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LABOR SAYS NO TO KOCH CONTRACT VIOLATION

July 1, 1986, NYC.....

A coalition of New York based unions has joined together to protest Mayor Koch's No Smoking directive issued July first.

At a press conference held on the steps of City Hall by a union coalition led by Teamsters Local 237 President Barry Feinstein and Transport Workers Union Local 100 President Sonny Hall, spokesperson Richard O'Hara announced that the coalition will file unfair labor practice charges with the New York City Office of Collective Bargaining. The group will also seek an injunction against the Mayor's smoking restriction and obtain a declaration that the policy is null and void.

"This directive disavows existing union contracts which were negotiated in good faith", said Barry Feinstein, President of Teamsters Local 237. "Contracts should be sacrosanct...not intruded upon by the whims of any executive", he added.

The Mayor's action:

- *interferes in the conditions in the workplace
- *arbitrarily breaks existing contracts
- *impedes the collective bargaining process
- *causes disharmony among the workforce
- *extends managements ability to unjustly punish workers

"This is not an endorsement of smoking. We recognize the perils of cigarettes. However, an American citizen must retain his or her freedom of choice", said George McDonald, President of the Allied Printing Trades of Greater New York. "We feel that Mayor Koch should focus all of his efforts and his attentions on the major problems affecting our city, such as crime, corruption, violence, and deterioration of services", continued McDonald.

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"Union contracts should not be tampered with. Harmony in the workplace must be maintained", commented TWU Local 100 President Sonny Hall.



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ENLISTED ORGANIZED LABOR
IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED "NO SMOKING" LEGISLATION

Public Employees Federation (PEF)
Edwin Donnelly, Political and Legislative Director

New York City Central Labor Council
Thomas Van Arsdale, President

Transport Workers Union of Greater New York, Local 100
Sonny Hall, President

New York State AFL-CIO
Edward J. Cleary, President

Maritime Port Council of Greater New York and Vicinity
Edward Panarello, Executive Director

Laborers International Union, Local 30
Sal Lanza, Jr., Business Manager - Secretary Treasurer

International Association of Fire Fighters
John A. Gannon, President

Long Island Lodge of Operative Plasterers and Cement
Masons International Association,
Carmine Marotta, President

New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association, Inc.
Robert Goldnick, President

Communications Workers of America
Ms. Jackie Moses, President

School and Library Employees Union, Local 74
John H. Ploen, President

Associated Musicians of Greater New York
John Glasel, President

Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union
of America, Local 3
Harry Lorber, President

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New York State Building and Construction Trades Council
Hank Landau, Secretary/Treasurer

Retail-Wholesale-Department Store Union, Local 147
Joseph Gravina, Manager

New York Metro Area Postal Union
Sonyia Leggett, Secretary/Treasurer

American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1168
Jamesetta Glover, President

Brooklyn, New York-Local American Postal Workers Union
Nick DiPasquale, President

Greater New York Joint Board-Amalgamated Clothing and
Textile Workers Union
Murry C. Moreno, General Manager

National AFL-CIO
Lane Kirkland, President

New York State Parole Officers Association
George Torodash, President

New York City Detectives Endowment Association
Edward Blaise, President

United Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 237
Barry Feinstein, President

New York State Supreme Court Officers Association
Mathew O'Reilly, President

Printing Specialties and Paper Products Union
Graphic Communications International Union
Patrick DeGennaro, President

Service Employees International Union, Local 300
Salvatore J. Cangiarella, President

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