

GM head says industry can rebound — if labor and government help out

By Mike Scanlon
Staff writer

A new climate of management-labor cooperation may emerge from the latest crunch in the auto industry, says General Motors President F. James McDonald.

"It hasn't happened yet, but I do see it happening. I see labor — talking about both the union and the employees being much more interested in the job, in the job environment. That's really beginning to happen," said McDonald Saturday at a University of Detroit seminar on business in the '80s.

McDonald also said GM will continue to seek contract concessions from the UAW even though the labor giant has already ruled out reopening agreements with either GM or the Ford Motor Co.

"I THINK we've got to have very serious talks," said McDonald. "We don't think you can take things away without talking about other avenues."

McDonald declined to comment specifically on what concessions GM would seek from the union, or what trade-offs the automaker would be willing to consider in exchange. In response to questions he added: "We're open to lots of discussion, but I don't think (new car) price negotiations with the UAW are part of it."

McDonald also defended last week's round of GM product price hikes, saying the company needed the money for its massive five-year, \$40 billion retooling plan.

"If we're going to get the \$40 billion, we're going to get it by generating profits," said McDonald. "There's no way anybody could go out and borrow \$40 billion."

McDONALD also urged Japanese car import reductions, calling the current import level "outrageous on its face."

"You can't have a million people out of work in the U.S. when we've got this inequity," McDonald said. "The United States does not have infinite economic strength."

Failure to reach some kind of voluntary restraint accord could "engender

'You can't have a million people out of work in the U.S. when we've got this inequity. The United States does not have infinite economic strength.'

— GM president
F. James McDonald

a response that would be more severe," McDonald warned, adding that GM believes "there's a good hope there'll be some restrictions" either voluntary or not.

THE AUTO SLUMP resulted from "artificially low energy costs" resulting from government policies, McDonald said, and not from inefficient management or workers.

McDonald said prospects look brighter now with future auto safety, mileage and emissions regulations under review by the Reagan Administration.

McDonald said installation of passive restraint systems in cars would cost \$700 million without more providing more effective protection than is now offered by lap and shoulder belts.

"Hopefully," he said, "they'll just throw the whole thing out."

Emission regulations can be altered "without affecting anybody's health or seriously affecting the quality of air," while market pressures make future CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) regulations obsolete. CAFE requirements for 1985, for example, are 27.5 average mpg, but McDonald said GM plans to exceed 31 mpg.

"The things we see and hear coming out of Washington, the cooperation with our union, we think is really exciting," said McDonald, adding he believes the new trends mark a future when "we can blow the socks off of anybody."

OU course aids condo boards

Condominium dwellers can learn to deal with their problems in a nondegree course to be offered by the Oakland University Division of Continuing Education.

The condominium management course, which focuses on proper administration and management, will emphasize legal duties assumed with a condo board office. Explanation of the master deed and condominium bylaws, advantages of various forms of management, developing overall management plans, and conducting general and board

meetings will be covered.

Attorney Robert M. Meisner of Southfield, who helped write the 1978 state condominium law, will conduct the five-week course Wednesday evenings beginning April 29 in Birmingham Seaholm High School, Lincoln at Cranbrook roads.

For enrollment, call the Oakland University Continuing Education office, 337-3120, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, or 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Saks Fifth Avenue



Her very first evening pump... the "Little Capzio"? Exactly what the well-shod Miss needs for all those special occasions—and always on Sunday. With a little grosgrain bow and three-quarter heel, in black patent leather or white leather. From "Little Capzio" for sizes 13 to 3N and M; 5 1/2 to 9N; 5 to 9M; 130. In K.I.D.S.—where we are all the things you are.

Somerset Mall, Big Beaver at Coolidge, Troy • Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn



Educator retiring

Dr. William C. Miller of Birmingham, a 28-year veteran of the Wayne County Intermediate School District and deputy superintendent since 1962, has announced his retirement. Miller, named Michigan Teacher of the Year in 1965, will begin work designing and evaluating procedures for Human Synergistics, a Plymouth-based management consultant firm. Miller is the author of 150 articles and three books on education.

