

# To Auto Plant Foreman, It's the Firing Line

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them here?" asks Joe. "This is the worst. We have guys who hire in, scratch their heads, and say, 'This is not for me!'"

Rapid turnover and high absentee rates hobble production and drive foremen crazy. Even the most eager new man is slow until he learns his job. And the foreman training him is doubly handicapped by the huge number of absentees on the second shift. Bob has to work as a relief man almost every day.

"The general foreman is on your back," says Bob. "He says, 'Why aren't you getting the work done?' and you say, 'I've got a lot of new people.' And he says, 'I don't want to hear that. That's what we're paying you for.'"

## The Auto Talks

Tuesday, July 31, 1973

For the first time since negotiations opened at Chrysler, the company and the union engage in a full-fledged debate. More than 90 minutes are devoted to the key issue of voluntary overtime.

Ford says it will present its counter-demands Wednesday. Tuesday's session is taken up with discussion of the UAW demand for joint in-plant health and safety committees.

At GM the talks continue at the subcommittee level, focusing on insurance and safety.

The parts shortage, which keeps parts plants operating on heavy overtime, is reported to be so acute at Chrysler that five transmissions made in Kokomo, Ind., have to be flown to Detroit by jet.

## Sets 2 Records

MOSCOW —(UPI)— Soviet test pilot Alexander Fedotov has set a world airplane altitude record of 22.3 miles in an E266 jet, the Tass news agency said Tuesday. He set a second world record when the same plane carried a two-ton load to a height of 21.7 miles, Tass said.

"If you're training five new people, you're in trouble," says Joe, who supervises about 20 men. "You tell management, 'I'm doing all I can,' and they say, 'That ain't enough.'"

"You get on the men, and now the steward's all over you. He calls labor relations, and here come the same management people. They say, 'Why are you harassing your men?'"

**TOP MANAGERS**, the foremen say, view excuses as a sign of weakness. They do not want to appear weak—to their supervisors or their men. So they are loathe to give or accept excuses.

"You try to be nice, and they mistake it for weakness," Joe says of his men. "You can only be nice so many times — or they'll expect it all the time."

A worker's mistake can cost a foreman dearly. Joe once worked until dawn—without pay — repairing goofs on 50 automobiles while the workers went home to bed.

By the time a mistake reaches the end of Chuck's line, it can be dozens of cars away from the worker who made it. His patience tends to be short.

"You put quarter trim panels on the inside of the car," he says, "and it's supposed to have five screws. It gets to the end of the line, and it has three."

"You approach the man and say, 'Make sure you get them all in. Inspection's knocking em down.'"

"The employee says, 'yeah. All right.' At the end of the line, here come some more. Three screws."

"You go back and say, 'What's the problem?' and he says, 'No problem.' So you say, 'How come you missed?' and he says, 'I got in the hole.' And the longer you talk to him, the more rebellious he gets."

"In the hole" is production-line jargon for falling behind on work.

There are workers as well as managers who equate manhood with physical toughness—and sometimes they settle beefs personally.

"There are three or four hundred foremen in that plant," says Chuck, "and I don't know of one who isn't threatened with physical violence at least once every two weeks."

"I went there in 1968. The first time I was threatened was my fifth day on the job. I told a man he better get on the job before he lost that job, and

he said, 'I'll knock the — out of you.'"

"We had a general foreman in the paint shop who got shot three or four times. One foreman was worked over with a broomstick by a guy who outweighed him 75 pounds. Another guy was shoved in a phone booth by a guy who whaled the hell out of him."

**There are days, they admit, when they are afraid of their men.**

The corporation has made an effort to help foremen contend with the problems. There are classes taught by the clinical psychologists at Center Line—and even videotaped replays of simulated work problems, so foremen can see at exactly what point they lost control.

The foremen call Center Line the "Fog Palace."

"They tell us, 'If you treat people good, 99 percent will do anything for you,'" says Chuck. "I'd sure like to see some of those clowns work with people."

"When we leave the plant for the classes," says Joe, "Our bosses say, 'have a good time. It's a vacation. But remember what side you're on, and don't bring that — back with you.'"

Technically, a foreman is on management's side. But he has a few of management's comforts, and he has to be his own union steward. He ends up making a lot of deals.

"Every foreman at least 10 times an hour is called a name that implies he has incest with his mother," says Chuck. "When the men do it, the union calls it 'shop talk.' If I say 'Get your ass off that box, I'm guilty of verbal abuse.'"

"So you make a deal with the steward," says Joe. "An informal deal. You cuss each other. If they complain of verbal abuse by me, I'll write em all up for insubordination."

**THE MANAGEMENT** label does not exempt foremen from the same working conditions their men endure. Indeed, some foremen feel their working conditions are worse.

"It's too damned hot and it's too damned dirty," says Chuck. "It's no picnic for us any more than the men on the line."

"I'm not saying their jobs are easy or that my daughter could do them. They're boring and monotonous, yes, but all they have to worry about is an area about eight feet long."

"Actually," he continues, considering, "it's worse for us. The hourly employee gets relief time. If a foreman sits down and eats a sandwich and

drinks a cup of coffee here comes the Man."

