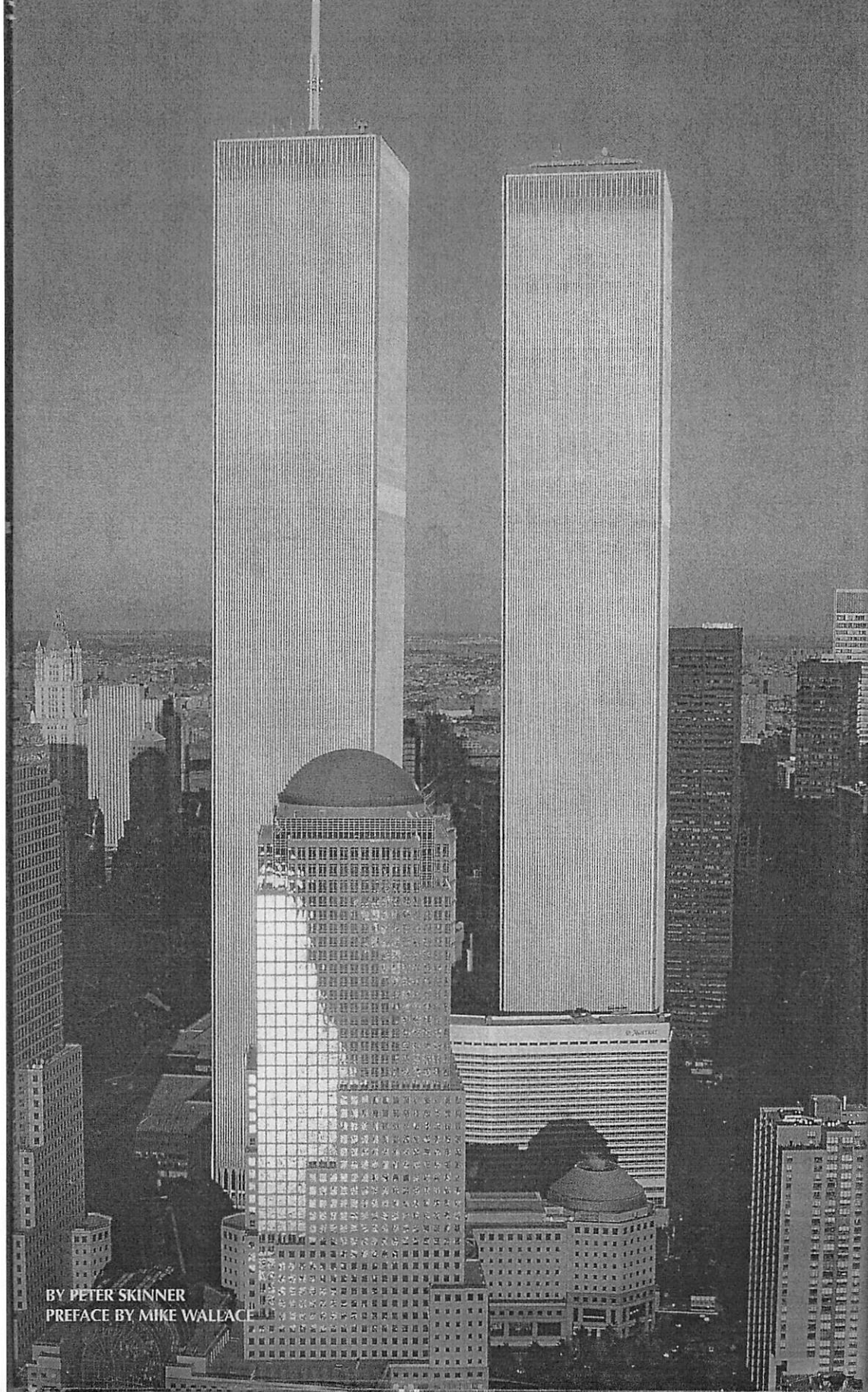


WORLD TRADE CENTER



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IRONWORKERS

100th
Anniversary



A History of the
Iron Workers Union





Chuck
Mike
Sky



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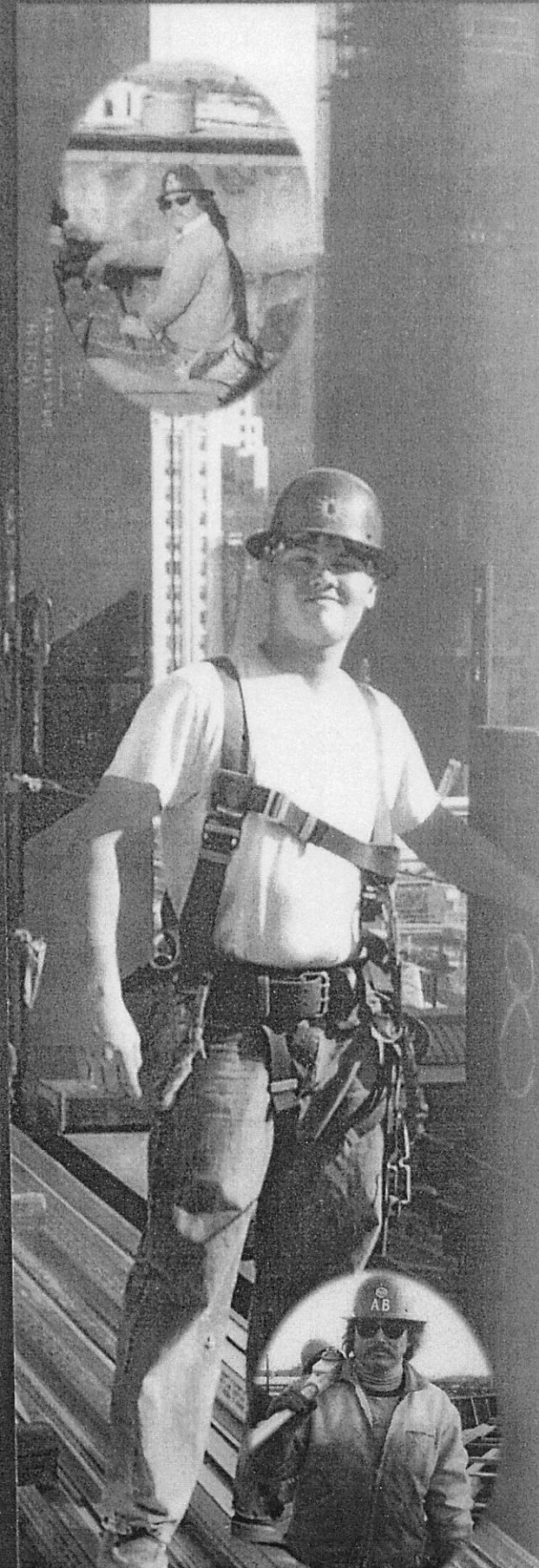
1. TOM SKY
2. Michael (Chuck) SKY
3. Joe Horn
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6. George Splicer
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10. Eugene Sky
11. Donald Sky
- 12.
13. Joe (Farmer) Diabo
14. Russel SKY
15. Luke Diabo
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Kalvin Robertson
AT&T Building
Detroit Michigan
1982



The Waldorf, 1930



Climbing in his footsteps

I REMEMBER BEING VERY YOUNG
STANDING OUTSIDE MY MOM AND DAD'S
BEDROOM DOOR.
HE STUMBLED IN FROM WORK TIRED AND DIRTY
LIKE SO MANY BEFORE.

I DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT LIFE
BECAUSE I WAS ONLY FOUR OR FIVE.
BUT I SEEN HIM HUG AND KISS MY MOM
LIKE HE WAS HAPPY TO BE ALIVE

I KNEW MY FATHER WAS AN IRONWORKER
BUT WHAT THAT WAS I DIDN'T KNOW.
BUT I WANTED TO BE JUST LIKE HIM
BECAUSE HE WAS MY HERO

HE ASKED ME ABOUT GROWING UP
WHAT WAS IT I WANTED TO DO?
I SEEN FEAR BEHIND HIS PRIDE
WHEN I ANSWERED "I WANT TO BE AN IRONWORKER,
JUST LIKE YOU".

