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TO: All Local Presidents

FROM: John F. Hegarty, National President *JFH*
Mark A. Gardner, National Secretary-Treasurer *MB*

RE: APWU Raid Activities

It has come to our attention that a memo to the field from three high-ranking APWU officials (including National President Bill Burrus) is being circulated in many facilities to advise APWU Local Unions that a "survey" should be conducted for the purposes of gauging interest in an APWU "raid" on the NPMHU membership. It appears that this action was precipitated by LIUNA's (and therefore the NPMHU's) recent withdrawal from the AFL-CIO.

We have previously notified you that we are engaged in discussions in an effort to have the NPMHU remain affiliated, in some fashion, with the AFL-CIO, and those talks continue. If those talks should break down, rest assured that we will be prepared to rally our troops and to battle the APWU -- tooth and nail -- to preserve and defend the hard-fought independence and quality representation of our great Union. We sincerely hope that this situation does not evolve to that -- in the interest of peace and harmony in the union movement. But if it does, we intend to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with each of you to defend the NPMHU, and we have every confidence that we would be successful in those efforts.

In the meantime, we see these "raid" rumblings by the APWU as nothing more than saber-rattling. They certainly would like to steal both our members and our jobs (which they have been unsuccessful in doing through RI-399). And they no-doubt would like to get their hands on the financial resources of the NPMHU, to bolster their ever-sagging bottom line.

Until we determine if our talks with the AFL-CIO will prove fruitful, we would suggest that any APWU representative who asks our members about joining the APWU simply be presented with an NPMHU Form 1187, and invited to join the ranks of the NPMHU.

We will update you as soon as we have any additional information regarding these issues, and we expect to have a full discussion regarding this matter at our upcoming Semi-Annual Meeting of the Local Unions.

Please feel free to contact us here at the National Office should you have any questions or comments.

cc: National Executive Board
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