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Wilson CONCRETE

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## Ellis' Role Protested

BELLEVILLE-INDUSTRIES

# Picket Line Incidents Mar Strike

Frayed tempers and local politics sharpened the edge of labor protest today as the strike of more than 200 workers at Wilson Concrete Products Ltd., entered its fifth day.

As police intervened to aid vehicles through reinforced picket lines sealing off the

plant's main entrance early this morning, placarded strikers patrolled the sidewalk outside city hall.

The city hall demonstration apparently had links to the fact that Mayor Jack Ellis is a member of the strikebound company's management staff.

Officials of Local 424, United

Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers International Union, charged that the mayor Saturday personally loaded a light truck with company-made concrete blocks in full view of pickets.

The truck, claim union officials, hit a striker as it drove through the picket line.