

# UAW may strike against Chrysler

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DETROIT — United Auto Workers President Douglas Fraser says he will not resubmit a rejected contract to Chrysler Corp. workers, and one union leader said a strike was inevitable.

The UAW's top leadership planned to meet Tuesday to draw up a recommendation to present Thursday at a special meeting of the 150-member Chrysler Council.

Chrysler and the UAW met Monday but the union broke off after 20 minutes when the automaker said it could not grant pay raises.

Fraser flatly ruled out the possibility of resubmitting the old pact to workers, who turned down last week on a 70 percent vote.

"The membership has spoken clearly," Fraser said. Chrysler should have thought

about that before they responded Tuesday morning." The union has granted Chrysler three sets of concessions to help it avoid bankruptcy since the last strike in 1973.

Analysts estimate a combined strike by Canadian and U.S. workers could cost the automaker about \$60 million a week.

The local leaders — who say pressure is mounting for a strike — will decide what to do. Several big Detroit-area locals said a walkout is likely.

Thomas Miner, Chrysler vice president for industrial relations, said nothing has changed financially for Chrysler since the original agreement was reached Sept. 16.

"There is simply no more money available to meet several demands made by the union," Miner said.

Miner said the company's hourly workers now earn an av-

erage of \$20,000 a year and restored cost-of-living allowances included in the unpopular agreement would have given them raises of about \$20 a week by the end of its one-year tenure.

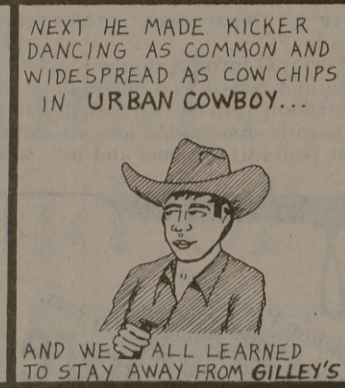
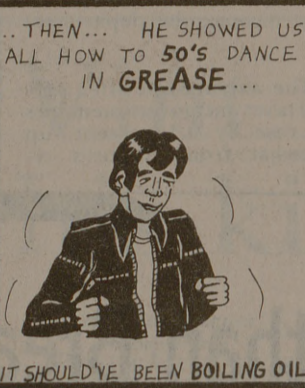
Workers were angered that the pact called for raises in base pay tied to Chrysler's future profits even though cost-of-living allowances were restored.

A walkout would be ruinous to the company, Miner said, but it would be insanity to raise wages when you're losing money.

Chrysler has a 70-day inventory of U.S.-built cars and Merrill Lynch analyst Harvey Heimbach said a short strike would not cause too many problems.

Chrysler workers now earn about \$2 an hour less than their General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. counterparts.

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# Bangladeshis smuggled in

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MIAMI — Up to 400 Bangladeshis have been smuggled through Florida into the United States in recent months and there are 15,000 more who may try to follow, immigration officials said Monday.

Dwayne Peterson, chief of the Anti-Smuggling Unit of the U.S. Border Patrol, said officials arrived at the estimate by conducting interviews with Bangladeshis arrested in this country

and others in the Bahamas and West Germany.

The latest influx of refugees began when West German officials ordered thousands of Bangladeshis to leave that country because of the troubled economy.

More than 15,000 Bangladeshis illegally entered West Germany years ago and asked for political asylum. Until recently, they were allowed to remain there and work.

But Peterson said many of the asylum applications are now being denied and many of the Bangladeshis are waiting for the opportunity to travel to south Florida via the Bahamas instead of returning to their impoverished homeland.

"That (political asylum application) process in West Germany took anywhere up to seven years," he said. "But now their requests have been denied and instead of going back home, they are trying to come to the United States."

"With over 15,000 that fit this profile, you can see that it's going to be a large-scale problem for the U.S. government and south Florida."

Peterson said negotiations between the Bahamian and U.S. governments are under way to

try to stem the Bangladeshi flow before it gets worse than the 300 and 400 who already have entered.

"We know of at least that many who have arrived in the Bahamas and have not returned to West Germany," he added. "All indications are that the number is going to continue to grow."

The first Bangladesh native was arrested in Miami in June and since then, 57 other natives have been arrested in other Florida cities.

Still others have been arrested in cities across the country, like Buffalo, N.Y., New York City, Houston and Detroit. Officials say they all entered the country illegally through south Florida.

Peterson said it is unclear how the Bangladeshis arrange their trips from West Germany to the Bahamas to Florida, but officials say they come to this country with job contacts.

"Apparently, they come here with job contacts nationwide," said Beverly McFarland, spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service. "They tend to go to industrialized areas north or west of Florida where they think they can get jobs and where there is a support community."

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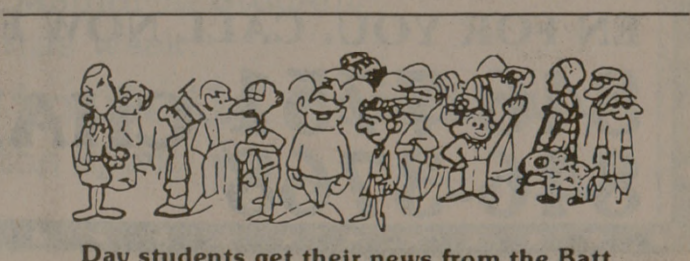
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