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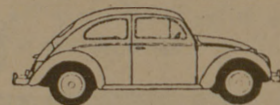
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Auto workers, GM tentatively agree

Associated Press
DETROIT (AP)—The United Auto Workers and General Motors reached a tentative agreement Wednesday on a new three-year labor contract which could set the strike-crippled auto giant moving towards full production by the end of the month.

Ratification of the national contract by 394,000 GM workers and the settlement of outstanding U.S. local contracts still stand in the way of a full resumption of car and truck output by the world's largest automaker.

Earl R. Bramblett, GM's vice president for personnel and top bargainer, said the new contract was inflationary by the standard definition of the word, but added that this was the pattern today in labor contracts.

Details of the contract were withheld until it is presented to the union's 350-member GM council, which must okay the pact before it is passed on to the membership for ratification.

The council met at 1 p.m. Wednesday to look at the contract, but the meeting was adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Thursday to give union officials more time to write up an explanation of the offer.

Bargaining table sources, however, said the pact included these items:

A return to an unlimited cost-of-living allowance — COLA — which moves wages up or down with quarterly changes in the Consumer Price Index. The union agreed to a ceiling on COLA in the 1967 Big Three contracts and made a return to the unlimited formula a top demand in this year's bargaining.

A first-year wage increase of about 60 cents on top of the current average hourly wage of \$4.02. The union had sought 61.5 cents and GM's last offer was for 38 cents.

Retirement for workers with 30 years service at \$500 a month at age 58 in the first year of the contract, age 56 in the second year and age 55 in the third year. The union had originally sought retirement at \$500 a month after

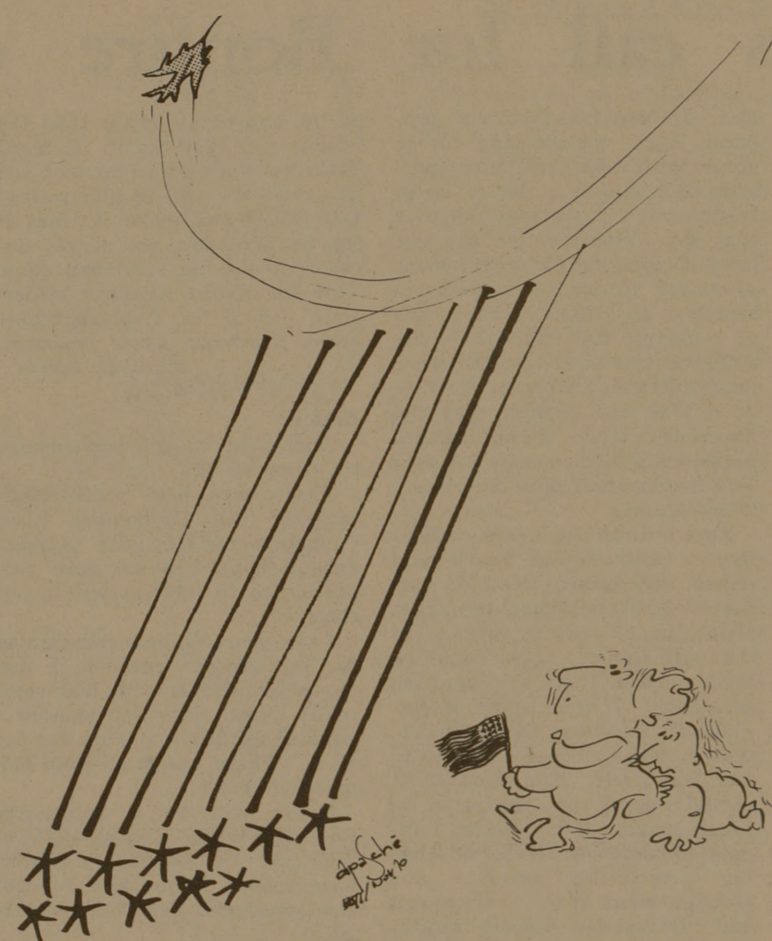
30 years, regardless of age. Under the current contract a 55-year-old worker with 30 years of service could retire at a maximum of \$104.22 monthly.