"Sometimes, foremen are ripped apart right in front of their people. Right in front of everybody. If you object, they say, 'If you don't like the job, get the hell out.'"

"A foreman," says Chuck, "is a special kind of person. Half-idiot to take the job and half-fool to keep it."

Actually, Bob became a foreman because it was the "first step up," and Joe because he wanted the money. Not a day goes by that all three don't consider going back to work on the line, but "you'd find it hard to take the pay chop," Joe admits.

As a rule, a foreman starts off making 15 percent more than the average pay of the five highest-paid employees he supervises. After six months, this jumps five percent. After that, raises are based on merit and ability.

A second-shift foreman starts off at about \$236 a week.

**THE SUMMARY** firing last week of a Chrysler supervisor, Thomas Woolsey, has left the foremen angry.

Woolsey's firing was demanded by the two workers who cut off the plant's electrical supply and idled 5,000 men for 13 hours. The workers accused Woolsey of racial harassment. The firm agreed to fire Woolsey, for unspecified "violations of company policy," and to seek no reprisals against the dissident workers.

"In the contract, it says that management reserves the right to run its plant as it sees fit," says Chuck. "They took that right out of the contract."

"They said that anyone who captures a toilet or chains himself to a wash basin can get board chairman Lynn Townsend fired."

"And look at us," says Joe. "We're nobodies."

Few disputes reach the magnitude of the Woolsey affair but they make up for it in frequency.

"You get tired and you blow up," says Joe, "and then they say, 'Come on, buddy.' They leave you alone for two weeks, and then they start it all over again."

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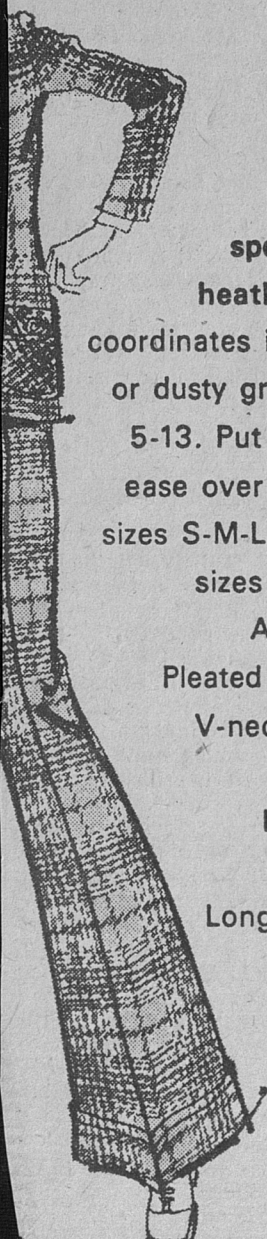
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8-11-1973 Detroit news

# End strike, Fraser urges workers

By JACK CRELLIN,  
RON RUSSELL  
and JACK BURDOCK

News Staff Writers

As contract talks between the Big Three automakers and the UAW recessed for the weekend, the union's top bargainer at Chrysler Corp. was hoping to end a wildcat strike that has shut the company's Detroit Forge Plant since Wednesday.

Douglas Fraser, UAW vice-president and head of the union's Chrysler department, called a meeting of members of Local 47 at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Local 212 Hall, 12101 Mack, Detroit.

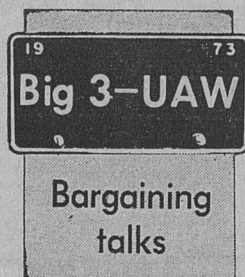
Fraser said he will appeal to

workers to return to their jobs and give up their unauthorized strike.

"I'm sure that if the workers of Local 47 turn out in sufficient numbers we will not have any problems," said Fraser. "I'm going there prepared to sweat it out Sunday morning and prepared to take whatever abuse that might be forthcoming."

**BARGAINERS** will not meet at Chrysler Monday because Fraser and his team intend to visit 21 Detroit-area plants to examine them for health and safety violations.

In a three-hour bargaining session yesterday in Chrysler's



headquarters in Highland Park, the emphasis was on a union demand that the company increase its contributions to the supplemental unemployment benefits (SUB) fund to make the fund sounder financially.

At General Motors head-

quarters in Detroit, union and company executives publicly agreed they have made no progress since bargaining started in mid-July.

Irving Bluestone, UAW vice president and head of the GM department, said:

"I don't see any sign of movement anywhere. The company is listening and talking, but there is no indication of movement."

However, Bluestone was not upset and called the lagging pace "par for the course."

**GEORGE B. MORRIS JR.**, GM vice president in charge of labor relations, said the slow pace can be blamed on the union's refusal to withdraw

some of its demands made early in the talks.

"They're certainly going to have to withdraw some of their demands," said Morris. "There's a mountain of them. It's time to clear away the underbrush and get at the important stuff."

Bluestone estimated that the talks will not get serious until after the UAW selects a strike target on Aug. 21. Once the target is named, he said, "something has to give."

Morris said, however, "I would hope we will not have to wait until after the 21st to begin to get things resolved."

Contracts at all of the Big Three plants expire Sept. 14.

