

Contractor Bills City for Damage At Dahlstrom's

Elander Asks \$255,
Charging Pickets
Dented Truck, Car

Daniel Elander, a Jamestown contractor, today sent the city a claim for at least \$255 in damages, asking remuneration for damages allegedly inflicted upon his equipment by Dahlstrom strikers last Tuesday.

The claim was mailed this morning and Mr. Elander said he expected it to be brought before City Council Monday night.

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The damages, he said, were inflicted on a truck and an automobile, while they were leaving the Dahlstrom plant grounds and crossed through a picket line. Pickets, he said, broke windows and dented both vehicles. In addition, he is seeking remuneration for four shovels, which he said were taken from the truck by pickets and for damage to cement which had been placed on the plant grounds.

Claims AFL Order Flouted

At the same time, the contractor is at odds with the Building Trades Council of Jamestown (AFL) over what he termed its "interference" with his employes "contrary to orders of AFL headquarters in Washington."

The contractor charged that both Nelson Garifi, business agent of Local 600 of the Laborers Union, and Henry J. Hokonson, treasurer of the Building and Trades Council, had "ordered" their men not to cross picket lines at the Dahlstrom plant.

He asserted this was contrary to orders sent from Washington by Joseph D. Keenan, secretary of the national Building and Trades Council (AFL).

Hokonson Denies Charges

Mr. Hokonson denied Mr. Elander's charge and commented, "No one has ordered the workers to do anything. Keenan didn't order them to go to work and we didn't order them to stay away. If we had, we'd have been violating the Taft-Hartley Law. It's entirely up to the men themselves, whether or not they want to cross the picket lines."

Mr. Elander reiterated that, in line with a promise made to Chief of Police Leroy H. Ericson, he and his men will stay away from the Dahlstrom premises while negotiations are going on.