

Esposito's Section Next in 301 Drive

The second section to be covered in the 301 enrolment drive will be Buildings 53, 65, and 69, represented by Board Member Anthony Esposito, the organization committee of the Executive Board decided last week.

The committee, consisting of Board Members Dewey Brashear, John Saccocio, and Leland Sisto, meeting with Adam Boss, in charge of membership records, decided that the lists of non-members would be completed before being issued to the committeemen in the first section picked in the drive. The lists will be issued during the first week in October.

The union office is taking this opportunity to issue membership cards to all the members listed. The cards will be handed out by the committeemen, who will receive them through the board members.

It is important that every member give his committeeman his correct address, so that the union mailing lists and the circulation lists of the UE News may be corrected.

New Committeemen Sworn Into Office

Seven committeemen were sworn in at the Local 301 membership meeting Sept. 17 by William Mastriani, chief shop steward.

They are: Christopher Benkert, Bldg. 37; Chester Chlopecki, Bldg. 273; Peter A. Monzo, Bldg. 285; William A. Downs, Bldg. 15; Joseph Holody, Bldg. 69; John C. Nelson, Bldg. 49 and John Tittlebaum, Bldg. 53.

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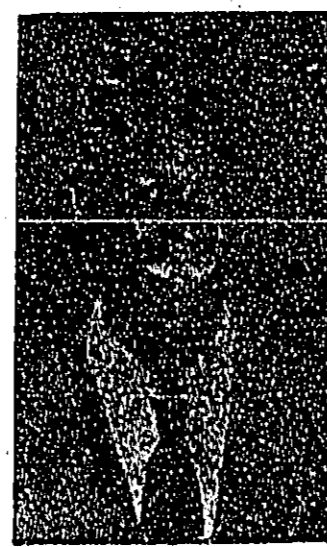
Last week's issue of EU News stated through an error that William Young received \$1.90 an hour, instead of \$1.71 an hour, as a horizontal milling machine operator when he was transferred to a lesser paying job by GE to make room for a worker with less seniority.

Brother Young is one of the five Local 301 members involved in test cases which UE has brought to force GE to arbitrate money losses suffered by workers because of the company's super-seniority policy.

Union Represented In Anti-Lynch Group



Leland Sisto



Horace Perryman

Three members of Local 301 went to Washington, D.C., Monday for the national pilgrimage of the American Crusade to End Lynchings.

Horace Perryman and Leland Sisto went as representatives of the local, named by the Executive Board on recommendation of the general membership meeting that two delegates be sent. Albert Davis was sent by the Capital District Industrial Union Council, CIO. Both Brothers Sisto and Davis are 301 Board members.

With Paul Robeson as chairman, the American Crusade to End Lynchings organized delegations from all parts of the country representing labor, Negro, church, civic and civil-liberty groups. Groups called on President Truman, on Attorney General Clark and on the Democratic and Republican Committee officials.

They demanded an end to the terrorism against Negroes, federal action against lynchers and the adoption of anti-lynch legislation.

Union Will Decide On Endorsements

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The PAC advisory committee is proposing a complete breakdown of the membership of all CIO unions by voting districts, and an organized drive, led by a full-time registration director, to get these voters registered during the October 4 to 12 registration period. In this way, the members will be able to vote for the candidates they decide to support.

Local 301 Approves Convention Actions

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mittee, made the convention report to Local 301 for the entire delegation.

A few persons took the floor at the membership meeting to express fear of a "Communist" label being applied to UE because the union does not bar Communists from office.

Brother Jandreau pointed out that Big Business and anti-union newspapers have been attempting to disrupt and confuse the membership by their attack on the UE constitutional provision guaranteeing all members equal rights. Other delegates and many rank-and-file members spoke in favor of the convention's action of retaining the democratic safeguards in the constitution.

The membership voted approval of the delegates' entire report.

