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McNamara Calls for Action on Forand Bill

Senator Pat McNamara (D-Mich), Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Problems of the Aged and Aging, called for legislation at this session of the Congress to provide a balanced program of health services for America's older citizens through the social security system.

Legal Clinic Begins April 4th

Starting, Monday, April 4th, members of Local 301 will be able to avail themselves of the services of Attorneys Guazzo and Abrams at the union office.

Compensation cases and other legal advice will be handled by an attorney who will be on hand every Monday from:

9-11 A.M. and 2-5 P.M.
to represent the membership of local 301, IUE.

If, in the future, the volume of work increases then other arrangements will be made to expand the existing facilities and additional office hours will be added to the present schedule.

Welders Recalled From Layoff!

Recently the forthright stand of the Welders in Bldg. 52 on behalf of their unfortunate fellow members on the street resulted in an agreement whereby the longest service Welders on the street were recalled on the job. The facts on this case are as follows: Bldg. 52 received a rush order from the Goodyear Company for a radar job which needed considerable welding. Due to the fact that the job was needed in a hurry, the Company notified the Welders in Bldg. 52 that they would have to work overtime to get the job out by the promised date. The group decided it wouldn't be right to work overtime with so many of their fellow Welders out on the street for lack of work.

A meeting was scheduled between the Company and representatives from Union Headquarters. At this meeting management agreed to bring back the five longest service Welders on the

job for a period of about four weeks.

Due to this agreement, these workers will get the following advantages: Their service will be reinstated. This means that when they are laid off again, they will have to be out six months before they lose any service. Also the additional four weeks pay that they will receive should have the effect of helping them get back on their feet after their layoff.

This shows that the Welders in Bldg. 52 know that they have a moral obligation to their fellow workers on lack of work.

Stratton Airs Labor Legislation On "Labor Looks at the News"—Sat.

Representative Samuel S. Stratton, D., 32nd Congressional Dist., will discuss pending Labor Legislation Saturday, which will be debated upon on the House floor in the very near future.

STRATTON will be our guest on "Labor Looks at the News" this Saturday evening at 6:45 P.M. on WSNY Radio which is sponsored by Local 301, IUE, AFL-CIO.

Some of the bills to be discussed will be the recent Civil Rights Bill which passed the House this week, a Picketing Bill to allow secondary boycotts in some instances, the Minimum Wage Law, the Forand Bill which would give medical, surgical and nursing aid to our retired citizens and a Bill to provide Federal Aid to Education . . .

"LABOR LOOKS AT THE NEWS" is brought to the community as a public service every Saturday evening at 6:45 PM on radio station WSNY (1240 on your dial).

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He said the goals of such a program will be reviewed and analyzed by national experts at the six-day Subcommittee hearings on the health needs of the aged scheduled to begin April 4.

"I am of the firm opinion that an effective health program should be able to finance medical care without making charity cases of millions of senior citizens," he declared. Such legislation, he said, "should emphasize self-reliance and independent living and must shun charity and institutionalization."

Health Program

Senator McNamara stated that in broad terms the essential elements of a health insurance program should include:

1. Emphasis on prevention of illness and on early diagnosis and treatment.

2. Adequate coverage of hospital costs.

3. Treatment and rehabilitation in a skilled nursing home or in a supervised program of nursing care at home.

4. Help in meeting part of costs of very expensive drugs.

5. A system of prepaid social insurance to finance such services.

6. Stimulation of research and expansion of demonstration programs for community health services.

7. Coverage of those aged, presently retired, who do not qualify for Social Security but are urgently in need of health insurance.

Senator McNamara said that a number of proposals have been offered to achieve these objectives and that he hoped the hearings would probe the essential elements of these proposals and arrive at a sound solution.

Waited Too Long

In calling for legislative action, the Senator said, "we have waited and temporized and postponed decisions too long. The health needs of our senior citizens deserve prompt consideration—and positive action."

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Attention All Stewards!

SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE NEARING LAST 2 WEEKS

The 2nd Annual Scholarship Fund Drive is now entering its last two weeks...which means that time is running out. While it has been reported that many Stewards and Board Members have been "on the ball" collecting the necessary funds to make this drive the success it was last year, the money has been slow in coming into the union office. By turning in the funds each week, you can eliminate a needless last minute rush which only works a hardship on the limited staff at the union office. So please make your returns as soon and as often as possible.

This fund will be used to help sponsor some worthy son or daughter of one of our union members thru college upon graduation from high school at the end of the present school term. The amount we are able to raise will determine the extent of help we will be able to offer.

Collection forms have been distributed to Executive Board Members, so if you haven't received your form to date, please see your Board Member right away.

Your contribution will go toward a very worthy cause.

LEGAL CLINIC EVERY MONDAY AT UNION OFFICE

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An educational program for 1960 will be launched next week in preparation for negotiations in the coming months ahead. The sessions will be held at the Union Office and in the Union Auditorium on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, April 12th, 13th and 14th.

Ben Segal, Educational Director of the International IUE, will conduct the classes in cooperation with Local 301. Joe Swire, Director of Pensions and Insurance, IUE, will also be on hand to assist in the program.

All Officers, Executive Board Members and Stewards are urged to enroll and attend all scheduled classes.

Some of the subjects to be discussed will include Negotiations for 1960, Pensions and Insurance, The Union Program, GE Propaganda and Line of Communications. The Advanced Group will continue the program established last year during July and September. The schedule of classes will be as follows:

Tuesday, April 12th
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Advanced)
2nd Shift
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Stewards)
2nd Shift
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Advanced)
1st & 3rd

Wednesday & Thursday, April 13, 14
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Advanced)
2nd Shift
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Stewards)
2nd Shift
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Advanced)
1st & 3rd
8:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Stewards)
1st & 3rd

No lost time will be required.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 11th, 7:30 p.m.

OFFICERS MEETING

6:00 p.m. before Board Meeting