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Tuesday Sept. 8, 1936

Dear Q.C.,

It is understood that Gerhart sent word to Jones of the Engineers that he wanted to see him sure tonight at C.L.U.

It is understood that at the GLU meeting Gerhart notified the body that he nor the match workers would be responsible if a lockout or a strike occurred at the Diamond plant in the next few days. It is understood that he told certain parties that the local had been active in a membership drive and that a number of committees were to start out tonight on a house to house organizing tour. That the management at 3:00 P.M. today posted a notice on the boards about the plant that you do not have to join a union to work at the plant. This so incenced the members that they want to put their first plan into effect at once. (To have a plant wide sit down till everyone on the job signs up.) It was understood that Gerhart expects most any sort of trouble and that he will not try to hold the members in check longer but will let them have their way as he claims the company has violated the Wagner Disputes Act by posting the notice.

It was understood that Gerhart had said that the management has threatened that in the event of any sort of cession of work they will shut the plant down for six months and that if they do this. he plans to pull out every one of the six match council affiliates and to go even farther by talking all Barberton locals into the plan to close up the plants and picket the gates till every one working there have joined.

It was understood that it was due to this later plan that he wanted to see Jones and plan out a cooperative move with the Engineers.

It was heard today that the officers of the Seiberling Local claim they signed up the last man at the plant and they are now 100% union. The court case that came up as a result of picketing the plant last week has been dismissed and there is to be no hard feelings on the matter.

It is understood that there will be a special meeting of all the officers of all the Barberton Locals at the match headquarters on Wed. evening to work out a plan for a city wide drive to make every plant (that has at present a strong union in force) a 100% shop.

Respectfully,

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 Clerk
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 MFF