



# LOCAL ROUNDUP

## NEW YORK, N.Y.

Local No. 1

Greetings from the Big Apple:

First of all Brothers' I hope we all had a safe, happy and holy holiday season. I for one had to work New Years Eve on emergency calls, so perhaps next month I will be able to tell you how it worked out.

Several months ago we received a smack in the face from Federal District Judge Owen who said strikers were not allowed to receive unemployment insurance. As you might recall, this case was brought to Judge Owen by your friendly anti-labor Ma-Bell. This was brought on by a seven (7) month strike with Communication Workers of America back in 1972. Remember this Brothers'—right after their strike, we went out for almost seven (7) months. Since this time, the Attorney General of New York State appealed to the Federal Court of Appeals to have this case reversed. The Federal Court of Appeals presided by Circuit Court Judge Thomas J. Meskill who incidently retired as a Republican Governor of Connecticut, reversed the decision of Federal Judge Owen. Now as in the past, strikers are still allowed to receive unemployment benefits in New York State. Thank God for Louie Lefkowitz, our Attorney General. He is one person that will always get my vote.

When we lost the Housing Elevator Mechanics to the Teamsters, I came on very strong against the Housing men. Right now there are still quite a few Brothers' that are paying double dues in two different unions; one because they have to and the other because they want to. These men are dynamite union Brothers'. They still pledge their allegiance to Local 1, although they have to pay dues to another union because of State Law. I am sure by this time, all of the Housing men know what kind of representation you are getting from the Teamsters which is next to nothing. Do not forget the door is open and you can always

come back to Local 1. Local 1 wants you and the entire elevator business needs you to be one (1) unified trade in the City of New York.

In November, Ed Lindwall was injured on a job in Yonkers, when he fell off a scaffold where he sustained a broken ankle and a broken knee. Brother Ed will be out of work for quite a few months and with all the bad luck he has had in the past year or two, I am sure it will raise his spirits if his Brothers' dropped him a line. His address is 168 Bremond Street, Belleville, New Jersey. Speaking of the Lindwalls, Eddie's father Carl Lindwall, Sr., who is a gold carder is recuperating from a couple of serious operations. Carl is now living in Coral Springs, Florida with his wife Margaret. Get well father and son—that's an order!

**On the Lighter Side:** The New York City Marathon is probably one of the most grueling marathons ran in the world. It covers over 26 miles, starts by going over the Verrazano

Bridge, the longest bridge in the world and goes over three other bridges in the five (5) counties of New York City. One of our Brother's we are proud to say, after six (6) months of heavy training and work outs completed this race. Brother Frank Rodgers, Card 677 of Centepport, New York completed the race in three (3) hours and thirty-nine (39) minutes. Somewhere in the middle of the pack of 4,883 runners, the largest number ever assembled for a marathon. Frank arrived at the finish line minus seven (7) pounds and two (2) toenails, aching from head to foot, vowing never to do it again (at least not until next year). Frank is 42 years young. . . . Lowell Renstrom, Card 521 is now in the travel agency business after being laid off last year. Lowell and his wife started the business and is doing pretty good. I know this is a bad time of the year to mention it, but if any of the Brothers are going to do any traveling, contact Lowell for services and he will not charge a fee. The name is Blue Ribbon Travel, 150-36 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, New York 11354, Area Code No. 212-961-5555. I am sure he would appreciate the business. . . . Speaking of elevator business, the Tradesmen Fraternal Association is having their Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at Koenigs in Floral Park on Friday, March 17, 1978. The price is \$30.00 per couple for five (5) hours of dining and dancing. For that kind of bucks you can't afford to miss it. I am sure you can send for reservations to P.O. Box 2355, Grand Central Station, New York 10017. . . . Special thanks to Mary who takes dictation and types my article and to Helen who helps proof read it. Without you two girls, this article would be ten (10) times harder.

In closing, I would like to add **STAY ALERT** and **STAY ALIVE**.

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