

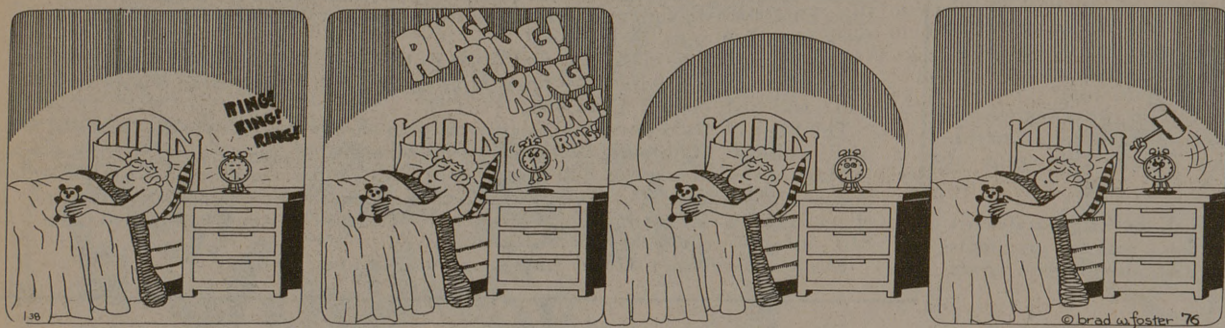
President Ford proposes Texas Water projects for '77

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Ford today proposed these Army Corps of Engineers water projects in Texas for fiscal year 1977 beginning Oct. 1:

Alpine, \$200,000, flood control advance engineering and design; Aquilla Lake, \$1.4 million, flood control construction; Arkansas-Red River Basins, chloride control area VIII, \$3 million, flood control construction; Aubrey Lake, \$1 million, flood control construction; Big Pine Lake \$250,000, flood control ad-

vance engineering and design; Big Spring, \$110,000, flood control advance engineering and design. Also, Carl L. Estes Dam and Lake, \$500,000, flood control advance engineering and design; Clear Creek, \$140,000, flood control advance engineering and design; Cooper Lake and channels, \$1.26 million, flood control construction; Corpus Christi Beach \$700,000, beach erosion construction; Corpus Christi Ship Channel, \$3.1 million, navigation construction. Also, El Paso, \$2.3 million, flood

control construction; Freeport and vicinity, hurricane and flood protection, \$4.5 million, flood control construction; Freeport Harbor, \$121,000, navigation construction. Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Harbor of Refuge at Seadrift, \$38,000, navigation advance engineering and design; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, relocation in Matagorda Bay, \$75,000, navigation advance engineering and design; Highland Bayou, \$1.3 million, flood control construction; Lakeview Lake, \$1 million, flood control construction; Lavon Lake modification and East Fork Channel improvement, \$1.8 million, flood control construction. Also, Lower Rio Grande Basin, phase I, \$250,000, flood control advance engineering and design; Milligan Lake, \$435,000, flood control advance engineering and design; Mouth of Colorado River, \$60,000, navigation advance engineering and design; Plainview, \$200,000, flood control advance engineering and design; Port Arthur and vicinity, hurricane and flood protection, \$4.3 million, flood control construction; San Antonio Channel improvement, \$3.5 million, flood control construction. Also, San Gabriel River, \$10.5 million, flood control construction; Taylors Bayou, \$300,000, flood control construction; Texas City and vicinity, hurricane and flood protection \$600,000, flood control construction; Three Rivers, \$150,000, flood control advance engineering and design; Trinity River Project, \$800,000 flood control advance engineering and design; Vince and Little Vince bayous, \$945,000, flood control construction.



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Security, benefits top UAW issues

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DETROIT — Job security and increased layoff benefits, looming as top issues in upcoming contract talks, were in for extensive discussion as delegates representing 700,000 United Auto Workers met here today.

"I've had an opportunity to travel around the country and listen to many of the workers in the plants," UAW Vice President Irving Bluestone said in a recent interview. "Everywhere, the cry for job security and improvements in (SUB) Supplemental Unemployment Benefits loom as the top issues this time."

About 1,000 delegates were expected for today's opening session of the three-day UAW production workers conference.

A similar conference for UAW skilled trades workers will be held in February. Recommendations from both meetings will be brought before a collective bargaining convention in the spring, when a blueprint will be drafted for new three-year contracts covering 850,000 UAW members. The current contracts expire in September.

Unlike prior contract talks, money-in-the-pocket demands are not expected to play as prominent a role in this fall's negotiations.

Instead, the banner cry this year likely will be job security — an issue prompted by the massive worker layoffs triggered by the auto industry's deep, two-year recession slump.

"The issues of job security and SUB have never been of such giant size to our members before," said Bluestone, who heads the UAW's General Motors department.

Most UAW rank-and-file weathered the high inflationary period of two years ago without substantial economic harm because of cost-of-living allowance clauses won in prior contracts.

However, the union has been battered about by the subsequent recession, which sent car sales into a nosedive and layoffs soaring.

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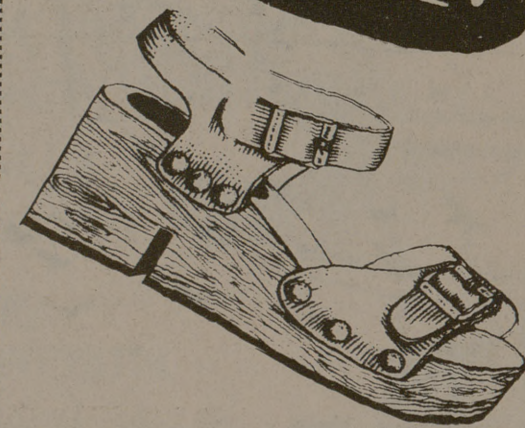
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