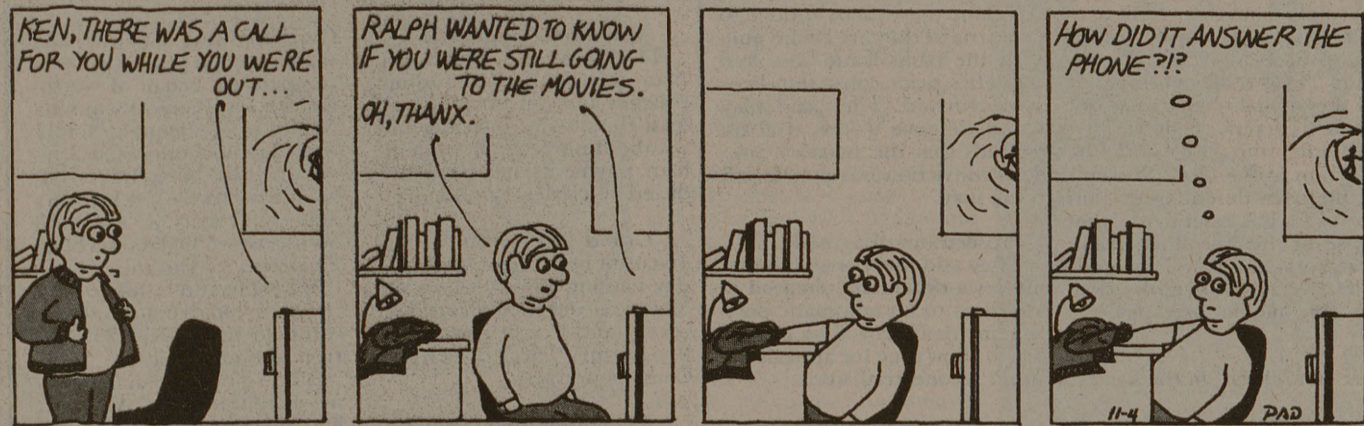


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## Chrysler and strikers start talks

**United Press International**  
**TWINSBURG, Ohio** — The United Auto Workers union and Chrysler Corp. prepared Thursday for negotiations on a local contract dispute that threatens to bring the nation's No. 3 automaker to a screeching halt.

The UAW struck Chrysler's Twinsburg stamping plant Tuesday over enforced overtime and other local issues. The loss of the flow of parts from the plant shut down four other Chrysler plants and was expected to close another two by the end of the week.

Bob Weissman, president of UAW Local 122, said rooms were reserved at a local motel for a negotiating session, the first face-to-face meeting between

the two sides since the dispute began.

Earlier written proposals yielded "little progress," he said. Paul Jeunette, financial secretary of the local, said the strike "could go on for days," depending on management's actions.

Ted Boyer, a worker with 12 years at the Twinsburg plant, said he was tired of working seven days a week for the past two to three months. He believes workers "will stay out until we get what we want."

"I don't think the strike is going to last much longer," Boyer said as he walked the picket line in the rain. "They want to build cars and they can't do that without parts."

Workers at the Twinsburg plant make front doors and floors for all Chrysler cars and some trucks.

## Rumsfeld appointed Middle East envoy

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON** — President Reagan tapped Republican troubleshooter Donald Rumsfeld as his new Middle East envoy Thursday and pledged to "use the talents of our best minds to achieve a just and lasting peace."

Reagan reaffirmed his long-stalled Middle East peace initiative in announcing the former defense secretary and White House chief of staff will be his new "point man" in a region wracked by crises and uncertainty.

"We intend to use the talents

of our best minds to achieve a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," Reagan said.

Rumsfeld will take a leave of absence from his post as president of G.D. Searle & Co. of Skokie, Ill., a giant drug manufacturer, to take the envoy's job, for which he will get no government compensation.

Asked whether the challenge of bringing peace to the Middle East is "a no-win job," Rumsfeld replied simply, "I guess time will tell."

"The fact that the problems there are intractable and diffi-

cult and have persisted over long periods doesn't mean that the United States should ignore them," Rumsfeld said. "Rather, I think it suggests that it is worth our best efforts."

Rumsfeld replaces Robert McFarlane, who was named to succeed William Clark as White House national security adviser.

Rumsfeld, 51, is former director of the Office of Economic Opportunity and Cost of Living Council under President Nixon. He has served as U.S. ambassador to NATO.

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## Marines

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Dr. Michael B. Levy, an assistant professor of political science, says the Reagan administration could conceivably defend its actions in Grenada by maintaining that the Cubans had already intervened there.

U.S. national interests would be at stake, he said, if Grenada were to become a port-of-call for Soviet submarines and Cuban and Soviet ships, or house anti-aircraft missiles.

He said the United States should make it clear to the Soviets and Cubans that it will not tolerate such threats.

Levy said the Marines in Lebanon are not actually a peace-keeping force because the presence of a peace-keeping force in a country means that both sides want peace.

"That's not the case in Lebanon," he said.