HE ASKED ME IN A SKETCHY VOICE
"SON, WHAT HAPPENS IF WORK
CALLS MOMMY ONE DAY
AND TELLS HER THAT I DIED?"
I CHOKED BACK A TEAR AND ANSWERED
"WELL, DAD, I GUESS WE'D CRY".

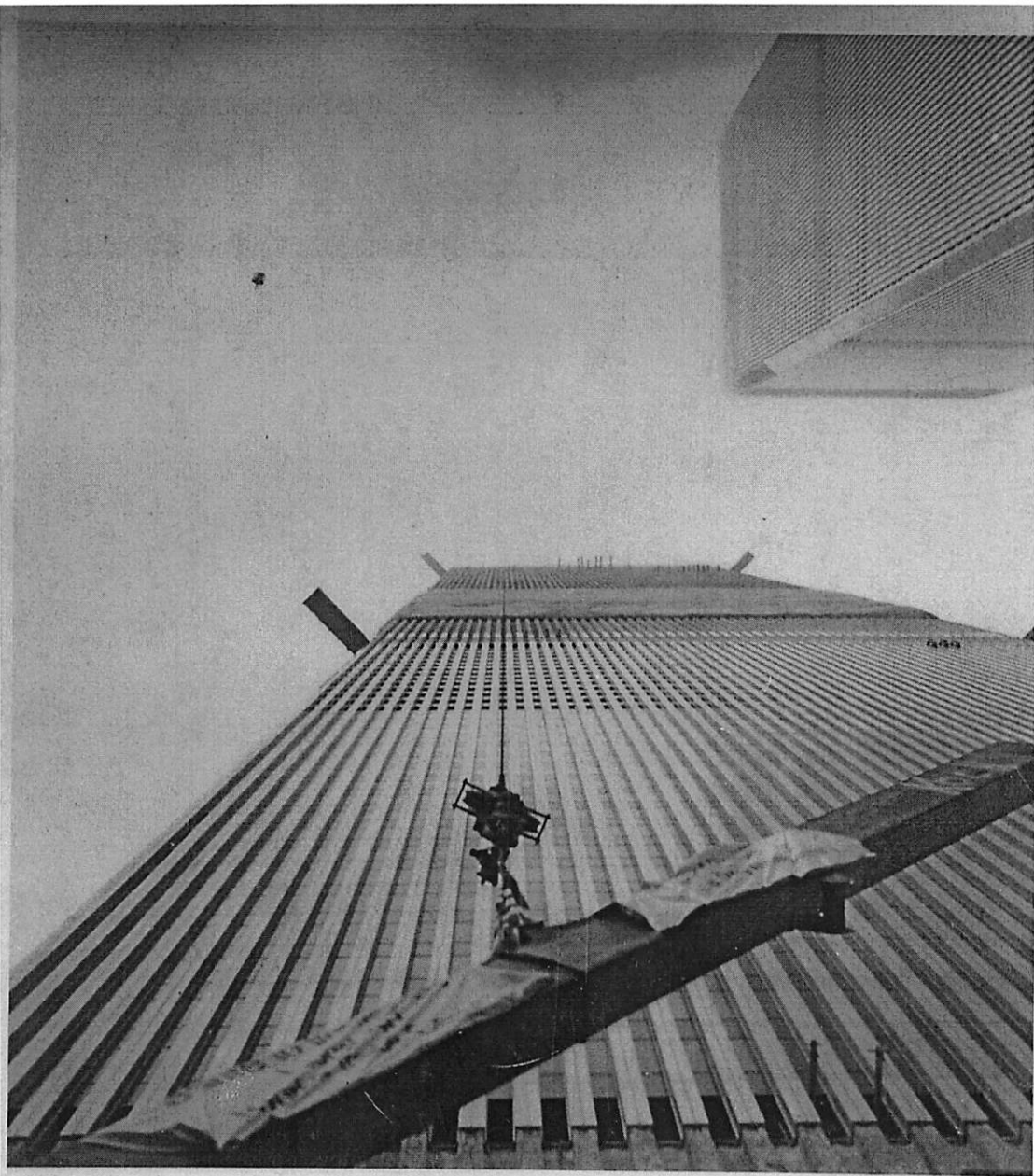
EIGHTEEN YEARS WENT BY
BUT I FINALLY GOT MY DREAM.
I PUT UNCLE JOE'S OLD BELT AROUND MY HIPS
AND WALKED MY FIRST WIDE BEAM.

I FINALLY GOT TO BUILD THINGS
THE WAY MY FATHER DID.
I GOT TO BE THE IRONWORKER
I WANTED TO BE AS A KID.

NOW I KNOW WHY DAD WAS CONCERNED
WHEN I TOLD MY DREAM TO HIM.
BECAUSE EVERY MORNING WHEN HE GOES TO WORK
HE RISKS HIS LIFE AND LIMB.

HE SAID HE WANTED ME TO HAVE THE BEST
BUT THERE'S NONE BETTER FOR ME.
CLIMBING IN MY DAD'S FOOTSTEPS
IS WHERE I'M PROUD TO BE.

KERRY KANE AND HIS SON JESSE KANE
KAHNAWAKE



World Trade Center 1973

The original World Trade Center featured landmark twin towers, which opened on April 4, 1973, and were destroyed in the September 11 attacks of 2001, along with 7 World Trade Center.

The other buildings in the complex were severely damaged by the collapse of the twin towers, and their ruins were eventually demolished. The site is being rebuilt with six new skyscrapers, a memorial to those killed in the attacks, and a transportation hub.

Over 50 men from Kahnawake and some men from Akwesasne worked on the Two Towers, Tower A and Tower B.

One World Trade Center, the tallest building in the United States, is the lead building for the new complex, reaching more than 100 stories upon its completion in November 2014.

The men from Kahnawake continue to work on this new World Trade Center.