Union Asks Members Aid Community Chest

On recommendation of the Executive Board, the membership meeting of Local 301 voted to urge every member of the union to give at least 50 cents a month to the Schenectady Community Chest. The Very Rev. John J. Finn, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church and this year's Chest campaign chairman, spoke at both Board and membership meetings.

GE, Alco and other industries have agreed to allow subscriptions to be made on the payroll deduction basis. Andrew Peterson, Local 301 president, cooperated with the Chest campaign by speaking before two meetings of GE employes yesterday in the Works Restaurant. The Executive Board named him to represent the union.

The campaign goal this year is \$374,280 which is approximately \$60,000 greater than the amount raised a year ago. Father Finn said the full amount must be raised if the 22 member agencies are to function properly.

Union Calendar

Tonight (Thursday, Sept. 26—7:30 p.m. Special membership meeting on PAC.

Tomorrow (Friday, Sept. 27)—4 p.m. Grievance sub-committee meeting for appeals.

Tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday. UE District 3 convention at Buffalo.

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Newspapers Ignore Shortage of Cotton

Shortages of lead and of cotton cloth have created a serious situation, with many lay-offs, in Bldgs. 64 and 85. The cloth shortage is the more serious of the two.

The company was to get its new supply of lead Tuesday, Oct. 1, after this week's issue of EU News went to press. If cloth is not obtained, however, production will continue to be held up both in the Wire and Cable department in Bldg. 85 and in the Varnished Cambric department in Bldg. 64. The varnished cambric is required for the Cable department.

Nearly 100 workers have been laid-off in Wire and Cable and about 18 men have been placed on a short work week, because of the cloth shortage.

Yet newspaper stories quoting "company officials" refer only to the less serious shortage of lead and not to the cloth shortage. The explanation is simple. By talking about lead, the company and the papers can talk about "strikes in lead producing industries" and "government interference," even if these factors have little to do with the shortage.

But when you bring out the really important shortage of cotton cloth, you expose the fact that there is a price strike by textile companies trying to hold up the country for higher prices and bigger profits. It's the same thing as the big hold-up by the meat packers today.

The newspapers, which speak for the big employers, never miss an opportunity to attack unions. They don't care whether the charges are true or not. And they carefully cover up the real source of the troubles, the greedy profiteering by big business.

To Aid Crippled Children

The \$400 remaining from profits of the 1946 Local 301 Field Day was voted to the Crippled Children's Home of Schenectady by a general membership meeting of Local 301. Foster Campbell made his final report as chairman of the Activities Committee which raised the money.

PAC Committee Recommends List of State, Local Candidates

Candidates pledged to fight for price control and to support the CIO program for peace and security have been recommended by the PAC Advisory Committee for endorsement by Schenectady CIO unions.

Local 301 was to take action at a special membership and committeemen's meeting Tuesday night (after this week's issue of EU News went to press) and Local 2054, United Steelworkers of America, was to have a special meeting last night.



... AND DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

The unanimous PAC report recommended support of the statewide ticket headed by Senator James M. Mead for governor and former Governor Herbert H. Lehman for U. S. senator, "both of whom are pledged to the Roosevelt tradition and whose pro-labor records are established."

CIO backing was urged for Carroll "Pink" Gardner, candidate for Congress for the 31st District, who opposes Representative Bernard F. Kearney, Republican. Kearney's anti-labor, anti-price control record is one of the worst in Congress.

Must Beat Dunn

Defeating William Dunn, GE general foreman and Republican machine candidate for sheriff, must be an outstanding aim of the labor vote this November, the report declared. The PAC committee recommended that CIO forces unite behind the candidacy of William Sherry, Democratic candidate, to (Continued on Page 2)

Stewards Produce Lists For 301 Enrolment Drive

The following committeemen in Bldg. 53 have turned in to the union office the lists of employees in their departments, to be checked in the current enrolment drive ordered by the Executive Board of Local 301:

Anthony J. Esposito, board member; Amos Diamante, A. E. Raymond, John Fava, Betty Roberts, Lucy Swatling, Michael Negro, and John Kasitch.

