

PARCEL INSURGENTS SEIZE UNION OFFICE

**Company Says It Can't Deal
With Rebels Who Have Halted
Store Deliveries Here**

By WILL LISSNER

The insurgent group in Local 804 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, which is waging an outlaw strike that has tied up the United Parcel Service and prevented the delivery of merchandise from 375 leading retail stores in the metropolitan area, took over control yesterday of the local's offices at 130 West Forty-second Street.

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the all-important business of paying off the local's officials. The local officers are not being paid, which puts the union, for the time being, in the status of a non-profit organization run by unpaid volunteers.

"No checks are being signed," Mr. Tortorello said.

The reason no checks are being signed is that both Mr. Tortorello, as president, and Mr. Hayes, as secretary-treasurer, are required by local by-laws to sign all checks.

Mr. Tortorello has aligned himself with the faction in the local headed by Edward Conway and Leonard Geiger, the basis of which is the 900 former members of a CIO local absorbed by the AFL local when the parcel service took over the delivery department of Macy's department store. Mr. Geiger headed the CIO local and led a strike in an effort to halt the merger. Mr. Hayes, on the other hand, remains aligned with the majority of the executive board.

Mr. Tortorello indicated that neither he nor Mr. Hayes was disposed to suspend hostilities long enough to get together to meet the local's payroll.

The local president said early in the day that he hoped to meet with officials of the parcel service to bargain with them over the demands of the insurgents for payment for time lost during the general trucking strike last week. A spokesman for the service immediately announced that until the international office of the IBT told them that Mr. Courtney and Mr. Hayes were not the official negotiating representatives, "we won't talk to the insurrectionists."

With that announcement, Mr. Tortorello abandoned his hopes, for the day at least. He did not appear at the parcel service's office, according to the company spokesman, who added that the local president would not be received unless he appeared with the duly elected executive board of which he is a member. Under the Wagner Act the company cannot deal with the local president and an insurgent group, the spokesman pointed out.

Mr. Tortorello said he had an appointment at 5 P. M. to see Michael J. Cashal, first vice president of the international union, and Mr. Courtney and Mr. Hayes at the offices of IBT Joint Council 16 at 265 West Fourteenth Street. Whether he met with Mr. Cashal was not established. A light was burning in the office at 5 o'clock, but the door was locked. A spokesman for the Courtney-Hayes group said the international office had pledged its backing to the majority of the executive board.

No effort was made by the insurgent group to legalize the strike yesterday. The by-laws require that to be legal a membership meeting must be called by

the business agent, Mr. Courtney. Department stores were advised by the service that it may take two or three weeks to straighten out the internal troubles of the local. The stores continued to ask shoppers to carry manageable bundles and to warn them that deliveries may be delayed by the strike.

Mr. Tortorello said last night that "the hoped-for meeting with Cashal, Kaplan [David Kaplan, economist for the teamsters' union] Courtney and Hayes didn't come through."

"All these people seemed to have business elsewhere," he said.

He announced that his group would wage a "total strike" beginning this morning, with picketing at the department stores. He said his group wanted \$60 for a forty-four-hour week for drivers and \$40 to \$50 for helpers, with comparable increases for inside workers.