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FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER'S OFFICE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On April 5th, the programming department of WLS-AM Chicago voted for representation by Local 1220, in a NLRB monitored election. WLS-AM is known as the "Blowtorch of the Midwest" because it is a Class 1A Clear Channel 50,000 watt station that reaches into 38 States. The Disney Corporation owns the station. We welcome our brothers and sisters at WLS-AM and look forward to years of fraternity and solidarity.

The members at WTTW Channel 11 in Chicago ratified a contract guaranteeing a 12% wage increase during it's term through July 2007.

The Illinois Court Reporters won a victory when the Illinois House of Representatives passed House Bill 5445 (117-0) that changes their employer from one, the Illinois Supreme Court, to three separate areas within the state. Hopefully, the Illinois Senate will pass the bill and the court reporters will attain the representation they deserve.

And WCEV AM Chicago ends its one and a half year contract extension by voting for a new and better contract that is good through 2006.

At WGN TV the company's 3-31 proposal, which was presented as a Tentative Agreement, was rejected by the members voting on April 7th.

We remain at work either organizing or negotiating a new agreement with our brothers and sisters who work at WIFR and WTVO in Rockford; at WGN Radio; at WLS AM and WMVP Radio for our new group and for our existing group; for our Fox National Agreement and at the various companies where our organizing efforts are ongoing.

Your Business Manager either has or will be attending various conferences and meetings this Spring and Summer: the Broadcast Conference, the IBEW State Conference in Springfield, preliminary negotiations for the Fox National Agreement, the NAB Show and an Advanced Arbitration training.

We have begun the huge project of inputting additional data to our ICS software program, and will soon have that project completed. When it is done, you will see more useful information on each receipt that you receive.

Keep up the good Union work—and enjoy the spring weather.