At the Ford Motor Co. world headquarters in Dearborn, bargainers concentrated on early retirement for foundry workers and cost-of-living allowances.

**KEN BANNON**, UAW vice president and head of the union's Ford department, said he considers a new cost-of-living formula the year's most important issue because of "runaway inflation."

And union bargainers met total opposition from the company on a proposal to allow foundry workers to retire at any age after working 25 years.

Retirement considerations for foundry workers are an industrywide demand. There are 12,000 foundry workers at Ford and a total of 59,000 at all Big Three installations.

The union says that working in foundries causes respiratory diseases, other disabilities, leads to earlier death, causes reduced sexual drives and impairs reproductive abilities.

Sidney F. McKenna, Ford's director of labor relations, answered: "There is a decided difference of opinion about both the facts and the conclusions that can be drawn and the desirability under any circumstances of trying to establish a different pension arrangement for different types of employees."

"They've just not demonstrated that there's a case to be made."

Bargainers at Ford also discussed union demands for developing a new formula to determine cost-of-living wage increases.

The UAW proposal was described by McKenna as having "no merit, even in theory."

## UAW backs Forge grievances

By JAMES GRAHAM  
News Staff Writer

After a tour of Chrysler's Detroit Forge Plant, UAW Vice-President Douglas Fraser said yesterday he would authorize a strike vote by Local 47 if "pressing grievances" in the plant aren't corrected in the "immediate future."

The forge plant, at 6600 Lynch Road, was closed for the third day yesterday by wildcat strikers who complained of unsafe conditions in the plant.

Following his tour, Fraser said yesterday that he saw "conditions that demand immediate attention."

"The plant is not clean and there are obvious safety haz-

ards," Fraser said without elaboration. "We would probably see more if the plant were operating. An evaluation of what we saw today would understate the problem."

Fraser said he would meet with striking workers at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Local 212 Hall, 12101 Mack, urging them to return to work.

"We're hoping the workers will agree to return," Fraser said yesterday in an impromptu press conference outside the forge plant. "We want them to stay with this thing until these issues are resolved."

**MEANWHILE**, U.S. District Judge Cornelia Kennedy con-

tinued until 9 a.m. today a temporary restraining order that prohibits the strike. At that time, she will decide whether to issue a permanent injunction against the strikers which Chrysler attorneys have asked for.

Judge Kennedy also issued a show-cause order against three Chrysler employees charged with violating the restraining order, similar to a show-cause order issued Thursday by Wayne Circuit Judge James L. Ryan.

The three workers are to appear in Federal Court today to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court.

The UAW international and the local union are "legally

helpless" to help the wildcat strikers until they return to work, Fraser said. "They are in violation of the law and the union constitution."

When the workers do return, Fraser said, three international representatives will be in the plant "and they'll stay there and stick on the company people until our grievances are corrected."

**NO TIME LIMIT** can be set for correction of the worker's "legitimate and pressing grievances" before a strike vote is authorized, Fraser said.

"We have to know the availability of material," he said. "I understand some of

the repair work has been contracted out and the contractor is having trouble getting the material he needs."

Just as Fraser was leaving the forge plant, Chrysler Vice-President Fred Osann arrived to tell newsmen that Fraser's tour was welcome.

"It should set to rest rumors about health and safety," said Osann, head of Chrysler's automotive manufacturing.

"We believe that the safety conditions in the plant are self-evident," Osann said.

The forge plant last year won three safety awards and two certificates of merit from the Foundry Industry Association, Osann said.



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tapes, Greenberg ends by saying Ervin and the committee should ask themselves how their tactics will appear in hindsight.

You have a right to select only those views you want to have presented but do not bill them as what they are not.

DENNIS FREngle  
Ann Arbor

**JUST WHEN** it seemed no one in the media was experiencing any sense of outrage at the conduct of the Watergate "trial," along came your editorial and your Opinion Page columns by Mary McGrory and Paul Greenberg.

Certainly in another setting and perhaps with the aid of a twirling rope, Sen. Sam Ervin's homespun comments could properly elicit applause and laughter.

But in the Senate Caucus Room such reactions were decidedly inappropriate. Ervin reminds one of a comic trying to maintain a TV rating which will carry him through a full season. Worse, he is a comic who laughs at his own jokes.

Your editorial pointed out quite rightly that Ervin's actions constituted a poor example of fairness and decorum. Miss McGrory was right, too, in questioning Ervin's ability to interpret White House tapes objectively.

His naivete, feigned or otherwise, concerning electronic surveillance undermines his authority as any kind of a judge.

Like Greenberg, I wonder, "How long before the elemental fairness of the American people is aroused by these (the committee's) tactics?"

JOSEPH WARENKO

*Editor's Note: Mary McGrory actually is one of the sharpest critics of President Nixon and the Watergate scandals. Unfortunately, the irony in her recent tongue-in-cheek piece on Sen. Ervin escaped some readers.*

consistency of behavior are given too much stress.

It is, further, a reaction to a gross lack of imagination in the way Americans think and live

# Nixon advised to cut 'Red connection'

To the Editor: According to Julie Eisenhower her father, President Nixon, "just had complete faith in everyone around him. I guess that's part of the whole tragedy of this thing," she said.

