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biles, clothes and home furnishings, if a recent quarterly poll Workers (AFL) is any indication. both new and used cars. The question presented by the



Publisher of The Raleigh News the Navy, former Ambassador to Mexico, honorary member of the 2,000 wholesale bakery emp International Typographical Union in 38 downstate Illinois cities has and great North Carolina citizen, been announced by bakery operaanti-closed shop legislation at the ion had asked for 18 cents. General Assembly. Hi efforts to chairman of the negotiating com- ident of Charlette Central Labor is deeply appreciaed by all North and an international representa- North Carolina Federation of La-

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Washington, D. C. - Workers | cate that more than 10 times as are holding off buying automo- many members of that union were deferring their purchases as had been buying in the automotive made by the United Automobile field, because of high prices for

For the same reason, more than union was: "Are you holding off 13 times as many as had been the buying of needed items such buying home furnishings had as a car, clothing or home fur- ceased purchases in this field, the nishings until prices come down?" survey showed, and the union The answers, it was revealed members reported also that they by Lester Washburn, International will not purchase clothes until President of the UAW-AFL, indi- prices have been lowered to a "reasonable basis." The persons who reported they are not buying clothing now were seven times as many as those who said they were purchasing.

The persons not buying cars at this time, and who will continue to wait for "a more reasonable pricing situation," the union reported, is 91 per cent of those questioned. The other 9 per cent said it would buy now, regardless of prices.

Eighty-eight per cent tf those interviewed said they are not buying clothing, and 93 per cent declared they are not interested in home furnishings at present prices.

2,000 BAKERY WORKERS IN ILLINOIS GET RAISE

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