93. **Montreal, Canada.**—Meets every Monday at Labor Temple, 301 St. Dominique st. Phone Bell, East 6633.
A. Binnette, P
D. Dunn, P
Jos. M. Belanger, 279 First ave., Vianville, P
F S & T
94. **St. Paul, Minn.**—Meets second and fourth Friday evenings of each month at Federation Hall, 309 Wabasha st.
Mike Broderick, P
Sam Dahlgren, R S
Walter Book, 756 Jessamine st., Tri- P
State phone 21380. F S
97. **Vancouver, B. C.**—Meets every Monday night at Labor Temple.
W. G. Cawley, P
Pete Neilson, R S
Wm. L. Yule, Box 1196, F S & T
98. **Pueblo, Colo.**—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, at B. T. C. Hall.
P. H. O'Neal, P
H. G. Brosius, R S
W. E. Palmer, 2405 Osman ave., F S & B A
99. **Seattle, Wash. (Finishers).**—Meets first and third Friday evenings at Labor Temple.
Arthur Boncher, P
L. Lang, 2505 Nineteenth ave. So., F S & T
101. **New York, N. Y. (Foremen).**—Meets first and third Thursdays at 300 Eighth ave.
Wm. Ritchie, P
O. N. Loyer, R S
Wm. Becker, 104 E. 124th st., F S
102. **San Diego, Cal. (Bridge, Structural and Architectural Iron Workers).**—Meets every Thursday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple.
F. Fisher, P
G. S. Darling, R S
C. F. Sandberg, Box 890, F S
103. **Evansville, Ind. (Bridge and Structural Iron Workers).**—Meets every Wednesday night at Lovejoy's Hall, 5th and Sycamore
R. C. Grimes, P
Oley Flieger, T
F. J. Guth, 1008 Third ave., F S
107. **Butte, Mont. (Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, Piledrivers and Machinery Movers).**—Meets every Monday night at Carpenters Union Hall.
S. Noth, P
Joe O'Gorman, R S
E. A. Storvik, 320 N. Main st., F S
109. **San Jose, Cal.**—Meets Tuesday evenings at Labor Temple.
E. J. Sanders, P
Cal Humphrey, 77 Leaven ave., F S
111. **Rock Island, Ill. (Moline, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa).**—Meets second Wednesday at Danish Brotherhood Hall, 609 W. Fourth st., Geo. Kirby, Phone North 1154X.
Lon McCandless, R S
H. B. Knowles, 2318 Boies st., Davenport, F S & T
112. **Peoria, Ill.**—Meets first and third Tuesdays at Iron Workers' Hall, Main and Washington sts.
H. A. Kloppenburg, P
Elmer Bivbe, R S
Albert Urich, T
Robert Evans, 4221 S. Adams st., F S
114. **Tacoma, Wash. (Piledrivers and Builders Wooden Bridge).**—Meets every Tuesday night at 1916 Jefferson ave.
Robert Kerr, P
Martin McDonagh, R S
M. Johnson, 1712 So. Yakima ave., F S
117. **Oakland, Cal.**—Meets first and third Mondays at 470 Twelfth st.
Thos. Horrikan, P
Tony Quintal, R S
Paul G. Reimer, 2811 Atwell ave., F S
118. **Sacramento, Cal.**—Meets every Wednesday, Hall No. 6, at Labor Temple, 8th and Eye sts.
J. T. Foley, P
W. J. Laffar, R S
Chas. Ertell, Labor Temple, Box 68, F S
119. **Montreal, Quebec, Canada.**—Meets every Monday night at Labor Temple.
Duncan Paul, P
J. Neil, R S
F. D. Scullin, 187 Murray st., F S
123. **Lincoln, Neb.**—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Labor Temple.
J. J. Flynn, P
F. E. Swenson, 2514 F st., F S & T
125. **Fort Arthur, Tex.**—Meets first and third Sundays at Carpenters' Hall.
John Dunnigan, P
Thos. Palmer, R S
W. H. Coughlin, 704 Fourth st., F S
126. **Calgary, Alberta, Canada.**—Meets every Thursday evening at Labor Temple.
Jas. Burns, P
Wm. Finlay, R S
Thos. Frame, Box 2026, F S
128. **Gangnawaga, Quebec, Can.**—Meets every Sunday at Town Hall.
Mike Stalk, P
P. T. Angus, R S
J. M. Jocks, P. O. Box 102, F S & T
129. **Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.**—Meets first and third Thursdays at Moose Hall, cor. Fraser and Isabella sts.
Geo. Wilson, P
Claude Metzger, R S
J. R. MacDonald, Box 264, F S & B A
132. **Chicago, Ill. (English).**—Meets first and third Tuesday at 630 W. Lake st.
Anthony Ikema, P
E. L. Cory, R S
Hans Dystrup, 2320 W. Belmont ave., F S
133. **Chicago, Ill. (German).**—Meets every first and third Wednesday at 630 W. Lake st.
Henry Osterloh, P
Wm. Schenker, R S
Wm. Stahlheber, 5631 S. May st., F S



Human spiders spin a web—the 17-foot-high, crocheted dome of the U. S. exhibit in Montreal's Expo 67. Can-footed Mohawk Indians such as Michael Chuck Sky weave the network of steel girders—a serious vocation that the tribesmen pursue anywhere in the world. Some 4,000 Mohawks live on Canada's Caughnawaga Indian Reserve near Montreal. In its Kahnawake, acrossed Indians mark the grave of a worker in high steel—one of 31 Mohawks who died when the Quebec Bridge collapsed during construction in 1907.





transportation problems. Move on... New York is functioning—shaken but NOT destroyed. The broad artery of Fourteenth Street, running east-west clear across Manhattan, became a minnered boundary. To the north, as much normality as possible; to the south, the avenues and streets open to pedestrians only. Further south, Houston (or "First" street, another major east-west artery, marked a tightly controlled no-access zone; below it, emergency crews and supplies were assembling.

By 6:00 p.m., the patient inflow to the hospitals had diminished to a trickle; no more survivors could be found. The whole WTC area was one vast mound of smoking rubble, hundreds of feet high, spilling over into adjacent streets. The news coverage was of course constant—terrible figures flowing out: 78 police officers unaccounted for, 200 firemen unaccounted for. Some 50,000 people work at the WTC, some 20,000 more are in the area on business visits. Those killed would be numbered in the thousands.

By mid-morning limited highway service was operating and outboard bridge and tunnel crossings were reopened in an effort to clear hundreds of thousands of non-essential and non-essential residents. New Yorkers recognized that collective transportation was in short and emergency

