

WE ARE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED THAT THESE MEN WHO SAY THEY REPRESENT THE FIREMEN WHO ARE ON STRIKE EXERCISE NO CONTROL OVER THESE MEN.

THESE LEADERS HAVE AT THE TEAMSTERS' UNION HALL STATED THAT THEY HAVE ASKED THE FIREMEN TO OBEY THE COURT ORDER TO RETURN TO THEIR POSTS. THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FROM THE UNION LEADERSHIP.

THE CITY OFFICIALS HAVE MET WITH THESE LEADERS IN GOOD FAITH. WE THOUGHT THEY WERE THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND SPOKESMEN FOR THE MEN WHO ARE REFUSING TO WORK.

APPARENTLY THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

IF WE ARE TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS IN SOLVING THIS DILEMMA, WE MUST BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH SOMEONE WHO DOES EXERCISE PROPER CONTROL OVER THE MAJORITY OF THE FIREMEN AND WHOSE REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED BY THE FIREMEN.