

Domestic car manufacturing in jeopardy, MP says

Jelinek urges resistance to new UAW demands

Halton Conservative MP Otto Jelinek warned that recent demands by the United Auto Workers union (UAW) for a 14 per cent wage increase each year of a three-year contract would "throttle the (Canadian) automotive industry" and make it less

competitive with international manufacturers. The union has not agreed with the federal government's proposal to hold wage increases to six per cent this year and five per cent in 1983. Unless the union and management at General Motors and Ford

plants reach agreement on a new contract, the union has threatened to strike.

Mr. Jelinek Thursday described the union's 14 per cent demand (eleven per cent per annum inflation increase plus a three per cent "real" wage increase) "wholly unrealistic" and appealed to the union to follow the six and five per cent restraint program.

"If the union continues to follow this ruinous course," Mr. Jelinek said, "the domestic auto industry would be courting disaster, or to say the least, it would be placing itself in severe jeopardy."

More harm will be done to the automotive industry and to the UAW's membership by adhering to the 14 per cent demands than by accepting substantially reduced wage increases because jobs may be lost, Mr. Jelinek maintained.

While negotiations are currently underway, workers at Ford or General Motors plants in the

province would be in a legal position to strike Sept. 14. Mr. Jelinek, the Conservatives' automotive affairs spokesman, noted that while the government has introduced "protectionist" auto import policies to stimulate the domestic car market, the UAW "is trying to throttle the industry by demanding a 14 per cent increase."

In a letter to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau last Wednesday, Mr. Jelinek suggested that the UAW's demands might be "held in check" by exerting "the leverage the federal government holds in its continuing support of the industry."

Recently, Parliament passed legislation curbing Japanese car imports for the remainder of the year.

"It may be reasonably argued," Mr. Jelinek maintained, "that government protection should not be provided until the auto industry has exhausted its own capacity to adjust."



PEP TALK

A rookie at acting, Scarborough athlete-cancer victim Eric Fryer eventually turned up as the obvious choice to play Terry Fox. Seen here receiving direction from Ralph Thomas, Eric learned how to imitate Terry's gait and took acting lessons from Canadian actress Rosemary Dunsmore, who was specially hired for the challenging task. He plays some intensely emotional scenes opposite American actor Robert Duvall, star of "Apocalypse Now", "The Great Santini", "True Confessions" and "The Godfather".

ABOUT THE HILLS

Erosion talks

The erosion on Joseph Street in Glen Williams caused by a sudden June rainfall of three inches merits discussion at the next town meeting. Coun. Russ Miller said Wednesday. Perhaps a shared conservation effort with Sheridan Nurseries where the mudslide originated from could be explored, Coun. Miller said.

Land use concerns

Ward 2 Coun. Pam Sheldon has expressed concern over a new draft land use policy unveiled at a public meeting in Milton last week by the ministry of natural resources. Coun. Sheldon fears the persuasive powers of lobbyists representing the aggregate industry, whom she believes may construe the new policy's reference to "high priority mineral protection area" as sanctioning top priority extraction in designated areas.

Georgetown mishap

There was \$1,600 damage and a Georgetown woman suffered minimal injuries Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. when a southbound vehicle on Main Street failed to stop for the traffic lights at Mill Street and hit another vehicle going through the green light west on Mill.



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Clubs re-open

With the coming of September, various organizations swing into action after the summer lull. Seniors' Clubs are no exception. The "Belles and Beaus" will meet at the Stewarttown Hall, Monday Sept. 13 at 1:30 p.m. The "Blue Triangle" will have their first meeting Oct. 5 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's United Church and the "Golden Age Bowlers" will begin their activities at the Georgetown Bowl Sept. 10 at 1 p.m.

If you are still planning on attending the C.N.E., don't miss Booth 13 in the Health and Welfare display in the Canada Pavilion, formerly known as the Automotive Building.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of New Horizons, a Federal Program for Senior Citizens. In 1972, New Horizons received their first request for assistance in publishing a community history. Since then, over 400 community histories have been published and some 200 are in preparation. Many of these books are featured in the C.N.E. display.

As a result of our column concerning the transportation crisis in Halton Region in a north-south direction and particularly for friends and relatives wishing to visit Centennial Manor, Councillor Wm. Johnson brought the matter before Regional Council.

Mr. D. Oakley, the Director of Social Services, has informed us, through Mr. Johnson, that any friend or family member who wishes to visit the Manor and has no transportation to contact Mr. Kaufman, the Manor Administrator.

The Manor has two vans, one of which can accommodate wheelchairs. While resident's trips will receive priority, relatives and friends will be accommodated whenever possible. We would like to know how many people are interested in this service. With more information, rates and schedules could be arranged. Call 877-3915.

The Sheridan College of Applied Arts, Senior's Life Centre, McLaughlin Rd. Brampton is offering a list of subjects of interest to Seniors. The College is interested in having Seniors register on a part-time basis, providing space is available. The courses are at a reduced fee of \$15 per course.

Classes begin the week of Sept. 7 and in most cases, involve two or three hours per week and continue until May. Space does not allow me to list these courses, but if you are interested, call Orlean Rioux 846-2619 or Margaret Cummins 451-1575 and they will supply you with any information.

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