

Republicans plan to revive MX fight

United Press International Washington — The House of Representatives dealt President Reagan his biggest setback to date on his drive to re-arm America when it voted against production of MX missile, but two Republican senators said today the system will be revived in the Senate.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said the administration will launch a "major effort" to revive production funds for the experimental missile.

Following the House vote, both opponents and proponents agreed the Pentagon must now "go back to the drawing board" and try to erase the deep concerns that produced Tuesday's 245-176 vote. The proposal was passed to delete nearly \$1 billion in MX production funds from a \$231.6 billion defense approp-

riation bill. Opposition primarily focused on the "dense pack" basing mode — in which the missiles would be placed in underground silos in Wyoming — as well as the \$26 billion price tag.

Reagan immediately called the House's action "a grave mistake" and urged the Senate to reverse the decision. Although Republicans have a 54-46 margin in the Senate, foes say they have the votes to stop production funds — at least for now.

Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., told NBC's "Today" program today that production money would pass in the Senate after "a long, long debate." Dole also added that he didn't see how the vote could be done this year.

Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, said on ABC's "Good Morning America" program: "I think it is

very possible the Senate will reject an attempt to delete the production money from the Senate bill and if that's done, of course, then it will go to conference. There's a possibility a compromise can be worked out between the Senate and the House."

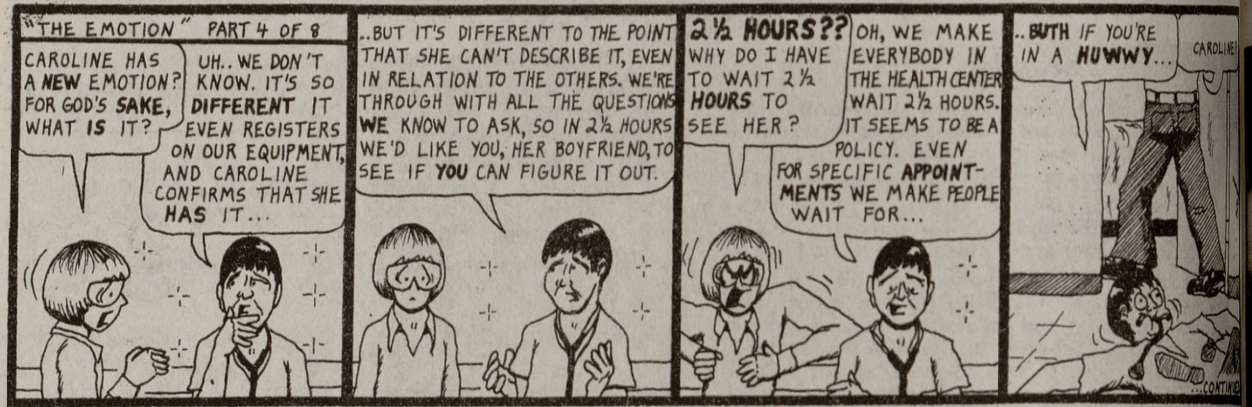
Tower called the House action "somewhat precipitous and uninformed."

On CBS' "Morning News" program, Weinberger said the House vote was "a desire to vote no on some of the expenditures that are required for defense."

Weinberger said the administration will continue to push for the MX.

After the House vote, Rep. Joseph Addabbo, D-N.Y., who led the House fight against the MX, said: "No one knows the future of the MX. It's far from finished. We won the battle, but we haven't won the war."

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by Scott McCuller

Chrysler issued warning

United Press International DETROIT — United Auto Workers President Douglas Fraser says Chrysler Corp. will "buy a lot of bitterness" if it recesses talks until January — resulting in the loss of holiday pay

by Canadian and some American workers.

Fraser's warning came Tuesday following the company's rejection in Toronto and Detroit of a union wage offer covering 43,000 Americans and 9,600 striking Canadians, countering a Chrysler wage offer made the day before.

Negotiations — which appeared stalled again — were to resume today in both countries.

Fraser said Chrysler rejected the union's proposal "with a four-letter word — no, no." In Toronto, a Canadian union official said the two sides were as far apart as "from here to Detroit" — about 250 miles.

Fraser said the union "can't claim optimism" because of the lack of progress on a settlement, but added, he hoped there was "room to do some shifting" on a wage increase.

Chrysler Chairman Lee

Iacocca has said talks would be called off until January unless an agreement is reached in the next day or two in order to allow striking Canadians time to reach an agreement and report back to work by Monday.

If Canadians are not back to work by Monday, the company has said their work would be farmed out elsewhere. American workers could face plant shutdowns because of parts shortages.

Chrysler on Monday offered union members in Canada a 30 percent wage increase in the U.S. and a 30 percent hour wage increase in the U.S. and a 30 percent hour wage increase in the U.S. and a 30 percent hour wage increase in the U.S.

Chrysler workers earn about \$2 an hour less than their counterparts at Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. in both countries because of concessions made to help the company afloat.

Fraser would not detail the union's counter offer, but the UAW reportedly is seeking an increase of at least 50 cents an hour in the United States and an hour in Canada.

The striking Canadians and the 4,600 Americans who lost their jobs due to the walkout, which began Nov. 5, must be back to work by Dec. 23 at the latest to be eligible for six days holiday pay.

If the workers miss that vetted bonus, Fraser warned anger of his members may increase.

"They (Chrysler) might use the money but they would be out of bitterness in the process might make it more difficult in January," he said.

The union is seeking a two-year agreement with an immediate wage increase for workers in both countries. Chrysler originally wanted wage increases to future profits.

American workers in October rejected that idea but chose to remain on the job under the old contract instead of going on strike as the Canadians did.

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