VIDEO PLUS

GOT A VIDEO MACHINE?
BUYING — "9 TO 5"
BUYING — "FAME"
BUYING — "FLASH GORDON"
WHY BUY 'EM?
RENT 'EM
4 DAYS \$5.00
WITH VP CLUB MEMBERSHIP NOW ONLY \$35/YR.
"Cheapest Rent in Town"
HUNDREDS OF MOVIES TO CHOOSE FROM
IN STOCK — TAKE THEM OFF OUR SHELVES!!
EXAMPLES: Blues Brothers, Grease, Rocky, New York, New York, Stunt Man, Cruising, Smokey and the Bandit II, Alien, Deer Hunter
12 Mile at Evergreen Evergreen Plaza, Sld. 569-2330
OPEN 7 DAYS

L'UOMO
555 S. Woodward
Birmingham 352-7600
VOGUE
MIDNIGHT MADNESS
SALE
Thurs., April 9
8:30 - 12 Midnight
Fine European Men's Clothing
10-60% OFF
Adolfo
Giorgio Armani
Ruben
Versace
Ruffini
Schagen
Tiger of Sweden
and many others...
Help us Move!
...too much to carry
— after sale, watch
for our new location
at 12 & Northwest
in the Parkwest
Plaza.)

OPERA LECTURE SERIES
Dr. Jack C. DuBois
A series of six illustrated lectures covering performances by The Metropolitan Opera Company, Detroit tour.
TUESDAYS at 1:00 PM
Beginning April 14th through May 19th
Apr. 14 MANON LESCAUT
Puccini
Apr. 21 MANZONI
REQUIEM... Verdi
MAHOGONNY... Weill
Apr. 28 CAVALLERIA
RUSTICANA... Mascagni
PAGLIACCI... Leoncavallo
May 5 DON GIOVANNI... Mozart
May 12 SAMSON et
DAHLIA... Saint-Saens
May 19 LA TRAVIATA... Verdi
Sunday, May 24 OPERA
HIGHLIGHTS
A Musical Preview
by Roma Riddell, soprano, and Edward Kingins, tenor, accompanied by Lawrence LaGore
SOMERSET MALL
BIG BEAVER RD AT COOLIDGE, TROY

State Police deny link with telephone solicitors

State Police officials have disclaimed any endorsement of advertising reportedly being solicited for various "police" publications throughout the state.

State Police Director Gerald Hough said reports of advertising solicitation, generally done by telephone, have increased during the past several weeks. Persons solicited may be responding to claims that the State Police endorse the activity.

"In what appears to be a thinly disguised attempt to use the good name of the State Police, ad solicitors are misleading prospective buyers," Hough said. "My department neither sanctions

nor has any connection with this sort of solicitation."

State Police officials have asked citizens who may be so solicited to call their nearest post reporting such incidents.

Dry money

Save money by learning to reconstitute and use dry milk. For information, send a self-addressed, double-stamped envelope and 10 cents in coin to the International Food Storage Association (M), P.O. Box 249, LaVerkin, Utah 84745.

Copper & Capper
CHICAGO • DETROIT



PURELY EXECUTIVE MATERIAL. Graham & Ginn's hard-working grey pinstripe suit in lightweight always-suitable wool and polyester. A classic that puts in as many hours as you do, season after season. Also available in navy pinstripe. \$325.

WALTON H. MUMFORD, 122 N. 2ND ST., MILWAUKEE, WI 53202 • (414) 224-1111
DETROIT: 2000 E. 12TH AVE., DETROIT, MI 48202 • (313) 224-1111



LANVIN. International style for the man who gets around. When Lanvin turned its attention to men's clothing, it was with one particular man in mind: the businessman who has to look immaculately dressed, fashion-aware, but not ostentatious. The suit shown is exemplary: a lightweight pincord in pale blue or tan, with figure-flattering shaping, at \$325. Other Lanvin suits, superbly tailored in unusually fine fabrics, are priced from \$265 to \$395.

THE BOARDROOM
Somerset Mall