HORROR STORY!!

Two strike breakers thumped by our members! One of these strike breakers travelled all the way from Indiana to Tampa to get punched in the nose. The other combatant who came out second best in the manly art is a resident of Tampa. He was referred to as a slightly built man and the newspaper indicated by innuendo that his beating was at the hands of monsters.

How different the story which reported an accidental bumping of a female picket by an officer of the company.

John Renwick, Vice President and Comptroller, displayed his male superiority by shouldering a little girl picket, knocking her to the ground.

She is in the hospital.

Shame on Mr. Renwick! We will try to give you a larger target in the future.

Let’s bet on who wins. Of course, it may be chargeable to excess consumption of the oft reported beverages purchased by General Tel. for their strike breakers, none the less it is horrible conduct even for a drunk.

A MOST GENEROUS OFFER

Genial Fred Leary, President of General Telephone Company of Florida, better known as your friendly phone company, continues to report — “We have made a fair and equitable contract offer, including a substantial wage increase.

Remember the fable of the three men who saw an elephant for the first time? The description of what they had seen was weird, but no more weird than Fat Freddie’s description of something equitable, fair and substantial.

No doubt the Leary version of something fair and equitable deals with gains to the Co. and a loss for the Union.

A substantial wage increase that will not be sufficient to meet the minimum wage law in Sept. of this year may be substantial to Leary, but it is horrible from the Union’s viewpoint.

Oh well, John D. Rockefeller gave away new dimes, but only to his friends.

General Telephone Clobbers The Churches of Tampa!

Generous General Telephone Co. must be going broke! For years a number of Churches in Tampa have provided religious services by way of radio for "Shut-ins" and people who are unable to attend the Church of their Choice.

Both the Broadcasting Companies and the Peninsular Co. made their facilities available without charge to the churches.

And now Good Old "General Tel" your friendly phone company wishes to dip its fingers into the churches’ funds and charge $21.00 per broadcast.

The "shut-ins" and people who can not attend church will most certainly appreciate losing their programs.

The phony public image created by General Tel. has shrunk in this latest display of a "public be damned" attitude.
CO-OPERATION AND MORE CO-OPERATION

Since the cables were slashed at Local 824 offices at 1212 Florida, cutting all communications, the following is the taped message.

Contributions continue to arrive in our office from all over the country. So far you have been doing a great job. Morale has been tops and now word comes from inside that the company is wearying. This is the time to stick together, like you never have before. We can win and we will win with full co-operation from everyone. Buckle down, tighten your belt, and get in there and pull together. This is your chance to show the carpetbaggers that this is the Solid South.

UNION WATCHING

Our union is being watched throughout the country by the other locals. These locals cover a wide variety of crafts, not just the telephone industry.

They are keeping a close watch on this union from the standpoint of our merger and on the strike itself.

We have got to continue to fight for our rights. To believe we will win. We have to win if we expect to have the respect of management as well as our self respect. No one respects a quitter.

As a supervisor so aptly put it, an employee that doesn't back his own group is no good to the company and no good to the union because they can't be trusted by either one.

Remember everyone is watching you. Put your heads together and stay together. The working conditions you save will be your own.

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

We the union members of Local 824, will be out of work three weeks Thursday. So far the participation and morale has been real great. As a matter of fact we are told that the participation percentage is extremely high.

We have finally had the opportunity to show Fat Freddie that a person can only take so much and then they fight. We have about got this fight won. This is the crucial week. We have missed our first payday. This is our opportunity to show we mean business. We will tolerate retrogression no more. Remember, if we give up, we can expect worse working conditions than we had before, if it's possible to get much worse.

We know what conditions we have worked under and we know what we want. Staying out is the only way to accomplish this. The company is definitely hurting. Management has gotten word to us to this effect. It's now or never. We know what we have to lose. We say to hell with General Tel, we think their contracts smell.
SPECIAL

DID WE MEAN IT? DO WE MEAN IT?

Circumstances cause all of us to react in a certain manner. When people are brow beaten, treated without fairness, regarded as production units and generally pushed around their reactions will not be difficult to anticipate.

Sooner or later they will rebel!

This has happened in our Union.

No member of the Union was forced to vote against the contract proposed by the company. The membership rebelled against retrogression and rejected the contract.

No member of the Union was forced to vote to go on strike. The membership again rebelled against the dictatorial attitude of the company and the strike became a reality.

We the members made our decisions in a purely democratic manner. Did We Meant It?

Was our decision a right one? Did we err?

If we were right in the first instance has anything occurred to change our opinions?

We Are On Strike! Do We Mean It?

As the strike grinds on and on tempers become short, nerves fray, rumors by the dozen appear almost hourly, intolerance is liable to replace thoughtfulness. It is natural for dozens of members to make recommendations on ways and means of settling the issues between the parties.

From now until the strike is over we must realize that sacrifice upon sacrifice will be made by all of us. We must become, more not less tolerant of each other. We must think and act in a collective manner. The Revolutionary War quote, "We must hang together or we will hang separately," is applicable to us.

From now until the strike is won, Solidarity Must Be The Watchword!

Do We Mean It?
The Strikers News To The Public

Who will pay for these items the Telephone Company has hired for the Strike???

You the public and subscribers are paying all these extra and exorbitant fees.

The Company has hired the following:

1. Wakenhut guards.
2. Catering service for strike breakers and Supervisory personnel.
3. Taxi Service for strike breakers.
4. Rooms in Tampa's finest Motels for strike breakers.
5. Police to check suspicious cars for Supervisors working, when they should be taking care of their own work.
7. Truck rentals used to deliver food to strike breakers and extra tools to Supervisors which normally are furnished by the employees.
8. Rasdale Armored Car Service to deliver mail from one Exchange to another.

The Telephone Company already has spent enough money to pay the small raise asked for by the Union, for a year or longer.

Has the public forgotten the many times that operators and telephone men have saved people's lives from drowning, suffocation, heart attacks, electrocution and many other cases which needed first aid?

Mr. Leary ask you the public to watch for vandalism when before he never worried about your phone service being out.

Now the Strikers are asking Your Aid! This Strike can be Stopped by You, the Public, because You own the Telephone Company, not one man.

Demand arbitration from Mr. Fred Leary the President of the General Telephone Company of Florida.