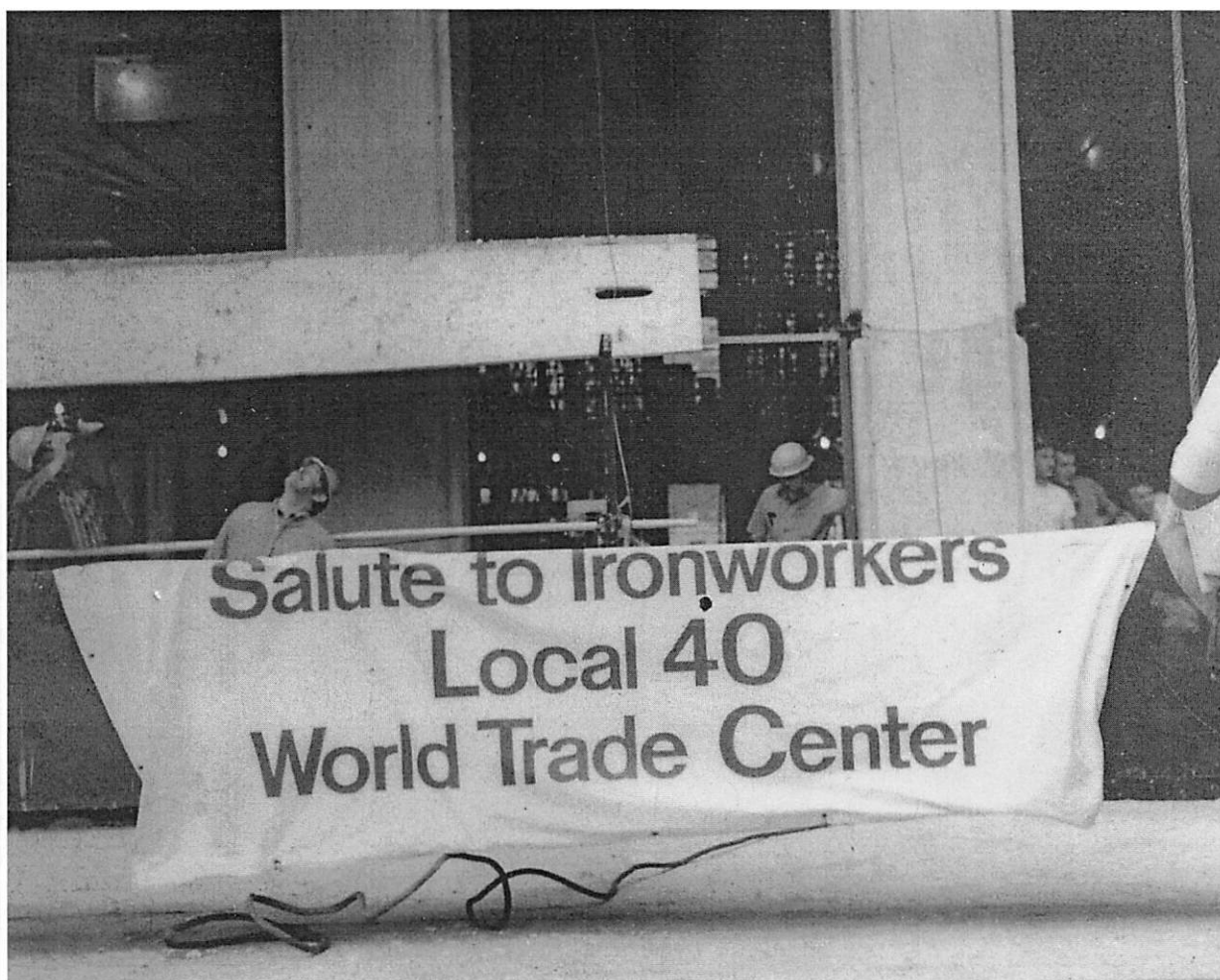
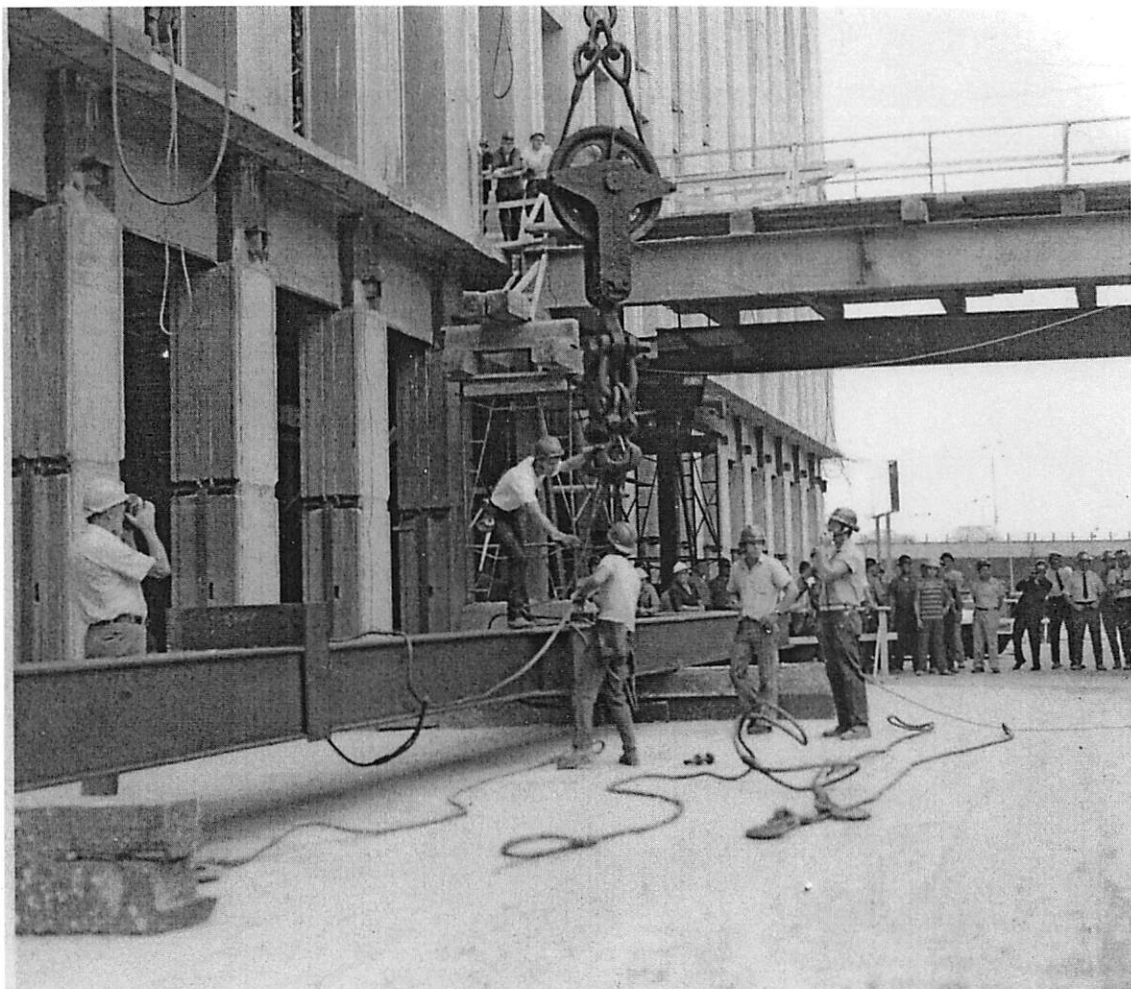
operations were going according to plan. The street crowds thinned around 4:30 p.m. as people went home to address the nation. A judicial speech with only regulation, but how does a nation retaliate against an enemy whose weapons are turpitude and small, the enemy too cowardly to even take the first stand in the light of day? After the president's address, people again took to the streets, restlessly wandering from St. Vincent's down to the Houston Street banniers and back.

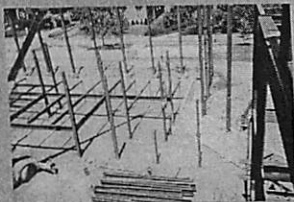
Toward midday a major quasi-military operation became apparent. Convoys of dump-trucks, bulldozers, planed-and-scaffold trucks, parked along Houston Street. At intervals they would roll on down the Avenue of Americas toward the still burning WTC area. The local fire-station became a time earlier in the day, before more suitable space could be found closer to the WTC. It had been Mayor Giuliani's Command HQ. The supply depot, nearby the Salvation Army set up mobile canteens.

To the north, St. Vincent's medical center was fully equipped as a major emergency station. The arrival in 100 with firefighters and ambulances, long minutes, the rubble, and would be

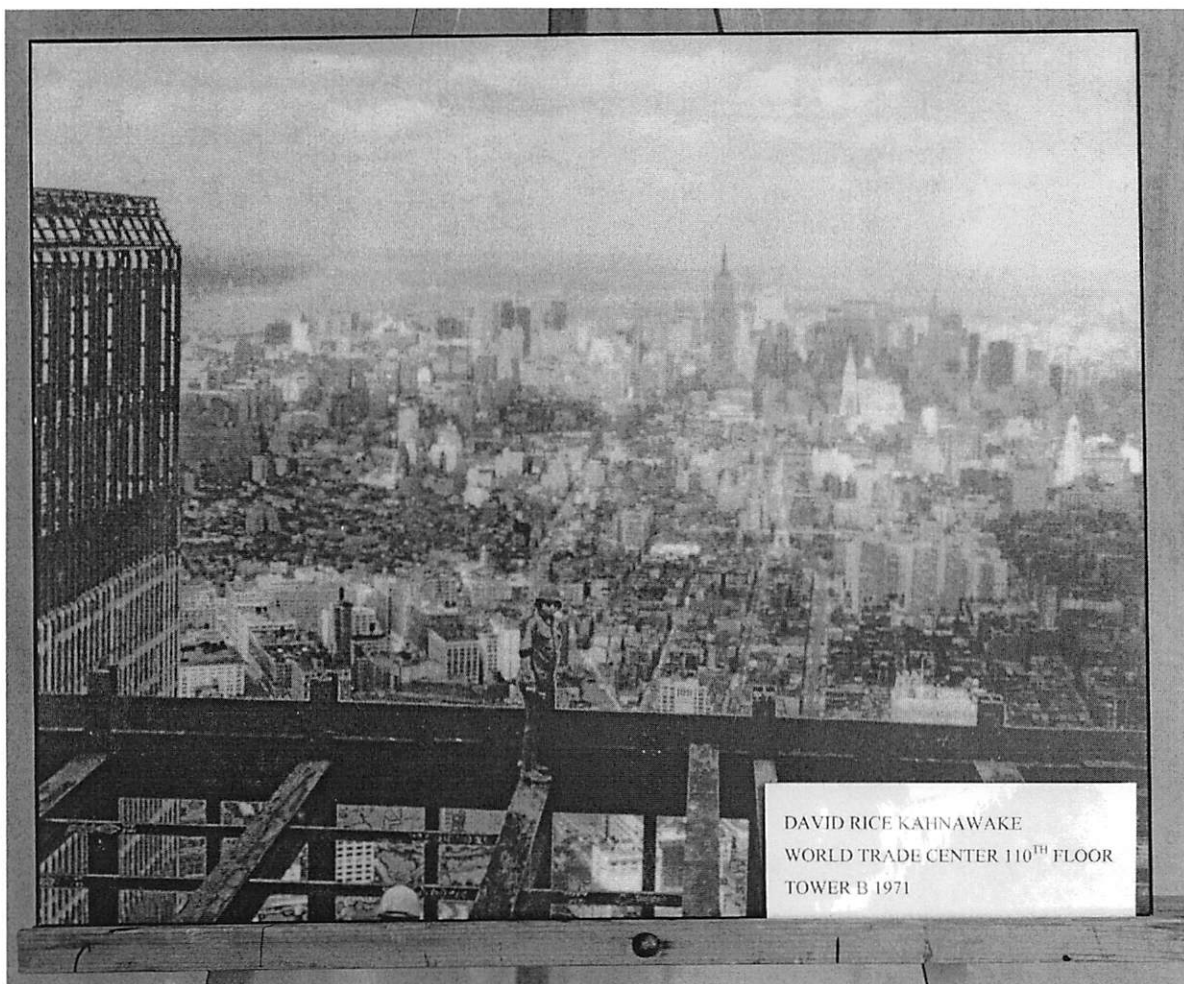
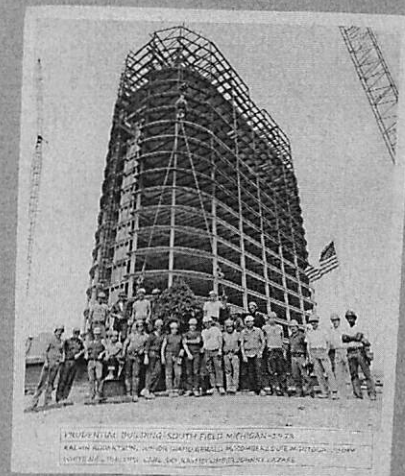
volunteers. There were in excess of 100,000 people there. It had become clear that there would be few survivors, only a massive heterocomb of entombed dead. Emergency morgues were being set up locally and across the river in New Jersey. Thousands who had not escaped would be buried, or crushed or mangled beyond recognition—with the terrible result that many families would have no closure, no solace of burying their lost. A gruesome task lay ahead: removing the fragmentary remains of what might at first estimates amount to 10,000 bodies.

