

WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR TOWN?

FACTS

1. The City of Atlanta refused to accept the recommendations of mediator, Edwin Harrison, President of Georgia Tech, and will not discuss or negotiate with the firemen.
2. The elected officials of this City are in the process of firing over 500 of your professional firefighters and replacing them with untrained personnel.
3. Fire insurance rates will escalate at a tremendous rate. CONTACT YOUR AGENT IMMEDIATELY FOR VERIFICATION.
4. If you permit the elected officials of this City to fire your well-trained and efficient fire department, it could be the greatest disaster this City has known since Sherman. The truth is, you do not have adequate fire protection despite the erroneous statements of certain City officials and seeming reassurance of the news media.
5. "It is the paramount duty of municipal officials to provide safeguard for the security, safety and welfare of the people residing in the community. Any citizenry would be badly misguided if it allowed a City official to jeopardize the fire-fighting facilities." (Taken from Special Interest Bulletin No. 300, National Board of Fire Underwriters.)
6. You, the public, are a victim of circumstances due to the hasty replacement of discharged firemen. The employment standards have been drastically lowered and the training program has been disregarded except for ON-THE-JOB TRAINING. What will happen to your home or your family during the process of on-the-job training?

The purpose of this hand-bill being delivered to your home is because we have been unable to present our case to you through news media, either by news releases or paid advertisements.

If you are concerned with the foregoing facts, tear off the detachment below and mail.

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Atlanta, Georgia

We hold you directly responsible for the protection of life and property against ravages of fire and disaster.

We demand a well-trained and experienced Fire Department IMMEDIATELY.

Signed

Address