

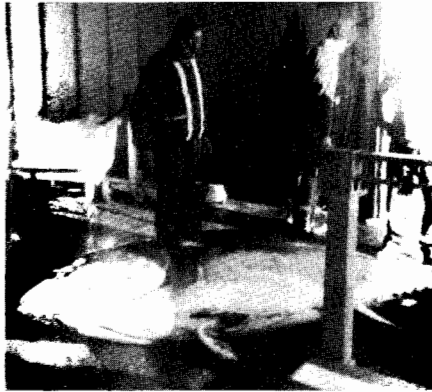
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Local No. 1

Greetings from the Big Apple: Well, as most of the Brothers in the Local and the International know, the members of Local #1 ratified our contract. We received a total package of \$3.06 for construction and \$2.65 for service and modernization. We also gained .02½¢ per mile bringing our mileage to .18¢. We gained a little bit in the per diem areas and additional board money is up to \$98.00 per week. Construction mechanic will be making \$13.89 after 7/1/80 and the helpers \$10.42. Service and modernization will be receiving \$11.78 for mechanics and \$8.42 for helpers. The vote in ratifying the contract was 500 for the contract and 301 against, which was quite a bit less than half the membership.

Well, it looks like that Construction boom we've all been looking for is finally approaching. According to reliable sources the boom is going to start in the Spring of 1979 with more holes in the ground than you can shake a stick at. I just hope that our unemployed brothers can hold out a little bit longer because there is light at the end of the tunnel. With any kind of luck the construction boom will last for four to five years. It certainly will be good to have the whole Local employed again.

On the Lighter Side: When Local #1 men do it—they do it big: Bros. Russ Weber and Pete Shultis went on what they thought would be a leisurely fishing excursion on a lazy Saturday this summer. Well, it turned out to be a little more than they expected. They had their 21 foot starcraft off the coast of Cape Cod and hooked into a Giant Bluefin Tuna at 2:10 in the afternoon. That leisurely Saturday afternoon almost turned into a nightmare when the fish started dragging them all over the ocean. After breaking one of the fighting chairs and moving to the other chair they were towed over twenty-six miles. But a little over five hours later they finally got the 950 pounder alongside



Bro. Russ Weber looking over the Giant Bluefin Tuna.

but there was still fight left in the Bluefin. After putting the flying gaff into the tuna, the fish started swatting the 21 footer with his tail and caved in the side of the boat. Russ and Pete received a good dollar after selling the fish, but they will probably just about break even after making repairs to the boat.

Bro. John Sich retired in luxury with the boys from Dover giving him a delicious Roast Beef dinner over at the Serrendipity in Cresskill, New Jersey. John worked over thirty years

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John McGlone (Shop Steward) presenting Gold Watch to John Sich.



Vinnie Watson (President #1) presenting Gold Card to John Sich (seated, John McGlone standing at left).

for Burlington Elevators and the boys in Blue presented John with a Gold engraved watch to remember them by. Bro. Watson presented Bro. Sich with the Gold Card from the Union. For the future John plans on catching up on some well-needed travel and to visit his family which is pretty much spread out throughout the country. Don't forget to send some pictures of your travels, John, and GOOD LUCK.

That's it for this month, Brothers, so until next month have a safe, happy, and holy holiday season.

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