



# LOCAL ROUNDUP

## NEW YORK, N.Y.

Local No. 1

Hi Brothers,

The biggest problem we have in Local 1 continues to be unemployment. Since we returned to work after the strike (or more aptly, lock-out) in early 1973, about 350 of our Brothers have been laid-off in construction. Some are working in maintenance and repair. Some are running cars. But approximately 100 more recently laid-off Brothers have no work. Our Business Agents have been trying to locate jobs in other industries, but work is scarce all over. Realizing you probably have similar problems, any help from other locals in the IUEC would be greatly appreciated.

There are some things we all can do. Brothers working in construction: secure your work. Do not cut corners or become speed demons on the job. Work sage. If a temporary car can be manned, call it in to the rooms. If there are any doubts, let your B.A. make the decision.

In maintenance, don't be brow beaten into doing work that should be repair. If you are ordered to do a possible repair job, make sure you complain to your shop steward or B.A. Make sure any repair work needed on your jobs has been requested on repair work requisition forms. The more the economy declines, the less work some companies want to give to repair. Don't take it personal. They aren't questioning your ability. It just simply IS NOT YOUR JOB.

There is something we all can do no matter what department we are in, or over of we are out of work. Keep our eyes and ears open for possible jobs outside the business. If you hear of a job, call the Union or call a brother who is out of work. Check renovation jobs in your area for new elevator work and the possibility of a non-union elevator shop

on the job. Don't just walk by!

Unemployment benefits in New York (\$95.00) have been extended another 13 weeks, to 52 weeks, as of January 8. Don't forget, we are eligible for food stamps while unemployed. Also, you may borrow up to \$75.00 per week from the annuity after 21 days out of work.

Rumor has it that some companies have already decided to sign interim contracts in the event of a strike or lockout.

The International has rendered a decision on the scabs who worked during the strike and appealed the Local #1 decision to the International. The fine has been set at approximately \$2,000 each as per the International Constitution and By-Laws.

A retirement dinner was held for George Kemly on Wednesday, January 9th, at the Promenade Restaurant at Rockefeller Center. George has been in the business for 47 years. He started with Gurney Elevator Company as an apprentice, working with his father George Sr., who has since passed away. George Jr. worked in maintenance for Westinghouse as Foreman at Rockefeller Center. He plans a vacation in Florida, and retirement at home in Brooklyn. Good luck, George.

A Beer-Bash was held for the benefit of Brother Frank Shallis at the Sayewood Elks Lodge, in Old Bridge, New Jersey, on January 26th. Brother Frank has written me to express his thanks to the Brothers who attended, including business agents, Brother Connolly and Brother Green, Secretary Treasurer, Tom Macchia, and the other members of the Executive Board who attended. Brother Shallis has been laid up for nine months and underwent two major operations. Hats off especially to Brother Commie Milisits and Brother Fred McCourt, who ran the Beer-Bash for Brother Frank's benefit.

I received a note from Donny Guth expressing his thanks in a time of need. "My family and I would like to thank everyone for their kind and thoughtful words and their generous deeds," he said.

The sick list: Rudy Schilling, who suffered second degree burns in a flash explosion in a hydraulic motor room; Ray Wels, broke his arm while working and Frank Shallis, Don Guth, Tom O'Brien, Jack Caci, Artie Mandick, John DeVincezi, Kurt Guthy, Ray O'Keefe, Ed McElroy, Paul Rochon, Bill Strubing, Roger Downer, Mario Cassaburri, Charles Wiebalch, Bob Hicks, Al Williams, Frank Wolf, Ed O'Kane, Jim Post and Dan Haggarty.

Jim Gurney, Card #39 retired. Pete Walter and John DeVincenzi also retired. The best, Brothers. Charlie Thoma is retired and living in Venice, Florida and Phil Wiemers says, "Hello".

**Gil Chamberlain, former member, passed away. Our belated condolences to the family of George Koch, Senior, who passed away in November.**

George was a retired member and father of Brother George W. Koch, Regional Director of I.U.E.C., and past President of Local #1.

**Joe Coyne's father, Thomas Coyne, a former member, also passed away. Jack O'Connors' father passed away in January. May God rest their souls.**

Congratulations are in order for Lorraine and Joe Nolan. William Francis started life six weeks early but he's O.K. Uncle Willy is teaching him how to read already. Jed Howard was born to Jerry and Judy McCue, on Christmas Eve. Jennifer Lyn belongs to Charlie and Barbara Gutowski, their first—she's a natural!

Happy St. Patrick's Day,

*Ed Dempsey*