

UNION, GM SQUARE OFF IN BATTLE

Guaranteed Annual Wage Drive Opens

DETROIT—The giants of labor and industry square off today for a union's most ambitious demand since organizing days—the guaranteed annual wage.

The principals are the billion-dollar General Motors Corp., the nation's biggest industrial firm, and Walter Reuther's 134,000-member CIO United Auto Workers, the nation's biggest union.

The arena is a small room in the massive General Motors Building in midtown Detroit, scene of the start of formal bargaining on a new contract.

Immediately at stake are the fortunes of some 350,000 General Motors employees across the country. But the significance of the negotiations goes far beyond this.

MIGHT SET PATTERN

A guaranteed wage plan at General Motors might set a pattern for the entire auto industry and possibly for much of other heavy industry as well. That could have a tremendous impact on the nation's economy.

The current five-year cost-of-living contract between GM and the UAW expires May 29. Three days later a similar pact covering 16,000 Ford Motor Co. employees runs out.

The UAW plans to concentrate its guaranteed wage drive on these two biggest producers in the industry. Ford negotiations start Tuesday.

FORD TARGET

If it comes to a strike, the feeling in Detroit labor circles is that Ford would be chosen. The reasoning is that the union couldn't afford a long strike at GM which would cut off roughly one-third of its dues besides costing countless millions in striking benefits.

If this course were followed, the UAW could delay a showdown at GM simply by agreeing to a contract extension for a few days.

Neither GM nor Ford has committed directly on the guaranteed wage demand. GM officials have hinted at their opposition, however, by emphasizing the reality of the industry in their plants for years.

OUTLINE OF PLAN

The UAW guaranteed wage plan calls for 4 hours' pay if an employee works any part of a week. The employee would be guaranteed enough to "maintain his living standards" any week he is laid off completely.

The guarantee would cover 52 weeks for workers with seniority and would be dovetailed with state unemployment compensation.

Other union demands include a wage boost of some 5 cents an hour, an increase in the present scanty hourly "productivity" factor, improvements in health pension plans and other benefits. The current average wage in the auto industry is about \$2.10 an hour.

Textile Strike Seen In North

NEW YORK—An official of the CIO Textile Workers Union of America predicts a "near unanimous" vote to strike against 40 Northern textile mills employing about 40,000 persons.

Victor J. Canzano, the union's cotton director, made the statement yesterday.

The union said the two secret mills have made a "shocking and incredible" demand that their employees accept a 10-cent-an-hour cut in wages and fringe benefits.

Present contracts covering the cotton-rayon workers expire April 15.

The union said the cut demand was served on the union by the Fall River-New Bedford (Mass.) textile manufacturers' negotiating group. This group traditionally sets the pattern for Northern mills.

Garzano estimated that the present average wage is \$1.35 an hour. He said the workers have had no pay cut since 1951 and had a pay cut of 8 1/2 cents an hour in 1952.

The union is seeking to have the old contract renewed without changes.

Garzano called "pure poppycock" the employers' contention that they need lower payroll costs to meet Southern competition. He said average wages on a job-by-job basis are no higher in the North than in the South.

No employer comment on his statement was immediately available.



Sherman, Tex., Home Hit By Tornado. (AP)

Tornado, Hail, Rain Southeast Lashed By Spring Storms

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Early spring storms pounded areas in the Southeast states today after yesterday's damaging wind and rainstorms in Texas and other southern areas.

Northern Alabama was pelted by rain and hail with tornado winds in some areas. A tornado struck Alabama, a town of about 1,000 population north of Birmingham, causing an estimated \$50,000 damage.

Torrential rains fell at Birmingham and other northern Alabama towns. No serious injuries were reported.

Tornadoes and severe wind storms which hit across a 2,000-square-mile area of north central Texas yesterday killed one man and injured 27 persons. Crop and property damage was estimated in the millions of dollars.

BLIZZARD LOSSES

Losses to cattle and sheep in the violent blizzards which virtually paralyzed Wyoming and Montana earlier this week were estimated at \$1,200,000 by William L. Chapman, Wyoming agriculture commissioner.

Chapman said perhaps 20,000 sheep and 8,100 cattle died. Most of the country reported fair to partly cloudy weather today. Light showers fell in most of New England and westward to the eastern Great Lakes region.

TEMPERATURES DROP

Colder air from Canada moved southward across the Great Lakes and mixed with cold air over the Plains, lowering temperatures over most of the area between the Rockies and the Appalachians.

'NEEDED' ASPARAGUS TURNS UP IN MARKET

PARIS—The French News Agency said today police have arrested a man they believe has been "needing" asparagus sold near the site of the U. S. air base in Morocco.