Named Alternate

William Stewart, Bldg. 60, has been named by the Executive Board to serve on the Board as alternate to Edward Wallingford for Bldg. 60 and Bldg. 49.

PAC Committee Recommends Candidates

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beat Dunn, even though Joseph Dominelli of Local 301 will be on the ballot as ALP candidate. Brother Dominelli himself supports this position of PAC.

Contemplated endorsement of Amedeo Volpe, the one Republican candidate generally considered friendly to labor, for City Council fell through because Volpe refused even to consider the PAC program and said PAC endorsement would embarrass him.

"He admitted quite frankly that he knew the Republican organization in Schenectady County was preparing for a vicious smear campaign against CIO-PAC," the committee reported.

"This situation emphasizes what PAC faces if it is to do a job for the CIO members," the report stated.

PAC Strictly Non-Partisan

"PAC is strictly non-partisan, and in many spots in the United States has supported Republicans who were willing to reject domination by the machine. But in a machine dominated by Dewey, Cushing, Dunn and Kearney, the candidates will almost inevitably

fall into the anti-labor position taken by the leadership."

Under the circumstances, the committee urged that a strong fight for direct labor representation on the City Council be made and that the CIO push its own candidate, Lewis Benedict, president of the Transport Workers Union.

Other Endorsements

Other endorsements were: for district attorney, Ernest Buhrmaster; assemblyman, Owen Begley; state senator, Thomas Fyvie, secretary-treasurer of Local 2054; county treasurer, Eva Green; coroner, Morris Reid, active member and former committeeman in Local 301.

Gardner, Buhrmaster and Begley "showed their colors in the CIO's favor during the big strikes," the committee pointed out. In meetings with the PAC committee they gave "clear and unqualified support to the CIO's program for peace and security."

Mrs. Green, who gave active support to the strikes, is the wife of a leader of the GE Office Workers Organizing Committee, UE.

Dunn is Anti-Union

Dunn went through picket lines at GE and showed a clear anti-union position as majority leader of the Council, the report pointed out. His Democratic opponent, Sherry, is a small business man who took a stand for labor in the strikes and has given unqualified support to the CIO program, and to labor's receiving a higher share of what it produces.

"We support Sherry as a good man with whom to defeat General foreman Dunn," the committee said.

Meeting With Volpe

Volpe's spurning of PAC endorsement was described in detail. "In a meeting with the committee, Volpe professed friendship for labor but would not even consider our program. He said he could not accept PAC endorsement because he was running as a Republican . . . His acceptance of PAC support would make the smear campaign difficult. His loyalty is first to the Republican party. He declared specifically that he would be campaigning for Kearney and Dunn, the men our membership opposed most vigorously."

Labor Action Vital

Political action must be taken by labor, the committee declared, "to return the country to the Roosevelt policies in domestic and foreign affairs, to defeat the alliance of Hoover-Dewey Republi-

CIO-PAC Program

For Peace and Security

The Schenectady County PAC Advisory Committee judged candidates on the basis of the following 14-point CIO-PAC program. Candidates endorsed not only backed the program but have records which give reason to believe they will actually work for this program.

The 14 Points

Lasting peace by carrying through the Roosevelt peace program.

Jobs for all who want to work.

Decent wages to provide adequate food, clothing and recreation.

Equal pay for equal work to women.

A decent home for every family.

For veterans, jobs, education, housing and full adjustment to peacetime living.

A social security system which is just and adequate.

Education and medical care, adequate for all.

An end to discrimination in all forms, based on race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

No legislation restricting the right of workers to organize and bargain collectively with their employers.

For farmers, an opportunity to raise and sell their products at a return which will give them and their families a decent living.

For small businessmen, an opportunity to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies.

A tax program based on ability to pay.

Effective price control.

cans and southern polltax Democrats who always fought Roosevelt and who since his death have given Washington a powerful anti-labor trend, illustrated by such a development as the virtual killing of price control and the sabotage of what is left of it."

