## **Contract Talk** by the Contract Administration Unit

## Article 30: Local Implementation

he following 22 items are specified in Article 30, Section B, as items for local implementation:

- Additional or longer wash-up periods.
- The establishment of a regular work week of five days with either fixed or rotating days off.
- Guidelines for the curtailment or termination of postal operations to conform to orders of local authorities or as local conditions warrant because of emergency conditions.
- Formulation of local leave program.
- The duration of the choice vacation period(s).
- The determination of the beginning day of an employee's vacation period.
- Whether employees at their option may request two selections during the choice vacation period, in units of either 5 or 10 days.
- Whether jury duty and attendance at National or State Conventions shall be charged to the choice vacation
- Determination of the maximum number of employees who shall receive leave each week during the choice vacation period.
- 10. The issuance of official notices to each employee of the vacation schedule approved for such employee.
- 11. Determination of the date and means of notifying employees of the beginning of the new leave year.
- 12. The procedures for submission of applications for annual leave during other than the choice vacation period.
- The method of selecting employees to work on a holiday.
- 14. Whether "Overtime Desired" lists in Article 8 shall be by section and/or tour.
- 15. The number of light duty assignments within each craft or occupational group to be reserved for temporary or permanent light duty assignment.
- 16. The method to be used in reserving light duty assignments so that no regularly assigned member of the regular work force will be adversely affected.
- 17. The identification of assignments that are to be considered light duty within each craft represented in the
- 18. The identification of assignments comprising a section, when it is proposed to reassign within an installation employees excess to the needs of a section.
- 19. The assignment of employee parking spaces.
- 20. The determination as to whether annual leave to attend Union activities requested prior to determination of the choice vacation schedule is to be part of the total choice vacation plan.
- 21. Those other items which are subject to local negotiations as provided in the craft provisions of this Agreement.
- 22. Local implementation of this Agreement relating to seniority, reassignments and posting.

## LMOU provisions inconsistent or in conflict with the National Agreement

The Postal Service often claims that some LMOU provisions are inconsistent or in conflict with the current National Agreement. Article 30, Section C, states in relevant part:

The parties may challenge a provision(s) of an LMOU as inconsistent or in conflict with the National Agreement only under the following circumstances:

- Any LMOU provision(s) added or modified during one local implementation period may be challenged as inconsistent or in conflict with the National Agreement only during the local implementation period of the successor National Agreement.
- At any time a provision(s) of an LMOU becomes inconsistent or in conflict as the result of a new or modified provision(s) of the National Agreement.
- At any time a provision(s) of an LMOU becomes inconsistent or in conflict as the result of the amendment or modification of the National Agreement subsequent to the local implementation period.

Provisions inconsistent or in conflict with the National Agreement may be challenged only in the three circumstances quoted above. If the provision is inconsistent, it may be challenged only during local negotiations for the following National Agreement. So, if the provision makes it through one period of local negotiations, it cannot thereafter be challenged as being inconsistent or in conflict with the National Agreement.