So far there has been no report of the loaded asparagus falling into American hands. The culinary boot traps turned up at Sidi Slimane.

The first needle was reportedly spotted by a European woman who cracked her finger while preparing the vegetable for cooking. Examining the rest of the bunch, she found a needle in each stalk.

Police then began an investigation in the local market and seized several bunches of asparagus with needles in them.

Pair Admits Smuggling Gun To Florida Killer

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—A married couple here has arrested a man they believe has been "needing" asparagus sold near the site of the U. S. air base in Morocco.

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Legislators Act To End Traffic In Illegal Drugs

Greyhound Bus Strike Begins Here

Trailways Expected To Put On Extra Buses

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Charlotte News Staff Writer
Atlantic Greyhound Corp.'s long line motor bus drivers went on strike this morning in the Charlotte area.

The drivers have here joined the walkout which suspended the company's operations throughout the Southeast, according to the report here by the drivers' union's spokesman.

Love, president of the Charlotte Union Bus Terminal, expressed confidence that the Trailway Carriers serving Charlotte will provide adequate services for all passenger traffic originating here. Extra buses will be operated as needed, he said.

Mr. Love, who is also general manager of Queen City Coach Co., explained that the Trailway Carriers operate 106 regular schedules daily into and out of Charlotte. He added that these Trailway buses normally transport 70 per cent of the passenger traffic moving through the Charlotte Bus Terminal.

N. O. Reeves, steward at Charlotte for the Greyhound drivers' union, returned today promptly at 12:01 a. m. today. "The strike is complete over the Charlotte area and the reports I have say that all drivers in the Greyhound Atlantic division are out," Mr. Reeves reported.

ORDERS SITUATION

Mr. Reeves added that the strike "began quietly and the situation is orderly."

D. L. Campbell of Charlotte, recording secretary of the bus drivers' union in the Atlanta (Ga.) division, returned today from Charleston, W. Va., where he had attended the now suspended negotiations with the company regarding a new working agreement.

The Greyhound drivers are members of the AFL's union for motor coach drivers.

Reports from Mr. Reeves and other sources indicated that 50 drivers are based at Charlotte, 125 at Winston-Salem and 50 at Columbia, S. C. These are the principal Charlotte centers of Atlantic Greyhound operations.

Mr. Reeves reported that company operates 35 schedules daily into Charlotte.

REPORT

The Atlantic Greyhound offices at Charlotte said no report regarding the drivers' strike was available there, as reports from the company will come from the headquarters in Charleston, W. Va.

All indications today were that this strike will continue at least over the Easter weekend, normal by a period of heavy passenger traffic for the bus lines.

A report received here said the North Carolina Utilities Commission at Raleigh issued an "emergency" order authorizing all other existing bus lines to temporarily serve Atlantic Greyhound routes in this state.

10 States Affected By Greyhound Strike

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—A strike of 2,525 Atlantic Greyhound bus drivers and other employees today idled the Southeastern transportation system serving 10 states.

The long-heralded strike, affecting 725 drivers and 1,800 other employees, began at midnight. It was the deadline set by the AFL Motor Coach Employees Union, Division 100, last Monday when it demanded for higher pay and a contract equal to those of drivers of other Greyhound systems "or not."

Atlantic Greyhound headquarters here is an affiliate of the nationwide Greyhound system, operates in all or parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, California, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and Hawaii.

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Gordon Berg Is Selected Executive Director Of UCS

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Franklin
Gordon Berg, nationally-known authority on United Appeal and Community Chest operations, has been appointed executive director of the United Community Services of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Newly stationed at the National Office of Community Chests & Councils in New York City, he will arrive here May 15 to begin his new duties.

He was named to the position today at a breakfast meeting of the UCS Executive Committee at Thacker's Art Jones, president of UCS, presided.

SUCCESSOR MATTISON

Mr. Berg will succeed Gorman E. Mattison who resigned the position about two months ago.

A native of Minnesota, Mr. Berg is now associate director of the health and welfare planning dept. of the National Office of Community Chests and Councils.

He comes here with a broad background in "social work" including assignments in Durham, Norfolk, Va., and at the H-omb plant on the Savannah river near Augusta, Ga.

He was graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1938, taking a degree in sociology and returning for post-graduate work.

He did special work in his native Minneapolis for a number of years. He remained there from June 1947 until May 1948 when he went to Norfolk as executive secretary of the Council of Social Agencies.

At the time the city was suffering severe problems as a navy base program into an effective instrument for improving the lives of all citizens.

Since July, 1950 he has held a number of positions in industrial and commercial work. Mr. Berg helped solve many of the problems. He was instrumental in inaugurating new agencies and merging and discontinuing others, welding the city's welfare program into an effective instrument for improving the lives of all citizens.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED

Man, Wife Die Mysteriously

A Charlotte construction worker and his wife died this morning at Memorial Hospital within five hours of each other.

