

Violence Breaks Out at Struck Dahlstrom Plant

Window Installation Awaits Results of Strike Negotiations

Members of AFL building trades unions today were awaiting the outcome of this afternoon's strike negotiations at the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company before deciding whether or not to return to work installing windows at the strike-bound plant.

This decision was reached as a result of a short-lived outbreak of violence Tuesday afternoon when pickets of Local 307, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (Ind.) reportedly smashed windows in a truck owned by Daniel Elander, Jamestown contractor.

The truck reportedly was damaged when it left the Dahlstrom plant and crossed through a picket line at an entrance to a gate on Buffalo Street.

At least one picket was taken to police headquarters, but this morning, Police Chief Leroy H. Ericson said no charges were placed against anyone.

According to Mr. Elander the trouble first started two days ago when AFL carpenters and construction workers entered the Dahlstrom grounds and began installing windows there. He said the AFL tradesmen were acting on orders sent from a "Mr. Keenan" in Washington, a top AFL official, to fulfill a contract.

The UE pickets objected to the crossing of their lines, Mr. Elander said, and on Monday, one AFL man was said to have been injured in a brief fight. He said that cars of the AFL workers also had been splattered with ripe tomatoes.

Tuesday's altercation occurred about 4:30 P.M. Mr. Elander requested Chief Ericson to send police to the Dahlstrom plant because he feared trouble when the AFL tradesmen left their work. A lieutenant and two radio car officers were sent to the scene and the lieutenant requested that a close-formation picket line on the sidewalk be broken to permit an automobile and the Elander truck to leave the plant driveway.

The pickets swarmed around the police lieutenant and several windows in the vehicles were smashed before the truck reached the street.

One of the pickets was placed in a police car and Edward Landy, a UE international representative, was told to report to the police station. He arrived a short time later accompanied by about eight other pickets.