A month later New Yorkers were going about their business and living their lives. Everywhere, except at Ground Zero and the immediate area, there is at first glance the appearance of normality. It's the second glance that notes the uniformed security guard, the screening device, the cautionary notice. It's those who have taken an airline flight or had business in a government building that know life is not the same. The times is no longer about other countries and other people. At the core, it is about the United States and the challenge it faces. Violence is a threat; vulnerability is a fact of life. The hope must be that for with sandy ground, (I've heard from Greenwich Village, NYC).

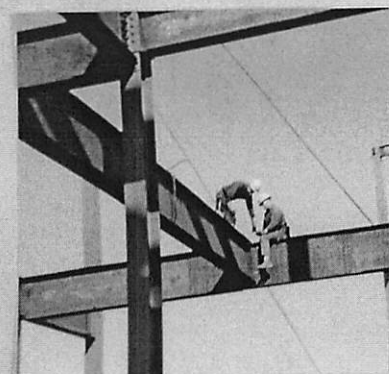
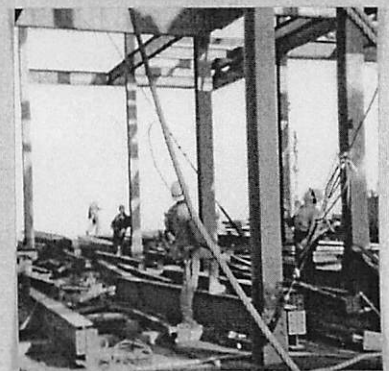
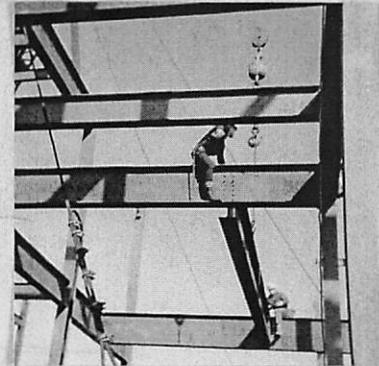
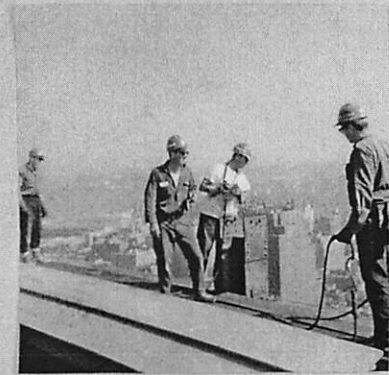
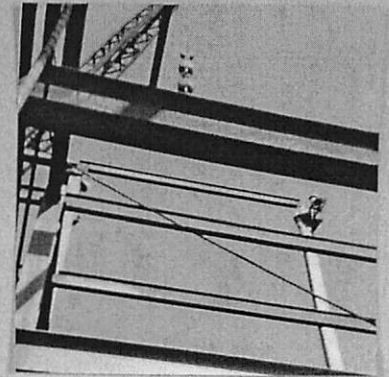
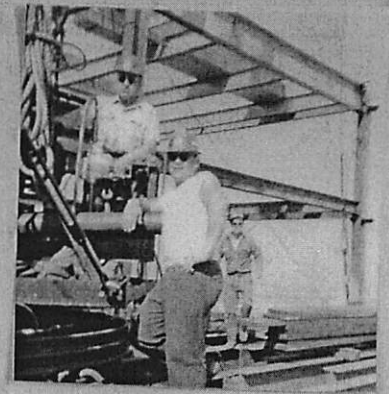
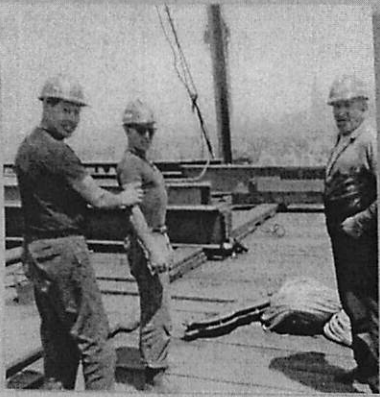




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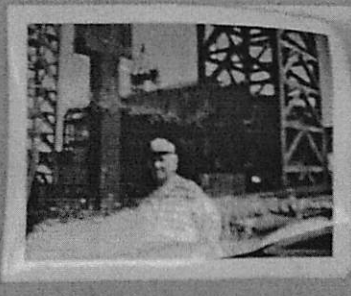
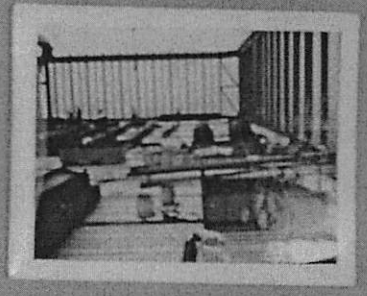
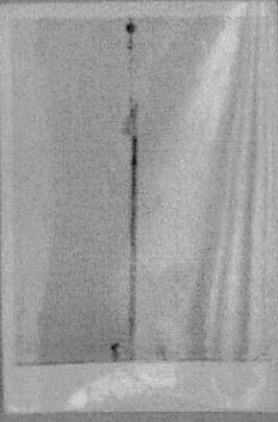
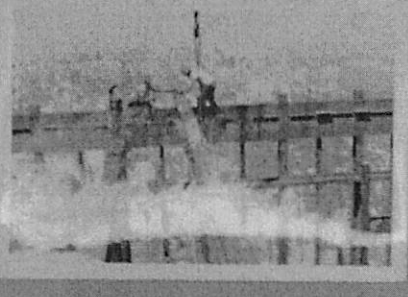
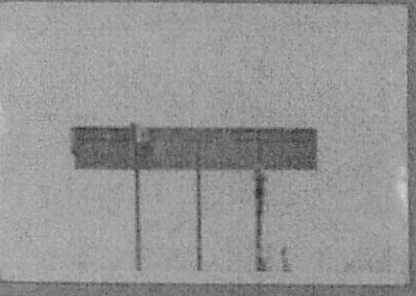
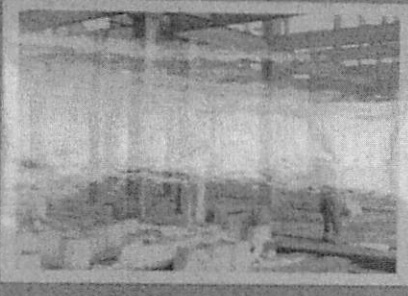
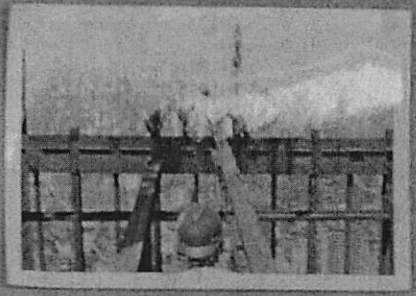
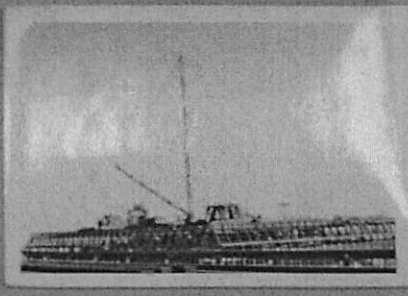
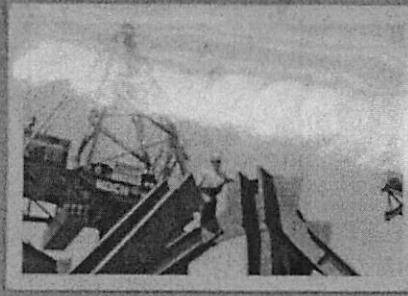
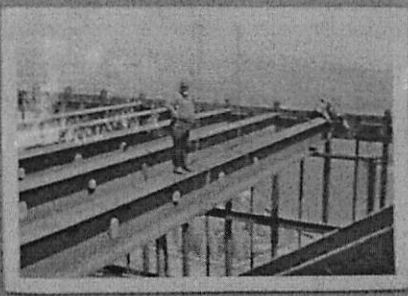