Four weeks vacation for workers with 20 years of service.

The final details of the contract were put together in two long sessions, a 17-hour one that began Monday morning and a final one which began Tuesday morning and ended early Wednesday. Bargaining had been stepped up since Oct. 30.

GM had said earlier it needed a settlement by Wednesday if it was to get back in production by Dec. 1.

Bramblett said each plant had its own plan for getting back in operation. As soon as local agreements are ratified, he added, maintenance personnel will be called back to ready the plant machinery for startup.



Army life is hard, says recruit, 45

FT. KNOX, Ky. (AP)—John E. Dicken worked out a retirement program that's kept him huffing and puffing for the past six weeks.

At 45, he decided to re-enlist in the Army, and it hasn't been easy.

"I huff and puff running and swear I'll never smoke another cigarette," he said with a grin. "In sprints one day, I beat only two men, both had sore feet."

Dicken, who has been divorced for several years, wants eight more years of service so he will be eligible to retire at half pay for life. The minimum is 20 years.

Because it had been so long since he had basic training, the Army decided he would have to undergo the rugged eight-week course again.

Dicken, whose home town is Cumberland, Md., can outshoot any youngster in his company but physical training is something else.

"The worst part, he said, is handwalking on the overhead bars. I feel like my arms are coming out of their sockets."

There have been a number of changes since Dicken last wore a uniform in 1964 but kitchen police is still the same.

Dicken has had it twice already, 15 hours each day, but knew enough to get his name on the list first at the mess hall so he could get an easy job—cleaning tables.

Dicken rates the chow better. "You don't get cold cuts any-

more and I haven't seen any beef stew here either. Living quarters are nicer. The barracks are painted and the floors are beautiful."

The old soldier found that griping is still the GI's chief pastime. "They gripe as much as they ever did," he said, but believes today's young soldier is just as dedicated as those of World War II.

Dicken, who has been in the Army, Navy, and the Air Force, was able to re-enlist because "they take you up to 35-plus one year for every year you've spent in service. I had 12, so I was eligible to re-enlist up to 47."

Powder puff match reset for Dec. 2

The powderpuff game between the Law Hall Ramp 10 girls and a team fielded by University Women has been postponed until Dec. 2.

The game was originally scheduled to be played this afternoon.

The game was postponed because University Women were unable to field a team and also the field was being used for intramural playoffs, and they will continue throughout November.

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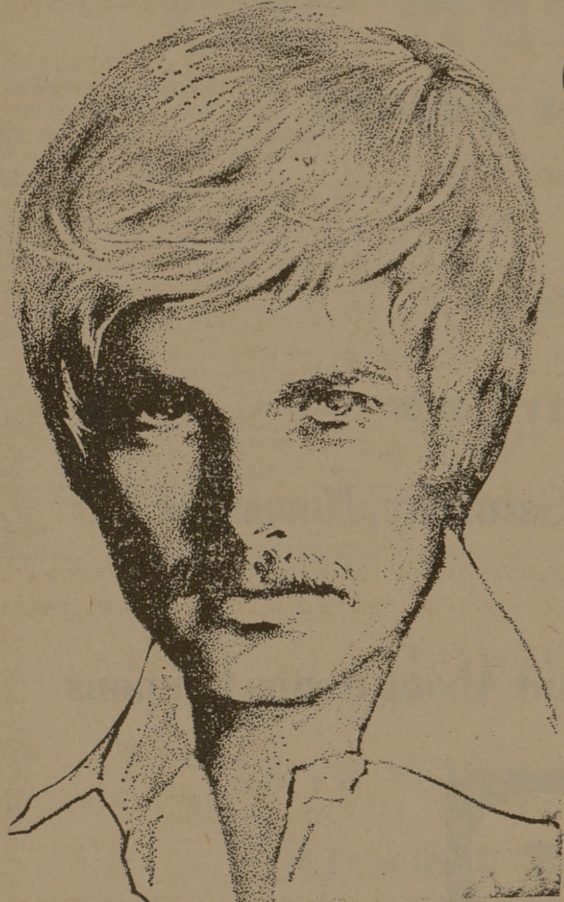
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