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Chrysler workers remain on strike

Associated Press
HIGHLAND PARK, Mich. — Bargainers for the United Auto Workers and Chrysler Corp. worked Monday to end a costly U.S. strike as 10,000 Canadian Chrysler workers ended their 6-day-old walkout and headed back to work.

Seventy thousand workers walked out Wednesday in the United States at the same time the strike began across the border. Analysts have estimated Chrysler's after-tax strike losses at \$15 million a day.

But negotiators for the newly independent United Auto Workers of Canada made an agreement with the automaker Sunday, and union members overwhelmingly endorsed it Monday.

UAW-Canada spokesman George Ehling said 97.2 percent of about 8,000 members voting in local meetings Monday supported the contract.

The company said the strike's end in Canada would allow Chrysler plants there to schedule abbreviated shifts for the rest of the week, but that layoffs would come by then if the U.S. strike continued.

U.S. bargainers, who resumed their sessions Monday at Chrysler headquarters here, were mum on whether progress was being made.

UAW President Owen Bieber and Chrysler's chief negotiator, Thomas Miner, convened their bargaining

teams several hours earlier than originally planned, but neither made public comments.

But after recessing the talks last week, both said they were confident the strike could be settled quickly.

Bieber said over the weekend that wage parity and job security remained sticking points. He also has said he would ask for "something special." Union officials said he was referring to a special lump sum to make up for concessions. The Canadian pact includes a payment of \$1,000 Canadian — about \$730 U.S. — to help make up for concessions granted since 1979 when Chrysler was in financial trouble.

Rural, urban schooling compared

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class had 16 people.

Monroe came to Texas from Alaska, which is known for its outstanding education system. He says his education stagnated during the next two years because his high school did not offer classes more advanced than the ones he took in Alaska.

Monroe's school was in an area based on agriculture. He says the school rarely encouraged continuation of education, but tailored its classes to agriculture and homemaking — not to more academically oriented subjects.

Dr. James H. Copp, professor of sociology and rural sociology, says he believes the worst problem for those from rural areas involves a lack of exposure to a wide variety of experiences. Most emphasis is on athletics and vocational studies rather than on science, math and English composition, he says.

He cites studies from the 1950s to the 1970s, which show a greater concern for rural education than is shown today. Rural schools have had a problem with the high cost of educating a small group of people, the lack of resources to pay teachers and fewer classes to offer.

"Many of the studies that were done in the Southern Youth Study found that the guidance counseling in high school was not working very well," Copp says, "... and often guidance counselors were as guilty as anyone of not encouraging kids to reach very far."

The career choices of urban and rural youth show to some extent their experience in the real world, he says.

"The urban youth have a chance to see people performing a wider variety of occupations, while the rural youth may see only the rancher, the truck driver and some of the local merchants and doesn't see as wide a range of occupations doing 'their

thing,'" Copp says.

Is there a difference in the number of rural students attending college now?

"We think there is, although I can't cite any recent studies," Copp says, "but the historical tradition has that to be true."

Copp says that in general, rural students are not as well prepared for college academically, compared to urban students, because of resources and environment. But there are many exceptions to the rule.

More often than not, rural youth are at a greater disadvantage than urban youth in preparation for college, Bayliss and Copp point out, but there are exceptions. They are not bad-mouthing rural education, they say, but pointing out some possible problems from what they have seen.

Still, the problem remains that few recent studies have been done and there is little evidence to support either side.

Brazos County cleaning up its act

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tions to bring about an awareness so that we actually become litter-free over a period of time."

Brazos Beautiful takes the education task seriously, beginning with kindergartners and moving up through high school. Nancy Calhoun, another Brazos Beautiful board member, emphasizes the involvement of the organization in the classroom.

"We're working with principals in all of the area schools and asking

that they appoint a liaison teacher to work with us," Calhoun says. "Through that teacher, we get the curriculum into the school. It's all set up for the schools with their particular requirements."

Diane Mills, executive coordinator for Brazos Beautiful, deals directly with the liaison teachers at the schools and teaches them to incorporate discussions about the environment and litter into their lesson plans. Each program is different depending on the age of the students.

Contests are held at the schools to promote the awareness of the clean

community as well as comprehensive school projects, such as planting trees and cleaning up areas that need it.

Calhoun says Texas A&M students get involved with Brazos Beautiful through various student organizations.

Miller says funding for Brazos Beautiful comes from several sources.

"It comes from memberships," she says. "We also depend on support from our governmental bodies. We receive annual support from Brazos County, the City of Bryan and the City of College Station."

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