

Public's indecision damages car sales

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DETROIT — Despite a myriad of rebates including General Motors' "Let's Get Moving" campaign, car buyers refused to budge, and February domestic auto sales bottomed out at their worst levels in two decades.

the winter of discontent for the auto industry—it's the winter of indecision for the car-buying public," American Motors Corp. Vice President Robert Schwartz said Wednesday, upon learning of the February figures. Ford Vice President Philip Benton said: "The consumer programs brought sales consid-

erably above those of recent months, but general economic conditions kept them below last year's levels." Cars sold at their worst rate in two decades last month, down nearly 16 percent from last year's depressed levels. Imports also felt the crunch with sales down 20.7 percent from last year.

United Auto Workers officials in the meantime moved quickly toward resuming early contract talks with General Motors. The UAW national GM bargaining committee reportedly has voted, 11-0, to reopen negotiations that will provide the No. 1 automaker with cost-saving union concessions.

The union's 290-member GM council, which represents workers from GM locals around the nation, would still have to vote to resume the contract talks. They originally broke off Jan. 28 over the issues of job security and the company's practice of buying parts from foreign or non-union sources.

U.S. car sales of 459,942 for the month were down 15.9 percent from 543,593 in the same period of 1981. The daily sales rate of 19,039 was the worst since 1962's 19,035. Cars have been selling at 1961 rates.

Imports reported total sales for the month of an estimated 175,000, down 20.7 percent from 1981's 220,804. The import share of the market dropped to 27.7 percent from last February's 28.9 percent. Imports grabbed 30 percent of the market last month.

What's Up at Texas A&M

Friday

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Coffeehouse — The group "Southwind" will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the student center admission is free.

OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE: Outdoor horizons conference will be from March 4 to March 6 at MSC facilities.

TAMU CHESS CLUB: Weekly meeting will be in 302 Rudder.

TURKISH STUDENT ASSOCIATION: ISA materials meeting will be at 6 p.m. in 403 Rudder.

MSC POLITICAL FORUM: Gus Hall will speak on Communist politics in America at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theatre on Tuesday, March 9.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: Friday night bible study at 6:15 p.m. Check MSC Video for room number.

LATTER-DAY SAINT STUDENT: Sandwich seminar with John Hopkin speaking on "The Role of the Patriarch in the Church and Patriarchal Blessings" at noon at 100 Dexter.

INTER VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Ed Haynes will speak at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Quran discussion session will be at 7:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder Tower.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: International bible study will be at 5:30 p.m. and international dinner (Italian food) and puppet show will be at 7 p.m. Both will be in the Baptist Student Center, 201 College Main.

MSC BASEMENT COMMITTEE: The Michael Marcoulier Band, reggae and rock, will play at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night. Tickets are \$3.50.

CLASS OF '84: Class ball tickets are now on sale until today for \$9.00/couple.

Saturday

VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: "Trip to UTA during spring break" will be the topic at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB: The Killer Miller Rallye will be at 2 p.m. in Zachry parking lot (PA50).

TEXAS A&M LACROSSE TEAM: Team will play Dallas Club at 1 p.m. on the Drill Field.

CLASS OF '84: Class ball tickets are now on sale until March 5 for \$9.00/couple.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Work committee and anyone else will meet to clean-up and fix-up the student center at 9 a.m. in the student center.

KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY: Three Kiwanis Clubs of Brazos County will be serving pancakes from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. All you can eat for \$2.00, and \$1.00 for children at the Brazos Center.

WOMEN'S CHORUS: Concert with UT women's concert choir and guest conductor Dr. Morris J. Beachy at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theatre. Admission is \$2.50.

Sunday

TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB: Autocross will be in Zachry parking lot (PA50).

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: Presbyterians will meet at the A&M Presbyterian Church, 601 Church St. and the Disciples will meet at 145 MSC. Both are at 5:30 p.m.

FRISBEE TOURNAMENT: Intramural special event open to students, faculty, staff and spouses will be at noon at Mount Aggie.

TEXAS A&M LACROSSE TEAM: Team will play Houston Bayou Club at 1 p.m. on the Drill Field.

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Room #226 MSC 4:00 p.m.

Author says Roosevelt knew before of Pearl Harbor attack

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WASHINGTON—Historian John Toland, in a new book, cites for the first time evidence that the Navy discovered

Japanese aircraft carriers steaming toward Hawaii five days before they attacked Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

He concludes that President Franklin Roosevelt, convinced U.S. participation was necessary for an Allied victory in World War II, withheld the information to ensure a surprise attack that would trigger public demands for an American declaration of war.

Toland, 69, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1970 for "The Rising Sun," a history of Japan's role in the war, presents evidence that naval intelligence used radio surveillance to locate the Japanese carriers in the northern Pacific on Dec. 2.

He also uses evidence from a Dutch Washington naval attaché's diary. This evidence says the information was also relayed to the Dutchman.

But Toland — in "Infamy: Pearl Harbor and its Aftermath," to be published April 23

by Doubleday — says no hint of the carrier force ever reached U.S. commanders in the Pacific.

He theorizes that Roosevelt, believing prior warning might cause the Japanese to cancel their plans, gambled that the Hawaiian defenses were strong enough to defeat any surprise attack. But the early Sunday morning air raid killed 2,248 people, wounded 1,109 and sank or disabled 18 ships, giving the Japanese naval supremacy in the Pacific.

Washington officials sought to blame the local commanders, Gen. Walter Short and Adm. Husband Kimmel. Both men were discredited and their military careers devastated as the result of subsequent investigations.

Kimmel and Short protested that vital data had been withheld from them, but they had taken adequate defensive measures on the basis of limited information provided by Washington.

Ever since then there has been speculation that Washington knew of the impending attack, but Toland's book is the first attempt to document foreknowledge of the Japanese

strike force.

Toland said in an interview. "On a scale of 10, I would rate Pearl Harbor 10 and Watergate 2."

The ships, according to Toland, were located by a communications expert and a man identified as "Seaman Z."

The finders informed their superior, who had telephone access to Roosevelt.

Two of the men are dead, but "Seaman Z," whose identity was withheld at his request, was interviewed by Toland.

The Navy normally kept track of Japanese warships by monitoring their radio signals. But lost all trace of the carriers during the last of November when they imposed radio silence en route to Pearl Harbor. This set off a Pacific-wide effort by radio monitors to find the missing ships.



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