Another part of the whole tragedy is that Mr. Nixon also has complete faith in the rulers of the so-called People's Republic of China. That nation of suffering slaves is about as much a republic as I am president of the Ford Motor Co. Red China's leaders, Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai included, acquire and hold their offices by brute force and terror, not by any elective means. Yet our President has agreed to turn loose in our country countless agents of Red China's regime, with immunity from our laws and with privileges that our own citizens do not share.

Even now, 20 years after the Korean war, there has never been a peace treaty drawn up and signed so technically we still are at war with the Red Chinese. Throughout the Vietnam fighting and even today, the Red Chinese government is aiding the North Vietnamese with men, logistics and equipment to insure subjugation of the population of the South Vietnamese.

Premier Chou En-lai is the biggest drug pusher in the world. There are more than a million acres of opium fields and at least nine government-operated refineries on mainland China producing heroin for export. Between 65 and 80 percent of the high grade heroin sold on the international market comes from Red China.

that the cynical critics of rock do not pay more attention to the technology of war that led to the technology of music.

MARK MCCUE

American soldiers in Vietnam during the last eight or nine years were supplied with the finest heroin at the lowest prices.

The reasons are obvious.

The Peking regime carries on

more in common, regardless of political and geographical boundaries, than it has to separate it into the various national groups that make up that part of the world. And it is all delicious.

this criminal activity to erode the character of free people everywhere. And, of course, for the hard currency needed to finance their worldwide communistic subversions. Yet orders

ever lived with a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

But then he never met Ehrlichman and Haldeman.

ALLEN B. FOLEY  
Capac

from the White House forbid any talk about the sale of Red China's narcotic drugs.

How easy it will be to carry on and expand the dope peddling operation in America now that Huang Chen, Red China's envoy to Washington, will be on hand to set up the outposts under the guise of "liaison missions."

We cannot, as a nation beset with many problems, afford a President that "has complete faith in everyone around him." Let us do anything we can to "cut the Red connection," and let's hurry to avoid as many of Mr. Nixon's tragedies as possible.

FLORENCE SKELTON

## Border crossing cards are handy

To the Editor: I was startled to read in The News Sunday Magazine the "Dissent" article regarding the "papers" problem faced by a naturalized American citizen wishing to cross from the United States to Canada.

I, a naturalized citizen, also enjoy a visit to Windsor from time to time but would not dream of removing my naturalization papers from my safe deposit box. I always use my border crossing card, a plastic card issued for a small fee, showing the necessary information and issued by U.S. Immigration authorities for just such practical reasons.

I suggest naturalized citizens inquire about obtaining similar wallet cards.

PATRICIA L. PILLING  
Birmingham



'Oh, no, not II! You, sir, should have the honor of belling the cat!'





7-26-1973

Fired supervisor Thomas Woolsey with wife Nancy — he wants another job with Chrysler

—News Photo by Donald Batten

# Chaos in auto plants feared by fired Chrysler supervisor

BY MARK LETT  
News Staff Writer

A Chrysler supervisor, who was fired after two employees forced the shutdown Tuesday of the firm's Jefferson Avenue plant, contends the company's action against him could create "impossible conditions" for other supervisory personnel in the automobile industry.

Thomas Woolsey, 32, who was fired as the company met demands of the two employees, says Chrysler's decision "was without justification."

"The company's action creates a situation where the operations of the plant are subject to the whim of any employee with a grudge," Woolsey said in an interview yesterday at his east side Detroit home.

At 6:04 a.m. Tuesday, the two workers entered a wire cage that houses the electrical supply equipment for their area's assembly line. They then shut off the electricity. Their action was supported by more than 100 employees and crippled the plant's operation for the day.

In demanding his firing, the two workers

"Some guys I know in management at the Jefferson plant have called and told me that they think the company was wrong in firing me. They say it's really going to be tough for them to work under the conditions that they face now."

charged Woolsey, a utility superintendent, repeatedly threatened them with physical violence and used racially slanted profanity in speaking with them.

The workers, Larry Carter, 23, and Isaac Shorter, 26, are black.

Woolsey, who is white, denies their charges.

He said yesterday about his dismissal:

"I can see where there could be damaging repercussions from all of this in other plants.

"Some guys I know in management at the Jefferson plant have called and told me that

they think the company was wrong in firing me. They say it's really going to be tough for them to work under the conditions that they face now."

In addition to the demand for Woolsey's firing, Carter and Shorter also demanded that Chrysler guarantee in their presence and in writing — signed by an official of the company — that they would not be disciplined. The company met all demands.

A Chrysler spokesman said Woolsey was fired for violating company personnel policies but would not elaborate on the specific charges against him.

Woolsey claimed yesterday that the company had not told him what specific personnel policies he violated.

"I've confronted different Chrysler officials but nobody at the Jefferson plant can tell me exactly what I was guilty of or who had me fired," Woolsey said.

He said he believed that the decision to fire him was made by someone "above the Jefferson plant officials."