DAVID RICE KAHNAWAKE
WORLD TRADE CENTER 110TH FLOOR
TOWER B 1971

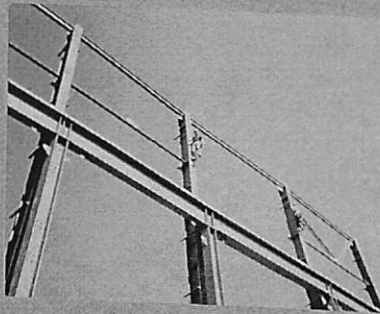
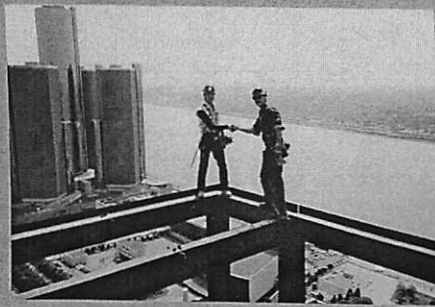
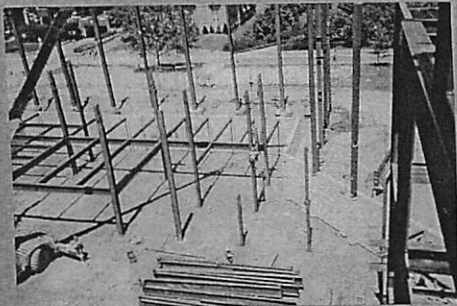


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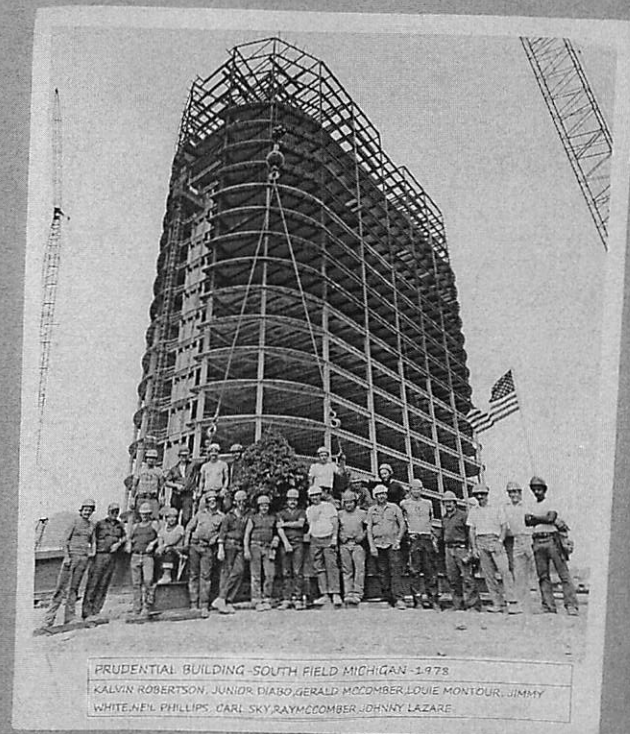




