



City of Cambridge

October 31, 1983

IN CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci

John Murphy Business Agent
Teamsters Local 122

RESOLVED:

That the Cambridge City Council supports the position of Teamsters Local 122 concerning the customer service and plant clerical employees of August A. Busch and Company of Mass. Inc. (distributor of Budweiser, Michelob and Busch products in greater Boston).

Cambridge Residents present
at City Council Meeting

Mike Brennan	27 Grant Street	Camb.
Paul Leary	36A Rice Street	"
Ed Knapik	150 Spring Street	"
Gertrude Knapik		
Joel Giorgio	186 Thorndike Street	"
Debra Giorgio & children		

Local 122 represents the Cambridge
Housing Authority white collar employees.

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	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Daniel J. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓		✓	
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Sandra Graham	✓			
Mr. Leonard J. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Wylie	✓			
Mayor Vellucci	✓			

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Dear Consumer:

August A. Busch & Company of Mass., Inc. (distributor of Budweiser, Michelob and Busch products in Greater Boston) is attempting the destruction of its employees' Union, Teamsters Local No. 122.

Some months ago the customer service and plant clerical employees of August A. Busch came to the Union which represents the company's drivers, helpers and warehousemen and asked if the Union would help them to demand fair treatment from their employer. The abuses the employees claim have been perpetrated on them are too numerous to list in this flyer. Suffice to say these Budweiser employees felt miserable and abused.

When the Sixteen (16) customer service and plant clerical employees of Budweiser asked for help we could not turn our backs on them. After winning a National Labor Relations Board election, Local 122 attempted to negotiate a labor contract with the Company. It is now the Union's belief that Budweiser does not intend to deal fairly with its employees. Based on this belief, the unit of sixteen (16) employees voted to use the legal weapon of a strike against an employer that has already proven its readiness to spend a great deal of money to insure that the employees' attempts to negotiate in earnest are thwarted.

The sixteen (16) customer service and plant clerical employees are being supported by approximately one hundred and thirty (130) Budweiser drivers, helpers and warehousemen, who are refusing to cross their picket line. The Union made an offer to the Company. The employees would return to work and allow a twenty one day cooling off period. In reply, August A. Busch has chosen to lock out the sixteen customer service and plant clerical people while making an inconceivable suggestion that the drivers, helpers and warehousemen return to work and drive through the picket lines of their fellow members.

Presently, Budweiser has brought strike breakers into Boston who will take our jobs and deprive our families of income. We remain firm in our commitment. No one goes back to work until the sixteen (16) employees go back.

Our fight is that of every working man and woman. Please support us by boycotting Budweiser, Michelob and Busch products in the Greater Boston area until this matter is resolved.

DON'T BUY BUDWEISER IN BOSTON

We and our families thank you for your support.

Members of Local 122

Boycott Budweiser Michelob & Busch Beers in Greater Boston

Dear Consumer:

Sixteen customer service and plant clerical workers, who organized and received union certification from the National Labor Relations Board, struck A. A. Busch of Mass., Inc. for negotiating in bad faith.

We, the 130 drivers, helpers and warehousemen of A. A. Busch are honoring their picket line. This Bud is brought to you by a non-union, out of state work force.

Please do not buy Budweiser, Michelob or Busch products in the greater Boston Area.

We and our families thank you for your support.

Members of Teamsters Local Union 122

A new slogan's brewing for Bud

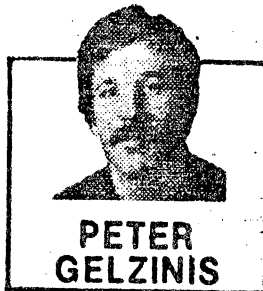
THE CARAVANS rolled through the streets of metropolitan Boston last week. In the dark shadow of world events, this bizarre chain of vehicles slipped by largely unnoticed.

A Budweiser/Busch Beer truck, followed by a Chrysler K-car with two armed security guards in plain clothes, followed by a carload of striking truck drivers, helpers and warehousemen came together in a rather unholy trinity. Their destination — the city's bars and package stores.

Ten days ago, the truck drivers and warehouseman at the August A. Busch & Co. distribution plant in Cambridge set up their picket line in sympathy with 16 customer service and clerical workers who wanted to become members of Teamsters Local 122.

Budweiser promptly imported management personnel from across the country to see to it that the beer kept flowing. Though a few union drivers tried to throw themselves under the wheels of their trucks early in the week — before being arrested by the Cambridge police — this strike evolved into a kind of touring passion play.

The moment of confrontation wasn't at the plant, but at the package



store and corner bar. When the Busch Beer truck #1008 stopped in front of Smaxies Lounge in Watertown, a small parade of people marched through the front door.

Three people converged on the front door at roughly the same time. First, there was Budweiser's trouble-shooter from Chicago, who was driving the truck for \$100-a-day in combat pay plus expenses. Second came Larry Keegan, a striking warehouseman and helper. And holding the door for both men was the off-duty Arlington cop moonlighting as a security guard.

Leaning on the bar, and finding himself caught in the middle, was the befuddled owner of Smaxies. "Just call me Mr. Smaxie, OK?"

Larry Keegan gave Mr. Smaxie a Xeroxed copy of the union's story as he pleaded with him to refuse his usual order of Bud. The trouble-shooter presented him

with management's statement and the standard invoice.

"Ah, geez you know this is, ah..." Mr. Smaxie stared at the two sheets of paper and agonized over what he should do.

Sure, there have been grape boycotts and lettuce boycotts. We've listened to stalwart ladies raising their voices in song for clothes with the union label.

But this is beer ... brew ... golden suds ... a cold one ... the liquid men sometimes cry into ... companion to Sunday afternoon football. Beer, why next to oxygen and water, it's pretty damn essential to life — at least inside Smaxies.

In the spirit of true diplomacy, Mr. Smaxie chose to accept half his regular load. "If you guys are still on strike next week, I promise I'll refuse the whole load. Just have to stock up on Miller, I guess."

A federal mediator has been called in to help settle the turmoil at Bud. Fearing a prolonged action, Bud's management has already cut back on the expense account steaks for its trouble-shooters.

So the saga of the beer caravans continue around the new slogan:

"This Bud is not for you." (Peter Gelzinis' column appears Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)



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Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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Mayor Vellucci re: resolutions supporting the
position of Teamsters Local 122 concerning
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