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rs, there seems no reason why she should not  
hark on a Polaris-type program," Moore  
id.  
"There is, therefore, every likelihood that the  
xt few years will see the Chinese navy  
reading its influence abroad."

presidential candidate Sen. George McGovern shake hands after  
meeting in a receiving line last night at the Iranian Embassy in  
Washington. The President and McGovern were invited to the reception  
held for the Shah and Empress of Iran who are visiting the United  
States.

# Connally quits as Nixon adviser

From UPI and AP Dispatches

WASHINGTON — John B. Connally is quit-  
ting after two months as President Nixon's  
part-time adviser, but Melvin R. Laird plans to  
stay as long as he feels he is making a  
contribution.

The veteran politicians joined the White  
House staff after the Watergate scandal  
erupted and forced an exodus of Mr. Nixon's  
top lieutenants.

Connally, former  
Treasury secretary,  
joined the staff as  
an unpaid consult-  
ant to the President,  
while Laird took on  
a fulltime post as  
the President's  
chief domestic  
adviser.



JOHN CONNALLY

But after giving  
some advice to Mr.  
Nixon to "clean  
house" and to shake  
off the clique  
brought in by for-  
mer aides H.R.  
Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, Connally  
became frustrated. He found the President was  
in no mood to change his own lifestyle or to  
broaden the chain of command.

"I've given about all the advice I can give,"  
Connally told a news conference on June 20,  
which was called to deny that he was disgrunt-  
led. But those who read between the lines  
agreed that Connally had had it.

The former governor of Texas stayed around  
long enough to help shape the new Phase 4  
economic controls program. He also met pri-  
vately a few times with Nixon in Washington  
and San Clemente, Calif., then returned to his  
"Picoso" ranch at Floresville, Tex.

Connally and his wife will leave for a trip  
abroad in the near future. Connally had post-  
poned an around-the-world journey when he  
joined the presidential staff. He later will  
rejoin his law firm in Houston.

Connally had to sever his connections on the  
boards of several corporations dealing with the  
federal government when he took the post as  
consultant.

Connally's announcement came a day after  
Laird denied reports that he is disgruntled with  
his role and may leave the White House.

Connally is expected to hit the hustings to  
earn his credentials as a Republican this fall,  
his political popularity apparently undimmed  
by the short and frustrating stint as presiden-  
tial adviser.

He has been getting 10 to 60 requests to speak  
every week and he promises to start accepting  
at least some of them, a Texas GOP official  
said.

Connally's friends are delighted he's out of  
what they considered an unwanted job as a  
public, rather than private, adviser to Presi-  
dent Nixon.

"He's got the best of two worlds now —  
loyalty to the President and distance from  
him," said one confidant.

When Connally switched from the Demo-

cratic to the Republican Party last spring, his  
plan was to keep out of the limelight until fall,  
when he would start making political appear-  
ances.

The brief White House notice about Connal-  
ly's resignation Wednesday said nothing about  
differences between the Texan and Nixon.

"He came out with a net plus from this," one  
friend said.

Nixon and Connally apparently terminated  
their official relationship still close personal  
friends and, as GOP Chairman George Bush  
said Wednesday, "I think people in the GOP  
respect Connally for his standing by the Presi-  
dent."

## U.S. planes retaliate

# Phnom Penh kills 18, inju

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — (UPI) — Less  
than 24 hours after President Lon Nol warned  
of new Communist pressures on Phnom Penh,  
insurgents fired shells into crowded areas of  
the city and reportedly killed 18 persons yester-  
day.

Military police sources said 26 persons were  
wounded, many of them seriously.

After the shelling, the government tightened  
security precautions in the city and American  
warplanes flew heavy concentrations of strikes  
south, west and north of the capital.

HEAVY FIGHTING and U.S. bombing — the  
latter clearly visible to residents — occurred  
near a marketplace area after Communists  
cut a road leading to an army camp at Prey  
Sar, six miles south of the capital.

The British and Australian embassies began  
evacuating some dependents within 12 hours of  
the rocket attack.

Cambodian military authorities said 40 rock-  
ets fell on the city, but did not list casualties.  
Military police sources instead listed them.

The sources said that apparently 36 shells fell  
on the road to the capital's main airport west of  
the city and in and around a marketplace to  
the southwest.

# ews Today in Brief

Thursday, July 26, 1973

**MILITARY SECRET:** Congress has learned that the bombing of  
Cambodia by U.S. Air Force B52's in 1969 and 1970 was such  
a well kept secret that even the secretary of the Air Force  
didn't know about it. The United States secretly carried out  
bombing missions on Cambodia from March, 1969, to May,  
1970, while the Pentagon kept falsified records showing that  
the raids were in South Vietnam. — Page 2A

**CONNALLY RESIGNS:** After two months as President Nixon's  
part-time adviser, John B. Connally is leaving. Connally,  
former treasury secretary, joined the White House staff as  
an unpaid consultant to the President after the Watergate  
scandal forced the resignation of Mr. Nixon's top aides. —  
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**SECOND SKYLAB:** Blastoff for the second Skylab manned  
mission, a 59-day earth orbit, is scheduled for 7:10 a.m.  
Saturday at Cape Kennedy with the spacemen docking at  
3:40 p.m. with the orbiting Skylab space station 271 miles  
above earth. The launch must take place during a 10-minute  
period starting at 7:10 a.m. or the shot will be delayed four  
days. — Page 10A