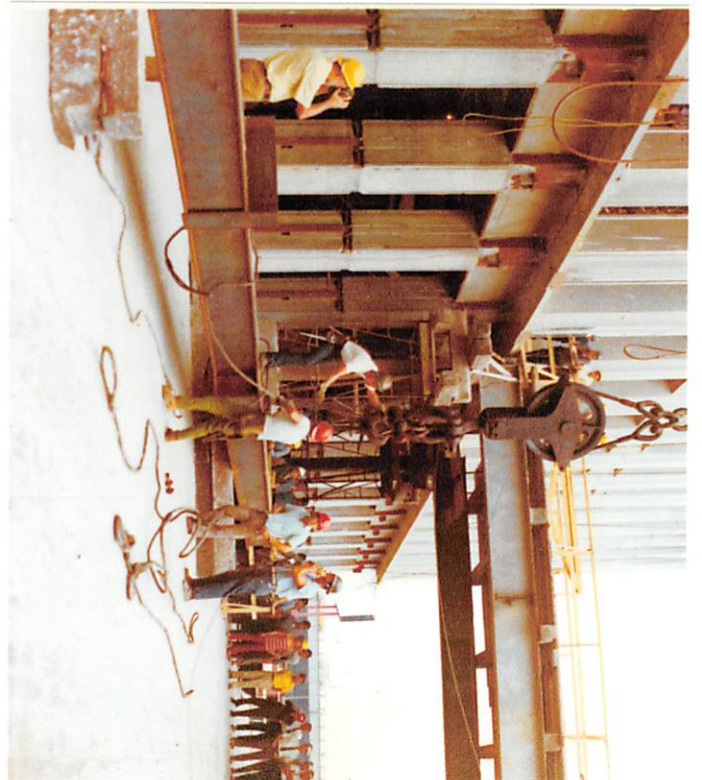
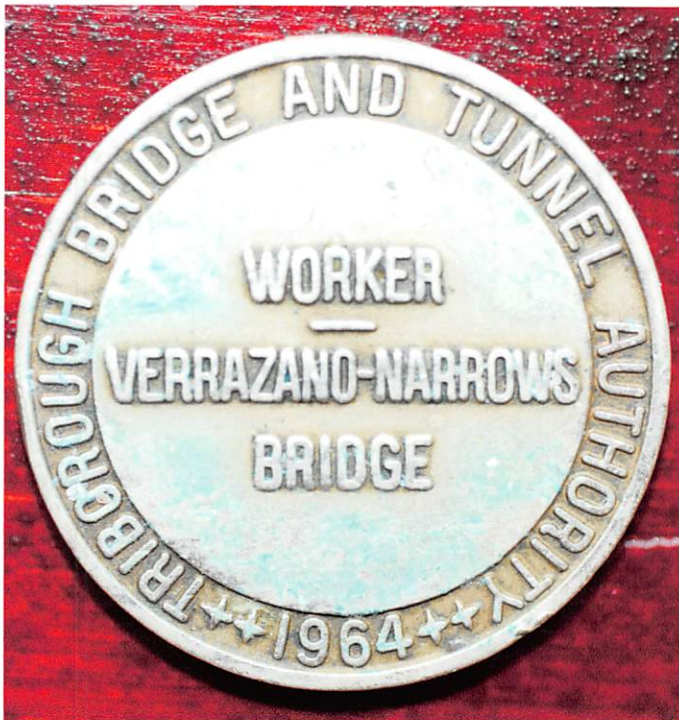
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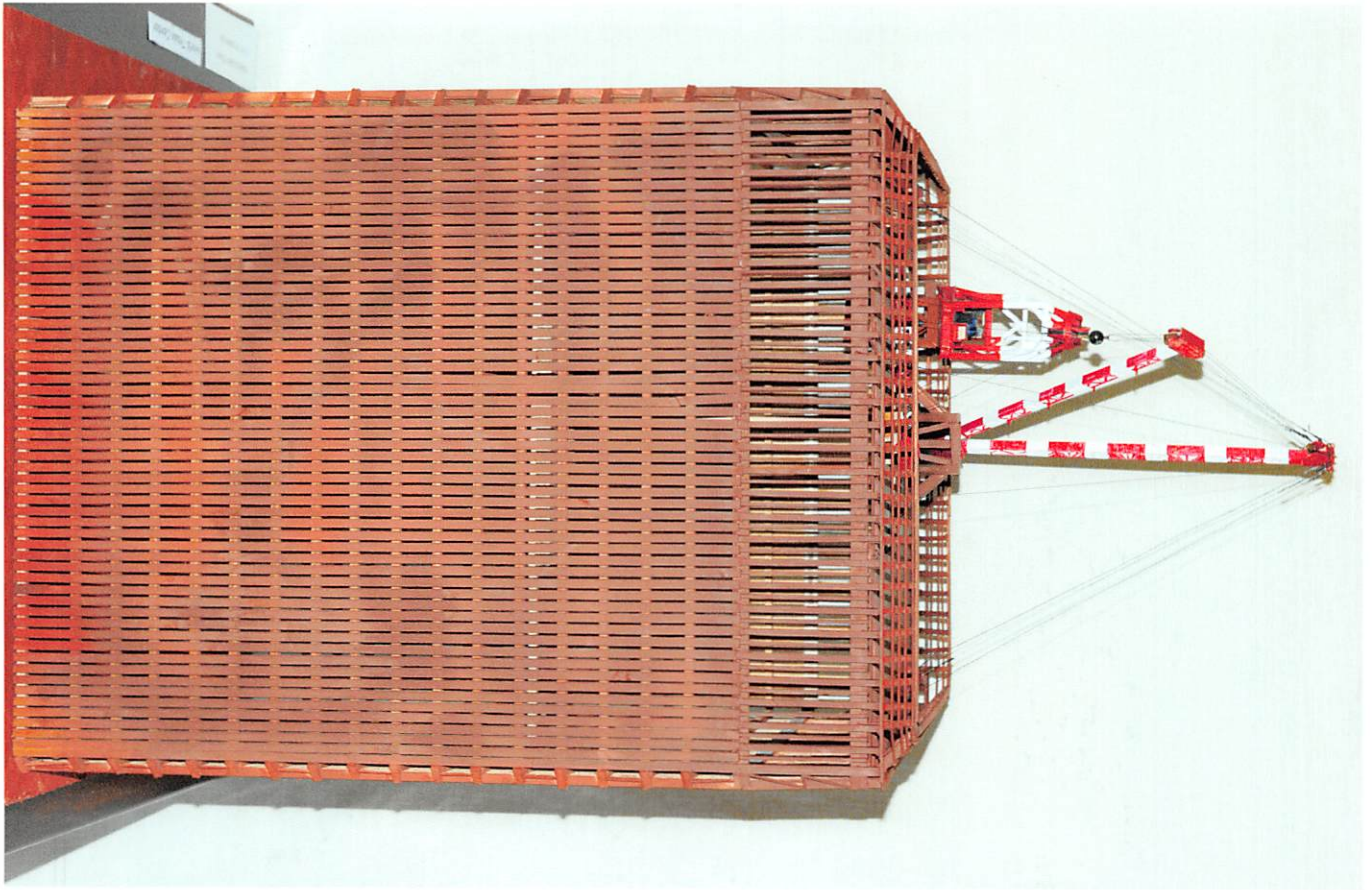


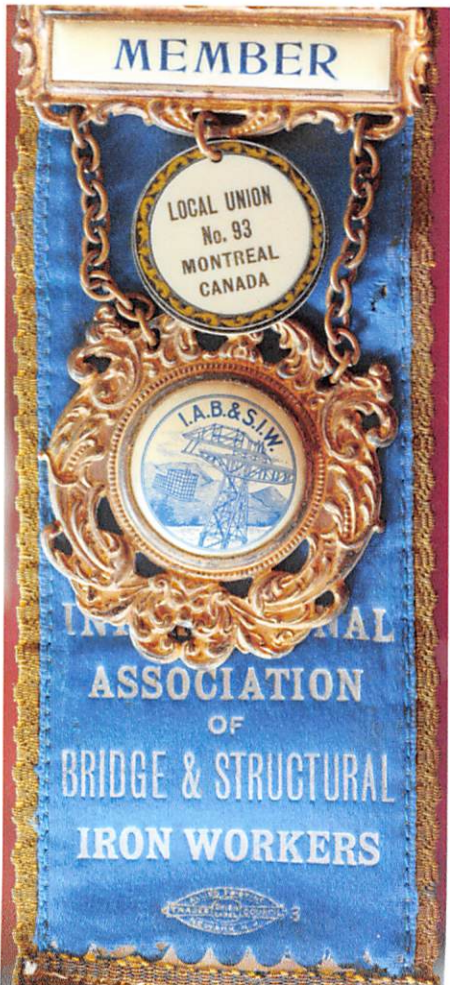
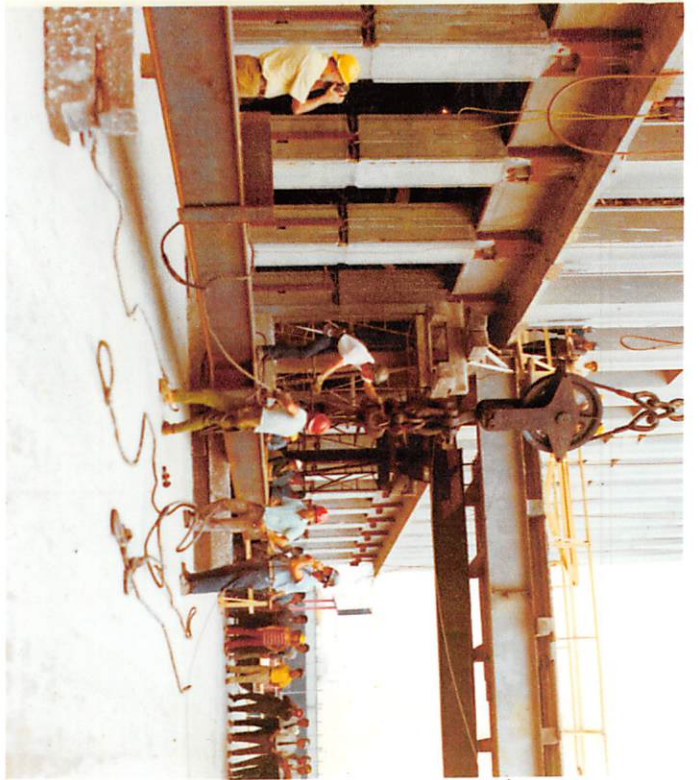
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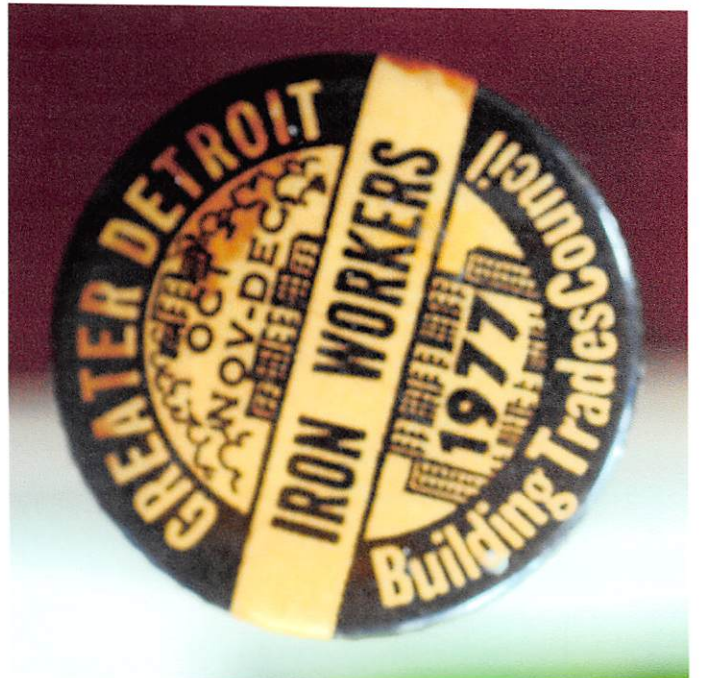