Local 301 members signing the non-partisan report were Andrew Peterson, Leo Jandreau, William Mastriani, Willard Kusche, John D. Ciune and Dewey Brashear, and Rudy Ellis as a representative of the Capital District Industrial Union Council, CIO.

Locals 2054 and 3180, USA, and Local 159, Transport Workers, were also on the PAC committee. The Local 301 Executive Board has approved the PAC report.

They're Talking Price Control and General Union Business at 301 Hall



Andrew Peterson, left, president of Local 301, presiding at one of the series of shop committeemen's meetings called during the past eight days. The group pictured represents the research laboratory, Bldgs. 5 and 37. At extreme left, front row, is Albert Davis, Board member. Second from the right is Anthony Villano, new shop chairman.

Union Submits Craft Program

Register in October
To Vote in November

Wage and special contract supplement proposals approved last week by a meeting of building trades members were sent this week to the GE plant management with a request for negotiations. The building trades committeemen will participate in the negotiations.

The proposals would extend to all building trades the 10 cent raise won for the steamfitters and electricians through War Labor Board action. A uniform rate of \$1.10½ would be set for helpers. Retroactive raises to May 31 are requested.

Proposals include a limit of one helper per journeyman, apprenticeship courses for helpers to become mechanics, with set standards, and upgrading of helpers to journeymen before new mechanics are hired.

The program calls for protection of the craft workers through various job safeguards, including restrictions in letting out work to outside contractors.

Included in the bargaining are electricians, tinsmiths, masons, roofers, steamfitters, millwrights, riggers, ironworkers, carpenters, painters, crane repairmen, glaziers, machine tool fitters and helpers in all these crafts.

Registration dates for Schenectady, Scotia, and other cities and villages of more than 5,000 population are:

Oct. 4, 5, 11.....10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Oct. 12.....7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

YOU MUST REGISTER PERSONALLY AT YOUR POLLING PLACE in such cities and villages.

In rural areas and cities or villages under 5,000 population,—like Rotterdam and Niskayuna,—personal registration is not required. But be sure that your name is on the list, especially if you are a new voter or have moved since the last election.

Registration dates for these areas are:

Oct. 5.....7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Oct. 12.....1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

BE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED SO YOU CAN VOTE IN NOVEMBER.

Daughter for Dominellis

It's a girl for the Joseph Dominellis.

Her name is Jo-Ann and she weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, when she arrived at Ellis Hospital, Sept. 24.

Brother Dominelli and his wife have another daughter, Carol Lee Dominelli, three.

Union Wants Pensions Big Enough to Live On

The problem of employees ordered to retire on pension at 65 under the new pension plan, against their will and with pensions too small to live on, was scheduled to be taken up with the national management in New York this week. In the meantime union grievance action won an extension until December 1, to allow for the New York discussions, for six men who had been ordered out October 1.

The union's position is that the basic problem is to provide adequate pensions, but that until that aim is achieved, the company has no right to force men off the payroll against their will.

Local management has said the matter could be settled only on the national level. It agreed, however, to keep in the plant the six who were slated to go October 1.

S. O. S.

Evicted from his flat because the landlord wanted to make room for relatives, Clayton Leffingwell, screw machine operator in Bldg. 16, needs immediate help in locating a home for himself, his wife and six children.

With the aid of friends and the Humane Society, the family has found temporary shelter, but they want to be together under one roof again as soon as possible.

What Is PAC?

PAC stands for Political Action Committee of the CIO. It is a strictly non-partisan committee representing and speaking for CIO in politics, nationally, in the state, and in the community.

PAC is not affiliated with, indebted to, nor guided by any political party—Republican, Communist, Democratic, American Labor, Socialist, or any other. It is controlled solely by the membership of the CIO unions.

PAC recommends to the members of the CIO that they support certain candidates. This recommendation is based on whether or not these candidates will support, not only in word but by their record, the PAC program for peace, jobs, security, the program of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. It is a program for ALL the American people.

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