Death was attributed to "undetermined causes."

Coroner W. M. Summerville said an autopsy is being performed.

City police are investigating this death this afternoon to determine if the circumstances surrounding the deaths are unusual.

A staff physician at Memorial said there was preliminary evidence that the couple had been drinking a poison.

Dead are J. C. Sides, 51, and Mrs. Marie Sides, 41, of 2031 Charles St. off Beatty's Ford Rd.

They were reported to have been taken to the hospital last night by relatives.

HUSBAND DIED FIRST

Mr. Sides died at 4:25 a. m. and Mrs. Sides died shortly after 8 a. m.

Mr. Sides was born in Stanley County on July 4, 1903, son of Mrs. Estelle Sides of Charlotte and the late Mr. Sides. Mrs. Sides was born in Mecklenburg County, daughter of Mrs. Maggie Sims of Charlotte and the late Mr. Sims. Mr. Sides was employed as a construction worker.

Surviving Mr. Sims are his mother, two daughters, Mrs. H. B. Smith and Miss Mary Sides of Charlotte, and one granddaughter.

Mrs. Sims is survived by her mother, two stepdaughters, Mrs. Smith and Miss Sides, three sisters, Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Mary McGee and Mrs. Sarah Ghee, all of Charlotte, and a step-granddaughter.

Funeral arrangements were not complete this afternoon. The bodies are at McEwen Funeral Home.

'Goof Ball' Dealers Target Of Measure

Committee Approves Stern Punishment

RALEIGH—A House Judiciary Committee acted today to put dealers in "goof balls" and "yellow jackets" out of business.

House Judiciary 2 Committee unanimously approved a bill to provide stern punishment for the illegal traffic in barbiturate drugs—from the so-called "goof balls" and "yellow jackets" made

The bill would make it illegal (1) to deliver barbiturates except on prescription, (2) to refill prescriptions except on a doctor's order and (3) to possess barbiturates except by prescription or on a doctor's order.

BILL AMENDED

The measure was amended to make a first offense a misdemeanor or punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, two years in prison, or both, and a second offense a felony punishable by a prison term of up to 10 years and a fine in the discretion of the judge.

At a public hearing on the bill several weeks ago, the committee was told that "goof balls" were being sold to high school children in the state by dope peddlers.

The committee finally acted on a bill which would require county commissioners to hold all their meetings in public. Hon. James Valentine Jr. of Nash, who introduced the bill, said he had become convinced it would not get committee approval as a statewide measure. So he asked that it be amended to apply only to Nash and Person counties. This was done and the amended bill was given a favorable report.

REAL ESTATE MEASURE

Rep. Addison Hewlett of New Hanover offered the committee a thoroughly watered down version of a bill to apply to the state's real estate business. A substitute measure offered by Hewlett would create a state real estate licensing board.

Under the bill persons already in the business would not be required to obtain licenses. Those in the business would be required to obtain licenses as real estate agents or brokers and those who wanted to enter the business would obtain licenses by passing the board they were of good moral character. There would be no examinations for licenses.

The board would have the power to revoke licenses of real estate dealers or salesmen for (1) making "substantial or willful misrepresentations" or (2) acting for more than one party in a transaction without the knowledge of all parties and (3) acting for or representing funds belonging to others, or (4) for conduct constituting "improper, fraudulent or dishonest dealing."

The committee voted to act on the substitute measure next Tuesday.

22 Algerians Killed In Clash

ALGIERS, Algeria—Twenty-two independence-seeking rebels were killed and 40 taken prisoner in three clashes with Foreign Legion troops in southeastern Algeria in the past two days, French authorities reported today.

The biggest clash took place last night northeast of Tkout, in the Bana area of the Aures Mountains.

Summoned to surrender, a group of rebels opened fire on a Foreign Legion detachment. Ten rebels were killed when the legionnaires returned the fire. Forty-two others were captured.

Twelve rebels were killed in two earlier clashes. The announcement did not say where these occurred. No French losses were reported.

French authorities also reported that a group of insurgents raided the town of Beni Ouzou on April 6 and kidnapped two Frenchmen. One of them, 60, was found dead on the roadside the next day.

Evening Prayer

Lord God, forbid that he by our negligence shall join ourselves in spirit with those who cried out against Jesus. Thy Him be crucified. By Thy grace, O God, quicken our minds and hearts to the necessity of our considering Jesus Christ that we might choose Him and be joined in His cause, Amen.

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Idle Greyhound Buses Stand Side by Side In Lot On W. Bland St.

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