

Live Inside Steel Plant Escape CIO Picket Line

note: For nearly 100 men have been inside the steel plant, now a self-contained city. The story of how they work and find time to wait for the national steel strike.)

CHICAGO, Ind. — (U.P.) — The only sign of life outside the Inland Empire's sprawling Inland Empire Thursday.

In a small army of 800 men, the men, supervisors and other personnel, are maintaining equipment and keeping the fires glowing in the furnaces.

Since Oct. 1, when the nationwide steel strike began, they have worked, slept, eaten and lived inside the plant. They will be there until the walkout ends.

The men have at their disposal a well-stocked cafeteria, recreational facilities, a dispensary and church services.

In the case of family emergencies outside the plant, they would be free to leave. But once outside, picket lines would bar them from returning.

In many plants across the country, vital maintenance work is done by crews provided by the striking CIO United Steel Workers. But Inland decided to let management men volunteer for the job.

The Inland crew produces no steel. Its sole job is to keep the plant in readiness for a speedy resumption of production when the strike ends. If the fires died in the furnaces, it would take two weeks to get them going again.

These men are members of a unique society. Most are doing unfamiliar jobs. A few even are assigned to the plant laundry, washing the clothes of all.

They sleep in office buildings

converted into dormitories. They eat in the plant cafeteria. The food is good and plentiful — enough to last for "the duration."

The men work in eight-hour shifts, and off duty they while away the time watching any one of six television sets. The lucky ones saw the world series, and in the balmy Indian summer weather the younger men have formed baseball and football teams.

The less athletic spend their time reading in the plant library. Current magazines are brought in by mail. Others play pingpong or pitch horseshoes.



Ever Wonder Why a Beer Gushes Open?

LOS ANGELES — (U.P.) — Ever wonder why your bottle of beer gushes over when you open it?

The Master Brewers' Assn. of America, holding its 42nd annual convention here, says the reason is simple. Dr. Philip P. Gray explains:

"Laboratory studies indicate that wildness is primarily physical in character. Colloidal particles acting as nuclei are responsible for the liberation of carbon dioxide gas from the unstable, supersaturated solution of carbon dioxide existing when the container is opened."

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ROLL OR GLIDE on these adjustable skates. The steel ice-skating blade can be replaced by three-in-line rollers for summer sports. (AP Wirephoto)

GOOD MANNERS RARE
PROVIDENCE, R. I. — (U.P.) — During Highway Courtesy Week, police watched 700 automobiles go by without noting a single driver eligible for a courtesy award. Finally, a policeman took a pair of crutches and hobbled into the street. The driver who stopped got the award.

Grand Jury Halted By Stork; Cigars Due
OKLAHOMA CITY — (U.P.) — The entire Oklahoma County grand jury helped member John A. Orcutt sweat out the arrival of the stork.

Orcutt reported for jury duty, then asked to be excused so he could flag the stork in.

The jury waited, and waited for Orcutt's return.

In the jury room, they paced the floor. And in the hospital, Orcutt paced the floor. Finally, eight hours later, the stork arrived with an eight pound boy.

The jury dismissed for the day, and decided to subpoena Orcutt to show up with a box of cigars.

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Stockman Hits 81st Congress

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — The present Congress has wasted more time than it has used, Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) said Wednesday.

In reviewing its work, he said: "Congress could well have finished its work and adjourned three months ago. I am told that never in the experience of old time members has a session dragged along so slowly, accomplishing so little."

"The appropriation bills furnishing the money to operate the government for the year ending next June 30 have just been passed. They should have been law before the current fiscal year started July 1."

Stockman told reporters he hoped that the Congress will end Saturday for the voters of the nation "are fed up with it staying in session."

"It has accomplished little but kept the country and the world in turmoil," he said. "When the members get back home and talk with their constituents they will find them expressing the very same sentiments I have expressed. The people want relief from Congress and its pity they can get only a little more than two months of it."

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