He said America's biggest stake in the Middle East is the protection of Western European oil. Europe is much more dependent on middle eastern oil than is the United States, he said.

Dr. Roger A. Beaumont, professor of history, suggests that the United States' peace-keeping force in Lebanon might be less obvious and less of a target if it was comprised of people other than an elite military

group such as the Marines.

He said the American people — and people around the globe — have an image of the Marines, and expect them to go in fighting.

Beaumont suggested that a peace-keeping force made up of Peace Corps members and doctors, for example, might have been better accepted in Lebanon.

Col. Donald Johnson, commander of Naval ROTC, says that the Marines were sent to Lebanon because they are "a force in readiness."

They were more easily prepared and stationed on short notice than other people might have been.

Johnson said the Marines are, in fact, a peace-keeping force.

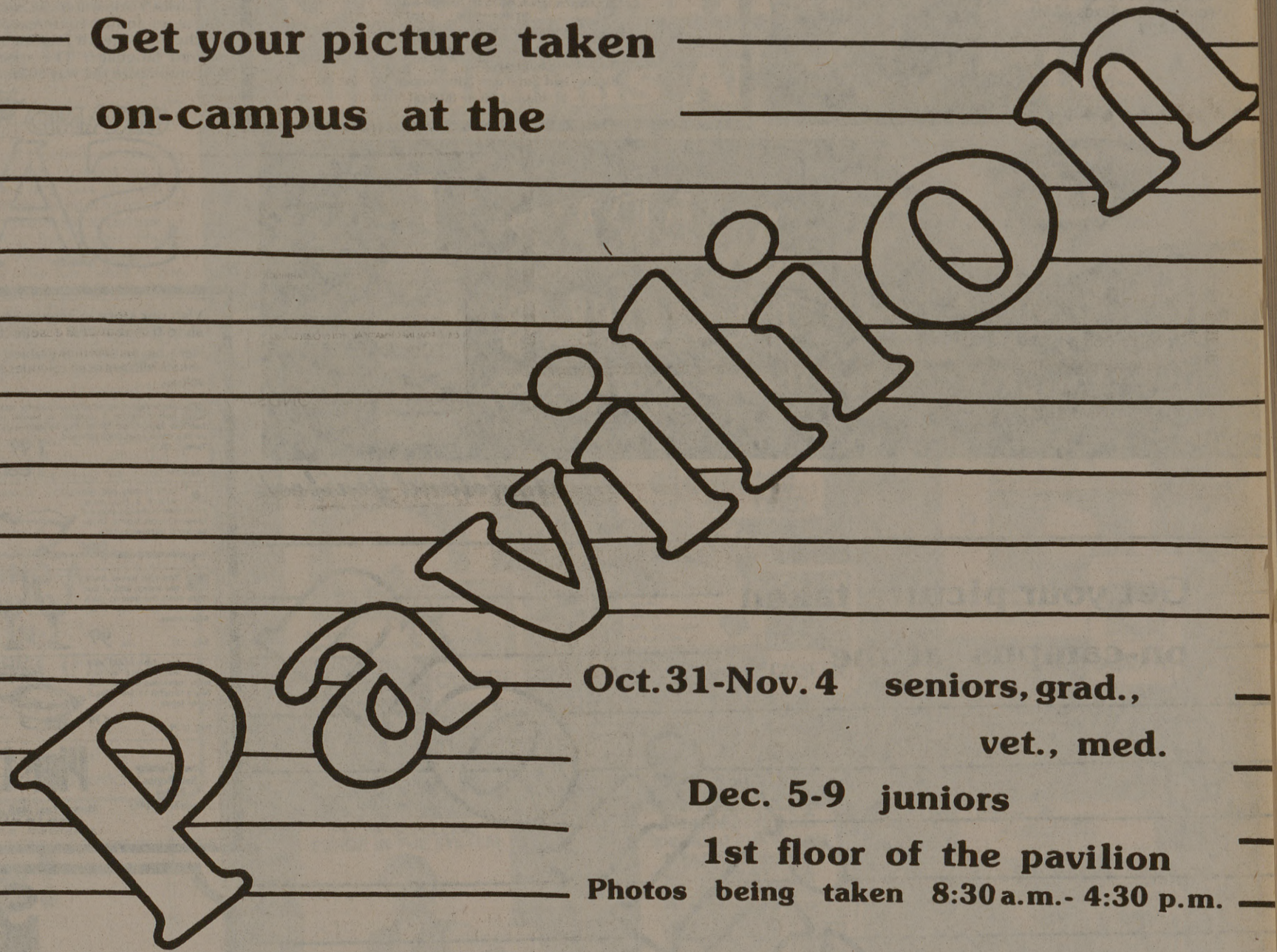
"Obviously if both sides wanted peace, there would be peace," he said.

Johnson said the reason the Marine compound in Lebanon did not have tighter security before the bombing is because the mission of the Marines is as a peace-keeping force.

They have a presence to maintain, he said.

If the Marines were to barricade themselves in bunkers, he said, their presence would not be that of a peace-keeping force, but as a combatant.

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