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Date: April 11, 1978

To: Lt. Winters

From: Officer Falk *JA*

Subject: Freightliner Strike

City of Portland, Oregon  
Bureau of Police  
TACTICAL SUPPORT DIVISION  
Intelligence Report

*Falk*

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*H. L. CW*

At this time there is a strike in progress at Freightliner Corporation on Swan Island. This is in the response to pickets from the Freightliner Corporation plant in California which have put up an information picket line at several of the Freightliner locations on Swan Island. To our knowledge there is a small group of workers and union people from the California plant here in the Portland area that are manning the picket line.

This activity began approximately 3 weeks ago. Prior to the pickets arriving from California, there had been many discussions among the workers at Freightliner regarding the possibility of a sympathy strike. At the time prior to the pickets arriving, the situation was becoming tense among the workers as there were many arguments and some acts of vandalism. After the appearance of the pickets, the local workers were confused not knowing whether they should honor the picket line or go to work. It seems as if the local contract is a 3 year contract which has 2 years to go. Over all there seems to be a lot of confusion among the workers whether they should be on strike or whether they should cross the picket line or if there is any reprisals from their union for crossing the picket line.

The overall violence has been steadily increasing. There has been vandalism such as broken windshields in cars, as well as an arrest for Disorderly Conduct dated 4-10-78, case#78-26268. The overall attitude among the workers is that of tension and open hostility among themselves between those who want to continue working and those who want to go out on strike. We can expect this trend towards violence to increase as the strike goes along.

An added factor to the overall strike situation is the presence of members of the Socialists Workers Party, both on the strike line and working as employees. Some of these members have just begun to work at Freightliner and will play a very low-key role until they get off their probationary period. At this time, they do not seem to have much influence on the overall direction of the strike.

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B. Classification

Dis cond. 243

C. Booking Number

D. ☐ Juvenile  
☒ AdultE. Accompanying Reports  
Veh. ☐ Prop. ☐ Special ☐  
Crime ☐ W. Doc. ☐CUSTODY  
REPORT

City of Portland, Bureau of Police

## COMPUTER ENTRY

PERSONS ☐  
VEHICLE ☐  
CRIME ☐  
PROPERTY ☐  
BOOKING ☐

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Opr. \_\_\_\_\_

## DISTRIBUTION

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☒ North ☐ SID ☐ Prop Room  
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1. Reported Date

2. Time

3. Arrested/Referred Date

4. Time

5. Location of Occurrence

6. Computer Entry #

04-10-79

0645

#1.

#2.

6600 BLK., N. ENSIGN



7. Last Name

First

Middle

8. Res. Address

ONTARIO

9. Res. Phone

PEDERSON, BLAKE W.

637 W. PRINCETON, CALIFORNIA

NONE

10. True Name (If Different)

First

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11. Moniker/Nickname

12. Sex

13. Race

14. D.O.B.

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10-30-39

15. Ht.

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17. Hair

18. Eyes

19. Physical Identifiers

20. Occupation

21. School or Business Address

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SHOPWORKER

CHINO  
FREIGHTLINER, CALIF.

22. FBI #

23. Social Security #

24. Local I.D. #

25. Operators License #

State

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26. State I.D. #

27. State

28. Signs of Illness/Injury

29. Examined By

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NONE

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30. Charge #1 (Include Warrant or Citation #)

Code

☐ Local  
☒ State

31. Charge #2 (Include Warrant or Citation #)

Code

☐ Local  
☐ State

DIS. CONDUCT ORS. 166.025

32. Bail

33. Court Appearance:

Date

Time

34. Bail

35. Court Appearance:

Date

Time

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04-11-78

1400

36. Arrest/Referral Reviewed By

37. In Custody of/Referred To

38. Lieu of Custody Citation #

SGT. McNabb

M.C.B.F.

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39. Father's Name

40. Residence Address

41. Res. Phone

42. Notified Date and Time

N/A

43. Mother's Name

44. Residence Address

45. Res. Phone

46. Notified By

47. Signature of Private Complainant

48. Residence Address

49. Res. Phone

50. Sex

51. Race

52. D.O.B.

N/A

53. Details:

OFFICER WITNESSES: FOX # 5456, BOND # 6312, DEPPE # 4261

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Reporting Officer(s)

Off. I.D. Number

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Assn/Dist

SGT. JOHN R. McNabb #1571

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Radio Call Times

Approved By

N/A

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SIR: I WAS WITH OTHER OFFICERS IN THE 6600 BLOCK OF N. ENSIGN OBSERVING A CROWD OF PICKETERS AT THE EAST END OF N. ENSIGN ST. WHERE IT ENTERS ONTO RAILROAD PROPERTY AND THEN INTO THE PARKING AREA FOR FREIGHTLINER CORP. THE STRIKERS (EST. 75 TO 100) WERE POSITIONED IN THE MIDDLE OF ENSIGN ST TO THE WEST OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS LOCATED THERE.

