

Push harder Reagan aide tells Big 3

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THE REAGAN Administration will ask Japan to restrain its auto exports to the American market, but a top official told local car makers a permanent solution will depend upon their own productivity.

That country's getting a lot of criticism for being competitive," said William Brock, U.S. trade representative, at a Friday breakfast fund-raiser for 18th District Congressman William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

In the audience of nearly 500 were board chairmen, presidents and top executives of the Big Three automakers, along with the expected assortment of legislators.

"He skirted the tough issue — re-

straint of imports," a Chrysler executive said after Brock's speech. "And properly so. He's negotiating in Japan next week."

FOR AMBITIOUS legislators, there was frustrating information but hardly news. Broomfield announced that he intends to be a candidate for re-election to a 16th term in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1984. Brock, a Tennessee who once served with Broomfield in the House, quipped, "That's a load off our shoulders."

Broomfield's middle Oakland County district was conceded to be safely Republican by the Democratic Legislature after the 1980 census, and he or any Republican can expect to be a shoo-in for the rest of the decade, and he will start his campaign with a gross of some \$37,000 from the \$75-a-head scrambled eggs and sausage breakfast in the Troy Hilton.

A staunch supporter of Reagan on foreign policy, defense and economic issues, Broomfield received letter greetings from Secretary of State George Schultz ("your advice and counsel are invaluable"), Vice President George Bush ("best wishes for a highly successful fund-raiser") and the chief executive himself (for "your concern for the defense of our land").

The senior Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Broomfield denounced Soviet "inflexibility and lack of sincerity," then drew spontaneous applause when he decried "the massive influx of millions of illegal aliens."

THE OAKLAND stop was one of Brock's last before taking off for Japan, where he reportedly will ask the island nation's auto manufacturers to restrain their output to the U.S. to 1.8 million units, up slightly from the current 1.68 million.

Reagan has achieved voluntary restraints the last three years, fearing import quotas would set off a trade war harming other American industries and resulting UAW-backed "local content" restrictions for fear they would



William Brock, U.S. Trade Representative, left, joined U.S. Rep. William Broomfield at a campaign fund-raiser in Troy Friday which drew many automotive executives.

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drive up American car prices. "There has been an absolute surge of imports from one particular country," Brock said. "We have to take some action." Japanese auto makers have a \$2,000 price advantage and nearly 22 percent of the American market.

Of the three years of restraint by the Japanese, Brock said, "It took us a little longer to get where we need to be" — a recognition that restraints will have to be continued.

The reason American cars haven't been able to sell abroad, he said, is that "because of the strength of our dollar, our export prices have increased 35 to 40 percent" and been wiped out by the change in currency

valuations."

If local automakers were looking for a big government boost, however, Brock had a dose of the old-time religion: "We've been regulated into problems by our own government. We've been taxed into problems by our own government."

HIS MESSAGE was that Americans have the freedom and productive ingenuity to achieve continuing economic growth when they reject the government interventionism of Carter.

Brock blistered the current Democratic slogan of a "New Industrial Policy," calling it "a code word for government protectionism."

He went on: "Don't buy the doom-

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sayers. That's all I'm saying. We have the most incredible productive capacity on the face of the earth.

"We created 20 million jobs when Europe, with a larger population base, was creating 2½ million jobs. They're saying, 'In the next 20 years we have to create 34 million new jobs.' Well, in the last 20 years, we created 32 million jobs."

"We have to quit talkin' ourselves

down so much."

BROCK GAVE a hint of what may be the 1984 Reagan twin campaign themes.

• "Human capital. Our children's reading, math and verbal communications skills have declined, and nobody's been fired." Much applause. "This is the first generation that will not equal its parents' educational level."



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Know someone doing something notable? Let us know. Write: *Inside Angles*, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024.