## Local

**CHRYSLER SUPERVISOR:** Chrysler Corp. faces the possibility  
of an impossible situation, says a supervisor at the firm's  
Jefferson Avenue plant as the company met demands of two  
employees who shut it down Tuesday. The operations of the  
plant now could be subject to the whim of any employee with  
a grudge, he says. — Page 1A

**STATE BUDGET:** The Legislature approved the highest spend-  
ing plan in the state's history yesterday and now Gov.  
Milliken has to determine which portions he will veto to

# Meyer Lansky of 2 tax fraud

MIAMI — (UPI) — A federal jury yesterday  
acquitted Meyer Lansky, 71, reputed financial  
wizard of the underworld, of two counts of tax  
fraud.

Despite Senate testimony about his reputa-  
tion, publicity, legend and innuendo, Lansky  
has been convicted only once of a federal crime  
— contempt of a grand jury. That conviction  
and a jail sentence of a year and a day are  
under appeal by defense attorney E. David  
Peters. Lansky



# Chaos feared in auto plants

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"I have no animosity toward anyone at the Jefferson plant," Woolsey said. "They did what had to be done to expedite the running of the plant.

"I've talked to most of the top officials of the plant and they tell me that they're with me. It looks like I was fired by someone higher up."

Chrysler spokesmen would not identify the official responsible for deciding to fire Woolsey. But William M. O'Brien, vice-president of personnel, said yesterday that "our guy (Woolsey) was wrong and we had no other recourse except to take the action we did."

Woolsey, the father of four, said he intends to "seek whatever means possible to gain another management position with Chrysler."

He said he met with Chrysler officials yesterday to try to obtain another job with the firm but said he was told that his dismissal stands.

"I would like to get back with Chrysler if at all possible but I wouldn't go back to the Jefferson plant," Woolsey said.

"I loved it there and I spent a lot of long hours working there, but I don't see how I could ever work there again.

"I don't know just what my options are but, if it will be necessary for me to hire a lawyer, then I will," Woolsey said.

He said he attempted to reach Detroit attorney Kenneth V. Cockrel yesterday but was unsuccessful. Woolsey said he would ask Cockrel — known as a fiery defense attorney who has won acquittals for a number of controversial clients — to represent him if it was determined that he needed legal counsel.

Woolsey called the racial charges made against him by Carter and Shorter "unfounded."

"I had about 300 men under my supervision and about 280 of them were black," Woolsey said.

"I would have been plain foolish to make any racial remarks.

"And even if I was guilty of the alleged charges, the punishment is far more severe than the crime.

"The only men who didn't like me were those who didn't want to work. While I was on that line, production increased and the amount of time lost due to work stoppages decreased.

"Many men were ticked off because they had to work more than they had been working before I was assigned to that line."

Woolsey, hired in 1967, was promoted from quality engineer supervisor to utility superintendent in January. Two months ago he was shifted to supervise the plant area where Tuesday's shutdown originated.

Woolsey said he had been threatened by employees with physical violence on several occasions. He also said he was aware of a petition circulated on Monday which sought his dismissal.

Workers said the petition was signed by 240 employees. The UAW said Woolsey had been the subject of five grievances, including one filed two weeks ago.

"I saw the petition and noticed that some of the names were misspelled," Woolsey said. "That leads me to believe that some of the signatures were falsified."

Woolsey declined to comment about Carter and Shorter.



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and prime minister in 1948, at the age of 66.

# Detroit-area obituaries

## **Leon E. Jackman, Detroit executive**

Services for Leon E. Jackman, 64, of Troy, vice-president of finance for Holly Carburetor Division of Colt Industries in Detroit, will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills. Burial will be in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Mr. Jackman died Tuesday at home. He was president of the Financial Executives Institute, past president of the Junior Board of Commerce in Detroit and of the Detroit chapter of the National Association of Accountants and a trustee of Walsh College in Troy. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; and two sons, Britt and Craig, both of Birmingham. His body is at William R. Hamilton Co.'s Bell Chapel, 820 East Maple, Birmingham.

## **Raymond F. Neilson, Business Executive**

Services for Raymond F. Neilson, 62, of Southfield, general manager of the Ferndale plant of Amchem Division of Rorer Corp., will be held at

## **Richard L. Bailey, Ford systems analyst**

Services for Richard L. Dailey, 50, of Redford Township, a 32-year employee of Ford Motor Co., will be held at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the William R. Hamilton Co.'s Bell Chapel, Birmingham. Mr. Dailey, a systems analyst, died yester-

day in Grace Hospital, Detroit. Survivors include his wife, Sally; two sons, Mark and North; a daughter, Lisa Ann; a brother and a sister. Burial will be in Port Austin Township Cemetery following a graveside ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday. The family said memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



# Chrysler strikers defy plea by union to end walkout

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After listening to arguments from the employees' attorneys and attorneys representing Chrysler, Judge Kennedy ordered Ryan's restraining order continued.