BEGINNING AT APROX 0600 I OBSERVED PEDERSON SLOWLY PACING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS ENSIGN WITH A SIGN (3 TO 4 FOOT LONG HANDLE) IN HIS HANDS. WHEN AUTOS WOULD ATTEMPT TO PASS EAST BOUND ON N. ENSIGN TOWARDS FREIGHTLINER CO., PEDERSON WOULD STEP IN FRONT OF THE AUTOS CAUSING THEM TO STOP. HE WOULD THEN STAND IN FRONT OF THE AUTOS, PREVENTING THEM FROM GOING FORWARD. WHEN THE DRIVERS OF THE AUTOS WOULD ATTEMPT TO DRIVE AROUND PEDERSON, HE WOULD EITHER STEP IN FRONT OF THEM AGAIN OR FEIGN AS THO TO STEP IN FRONT OF THEM, CAUSING THEM TO STOP. ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS OTHER PICKETERS WERE NEARLY STRUCK BY AUTOS TRYING TO GET AROUND PEDERSON.

AT APROX 0630 TRAFFIC ON N. ENSIGN HAD BEGUN TO INCREASE. I OBSERVED ON APROX. 10 TO 12 OCCASSIONS THAT AUTOS, SEVERAL IN A LINE, WOULD BE BROUGHT TO A COMPLETE STOP WHILE PEDERSON AND SEVERAL OTHERS WOULD BLOCK THE PASSAGE OF THE LEAD CAR.

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ON MANY OCCASSIONS PEDERSON WOULD WAVE HIS SIGN IN FRONT OF PASSING AUTOS, NARROWLY MISSING THEM, AND CAUSING THE AUTOS TO STOP ABRUPTLY OR VEER TO ONE SIDE OF THE OTHER NARROWLY MISSING OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CROWD.

FREQUENTLY AUTOS WOULD ACCELERATE RAPIDLY AS THO TRYING TO AVOID PEDERSON AND THE CROWD OF PICKETERS WHICH MANY TIMES SURROUNDED AUTOS THAT HAD COME TO A STOP.

A DANGEROUS TRAFFIC - PEDESTRIAN SITUATION HAD DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE CONDUCT OF PEDERSON AND OTHERS.

SEVERAL TIMES I OBSERVED THAT PEDERSON, AFTER STEPPING ASIDE TO LET AN AUTO PASS, WOULD STEP INTO THE AUTO AS IT PASSED, BRUSHING THE AUTO WITH HIS LEG AND THEN YELL AT THE DRIVER PULLING AWAY.

WHEN THE CROWD HAD FORMED SO AS TO NEARLY BLOCK ENSLEN ST., I APPROACHED THEM AND DIRECTED THEM AS A GROUP TO STEP BACK AND NOT TO IMPEDE TRAFFIC. MOST COMPLIED WITH MY DIRECTION. PEDERSON

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AND SEVERAL OTHERS DID NOT.

I APPROACHED SEVERAL PERSONS INCLUDING PEDERSON, ONE AT A TIME, AND TOLD THEM THAT THEIR CONDUCT WAS ILLEGAL AND THAT IF IT CONTINUED I WOULD MAKE ARRESTS. I DESCRIBED PEDERSON'S ILLEGAL ACTIONS TO HIM AND TOLD HIM TO STOP OR FACE ARREST.

THE OTHERS FOLLOWED MY DIRECTIONS TO ALLOW TRAFFIC TO PASS.

PEDERSON CONTINUED TO CONDUCT HIMSELF AS I HAVE DESCRIBED. AT 0645 PEDERSON STEPPED INTO THE PATH OF A PASSING CAR CAUSING IT TO STOP ABRUPTLY AND VEER TO ONE SIDE. AS THE DRIVER BEGAN TO PULL AWAY, PEDERSON WAVED HIS SIGN IN FRONT OF THE DRIVER'S WINDOW (WITHIN INCHES), LEANED OVER WITH HIS FACE WITHIN INCHES OF THE DRIVER OF THE AUTO AND SCREAMED "YOU GOD DAMN SCAB MOTHERFUCKER". THE DRIVER ACCELERATED RAPIDLY AWAY "SCATTERING" SEVERAL OTHERS, WHO FOLLOWING PEDERSON'S LEAD, BEGAN SCREAMING AT THE DRIVER.

