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Local No. 1

Brothers:

Greetings from the "Big Apple," the Hub of the world. Congratulations are in order to Brother Ed Dempsey our past correspondent, who was elected to the position of Board of Trustees of our Union. Ed has filled the vacancy left by Brother Jack Wilson, who retired. Congratulations are also in order to Brother Fred McCourt, who was elected Warden of our Union filling the vacancy of Bro. Ed O'Brien our past Warden who has retired.

Since Ed Dempsey has been elected to the Board of Trustees there is a vacancy as correspondent and Bro. Watson, our president, has appointed me interim correspondent prior to the election.

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Frank Dolan, Card #676, I am a maintenance man in beautiful Downtown Brooklyn, a member of the Dirty Dozen, and I have been a member of Local #1 for almost 17 years (C.B. Handle is the FINE AMERICAN).

With all the formalities out of the way, let us get down to business at hand. Several months ago, Local #1 went to court and sued Local #3 I.B.E.W. for infringing on Local #1 jurisdiction. The infringement involved construction of new elevators in existing hatches in the Plaza Hotel in mid town Manhattan. Local #1 won the suit and Local #3 I.B.E.W. was directed to remove their personnel from the job. The elevator company of Local #3 I.B.E.W. involved, saw fit to get a court injunction to have Local #1 stop harassing the elevator company and allow its men to continue to install the new elevators. The men, themselves members of Local #3 I.B.E.W., saw fit to go against their union's order and to scab the job. These men are working night and day to finish the job before any future suits can go through the courts. To me, this is a

flagrant act of non-unionism and if Local #3 I.B.E.W. really felt as Brothers in the AF of L-CIO, they would use any means to stop this jurisdictional infringement. **SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.**

On the same note, we have approximately 800 brothers who are out of work. By this I mean, maybe half of them have jobs running cars, some of them on a one day basis, but there are approximately 400 that are totally out of work with their unemployment running out, which is hardly enough to survive. To the maintenance and repair men: Be always on the alert for new jobs starting in your district or areas and check the job out thoroughly. The jobs you check out might get several of our brothers enough work to feed their families and "keep the jobs that belong to Local #1 in Local #1."

At the monthly membership meeting in January, the decision to change the rate of modernization pay was tabled after a lengthy discussion. The

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brothers in attendance felt that the change of rate which involves a change in our contract should be approved by management before the membership voted to approve the change. There have been quite a few vicious rumors being spread around town concerning cuts in pay and taxing expenses. Before these rumors are blown out of proportion, please consult your shop steward or Business Agent and confirm exactly what is happening.

A word to the wise is sufficient. Two weeks ago, one of our brothers, who has a maintenance route in Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, was mugged leaving one of his jobs at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The four animals that mugged him put a knife to his neck—stole his money, his tools and his car. They kidnapped him and fortunately left him with a slight cut on his neck several blocks away without a penny in his pocket in a high crime neighborhood. Be ever careful not only for safe working conditions, but also for safe living conditions. When working in high crime areas, always be conscious of who is around you or following you. Don't forget the tools you carry are worth a lot of money to a dope addict. Rather be **SAFE** than **SORRY**.

When the new law passed in New Jersey legalizing gambling casinos down Atlantic City way, our neighboring Local #5 should be quite busy, since a lot of the hotels are starting renovation jobs and there is probably a lot of new construction. I understand the projection date for opening of the casinos is July, 1977. I don't know how the employment is down in that City of Brotherly Love but if you need any qualified Elevator Constructors, be sure to call Local #1. We have an over abundance of unemployed members who are more than qualified in every phase of the business.

I would like to convey this Local's condolences to the family of one of

our brothers, John Linitz. John was a member of this Local for approximately 20 years and is survived by his wife and 7 children. John Linitz passed away two weeks ago after a bout with cancer.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: The Tradesmen Fraternal Ass'n, an association of elevator men, is having a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on March 18th at Koenig's in Floral Park. The price is \$30.00 per couple and from past experience, it is well worth twice that. Reservations must be made by the 5th of March, on a first come first serve basis. So make your reservations early by contacting Bro. Jim Reilly . . . Gerald Matawa wrote me a note and asked to convey special thanks to our brothers in Modesto, California. Gerry was sent out there by Westinghouse to work on their "M" operator freight doors. He was very impressed with the cooperation and would like to thank Ted Smith, Dave Wallbanks, Larry Del Bucchia, George Sabin (the Indian), Earl and Keith Willerton, Tom Kolb, Mike Taylor, the girls in the office and Harry Weisenberger, the business agent of Local #8.

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