She did, however, rule that Ryan's show cause order to bring the Chrysler workers to court was not valid. She scheduled a hearing for this afternoon to determine whether she would issue a similar show cause order.

Judge Kennedy said workers who fear injury certainly "can't be made to work but I don't believe employees have the right to take concerted action such as putting up a picket line to keep other workers out."

Judge Kennedy also said there was no evidence presented to conclude that there were unsafe working conditions in the plant.

Reosti said the attorneys for the Chrysler workers would file legal briefs today asking Judge Kennedy to review her decision to continue the temporary restraining order.

Glotta said the striking Chrysler workers would probably continue to withhold their services, at least until the court hearing.

An attorney representing Chrysler, John O'Mara, of the firm of Dickinson, Wright, McKean and Cudlip, called the strike illegal and warned that its continuation would "in a matter of days or hours put 40,000 employees out of work."

O'Mara said the National Labor Relations Act "empowers the UAW to speak exclusively for employees on all matters including those of safety."

He said UAW's chief attorney has declared

the wildcat strike as unauthorized and has refused to enter the court hearings.

An estimated 350 of the 1,400 members of the forge plant's UAW local 47 attended a 12:30 p.m. meeting held yesterday in UAW local 51 hall.

Leon Klea, president of local 47, called for an end to the walkout but was hooted by calls of "No, No."

Klea said the plant management representatives would not discuss health and safety grievances in the forge plant until the unauthorized strike ended.

He also read a telegram sent yesterday by local officials to the U. S. Department of Labor's office of safety and health.

The telegram read: "Urgently request safety inspection of Chrysler Detroit Forge Plant, which has forced 1,500 workers out of the plant with the immediate threat that deadly working conditions may set off a chain reaction that could involve 40,000 other Chrysler workers.

"Management's refusal to correct outrageous conditions is responsible for the plant closing. Three times within a two-week period, a defective overhead crane dumped tons of steel in pedestrian areas. The inventory of neglect and injuries will be documented and presented to your inspectors. The situation is critical and requires your immediate attention."

Klea told newsmen that 12 local members had received telegrams from management yesterday informing them they had been fired.

He said he didn't know the reasons for the dismissals.

Klea also warned the union members that any pickets at the plant, at 6600 Lynch, would be subject to the law "governing the injunction against picketing."



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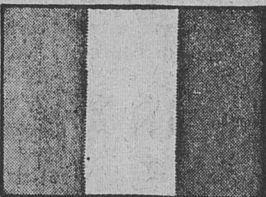
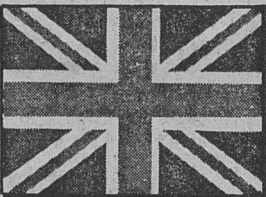
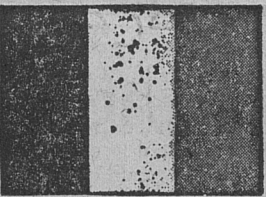
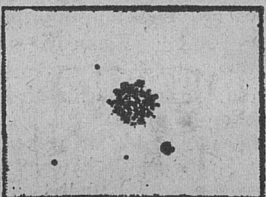


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# UAW Exec To Probe Chrysler Wildcat

8-10-1973

BY JO THOMAS

Free Press Staff Writer

As a wildcat strike at Chrysler's Detroit Forge plant continued, U A W Vice-President Douglas Fraser said he would recess national contract negotiations Monday to make a personal, one-day inspection of working conditions at the Forge and other Detroit area plants.

Workers at the Forge plant, 6600 Lynch Road, defied their local union leadership and a court order Thursday and continued picketing at the plant, which remained shut through the afternoon shift.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James L. Ryan, who issued a temporary restraining order banning the pickets, will hold a hearing at 2 p.m. Friday to consider issuing a permanent injunction.

Fraser said he would personally inspect working conditions at the Forge and the Huber Ave. Foundry on Monday. The members of his national bargaining committee will inspect 19 other plants in the Detroit area on that day.

"I don't want to take anybody's word," said Fraser. "I'm gonna see for myself."

Fraser said the international union would authorize local strike votes in places where conditions are unsafe and in places in which the company has reneged on promises to clean up conditions.

"Unless we correct (these conditions)," he said, "we'll have a hell of a lot of strikes at Chrysler."

**THE OFFICERS** of Local 41 told about 500 striking workers of Fraser's impending visit at a brief meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday.

They also told the workers they had sent a telegram to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, urgently requesting an inspection of safety hazards in the plant.

Leon Klea, president of

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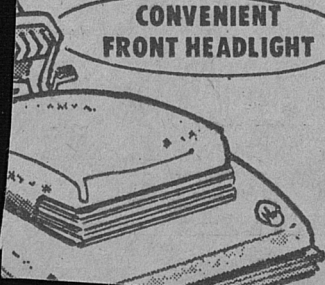


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# Fraser to Probe Wildcat Strike

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Local 41, pleaded with members of his union to go back to work so he could meet with plant management and present 10 pages of local demands.