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I ARRESTED PEDERSON FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT AS HIS CONDUCT HAD INCLUDED UNREASONABLE NOISE BY SCREAMING AT PASSING CITIZENS, THE OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC OVER A LENGTHY PERIOD, THE CREATION OF A HAZARD (SEVERAL PERSONS WERE NEARLY HIT BY AUTOS TRYING TO AVOID

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PEDERSON) AND HIS REFUSAL TO OBEY MY DIRECTIONS TO REMOVE HIMSELF FROM THE PATH OF TRAFFIC.

OFF. NORMAN TRANSPORTED PEDERSON TO M.C.B.F.

Reporting Officer(s) SGT. JOHN R. McNabb	Off. I.D. Number 1571	Prec/Div N	Relief/Shift N	Assn/Dist 500
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A. Case Number <b>78 28377</b>		<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">CRIME REPORT</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">City of Portland, Bureau of Police</div>		COMPUTER ENTRY PERSONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6345 VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> CRIME <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKING <input 2"="" rowspan="4" type="checkbox/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;         Date _____ Opr _____       &lt;/td&gt; &lt;td colspan="/> REFER CASE # DISTRIBUTION <input type="checkbox"/> Central <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dets <input type="checkbox"/> DA <input type="checkbox"/> East <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Ident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North <input type="checkbox"/> SID <input type="checkbox"/> Prop Room <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SFO/SST <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prev.			
B. Classification <b>LARC FRM AUTO</b>							
C. Type Offense							
D. Accompanying Reports SPECIAL VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> CUSTODY PROP/REC. <input type="checkbox"/>							
E. Evidence		F. Type Clr.					

  

1. Reported Date <b>04/18/78</b>	2. Time <b>0834</b>	3. Occurred Date <b>04/18/78 - 04/18/78</b>	4. Time <b>1830-0</b>	5. Location of Occurrence <b>5901 N VANCOUVER AVE</b>	6. Computer Entry <b>421152</b>				
7. Last Name <b>WHARTON</b>		8. Res. Address <b>S/A #5</b>		9. Res. Phone <b>283-0345</b>					
10. Sex <b>M</b>	11. Race <b>W</b>	12. D.O.B. <b>12/24/40</b>	13. Occupation <b>BUSINESS MGR</b>	14. Work Hours <b>0800-1430</b>	15. Business Address <b>S/A #5</b>				
17. Firm Name (If Involved) <b>FREIGHTLINER SALES &amp; SERVICE</b>				18. Address <b>S/A #5</b>	19. Phone <b>S/A #9</b>				
20. Reported By <b>S/A #7</b>		a. Sex	b. Race	c. D.O.B.	21. Res. Address				
24. Last Name <b>NONE KNOWN</b>		25. Res. Address		26. Res. Phone	27. Bus. Phone				
28. Type Premises Where Crime Committed <b>TRUCK SALES LOT</b>		29. Method & Point of Entry <b>LIFTED GATE OFF RANER - WALKED IN</b>		30. Instrument & Force Used <b>ROCKS TO BREAK HANDS TO STEAL</b>					
31. Location of Victim at Time of Crime <b>AT HOME</b>		32. Victim's Activity at Time of Crime <b>UNK</b>		33. Location of Property When Stolen <b>IN TRUCK</b>					
34. Unusual Actions, Methods, Speech of Suspect: <b>JUST BROKE WINDOWS AND STOLE FROM NEW TRUCKS ALL PARKED IN PLAIN VIEW</b>									
35. Detailed Description of Property									
Quantity	Item	Brand	Model/Style	Serial #	Predom. Color	Engraving/Inscription	Size	Peculiarities	Value
(A) 1	AM/FM RADIO	SONARSONIC		UNK	BLK		8 X 8 X 3		\$392.00
(B)	DAMAGED								
(C) 1	1979 TRUCK	FREIGHTLINER	FLT 9664T	CA 213HP 147577	MARON		TRIPLE AXLE	BROKE WINDOWS STOLE RADIO	\$350.00
(D) 1	1979 TRUCK	"	FLT 7542T	CA 212HP 147366	WHITE		TWO AXLE	BROKE SIDE WINDOWS - 1 WINDOW	\$275.00
(E) 1	1978 TRUCK	"	FLT 4664T	CA 213HP 139673	WHITE		3 AXLE	BROKE ALL WINDOWS AND BOTH WINDSHIELDS	\$350.00
(F) 1	1977 TRUCK	"	CONVENTIONAL WINDSHIELD	CA 213 HP 139326	WHITE		3 AXLE	BROKE ALL WINDOWS	\$350.00
Reporting Officer(s) <b>RH Dunn (T/N) 8707</b>				Prec/Div <b>N</b>	Relief/Shift <b>M</b>	Assn/Dist <b>541</b>			
Radio Call Times: REC: 0927				ARR: 0934		CLR: 0910			
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ARRESTED

## SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Name, Address, Sex, Race, Age or D.O.B., Ht., Wt., Hair, Eyes, Complx., Clothing

36. Yes

No

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NONE KNOWN

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37. Susp. Auto Lic. #

38. Lic. State

39. Year

40. Make

41. Model

42. Style

43. Color(s)

44. Details: List Add'l. Witnesses

ADDITIONAL DAMAGED

1. 1977 FREIGHTLINER TRUCK - CABOVER MOTOR FLT 6364T SER# CA113 HP 139323 BLUE - SABLE

MINOR BODY DAMAGE TO LEFT FRONT AND ALL WINDOWS BROKEN

\$550.00

TOTAL \$2267.00

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SIR: R/C RE: DAMAGE TO SOME TEMPORARY TRAILERS. UPON ARRIVAL I CONTACTED THE VICTIM WHO STATE ALL OF THEIR NEW TRUCKS WERE DAMAGED. THE BUSINESS IS A SALES OUTLET FOR FREIGHTLINER INC. DURING THE NIGHT SOMEONE CAME IN THE SALES YARD AND BROKE MOST OF THE WINDOWS OUT OF ALL OF THEIR NEW TRUCKS WHICH ARE PARKED IN FRONT OF THE YARD RIGHT ALONG VANCOUVER AVE. THERE WERE LARGE ROCKS IN AND AROUND THE TRUCKS WHICH WERE APPARENTLY USED TO BREAK THE WINDOWS. THERE WAS A SMALL DENT IN THE LEFT FRONT CORNER OF THE BLUE TRUCK WHICH WAS PREPARED FOR GEORGIA PACIFIC CORP. A RADIO WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE MAHON CABOVER PARKED NEXT TO THE END. THE ENTIRE YARD IS SURROUNDED BY AN 8' CHAIN LINK FENCE BUT, THE VANCOUVER AVE GATE WAS LIFTED OUT OF ITS TRACK AND ENTRY GAINED THROUGH IT.

THE COMPANY HAS ONLY HAD ONE UNSATISFIED CUSTOMER LATELY. HE IS LARRY SELKIRK OF NEW CITY, NEW YORK. HE WORKS FOR UNITED VAN LINES OF FENT MISSOURI



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HE MAKES FREQUENT TRIPS TO PORTLAND AND WAS ANGRY BECAUSE THEY SOLD A NEW TRUCK HE WANTED TO BUY. FREIGHTLINER CORP. IS ALSO ON STRIKE AND THE VICTIM FEELS IT MAY BE RELATED TO THAT SINCE ONLY NEW TRUCKS WERE DAMAGED. ALL OF THE OLDER TRUCKS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE LOT AND MORE CONCEALED. THE COMPANY IS INSURED. THE VICTIM WILL SIGN A COMPLAINT. ID WAS CALLED TO TAKE PICTURES AND PRINTS.

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A. Case Number <i>MISC</i>		<b>SPECIAL REPORT</b>  City of Portland, Bureau of Police		COMPUTER ENTRY PERSONS <input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> CRIME <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKING <input type="checkbox"/>		REFER CASE #											
B. Classification <i>Traffic Problem</i>				Date _____ Opr. _____		DISTRIBUTION <input type="checkbox"/> Central <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dets <input type="checkbox"/> DA <input type="checkbox"/> East <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Ident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North <input type="checkbox"/> SID <input type="checkbox"/> Prop Room <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> SFO/SST <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prev. <i>Initial</i>											
C. Type Report Supplemental <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clearance <input type="checkbox"/>		D. Case Status 1. Cir. By Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Referred <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Suspended <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Unfounded <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Pending <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Exceptional <input type="checkbox"/>		1. Original Report Date		2. Time		3. This Report Date <i>C33078</i>		4. Time <i>0506</i>		5. Location of Occurrence <i>6600 BLK N. ENSIGN</i>		6. Computer Entry # <i>N</i>			
7. Victim or Complainant <i>Writers</i>				8. Residence Address —				ZIP CODE		9. Res. Phone —		10. Sex —		11. Race —		12. D.O.B. —	
13. Subject of This Report <i>TRAFFIC Problem AT STRIKE Picket Line</i>												14. Total Value of Recovered Prop. (Itemize Below) <i>N/A</i>					
15. Details:																	

