MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION UNIT
Tony Trupiano, President



World Class Tradesmen

Our M & C Trades have done an outstanding job completing projects throughout the site. We have taken on tasks that management did not believe we were capable of accomplishing. Over the past three years we have finished the upgrade of WHQ, installed new fuel tank lines in the DEFTP, re-worked portions of the DAP's paint bldg., almost totally reworked the infrastructure and operations in the DSP, and reworked and installed equipment in the DFP. Our trades have taken on many extensive portions of the new DTP as well as the Heritage project. We have put many hourly project coordinators on to help these jobs run smoothly and come in on time and on budget. Let all of us in the M & C Unit take pride in all we have done and will be doing in the future. There are still many projects to be completed. The Committee and I will fight for as much of this work as possible for our unit.

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

There is rumor of more lay-offs of workers at other facilities within the Ford system. The new Truck Plant will be hiring employees for their operations. Originally the thinking was that there would be extensive hiring from the street. This may not be the case. If seniority workers are laid off, they would be picked up before going outside to hire. The M&C Unit has recently picked up trades from the Wixom Plant. Hopefully, the economy will turn around soon and there will be opportunities to hire new workers. Until then, let us welcome these transfers. We are very fortunate to have the new facility and products, or we may have felt the misfortune our union brothers and sisters are facing from these lay-offs.

RETIREMENT PARTY

Put May 7th on your calendar and don't forget to come to the retirement party. That is the special evening that we honor this year's retirees. An added bonus will be the attendance of many past retirees. Truly, a great evening is in

store for all. Tickets are $20.00 for all active employees, and, as always, $10.00 for past retirees. See you there.

WORK GROUPS

The object behind our work groups is to mutually work with management to get issues resolved that directly help those people do there job better in each work group. If that happens, and it is beginning to happen in many groups, then it can have only a big effect on the success of the group as well as the company.

CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the Maintenance & Construction Unit Committee, both elected and appointed, we extend our deepest sympathies to Tim Anstett, PF, DFP, on the loss of his daughter; to Brian Brown, PSO, DAP, on the loss of his father; to Danny Cobb, PF, DSP, on the loss of his father-in-law; and to Vic Thomas, PSO, Screen House, on the loss of his father-in-law;

We also extend our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of Michael Gendron, retired Painter, 8061; and to the friends and family of Willie Owens, RC Crane Operator, DEP on their recent passing.