

# "Thanks for helping"

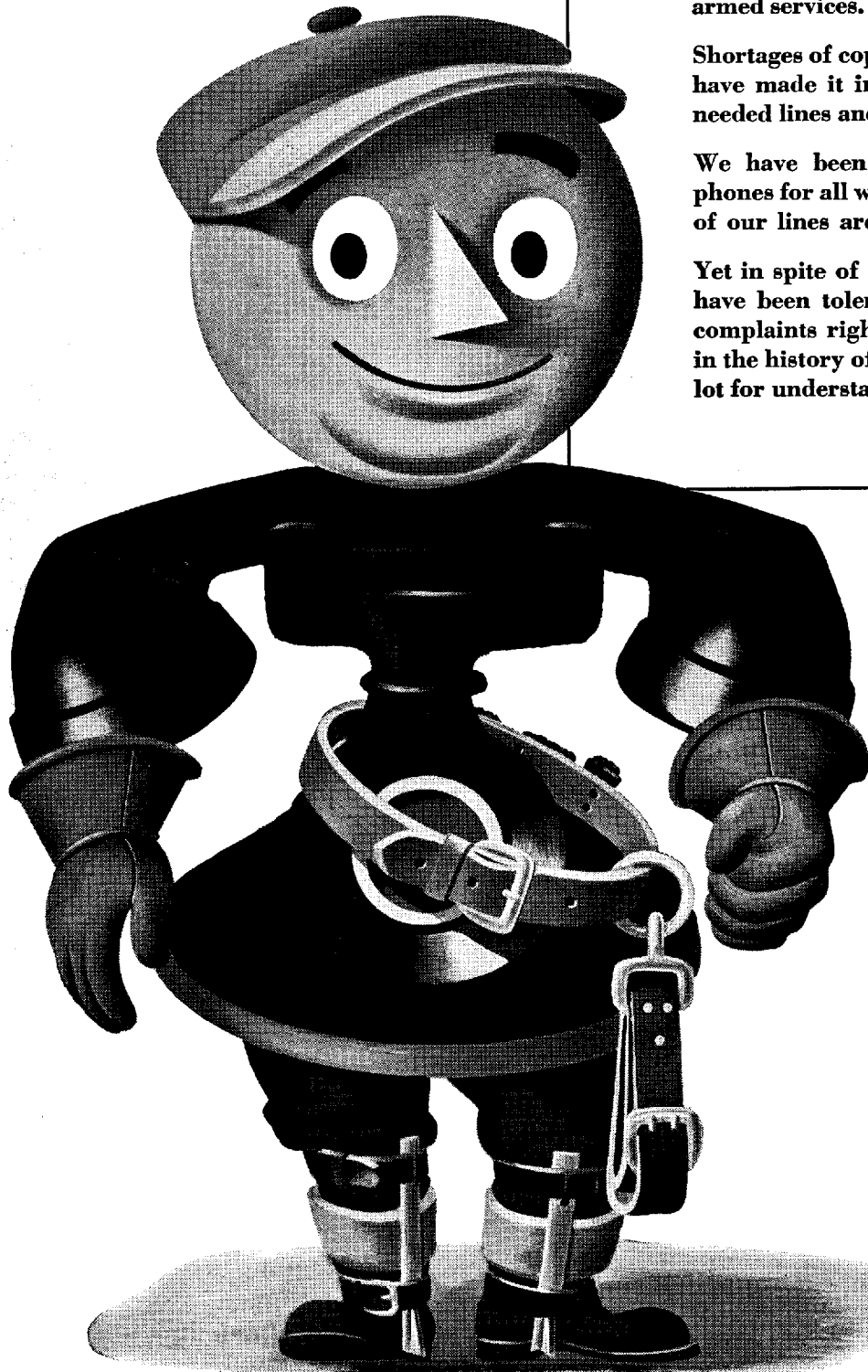
We are grateful for your help in difficult times.

Here in the Bell System we have seen some 43,000 of our people go into the armed services.

Shortages of copper and other materials have made it impossible to add much-needed lines and equipment.

We have been unable to install telephones for all who want them and many of our lines are overcrowded.

Yet in spite of all this, telephone users have been tolerant and we have fewer complaints right now than at any time in the history of the business. Thanks a lot for understanding.



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