

# LOCAL 301 NEWS

## IUE-AFL-CIO

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### A POLITICAL ALLIANCE MAY BE EMERGING

A powerful new ultra conservative political alliance may be forming. The parties will be Big Business and The American Medical Association. It could wield influence far greater than the number of people it represents.

The American Medical Political Action Committee will be the vehicle for this alliance. This committee is only one year old and already is reaching far beyond the medical profession. It is seeking members among pharmacists, dentists, nurses and medical supply firm officials.

AMPAC is already making significant headway. Soon, it will distribute its own version of COPE's "How to Win" handbook to members active in campaigns and to candidates it supports. Its membership is growing and many more are expected to join. In the States of California and Iowa alone, at least \$120,000 will be raised for use in this year's political campaigns. This alone amounts to one-sixth of the total spent by COPE in the year 1960.

What happens when the AMA and Big Business alliance begins to take shape? Trouble and plenty of it for good candidates...trouble that can be met only if working people register and vote in record numbers for liberal candidates.

Remember that medical care for the elderly was brought to an untimely death by the AMA and the conservative coalition.

The loser was the American people and the winner was the AMA. However, the AMA took a tumble in the eyes of the American people and it is doubtful that this fallen idol can ever be put together again.

### NOTICE

#### MEMBERSHIP-STEWARDS MEETING

Monday, Aug. 20, 1962  
2nd-shift.....1:30 p.m.  
1st & 3rd.....7:30 p.m.

Regular Order of Business  
Report of Committees  
Election of Delegates to  
State AFL-CIO Convention  
Election of Delegates to  
National IUE Convention

Union Auditorium  
121 Erie Blvd.

#### G.E. DISCRIMINATES AGAINST WOMEN NIGHT CLEANERS

The Office Maintenance Group under Foreman Roger Lawrence in the SAC Dept., on the 2nd shift, consists of five 30-hour cleaning women and seven men who are classified as Utilitymen.

On Friday night, Aug. 10th, 1962, at 10:45 p.m., three women were given their lack of work notice by Foreman Lawrence. This was done without any contact between the foreman and Shop Steward Mike Dockal. Steward Dockal was contacted at the end of the shift by the women involved.

Over the weekend the Steward brought this matter to the attention of his Board Member and Union Office people who started their investigation the first part of this week.

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#### IUE-GE CONFERENCE BOARD TO MEET

The IUE-GE Conference Board will meet at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., on the 23rd and 24th of August. Local 301 will be represented by Leo Jandreau, John Shambo and Elmer Collis. The Conference Board is made up of delegates from G.E. Locals throughout the country represented by IUE.

## G.E. DISCRIMINATES (Cont'd.)

The Union Office contacted the manager of the department and was told that he knew about this move and that they were combining the work and hiring men on this job in place of the women. It should be noted that the women involved have a considerable amount of service and the plant survey shows that Utilitymen hired by the Company are people who have been out for more than three years and are coming back with no service at all.

The Union investigation showed that the normal work assigned to this group of women is still there, and there should not be any layoff for these people. The Union charged management with discrimination in this case and requested an emergency meeting be held before expiration of the 40 hours' notice. As we go to press, the Union has just been notified that the lack of work has been withdrawn from these three women.

This is another good example of quick, competent action by your Union.

### SHAMBO NAMED TO STATE COMMITTEE

William McKeon, State Democratic Chairman, has named John Shambo to the State Democratic Platform Committee. Shambo is the endorsed Democrat and Liberal candidate for the State Assembly.

The Committee Chairman is Alan K. Campbell, professor of Political Science at Syracuse University.

### ON CAPITOL HILL

After 18 months in office, the President is still having trouble winning Congressional approval for much of his legislative program.

Passed: Minimum wage, depressed areas, housing, manpower retraining, pension disclosure, increased Social Security, Peace Corps, Alliance for Progress, and foreign aid.

Rejected: Aid to education, omnibus farm bill, urban affairs, and civil rights literacy requirement; also health care for the aged.

Further action needed: Public works, tax revision, trade, "truth in lending," unemployment compensation, youth conservation corps, consumer protection bills, UN bond issue, and conservation measures.

## BOARD OPPOSES PARKING FEE AT ELLIS HOSPITAL

The Executive Board of Local 301 unanimously adopted a Resolution opposing the proposed parking fee at Ellis Hospital and directed Pres. John Shambo to so notify the Board of Directors at Ellis and the public.

It was pointed out by members of the Board that the members of Local 301 had contributed generously to fund drives for Ellis Hospital in the past and actions of this type would hurt any future fund raising campaigns that might be necessary.

The parking fee would be an added burden to those who have members of their families at Ellis as patients. There would be many cases where it would be necessary to pay the parking fee two or three times in one day. It is the hope of the Executive Board of Local 301 that the Board of Directors at Ellis will reconsider their position.

### LONG SERVICE MAC EMPLOYEES GET JOB TRAINING

Approximately two months ago 1940 and 1941 service Connectors were laid off in Bldgs. 11 and 40 due to lack of orders.

The Wind and Connect Stator jobs are combined operations in Bldgs. 16, 50 and 273. In Bldgs. 11 and 40, the operations are separated. The Union, processing a grievance at the 1st and 2nd levels, stated that their position was that these Connectors should be allowed to displace Winders in their respective sections. The Company's position at the 2nd level was that on a lack of work placement basis, a worker was only entitled to incidental training and, therefore, could not displace Winders under these conditions, as the training time is much more than incidental. However, the Union Committee did get management to commit themselves that these Connectors would be offered winding openings regardless of the amount of training involved.

Less than two months later, these winding openings came into being in Bldgs. 11 and 40, and these 1940 and 1941 service Connectors were placed on these jobs and presently are in the process of being trained.

This is a good example of job training in action whereby long service employees who had been displaced and put on lower rated jobs through no fault of their own have been rehabilitated. Let us hope that in the near future this will be plantwide practice.