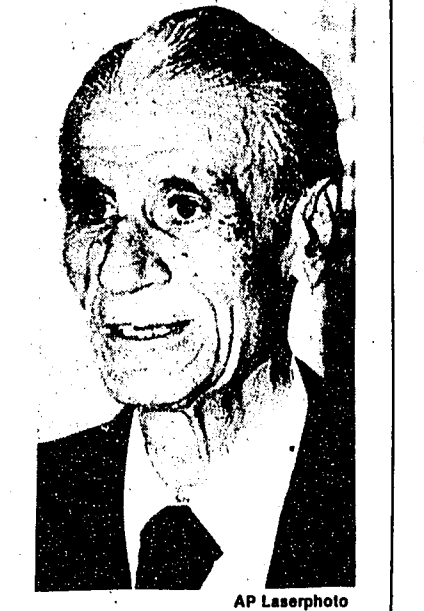
It comes, too, at a time when the Christian community is precariously balanced between those who would follow the president's leadership and those who resist his move toward Syria following the collapse of the U.S. peacekeeping effort.

The passing of the elder Gemayel, who died yesterday, reportedly of a heart attack, clearly makes it more difficult for the president to rein in younger elements of the Phalange Party, the dominant force among the country's Christians.

His death could ignite a power struggle within the cabinet, strain the coalition Cabinet formed with leaders of the various factions to try to bring an end to war.

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state news briefs

Dwyer accused of pocketing funds
HARRISBURG (AP) — State Treasurer R. Budd Dwyer conspired in 1980 to siphon some of his campaign funds into his own pocket, Auditor General Al Benedict alleged yesterday.

TMI radiation effects still uncertain
HARRISBURG (AP) — Official statements that radiation from the Three Mile Island nuclear accident caused no adverse health effects cannot be justified, according to a court-supervised study released yesterday.

nation news briefs

Embassy legislation sparks friction
WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill to move the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is expected to win approval from the House Foreign Affairs Committee next month, despite President Ronald Reagan's strong opposition, congressional aides said yesterday.

Rare cancer may be facet of AIDS
BOSTON (AP) — A rare lymph cancer is on the increase among homosexual men, and researchers believe it is another facet of the AIDS epidemic.

world news briefs

Helicopter crash leaves no survivors
MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — An air force helicopter crashed in the north-central province of Matagalpa, killing all three crew members aboard, the Defense Ministry said yesterday.

S. Pacific may soon be nuclear-free
SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Leaders of 14 South Pacific nations said in a communique issued yesterday that they have agreed to move toward declaring the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone in view of the bleak arms talks situation.

Clean-up begins on French fuel spill
OSTEND, Belgium (AP) — A tugboat sprayed detergents into fuel leaking from a sunken French freighter yesterday, and officials said that with good weather they could remove the ship's 25 tons of radioactive cargo in three to four weeks.

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