

## Burdakin named to jobs commission

Gov. William Milliken recently ap-pointed Birmingham's John Burdakin, president of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Co., to the newly created Michigan Job Development Authority. Milliken said, "The objective of the authority is to alleviate and prevent unemployment by providing addition-al means of financing industrial con-struction."

fice, the authority may assist in fi-nancing the construction, acquisition, expansion or rehabilitation of industri-al buildings, machinery and equip-ment. The authority will be empo-wered to issue and sell bond notes to finance its, projects.

Burdakin, who has served as presi-cient of Grand Trunk Western since 1974, said he is not sure how the au-thority will per about creating lebs



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but that the individual members are "on board and are ready to begin

work."

He said the authority will have to
stop the erosion of the state's industrial base and, when possible, attract
and convince new businesses to locate
in Michigan.
Michigan, like other northeastern

and midwestern states, has witnessed the industrial flight to the booming southern Sun Belt states. "In order to have a strong economy, we have to have a strong economy, and the said. He said free enterprise was the said. He said free enterprise was the said. He said free enterprise was the said, so what the said free enterprise was the said prong to go." The key to having that engetic business climate is having jobs. "That's the goal and that's the key." The Job Development Authority has not met as a group. Their first meeting is scheduled for Sept. Anderson IV, sendoling James F. Anderson James Jame facturing Group.

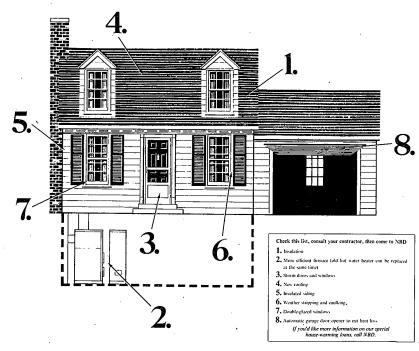
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