

Area UAW Workers OK Ford Pact

By BOB McCLELLAN
UAW employees of Ford Motor Co. in Observerland plants like their new three-year contract, it was learned Monday.

Union officials of the four locals representing 8,100 UAW hourly workers in seven Observerland Ford plants reported their members "overwhelmingly" approved their new labor pact in ratification votes Sunday and Monday.

The only large measure of dissatisfaction that could be determined was registered

by skilled tradesmen at Ford's Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth.

The tradesmen, who are represented by Local 845, approved their local agreement only by a 52-per cent vote. The same workers, however, expressed approval of the UAW-Ford national contract by a 96 per cent ballot.

HENRY KILGORE, plant chairman of the local which represents 100 tradesmen and 1,200 non-skilled workers at the Plymouth fa-

ctory, said some of the older skilled employees were irked over a provision in the local contract which dealt with the crediting of overtime.

Production workers at the plant voted better than 95 per cent in favor of both the local and national pacts.

"As far as I and most of my people are concerned, it's a real good contract," Kilgore declared.

Robert Little, president of Local 182 which represents 5,400 hourly workers at the big Livonia Transmission & Chassis plant, reported a

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highly favorable ratification vote.

The vote there went like this: skilled, national agreement, 283 to 78; skilled, local contract, 283-77; non-skilled, national, 1,496-111; non-skilled, local, 1,485-113.

Keith Sieting, plant chairman of Local 896, which covers 200 blue-collar workers at Ford's Northville Valve

plant, also reported a favorable vote.

There, production employees voted 106-6 for the national pact and 80-31 for the local contract. Skilled workers favored the national pact 18-6 and the local terms 18-5.

WALTER DOROSH, president of gigantic Local 600, announced his members fa-

vored both local and national contracts by "overwhelming support for approval of the 1970 contract."

Local 600, besides hourly workers at Ford's huge Dearborn complex, represents 1,200 blue-collar laborers at four plants in Observerland.

They are the Autolite-Purd Parts Division, Livonia; Detroit Parts Depot, Redford Township; National Parts Depot, Livonia, and Technical Services Laboratory, Livonia.

Observer Newspapers was unable to obtain individual

breakdowns of the voting at these four plants.

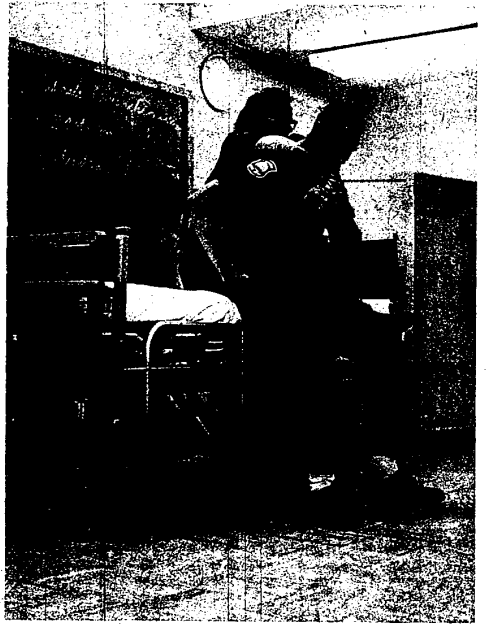
A spokesman for the local explained it was not the practice of Local 600 to release such figures.

But Dorosh did issue the following statement about the new contract, which is similar to that won by hourly workers at GM:

"When the last ballot was tabulated late Sunday night, Dec. 13, the results were registered in an overwhelming support for approval of the 1970 contract.

"Immediate benefits of the agreement will provide for the Ford workers in retroactive wages an average of \$273 on Dec. 23, 1970. The makeup of said back wages, being the 26 cents carryover cost-of-living allowance. General wage increase of 49 cents per hour, plus 16 cents cost-of-living float.

Ford workers will also enjoy 11 successive days of holiday from Dec. 24, 1970, to Monday, Jan. 4, 1971. The workers will not lose an hour's pay Christmas through New Year's for time off job."



FIREMAN PAUL GOBUSH shows the proper method of lifting a patient from a hospital bed.

Nurses Ready, Even For Fire, At St. Mary

There is much more to patient care at St. Mary Hospital than the prescribing of medicine or performing surgery.

It goes way beyond that — to care for and protect the patients in emergencies such as fires or other happenings as explosions that would require the removal of the bed patients.

Twice each year the entire staff — nurses and nurses aids — is given an extensive fire drill that runs the gamut from lifting patients from their beds to carrying or conveying them to the nearest exits.

THROUGH the cooperation of the Livonia Fire Dept., these drills are staged three times in a single day so that each shift of nurses and employees receives the benefit of the training in the hospital at Five Mile and Levan.

In the latest drill, three members of the Fire Dept. demonstrated the various methods to be used. Led by Jerry McMahon, they were Carl Furmanek, Paul Gobush and Fred Hawkins.

Miss Rita Radzialsowski, director of nursing, reported that 92 nurses and aids were

in the day class, 50 in the evening and 35 at midnight.

"WE HAVE been conducting these classes for the past five years," she said, "and we try to see that every one on the staff is prepared to step into any kind of an emergency. It is all part of the training to care for our patients."

So far, St. Mary has escaped any type of emergency that would require the removal of patients from the building.

"But one never knows," Miss Radzialsowski explained, "and we make it a point to be prepared for anything that might happen."

That's why the fire drills are held twice a year — so that every nurse and employee is exposed to the training.

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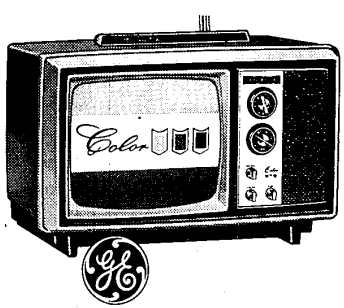
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NURSE PAT TRZCIENSKI gets a "kick" out of lifting a patient from the floor and preparing to carry him to safety as Fireman Gobush looks on.

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