## Electrical Worker's News

## for CAREER ALASKAN ELECTRICIANS

Published in Alaska by IBEW Local 1547

Volume 1-93

February 93

## Welcome

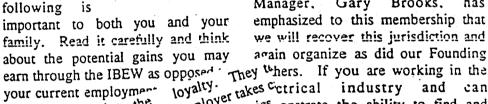
the newest tool in the electrical workers tool box. In an effort to keep all skilled electrical workers informed on issues that cut across the boundaries established by collective bargaining agreements, we at IBEW LOCAL 1547 have developed this newsletter. We hope that by establishing an open line of communication with all electrical workers on issues that concern us that the electrical industry will be more responsive to all our needs.

The purpose of this paper is to keep everyone abreast of the issues that affect our ability to earn a fair wage for a fair day's work. As we learn more and more about the employers and various their employment practices we hope identify to you the trade. between identify to you, the tradecompany is paying wha how the employees company.

Why this interest by 1

In 1992 we exhausted c and hired from our non-memt to man our work. We antisevere demand for construction workers again for Rather than get workers fron Lower 48, we would like to Alaskan workers join our Union hoping that communications with up epr workers we can convince them of the benefits of becoming a member of the International Srotherhood Electrical Workers. Local Union 1547.

As a skilled erafts man licensed by the State of Alaska, I am assuming you are a career electrician. If that is the case. the following



WHY IBEW?

As the organd the 154 union Nationwide the difference hetween nonunion bid is labor.

We would expect the nonunion bid to be 25 to 40% less than the union bid.

the union and nonunion worker is In actuality the nonunion contractors, hids are rarely close to Lin nas established 40%. reaffirm the commitment made by our Founders in 1891. During the early years the only requirement you needed to become a member of the IBEW demonstrated ability to find and

secure work within the electrical industry. We have adopted that

" ... we will recover this jurisdiction and again organize as did our Founding Fathers!"

requirement again. Our Business Manager. Gary Brooks. emphasized to this membership that we will recover this jurisdiction and again organize as did our Founding

oyalty takes cetrical industry and can employer takes constrate the activities employer picnics onstrate the ability to find and annual trios. The employment annual promounts the ability to find and hunting trips. Le employment, membership in hunting ductive 1547 is another the ability to find and

the productive 1547 is open to you. he product is open to you.

he product you are employed by a larges of the wor you are employed by a care in contractor, you belong with taking good care in contractor. your isn't you well and amount the dwner isn't you well and amount isn't you well and amount isn't you well and amount is in your well and y ng sompare nbership of IBEW. the dwner isn't you well, and even though benefits of his in have an employer paid suggesting that plan, and possibly even a taking advantage u need organization iking advantable u need organization.

Rying is that you for a 11-

lying is that you family, and for a Union becomes your family, and rece the employer materials your family, and tece the employer makes bad demand and receivesions or "low but demand and recognitions or "low-balls" a of pay, good withere is no employment untract, the cost of labor is usually the first method of recovering profit

margins.

Historically, those who supply labor to those who supply the capital have always had opposing interests. The capitalist seeks to maximize profits while the worker seeks to raise their standard of living. Without

C96-2.4