



UAW remains unhappy despite pact's approval

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DETROIT—Chrysler workers approved a new contract granting them immediate pay and benefit increases by a wide margin but United Auto Workers leaders say the rank and file is still unhappy with conditions at the No. 3 automaker.

Workers at 52 Chrysler installations Tuesday, by a 70 percent vote, ratified a new two-year contract giving them an immediate \$1 an hour raise and eventual parity with the other Big Three automakers.

However, the margin among assembly workers was only about 68 percent, far below predictions made early in the day that the pact would receive support by a 4-1 margin.

Also voting on the contract were parts workers, office and clerical workers and engineers, all of whom approved it by greater margins.

UAW Vice President Marc Stepp said the narrower margin of approval among production workers should send a signal to Chrysler management to "take note of the conditions in the plants."

"It tells me that the workers want the money we have negotiated for them, but it also tells me that they're unhappy and again, money isn't everything to the workers," said Stepp.

Chrysler Vice President Thomas Miner said in a statement the automaker was "pleased that the agreement has been ratified. Now we can get back to the business of building quality cars."

A total of 33,036 workers voted. About 56,000 out of the 85,000 active and laid-off workers at Chrysler were eligible to vote, Stepp said.

Balloting began at dawn and concluded at 6 p.m. EDT. In a break from tradition, the balloting at 52 Chrysler installations was held in one day to avoid letting early results influence later balloting.

Under the current pact, which expires in January, Chrysler workers make about \$2 an hour less than their counterparts at GM and Ford. The wage disparity came from three sets of concessions granted since 1979 to help Chrysler avoid bankruptcy.

The new contract, which expires in October 1985, gives Chrysler workers an immediate \$1 an hour pay increase, with additional increases of \$1.42 by the end of the pact.

The increases mean the average hourly wage at Chrysler will increase from the current \$9.85 an hour to \$12.27 by the end of the contract. The typical worker will receive increases of \$8,625 over two years.

Sterilization now more popular than the pill

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NEW YORK—Sterilization is now the most popular method of birth control for American couples, pushing the pill to second place for the first time, a new report says.

"What U.S. Women Think and Do About Contraception," published in "Family Planning Perspectives" Tuesday, is based on a survey of married and unmarried women aged 18 to 44.

Some 33.4 million women use some method to limit pregnancy, while 3 million others use no method, the survey found.

The report published in the journal of the Alan Guttmacher Institute, said sterilization is used by 11.6 million people, the pill by 11.6 million. The condom, third in popularity, is depended on by 4.5 million; IUD, 2.3 million; diaphragm, 1.9 million; vaginal spermicides, 1.5 million; withdrawal, 900,000; periodic abstinence or the rhythm method Pope John II endorses for Roman Catholics, 600,000; other methods, 200,000.

The survey also showed:

- Older, married women prefer sterilization; younger, unmarried ones, the pill.
- Poor women rely on sterilization to a greater extent than more affluent ones of the same age and marital status; black women are more likely than white to use the pill and less likely to use sterilization.
- About half of unmarried and one-third of married women said they would consider abortion if they had an unintended pregnancy.

ate, at the institute, an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Questionnaires were mailed to 6,500 married women and 3,500 unmarried. Seventy-two percent of the married and 50 percent of the unmarried responded.

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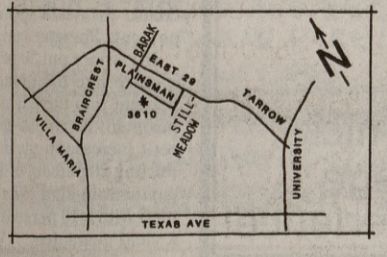
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