

Workers may not agree to contract

Pact OK'd by Chrysler council

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DETROIT — It may take a lot of effort to convince disgruntled United Auto Workers at Chrysler Corp. to accept a new pact — especially in light of their leaders' narrow vote in favor of the tentative settlement.

Friday, the UAW's Chrysler Corp. Council approved with a 51.7 percent vote the proposed contract containing pay raises tied to profits and a restored cost-of-living allowance.

And, to underline worker discontent, wildcat strikes that

broke out after the original pact was extended 24 hours, continued Friday at Chrysler assembly plants in Detroit, Newark, Del., and a parts plant in Twinsburg, Ohio.

Workers at an assembly plant in Fenton, Mo., also opposed the pact and walked out.

The council vote was 262-249 in favor of submitting the contract for ratification.

It was the closest vote on a contract in recent memory by a council of union leaders — and it makes selling the pact to union

members more difficult.

UAW President Douglas Fraser said he thought at one point the council would reject the pact. Worried officials and UAW staff members were seen lobbying delegates in hallways to win their votes.

Fraser admits ratification will be difficult — but he will lobby workers if necessary.

Although workers have been grumbling about the economic portion of the contract, Fraser said 70 percent of debate was taken up discussing an absentee-

ism crackdown that could lead to dismissal after eight unexcused absences.

Fraser said he told delegates the union leaders are "going to spend our time protecting the 95 percent who are decent people and interested in their jobs," not the absent workers.

Fraser said he spoke to Chrysler Vice President Thomas Miner in the morning to get jobs back for 99 people at Belvidere, Ill., who were put on notice

when they struck the company prior to the contract's extended deadline.

"He agreed (to rehire them) and then they (their union representatives) voted in a bloc against us," Fraser said. "That's life."

The new pact would give workers about \$9.57 an hour in actual wages compared with about \$11.50 an hour paid to Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. workers.

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NEWARK, N.J. — Federal officials are considering a request for asylum by four Poles who sailed across the Atlantic and into the shadow of the Statue of Liberty aboard a 38-foot sloop.

Immigration and Naturalization Service officials questioned the four refugees in Newark Friday, after a Polish interpreter was found.

"The four have asked to remain in the United States and their requests are being considered," said Clifford Landsman, an immigration supervisor in the Newark office.

"Until a decision is reached in their case, they will be detained by INS in accordance with immigration service policy."

Landsman would not reveal where the Poles, who sailed into New York Harbor Thursday, were being held.

Officials did not identify the four, but The Daily Journal of Elizabeth reported it interviewed one of the men before they were detained.

According to The Daily Journal, Jarek Neczaj-Hruzewicz, 38, of Lublin, said he and the other three men were members of the outlawed Solidarity union.

Neczaj-Hruzewicz, the only member of the crew to speak English, identified the other men as Andrzej Plewik, 37, the captain; Andrzej Bienkowski, 34, the first mate; and Stanley Kozak, 38, the second mate, the Journal reported.

Neczaj-Hruzewicz was quoted as saying the group received permission four months ago to fly to Athens, where the sloop was moored, to sail it back to Poland.

Instead of returning to their homeland, he said the men headed to the United States, making stops in Africa, France, Spain and Bermuda on the way.

They chose to go to Elizabeth because they have friends there, Neczaj-Hruzewicz reportedly said.

The men docked in Elizabeth early Thursday and reportedly went to Bernie's Polish Bar, a block away, where they drank a few beers and were allowed to take a shower.

Same name causes problems

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RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Tina Robin Johnson shares her name and birthdate with a San Diego jaywalker.

Last May Tina Robin Johnson was notified of a warrant for her arrest because she didn't appear in court to pay a jaywalking fine in San Diego. A comparison of descriptions and signatures of the two "Tinas" resulted in the withdrawal of the warrant.

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