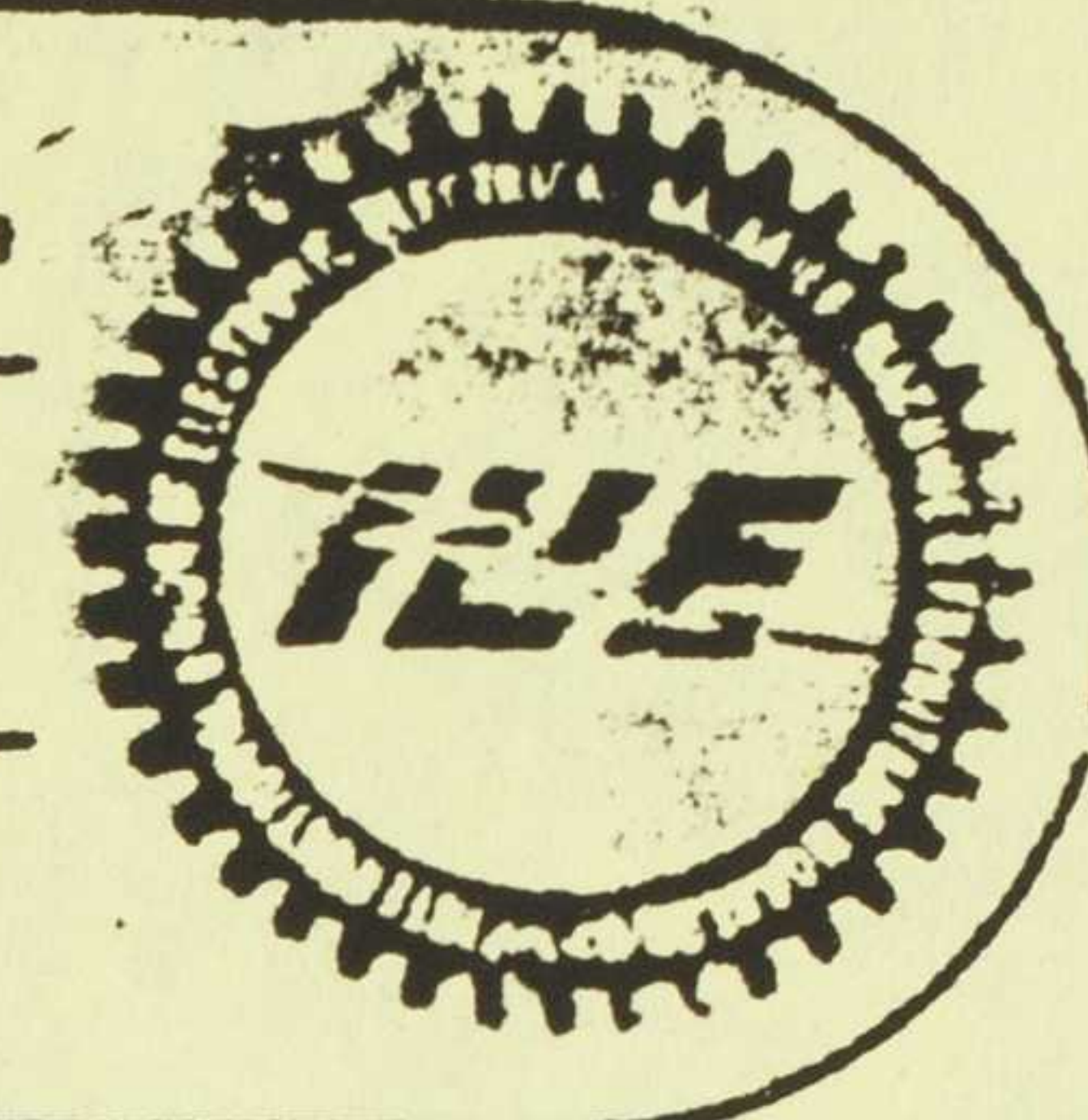


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International Union of Electronic, Electrical,
Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers, AFL-CIO

William H. Bywater, International President - Edward Fire, Secretary-Treasurer



October 17, 1988

James Smith,
Polk County Attorney
Room 408, Courthouse
500 Mulberry Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the members of the International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers, AFL-CIO, I am writing to express our concern about the recent arrest and conviction of union activist Mark Curtis.

The facts as they have been presented to me, appear to raise some questions about his arrest (and subsequent beating by police officers) and his first trial in September. It is certainly our hope that the actions against Mr. Curtis were not simply in reprisal for his trade union and political activities.

The members of the IUE are following this case closely, and are hoping that you will do everything possible to assure that our justice system works fairly for all members of our society.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

William H. Bywater

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International President