A CANDIDATE FORUM featuring election candidates for the Farmington City Council is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Mercy Conference Center, 28600 11 Mile. The forum is sponsored by the Farmington Hills and Recreation Senior Adult Program. Although open to the public, this debate is designed specifically for senior citizens.

THE GIRL SCOUT display that is in Farmington Branch Library this month marks the culmination of a fund-raiser that involved troops in both Farmington and Farmington Hills. Money raised with a roller skating party last spring was used to purchase 30 new books as gifts to the library. This is the first major gift of its kind scouts in this area have made to the community.

IF YOU ARE interested in having your nearby ice rink flooded, the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department can assist you. They will inspect the site and make recommendations for improvement as well as do the flooding for you. There is a minimum fire hydrant tapping fee payable to Oakland County. Contact them at 474-6115 soon if you are interested.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL Turkey Trot is scheduled to take place at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the San Marino Municipal Golf Course. Age categories and varied distances are set up for youth, teens and adults. Pre-registration is strongly recommended, however, you may register up to half an hour prior to race time. Awards and finish prizes.

MARY BOWMAN opens one of her largest exhibitions of Sumi-E paintings to date at the invitation of Marlene Belanger, a Farmington Hills resident who is now director of Southfield Cultural Arts Activities. The exhibit, which runs from Nov. 1-14 in Southfield's Civic Center, will show the artist's latest works, which have appreciated greatly in price since she first brought the art of Japanese brush painting to the area through classes and workshops. Many of those works will be in color, a deviation from the Zen art of black and white.

THE WOMEN of North Farmington are sponsoring a tour of the Windsor Art Museum, Tuesday, Nov. 15. Lunch will follow at the Orient Express. A group car pool will meet at Perry Drugs, 12 Mile and Farmington Roads, at 10 a.m.

Call Elaine Rousseau at 477-6849 no later than Wednesday, Nov. 9, for reservations. There will be a \$2 charge, lunch not included in the price.

NANCY WHITEMORE, of Farmington Hills, was honored for scholastic achievement at the Fall Honors Assembly Oct. 5 at Washington University in St. Louis. Nancy is a junior in the Engineering School.

JIM MOUTH, of Farmington and a local entertainer and perennial holder and breaker of world records, is at it again. After topping the ranks in the Guinness Book of World Records in several different categories, Jim is up in the air over his newest target. The record he will attempt to set and hold is for a 5,000 meter jump on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Witnesses will gather in the parking lot of Charley's Place, Farmington Road at Grand River, to watch him jump over a parking meter — 5,000 times. He has vowed to jump 24 hours or 5,000 jumps unless overpowering exhaustion prevents him from accomplishing the feat. Beneficiary of this latest record attempt will be the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan (ALASEM). Proceeds from pledged dollars will go the help support the over 40 free community services of ALASEM.

GAYLE GOODE and **DANIELLE GEEYAN**, both students at North Farmington High School, were chosen to dance in a fashion show for Hudson's Beauty Salon. The show is called "Hair in Motion" and it will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Historic St. Andrews Hall in Detroit. Gayle is a cheerleader and Danielle is a member of the pom pom squad.

NATURAL INGREDIENTS, the popular bulk food store in Farmington Hills, has announced that Lyn Webb of Berkley has been chosen the winner in their Remains Our Store contest. Her winning name "Scoopmarket" was chosen from among some 900 entries. The prize will be awarded to Lyn Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. at the Scoopmarket in the Orchard Place Center on Orchard Lake Road.

THE PROFESSIONAL Womens Network held its kick-off meeting Oct. 14 at the Farmington Community Center. Over 30 professional women from the area made reservations to attend. Betty J. Paine, Executive Director, said "We anticipated good response but were overwhelmed by the support and willingness of the women who attended to serve on the planning committee." The Network meets the second Friday of each month from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Center. Reservations (\$4) must be made 48 hours in advance and includes breakfast, speaker and time to discuss common interests and concerns. For more information, contact Betty Paine, 477-8404.

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