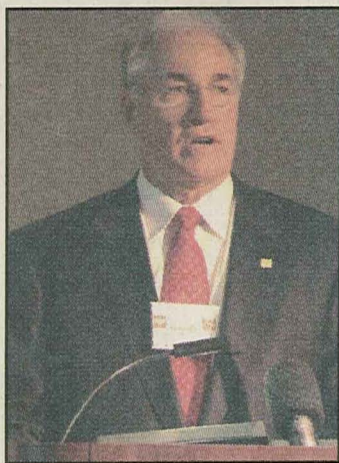
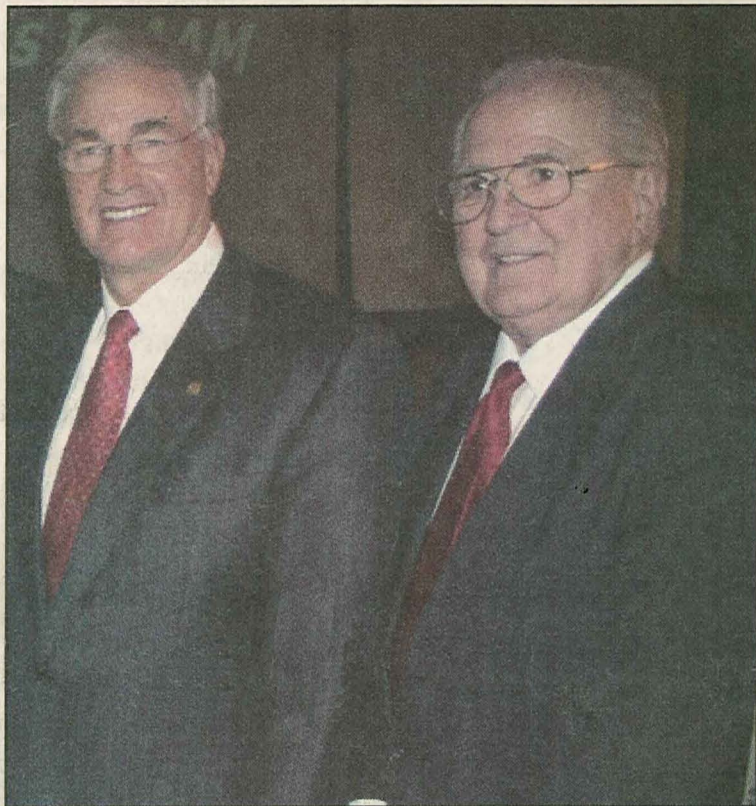


American Axle gears up for plant in Poland



American Axle & Manufacturing CEO Richard Dauch (above right) welcomes Polish ambassadors Maciej Kozlowski and David Peleg during a recent visit to AAM's headquarters.



By Walter Wasacz

A stopover by two diplomats at the headquarters of American Axle & Manufacturing last week served two purposes. The visitors were Maciej Kozlowski, Poland's Ambassador-at-large for Jewish Affairs; and David Peleg, Israel's ambassador to Poland.

One reason for their visit was to bring attention to the vastly improved relations between the two countries, which had almost no rela-



tionship since the state of Israel was established in 1948 and the fall of communist rule in Poland in 1989. The two men are in the U.S. attempting to build better relations between American Jews and Poles, which have been strained for decades.

The main reason that the event was held at American Axle, a company that straddles the Hamtramck-Detroit border, was to announce that

the giant automotive supplier was set to break ground on a plant facility near Wroclaw, Poland. Richard Dauch, co-founder and CEO of AAM, delivered a presentation showing where the company has expanded in the world and introduced a leadership team that will take the helm at the Polish site.

Dauch said that groundbreaking should take place later this year.

