# Michigan autoworkers are revolting against taxes

workers are claiming up to 99 dependents each or refusing to file income tax withholding forms at all in a growing tax revolt the Internal Revenue Service is finding nearly impossible to stop.

The grass roots movement has spread in and around auto plants from Flint to Detroit. Most protesters are employed by General Motors Corp. and many are white-collar workers.

Leonard Nawrocki, IRS manager of criminal investigations in Flint, Sunday estimated at least 3,500 workers are falsifying their tax forms or not filing at all. The number of protesters, he said, is

United Press International "This is the biggest, or at least one of the FLINT, Mich. — Thousands of angry auto biggest, tax protest movements in the country," ments and criminal prosecutions. But Nawrocki conceded the large number of protesters will said Nawrocki.

Some workers, he said, file a federal withholding form used by low-income workers who don't earn enough to pay income taxes. Others claim enough dependents so that no tax is withheld -

as many as 99 dependents in some cases.

Then, Nawrocki explained, many simply do not file a return at the end of the year. Others file an incomplete return or declare themselves "ministers of their homes' churches, and say they're exempt," he said.

The IRS is threatening to strike back with its entire legal arsenal, including wage garnish-

make prosecutions difficult - and the agency is considering asking for help from Washington.

"That's the secret — the numbers," Nawrocki said. "I don't think we can prosecute every one of

Several organizations are promoting the antitax phenomenon, including a group called We the People - American Citizens Tribunal, which operates from a storefront building in Pontiac.

In 1980, We the People had 700 dues-paying members, officials said.

Dean Hazel, an hourly worker at a GM plant

denied being an "income tax evader or cheat." He said the group is only defending the Constitu-

"If Nawrocki wants to haul our guys into court he'll get his ears pinned back," said Hazel, who claims the IRS has been losing on "false and fraudulent W-4 (forms) for years.

Nawrocki, however, said the groups were spreading false information and said some of the material includes anti-Semitic and Nazi pro-

The IRS is stepping up audits and warning the protesters they could go to jail. Still, only five

in Pontiac, said he founded We the People but cases have been referred for possible prosecution in Pontiac, said he founded We the People but cases have been referred for possible prosecution. and only in one case is the IRS actually recon mending criminal sanctions.

The protesters argue that reporting income and paying income taxes violate citizens' rightsi several ways, including the right against sel incrimination.

One protester, Jack Ver Wiebe, a lift trud operator at a Flint GM plant, claims he avoided \$3,000 in federal income taxes.

The people are getting ready to revolt," said. "That's why people came to this country, get away from taxes. They're fed up wi bureaucracy and red tape."

## Reagan administration says Cuban arms must stop

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The administration today released an inchthick "white paper" to back up warnings that it may take direct action — possibly a blockade against Cuba — if communist arms shipments to Salvadoran re-

ments, including a chronological account of the communist intervention in El Salvador that was leaked earlier to news media.

It includes documents, photographs and maps detailing links between El Salvador's leftist guerbels are not stopped.

The white paper, "Communist Interference in El Salvador," is a swell as Cuba and Nicaragua.

States is prepared to take some form of direct action against Cuba, possibly a blockade, unless arms shipments to rebels in El Salvador are stopped. Meese said the United States will "take whatever measures" are

It was released against the background of warnings by top

aides to President Reagan that the

United States may take direct ac-

tion against Cuba to stop to flow of

Meese said Sunday the United

White House counselor Edwin

arms into El Salvador.

anything" to stop the flow of arms and assistance to insurgents. On Saturday, Secretary of State Alexander Haig was quoted as telling foreign diplomats that "in some way we have to deal with the immediate source of the problem

necessary and will not "rule out

The white paper released today

did not include a preface to the chronology, which was included in the same document when a summary was released to the news

It said in part that accumulated evidence "reveals a highly dis-turbing pattern of parallel and coordinated action by a number of communist and some radical countries seeking to impose a military solution in a small, Third World nation.

Appearing on ABC's "Issues and Answers," Meese was asked about statements by government sources that the United States intended to go directly to the source of the rebels' supplies.
"I think that's entirely possible

if the arms shipments do not Meese said. "And I think it is to Cuba's own self-interest to halt them right now, and this transmittal of subversion into Central America.

Noting that "this administration speaks with one voice," and that Secretary of State Alexander Haig speaks for the president unless he specifies otherwise, Meese

'What he has said is that we will take whatever measures are necessary. We now are talking to governments through which the

shipments are coming, and they are indicating they will take steps to stop the illegal shipment of

Asked if he was ruling out a blockade of Cuba, Meese replied, "I think one thing you don't do is rule out anything.

'You don't want your adversary to know what you won't do. President Reagan wants his adversaries to go to bed every night wondering what he will do.

'It is time that those seeking to spread subversion realize that we now have an administration that will take whatever steps are neccessary to secure peace anywhere in the world," he said. Steps that might be taken "are not limited military force," he said.

Reminded that Jimmy Carts

tried such steps unsuccessful while president, Meese said difference is that Reagan is "con dered, deliberate and thought and when he says something will back it up.

Reagan said, "we are all ver concerned" about the El Salvad situation in speaking briefly to porters as he was leaving California nia to return to Washington.

Meese said Reagan was being kept informed "up to the minute on developments in the Cent

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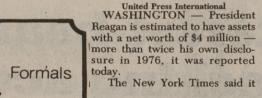
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based the estimate on a report Reagan filed last week with the with a net worth of \$4 million more than twice his own disclosure in 1976, it was reported today.

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tion, Reagan disclosed his net worth at \$1,455,571. The newspaper said an increase in the value of his California home

accounted for a large portion of his greater financial worth as calculated by the Times. In 1976, Reagan said the Pacific Palisades residence was worth \$200,000. He recently placed his home on the market for \$1.9 million. In the ethics office report, cov-

ering the year 1980 and ending

Jan. 20, the day he assumed the

presidency, Reagan said his gross income exceeded \$230,000. Exact figures could not be calculated because income, under federal law, is reported in broad brackets. But the Times said that his in-

come for the period was far less than his 1979 adjusted gross income — listed as \$515,878 — in a tax return he released during the

The newspaper said his most recent disclosure indicated most of his 1980 income came from terest on cash savings and a mo gage he holds, speech fees and California pension as a former

The Times said its review financial records revealed assets were:

The Pacific Palisades home worth \$1.9 million.

—His 688-acre ranch nor

west of Santa Barbara, Calif. bought it in 1974 for \$526,000,b the Santa Barbara assessor e mates the property is now work \$1 million

-Cash of \$740,000 accumu lated from the sale of stocks. T money was placed in a blind to last month.

—Mortgages worth \$600,00 which Reagan holds on a 771-am ranch in Riverside, Calif., that's

#### Boys set fire that causes \$80,000 damage to school court ru lished by

United Press International HOUSTON — Three children, ages 4, 6 and 8, told investigators they were playing with matches

that set a school on fire and destroyed one school building, police The boys, who live near the school, were not injured in Sun-

day's fire, but caused \$80,000 worth of damage to the Westbury

Senior High School, said inve gator J.N. Witt.

The boys when questioned the scene broke down and gair sobbing accounts, saying the started the fire with some paper. They entered the building through an unlocked door.

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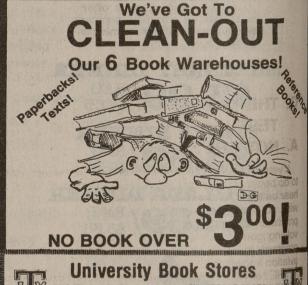
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