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*RIC Re. Traffic Tie-up / Problem In Front of NESS AND Co  
AT 6645 N. ENSIGN - APPARENTLY A Picket Line WAS SET BY  
DIST 126, Local 1586 Machinist's Union Out of CHINO, Calif.  
The Early Shift For Freightliner (Co. Picket) WAS Blocking the  
Street (N. ENSIGN). There WAS NO Problem At All Clearing The  
Street AS The PARKED CAR OWNERS MOVED Peacefully OUT OF THE AREA.  
Sgt DOAN, 518, Ptl PERRY - 531, Ptl DUNCAN & Woods - 570, Covered.  
Traffic Control WAS Performed. At Approx 0700 Hours Quite A Traffic  
JAM Occurred At Intersection of N. BASIN / N. PATHEM, It WAS  
NECESSARY To Tag Some of the CARS In The NPA ZONES In The  
Area. The Area Cleared RAPIDLY At About 0730.*

Reporting Officer(s) <i>W.E. SPIGOL</i>		Off. B.P.S.T. No. <i>8970</i>		Prec/Div <i>FIS</i>		Relief/Shift <i>N/U</i>		Assn/Dist <i>550/550</i>	
<i>R.W. Norman</i>		<i>6152</i>		<i>FIS</i>		Radio Call Times REC: <i>0501</i>		ARR: <i>0506</i>	
						CLR: <i>0802</i>		Approved By <i>[Signature]</i>	



Freightliner  
Strike - 78

Local 1586

## Freightliner loses court order bid

By JIM HILL OREGONIAN  
of The Oregonian staff

4-6-78

A federal judge in Portland refused Wednesday to issue a restraining order to prohibit the Machinists Union from allegedly pressuring workers at Freightliner Corp. in Portland into honoring picket lines established by union workers from California.

U.S. District Judge Otto Skopil Jr. said in his five-page denial order, however, that he would have issued a restraining order "if I thought I had the authority to do so."

Because of congressional limitations on the court and recent case law, the judge said, "the union is able to breach with impunity its agreement to 'do everything in its power' to discourage the kind of conduct occurring at the Freightliner plants in Portland."

Pickets from Local 1586 of the Machinists Union, which struck March 15 at the Freightliner plant in Chino, Calif., have picketed Freightliner facilities on Swan Island since last Thursday. They said they were engaging in a boycott because the Portland plants were manu-

facturing parts normally produced at the Chino plant.

Company officials here said the Portland plants are not manufacturing parts produced at the Chino plant and said the picketing by Local 1586 representatives was an "illegal boycott."

Freightliner attorneys Tuesday filed a request for a restraining order against the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represent certain workers at the Portland facilities through its District Lodge No. 24 and Mount Hood Lodge Local No. 1005.

The firm contends that about 80 percent of Freightliner's approximately 1,800 employees in Portland have refused to come to work since last Thursday. It also alleges that at least one working employee has been threatened with murder by an unknown person.

Freightliner of Portland sought a restraining order to require the union to tell Portland plant employees that it would not impose fines or other disciplinary measures on them for crossing the picket lines; to restrain the union from threatening employees; and to re-

quire the union to "tell these employees that the firm wants them to report for work."

Skopil, in his order, said recent cases establish that the federal courts have jurisdiction to enjoin a strike only where the underlying dispute is subject to mandatory arbitration provisions of a collective bargaining agreement.

He noted that the collective bargaining agreement between the union and Freightliner in Portland contains no provision requiring the parties to arbitrate the issue of appropriate settlement of the Chino labor dispute.

The judge also observed, however, that the agreement does provide that, "The union is not in favor of sympathetic strikes and will do everything in its power to prevent them during the term of this agreement."

Skopil remarked in his order, "While an arbitrator or other trier of fact will probably find that defendants (the union) have breached this promise, it is unlikely that defendants will be able to respond in damages (even if such damages are ascertainable, a questionable proposition)."