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Hi Brothers,

Since my last article we have inherited a new President, Gerald Ford. Within two weeks of his taking office he has reconvened the Cost of Living Council, which has the power to investigate prices and wages. By the time you read this article I would not be surprised if we were well on our way to price and wage *controls*. Sound familiar?

Any sensible person realizes, of course, that something must be done about inflation. It seems to me, however, that the government is allowing our standard of living to erode while most prices and profits run rampant.

This year on November 5, Election Day, we will vote for our choice of representatives to the U.S. Congress. Here we have some control of our destiny. Voting records on key issues, including labor, can be obtained at the public library in the *Congressional Weekly*, or in *Quarterly Reports Magazine*. One of the key labor issues during the First Session of the 93rd Congress was "FOOD STAMPS FOR STRIKERS". Labor lost by one vote, 208-207. Find out how your Congressman voted.

August 10th, members of Local 1, their families and friends, attended our 2nd Annual Family Picnic at Kruckers Picnic Grove. (See photo page "Remember Last Summer.") Twelve hundred fifty persons attended. Judging from the happy faces it was a day to remember. Children were kept busy during the day with contests, games, pony rides, amusement rides and swimming. Patty Egan and Ritchie Hannigan worked especially hard, running the adult and childrens' contests and games. No easy task.

Special thanks to John Walsh, who braved the sun all day, organizing and managing the horseshoe tournament (64 players). Joe Nolan ran

the little league ballgame and provided the equipment. Bob Brady, Frank Costello, John Cusack, John Green, Fred Wind and the remainder of the picnic committee also sacrificed most of the day to insure a successful picnic.

Some of the prize winners were: Harold Kings, basket of cheer; Jack Connells's son John Jr., a 12" T.V., and the winner of the 9" T.V. remains a mystery (call me). Frank Kileen and his wife Pat were winners of the egg throwing contest. Almost 100 couples participated. Most on-lookers thought Frank and Pats' egg was hard boiled, until Fred Wind broke it. John Walsh reports that Bill Wolf and Ray Monack were the winners of the horseshoe competition. Charlie Meraltz and Frank Cooperman were runners' up.

Our condolences to the families of Joseph Sinnott, Ernest Muerner and Henry Usinger who passed away. We also lost two retired members, Ed Donohue and Arthur Devlin.

On the sick list: John G. Sullivan from Westinghouse maintenance, who was almost back to work after recovering from a broken hip, is now convalescing from a Kidney operation. John Carey is out with a serious kidney ailment. Also ill are Charles Diebalck, Pete Ward, John McGonegal, Carl Columbus, Jack Stack, Artie Johnn, Frank Shallis and Don Smith. I'm sure these men would appreciate a call from their friends. Do the right thing!

Our retired Brothers are John Quirk #283 and John Diehl #641. Sometimes we seem to forget our retired men when they leave. Keep in mind that many of the conditions we have today are due to their efforts. John O'Neil, for instance, retired recently after working with his tools for almost 45 years with eight different companies. His sons, Jack Jr. and Bob, learned a lot from him, I'll bet. B.A. Tom Conolly will never forget John for helping him out when he

was a green mechanic. So Brothers, keep our retired men in mind.

The Local received a letter from Fred Johnston, a retired member, traveling on a Norwegian freighter. His itinerary was: New York, San Francisco, Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore; Maylaysia, Penang, Indonesia, Nagaya, Yokohama, Kobe, New York. What a trip! It looks like Local 1 has its "unofficial travel correspondent" to rival John Martin, former Local 19 Correspondent. Fred says anyone interested in information on freighter trips, to contact him care of the union.

At this time there are approximately 100 card men out of work (9/1/74) but thank God for the operation of temporary cars. Most of these brothers are getting three or four days a week operating temporary cars since the operators' work week was reduced to four days. This was accomplished due to new wording in the operators' contract and the cooperation of the operators. That's good unionism. There doesn't seem to be much new work on the horizon. I hope the release of the federal housing money will help.

There was a meeting in Camden N.J. among the building trades, the environmentalists and Gov. Byrne after the building trades demonstration. B.A. Tom Conolly attended for Local 1 and hopes some work will be generated as a result of the meeting.

If anyone hears of a member not receiving the Journal, please notify me through the union or at home.

Until next month, work safe, think Union first and stick together.

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