



LOCAL ROUNDUP

NEW YORK, N.Y. Local No. 1

Brothers:

Greetings from the Big Apple:

A recent article of the *ELEVATOR WORLD*, in the *Monitor Section*, was evasive. The author started talking about a Houston, Tex., contractor who was very busy and could not get enough Elevator Constructors. In the next paragraph, the author was talking to somebody (very evasive again) saying and I quote "The work habits of installers in places like New York City were so poor he didn't want them to rub off on his own men." First of all, I don't know what this so-called writer is talking about because he didn't mention the area and second of all, my men in Local One are probably the best elevator men in the world. Perhaps the working habits he is talking about are the safety conditions we are used to in the Local 1 area. We Don't Work Unsafe, and because of planking out above and below and wearing the safety belts and securing the hatch—yes, perhaps, he is right in the fact that the "poor working habits" of Local 1 are bad for the manufacturers—but not bad for our brothers. We in Local 1 have fought hard for safe working conditions on construction jobs. As a matter of fact, Tony Merasola, a member of Local 1 is an OSHA inspector, and a forerunner on the Safety Committee of Local 1. So, therefore, *Mr. Monitor* of the *ELEVATOR WORLD*, please clarify what you are talking about because I'm sure that the other Brothers throughout the International are working just as safe as the Brothers in Local 1.

Democracy has returned to Local 1. The Brothers from Dover Elevator Company petitioned the Union for a shop steward election and our new President, Karl Stork, granted them

**SAVE JOBS
BUY UNION**



Bill Keegan, The New Dover Shop Steward

the same. Thirty-five brothers from Dover showed up to vote for another shop steward, and by a large majority, Bro. Bill Keegan was elected. The fact that Bill was elected was important, but more important, is the fact that the Brothers of Local 1 have the right to call for by petition and elect their own Shop Stewards, which are then appointed by the President of the Local. Shop Stewards are included in the wording of our contract and instead of appointing, as has been past practice, Bro. Stork has seen fit to allow the Brothers in each company to elect their own steward. So if you feel your steward is not performing his job properly, petition President-Business Manager Stork to hold an election.

QUOTABLE QUOTES: Did you know that the elevators move the population of the world EVERY NINE DAYS? TRUE.

In a recent article of *THE NATIONAL INQUIRER*: **A highly important matter;** I visited my friend John and his wife, Mary, the other day. John was out of work for six months. We hadn't taken off our coats before John began to criticize the country, the economy, the unions, and big business in particular, because of his long unemployment. As we talked, John's son drove into the garage on a Japanese Honda and parked it between John's Volkswagon and the Swedish Saab. After watching Lawrence Welk on John's Japanese Sony television, Mary brought out her Swiss projector and showed slides of their Caribbean cruise aboard a German ship. Mary was wearing a wig made in Taiwan and said it was a great buy, matching her Italian shoes and Portugese handbag.

Dinner was served on Irish linen, the china came from Korea.

Throughout dinner John complained of the unfair treatment he got from his company. He said "My company claimed they had to cut back because of foreign competition.

Did you ever hear of such a ridiculous thing?" (Incidentally—they had an imported Polish Ham for dinner).

Surprising as it may seem, New York City is running out of office space. During the 1960's the Elevator Constructor was instrumental in building buildings with more square footage than is in most major cities. Now the major corporations have no place to expand, consequently, another building boom in New York City. By the time my Brothers read this article, this Local should be fully employed (May 15), and enjoying full employment for at least three years. It's about time. In the next four years we have at least twenty-five major buildings over twenty floors going up, some as high as seventy floors (Battery Park City), with close to 10 million feet of office and apartment space available to the public. Elevator Constructors—if that doesn't turn you on, I don't know what will.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of Jack Toolen, Al Watson, and Buckey Hoar, Sr. The first two brothers were both dynamite guys and we will all miss them. Although, the third person Buckey Hoar, Sr. was not an Elevator Constructor, most Otis men knew him. Buckey was one of Otis's truck drivers, and unlike the other drivers, he was very helpful to the men. His son, Buckey, Jr. is an elevator constructor and works with the dirty dozen.

On the retirement list, Brothers Artie Bland, Sr., and Louie Moran received their Gold Card at the March meeting along with Angelo Cassetta. Also, getting into retirement Brother Joe Fencel who retired during March, but as yet has not received his gold card.

Well, that's it for this month
Brothers and with summer coming
on the kids will be out of school
shortly, drive safely and save a life.

Fraternally yours,

Frank Dolan

P.S.: Down with O.P.E.C.