PRUDENTIAL BUILDING - SOUTH FIELD MICHIGAN - 1978
 KALVIN ROBERTSON, JUNIOR DIAZO, GERALD MCCOMBER, LOUIE MONTGOMERY, JIMMY
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Bethlehem Steel Company
Pecos River Bridge, near Comstock, Texas
12-8-44



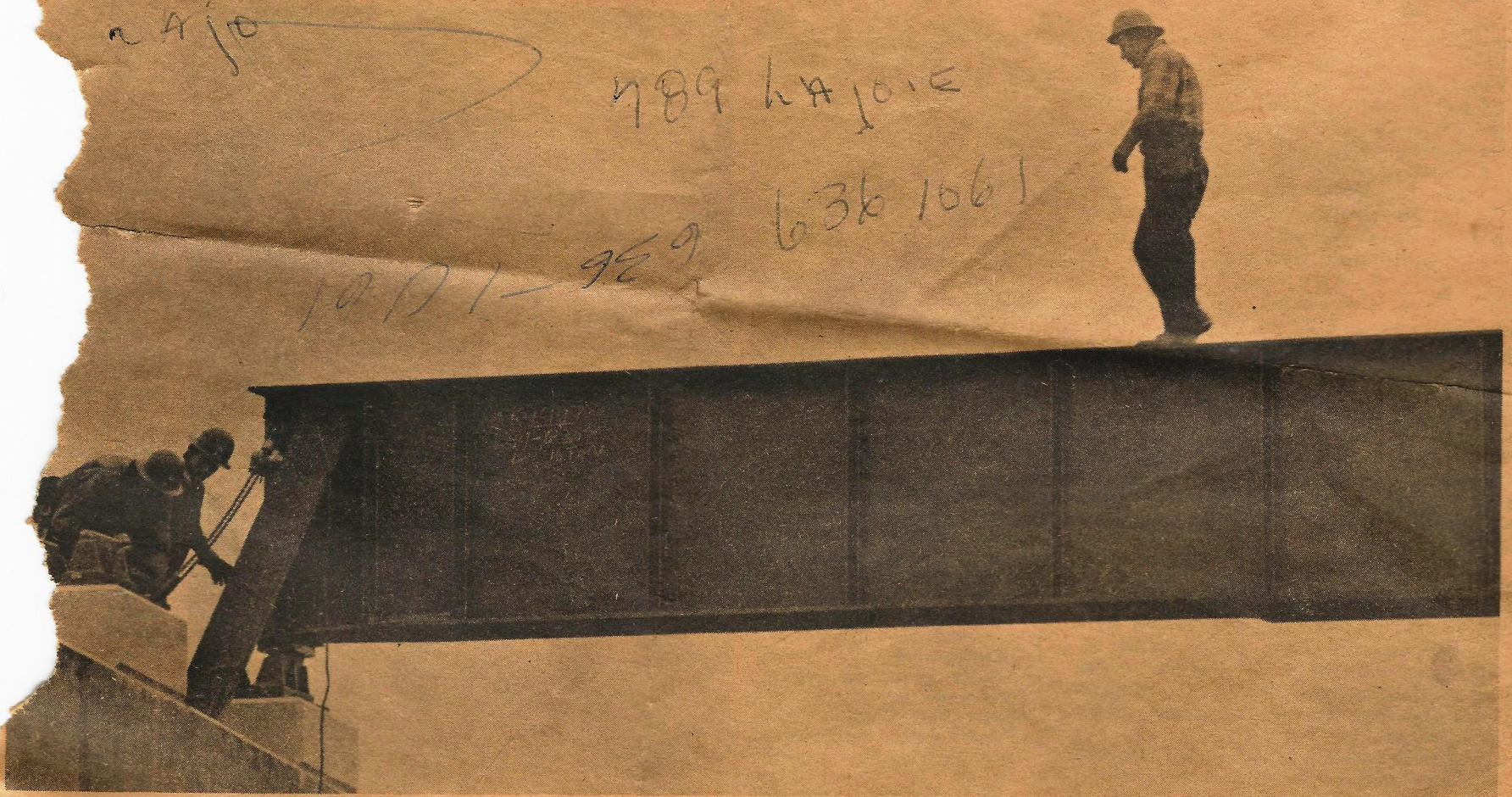
Back Row:

Big John Mayo, Tom Hill, Mathew Bordeaux, Angus Phillips, John Jacobs, Henry Montour, Big Six Jocks, Peter Rice, Thomas Bordeaux, Paul Deer, Mike Cross, Louie Cross, Albert Zachary, John Zachary, Peter Delormier, Joe Leclair

Front Row

Joe Beauvais, Robert Jacobs, John Charles, Mike Bright, Charles Williams, William Guimet, John S. Bordeaux

Steelworkers Right On The Beam



The shortest distance between two bridge abutments is across a 107 foot, 16 ton steel beam.

Photos By Al Greene

Coming in from Elmira were 16 ton girders that were going to span the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad tracks as part of the eastbound lanes on the Hornell — Almond section of the Southern Tier Expressway.

One of the foremen for the American Bridge Company said if the rain got much heavier, the steelworkers would refuse to work because it would be too slippery.

The two steelworkers were from Quebec, Canada. Once the 107 foot girders were in position, it was up to them to set them properly.

The beams were lifted by the machine which could lift up to 60 tons. A soon as they were resting on the supports, the steelworkers put the first brace in between girders to keep them from tipping.

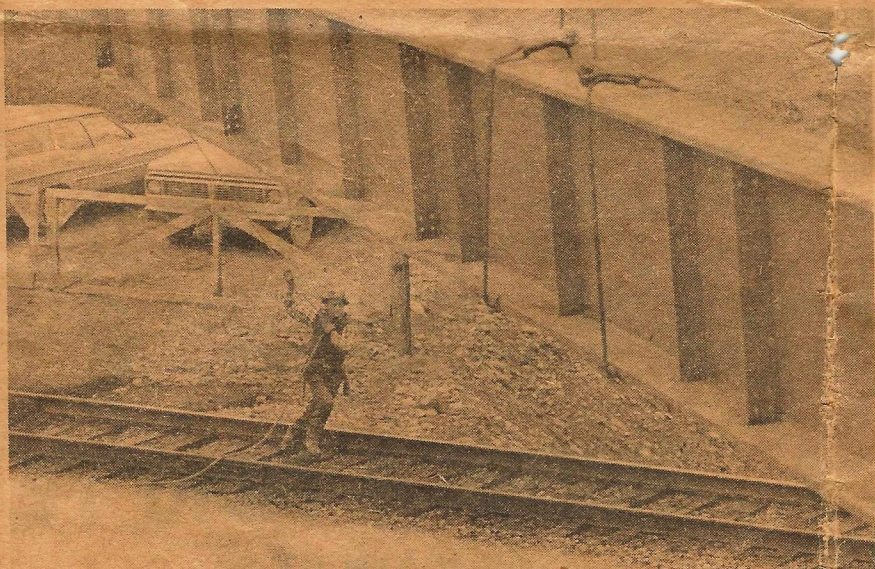
It was one of the integral steps in preparing the bridge for next Spring when the concrete will be poured.



Help is needed for a reluctant brace.



A worker watches as a beam is positioned.



To move a beam, it's best to have both feet on the ground.



You hold on when you can.