Klea and his officers went through the Lynch Road gate at 3 p.m., but only a handful of afternoon shift workers followed their example.

About 100 workers stood around the gate, urging others not to report to work. A few people passed out socialist literature, and Chrysler supervisors passed out injunctions.

The injunctions and much of the literature went into trash-

cans and onto the ground. "Garbage," snorted one man.

The wildcat strike is the second in a Chrysler plant since national contract negotiations with Chrysler opened July 18.

Two employees who charged their supervisor with racist remarks and harassment seized a control panel at the Jefferson Avenue assembly plant July 24, shutting down the plant for 13 hours and idling 5,000 workers.

Both times, the UAW was compelled to make a good faith effort to induce the men to return to work, because the union is party to a contract with a no-strike provision.

**UNDER THAT** agreement wildcat strikes are not only unauthorized, but also illegal. Workers may strike over work standards and health and safety issues, but only after a formal strike vote is taken and with sanction by the UAW executive board, followed by notice to the company.

Much as the UAW leadership may sympathize with the wildcatters, the union is forced by contract terms to try to end these strikes. Failure to make an earnest effort or proof that the international union had instigated the strike would make the union guilty of a contract breach and leave it open to a damage suit.



# May Hit 30

HOUSTON — (UPI) — A 17-year-old junior high school dropout told police Thursday that a friend sexually molested 25 or 30 young boys, then killed them and disposed of their bodies at three burial sites in Texas.

The youth said he killed the 34-year-old friend at a sex and paint-sniffing party Wednesday night.

**POLICE RECOVERED** 17 bodies in a rusty tin boat shed in Houston.

Accompanied by the youth, Elmer Wayne Henley, officers began a search for more bodies at Lake Sam Rayburn 120 miles northeast of here and at a spot near Galveston.

"Henley has confessed and admitted to knowing where at least 25 or 30 bodies are located and officers are en route to Sam Rayburn Reservoir with Henley to dig up more bodies," said Houston Police Lt. Breck Porter.

Porter said police were questioning "another young man whom Henley has implicated."

Police would not say if Henley and the other man took part in the mass murders or if the slayings were the lone act of Dean Corll, 34, a bachelor electrician whom Henley described as a homosexual.

"We have two confessions but they are conflicting and we are still investigating," Police Inspector G. W. Wornick of suburban Pasadena said of the statements given by Henley and the other youth. "We got hold of the end of the string — we're just rolling it in."

Detective D.R. James said more bodies were expected to be unearthed in the Houston boat shed. "We think there are more. We think there may be

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# UAW Pleads For an End To Wildcat

BY JO THOMAS  
Free Press Staff Writer

8-13-1973

Officers of UAW Local 47 promised the wildcat strikers at Chrysler's Detroit Forge plant Sunday that they will conduct a strike vote Friday if the men return to work immediately and the company fails to clean up the plant.

In a stormy two-hour meeting at UAW Local 212 hall, about 800 workers vented their rage over working conditions and gave a mixed response to the UAW plea. They said the grievance system does not work and it takes too long to get an authorized strike.

UAW Vice-President Douglas Fraser, head of the union's Chrysler Department, pointed to a federal court order banning picketing or mass action at the plant, at 6600 Lynch Rd., and urged the men to return to their jobs.

If management then fails to correct conditions the men say are unsafe and unclean, the international union will authorize a strike, Fraser promised.

"We'll stay on the company's back," he told an audience that seemed about equally divided in support and opposition to Fraser. "Give us a chance to clean this thing up."

"We'll put an international representative on all three shifts," he said, "and we'll stay with them until we're satisfied that the plant is safe and clean."

Toward the meeting's end, an informal show of hands indicated that about half the workers wanted to return to work but half remained adamant.

**A LONG PARADE** of speakers from the audience — including some of the reported 16 workers who have been discharged for participating in the walkout which started last Tuesday — voiced their distrust of the union as well as the company.

They complained about safety hazards and demanded immediate corrections. They also demanded no reprisals against them.

Several said they felt that the law and the contract favor the company. "If we violate the contract, the company takes us to court," said one man. "If the company violates the contract, we file a grievance."

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and firemen from nearby com-  
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 alarm in minutes.

Before they arrived, Sylves-  
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 leisurely on his boat, the Babe  
 II, tried to put the fire out with  
 his fire extinguisher.

But he was unsuccessful, for  
 white-hot flames and black  
 smoke were already pouring  
 heavily out of the boathouse, a  
 covered wooden structure.

At 3 p.m. the structure was  
 still smoking as Coast Guard  
 men applied chemical foam.

But all the boats inside the  
 boatwell had burned to the wa-  
 terline. Only one remained  
 floating. Coast Guard person-  
 nel were sinking it to prevent  
 another explosion.

"This is one of the worst  
 boat fires we've ever had out  
 here," said St. Clair Shores  
 Fire Marshal Warren Vernier.  
 "We just couldn't get to it  
 until the Coast Guard ar-  
 rived."

The Coast Guard, stationed  
 immediately next door to the  
 marina, responded with four  
 search and rescue boats and  
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 with foam.

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