



# LOCAL ROUNDUP

## NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Local No. 1

Hi Brothers:

I held back on this article till the last moment in order to report on our special meeting of June 30, the expiration date of our prior contract. It was reported by our negotiating committee that the money issue was not resolved and the companies refused to consider any extension of the contract to allow us to work while they talk. It was recommended by the negotiating committee and our attorney that we report to work July 1, with the possibility of a lock-out occurring. According to our attorney, if this occurred, we would stand a good chance of receiving unemployment benefits, without the customary 7 week waiting period for labor disputes.

This recommendation was accepted by the majority of the approximately 1,700 Brothers attending. Everyone returned to work Tuesday, no lockout occurred, and we hope now that we receive a more reasonable offer, soon.

President Ford vetoed the bill which contained the mortgage loan provision for homeowners who are out of work. Too bad!

Local 1 signed up a new company called Delco Elevator Company. Delco is taking some work from our competition, and has bid successfully on a good sized construction job in New Jersey. Harry Shields, Jack Holden and Tom Soutar are the only employees so far, but Delco can consider itself lucky to get that much talent and experience for openers.

Carl Magni finally took the big step. Carl and Linda were married on April 13. Congratulations and best wishes!

Earle Merritt is giving classes in New Jersey on how to stop smoking. Earle says the program was conceived by the Bergen County Health Department and the American Cancer Society and is presented as an adult education course in various towns in Bergen County. For infor-

mation, contact the American Cancer Society.

Jack Tighe won the T.V. set which was raffled off at the June meeting. The proceeds of the raffle went to Tom O'Brien who has been out of work recuperating from serious injuries incurred on the job in October.

The welfare benefits have been extended for the unemployed. You are now covered for the month in which you became unemployed and the following two months before you have to start paying out of your pocket. This is effective as of May, 1975.

The Local received a note from Jack Caci, card #1155, thanking his brothers and friends for their "deep thoughtfulness and generosity" since his tragic auto accident. Jack is on the road to recovery now and says, "I will always remember how my brothers stood behind me at a time I needed them most."

**Ed O'Kane, card #1523, was credited with saving the life of a Nassau County police officer. The account of the rescue made quite a few local newspapers. On his way home he came across the accident. He was told by the police officer's partner, who was thrown clear and injured, that his partner was trapped inside the burning car. The door was jammed, so Ed broke the window with his hand, pried open the door and dragged the officer to safety moments before the car exploded. Ed injured his hand in the rescue and was quoted as saying, "There shouldn't be any publicity about this. I just did what I had to do." Some guy! By the way, all this happened on Friday the 13th.**

V.A. educational benefits are still available to veterans discharged after 1/31/55. The benefit check can be quite sizeable depending on the amount of college credits you take (maximum benefit for 12 credits per semester or 6 credits—summer semester), how expensive the school of your choice is per credit and the amount of dependents you have. For information you can call the V.A. at

252 Seventh Avenue, New York City, or ask the V.A. representative at the school of your choice. June 30, 1976 is the benefit cutoff date for quite a few, so look into it soon. Thanks to Myles Travers for reminding us of these benefits especially now with our unemployment situation.

*Ed Dempsey*