



"THIS IS MY HAPPIEST DAY." Pvt. George Lott whose life was saved by blood plasma, penicillin, and skillful surgery will be able to use his arms again. A reminder to visit the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Executive Board Makes New Rule Lists Cities Which Support Wage Program

Each committeeman must now have at least 25 members in his or her jurisdiction in the plant to remain a union representative except when he receives approval from the union Executive Board. In such cases where extraordinary circumstances exist, the representative may present such evidence to the board for consideration.

The new ruling was adopted by the Executive Board at its January 29 meeting. In explaining the action, it stated that due to substantial cutbacks in many departments, many committeemen are still on the active list with few or no members in their jurisdiction. With the cutback in employment, the membership of the union has decreased accordingly and such action is necessary for financial reasons and in line with the union policy of retrenchment of expenses.

Forum Will Hold Rally March 5

The meeting of Freedom Forum on March 5, when Garnet Gardner will speak on "Total Victory Over Japan, Or Else . . ." will be a fight-to-the-finish rally. It was announced yesterday by the Reverend Edwin H. Wilson, Chairman of the Forum. Place of the meeting will be announced later but it is expected that it will be held at Nott Terrace High School auditorium.

The Forum committee believes it important to underscore the fact that it will not be all over when victory is established in Europe, and that we must all continue in support of the men in action in the Pacific with all possible energy on the Home Front. The chief speaker at this rally lived in Shanghai for ten years, spent several of them under Japanese domination and was returned in an exchange of war prisoners.

BUY BONDS

Compensation Bills Listed For Support

Many bills are now pending before the New York State Legislature in Albany which are being backed by the CIO in its comprehensive legislative program on workmen's compensation. Local 301 Legislative committee members are studying them and ask that members of the union become acquainted with them also and write or wire Assemblyman Heck urging his support of the measure. Legislative committee member Frank Behan has pointed out the following pending bills as being very urgently needed.

DISABILITY BENEFITS
Introduced by Assemblyman Robert J. Crowe, A.I. 148, and Senator Joseph E. Parisi, S.I. 129. Increases workmen's compensation for disability to maximum of \$85 instead of \$25 per week and to minimum of \$15 instead of \$8; temporary total disability minimum shall not be less than \$20 instead of \$12 and permanent total disability minimum not less than \$30 instead of \$15.

WAITING PERIOD
Introduced by Assemblyman Bernard Austin, A.I. 246, and Senator Joseph E. Parisi, S.I. 129. Requires payment of workmen's compensation from date of disability if injury results in disability of more than 7 instead of 35 days.

WARRANTS
Introduced by Assemblyman Robert J. Crowe, A.I. 150, and Senator Joseph E. Parisi, S.I. 131. Prohibits employer from obtaining waiver from prospective employee, or release from liability for workmen's compensation and fixes penalty for violation.

LIMITATION OF CLAIMS
Introduced by Assemblyman Robert J. Crowe, A.I. 50, and Senator Joseph E. Parisi, S.I. 130. Increases from one year to three years time limitation for workmen's compensation claims; no claim shall be barred for failure to file claim, if employee has received first aid or medical treatment or if injury is reported to employer or labor department; board may by majority vote instead of unanimous vote permit filing of claim after time limit but not exceeding six years.

OHIO STATE LEGISLATURE
Gov. Lausche, Dem., Assembly predominantly Rep., adopted a bill stating the Little Steel Formula was obsolete and quoted cost of living had increased 30%. The bill permitted State employees a 30% increase in wages.

Mayor of Rochester issued a statement favoring a revision in the Little Steel Formula.

Mayor of Utica issued a statement that the 15% formula was obsolete.

The Council of the City of New York adopted a resolution claiming the Little Steel Formula was inadequate.

Mayor Hague authorized the Jersey City Council to issue a statement urging revision of the Little Steel Formula.

The Mayor of Lack Port, N. Y., issued a statement favoring the request of organized labor.

The Mayor and City Council of Bloomfield, N. J., went on record for a change in the 15% formula.

The municipal bodies of the following communities took similar action: West Lynn, Mass., Everett, Mass., Cambridge, Mass., Malden, Mass., Salem, Mass., Woburn, Mass., Chicago, Ill., Pittsburg, Pa., Warren, Ohio, Indianapolis, Ind.

Sincerely,
Leo Jandreau

YOU WORK in the factory and are a member of Local 301. You enjoy all the benefits which come from such a union as UE. Among them are right to know the duties of your job, the job rate, seniority right, freedom from discrimination and favoritism. Also you have an organization which is strong, unafraid, with a representative near you to take your side, fight your fight, protect your rights as an employee.

DOES YOUR son, daughter, mother, brother, sister or friend who works in the office enjoy these advantages which you enjoy? Of course, the answer is no—they have no union. Did you ever compare your pay check for a week's work with theirs? If you did you found their pay lower, yet they no doubt have had as much training and experience in their job as you have—and they have worked just as hard!

IT'S A FACT that if there are thousands of union factory workers, including some who hold some form of union office, who have not only friends but relatives in their own household who work in a GE office who have not signed an application for membership in the UE. If they had signed, they would now have a union, and a fatter pay check along with all the other things we enjoy.

SIGN THEM UP TODAY
February Is "Organize Clerical" Month

Local 301 to Assist Union Rem-Rand Drive

The Executive Board at its last meeting voted to lend assistance to the organizational drive being conducted by the UE in Ilion where the Remington-Rand plants are located by sending Austin Case, editor of this paper and former resident of that village, there to assist the field organizers make contacts with people employed in the plants.

Leo Jandreau, business agent, who is also President of District 8 of the UE which takes in all of upstate New York, explained to the board the importance of the Ilion drive to Schenectady. Ilion, which is a highly industrialized but small town is the place where the famous "Mohawk Valley Formula" of strike-breaking was originated during strikes by another union in 1936. The rank management of those plants is notorious for its low wages, poor working conditions and anti-labor fights. Inasmuch as this condition exists only an hour and a half's drive away from Schenectady, it remains as a continual threat to our own working conditions.

INVITES ASSISTANCE
At the present time the greatest need for assistance is in Plant 1. The hundreds of Ilion workers now employed in Schenectady GE who have enjoyed the advantages of the UE and come to know it for what it really is, a liberal, responsible, active union are urged to tell their friends and relatives in Ilion about it and urge them to join UE. Also it would be appreciated by Austin Case if any Local 301 member formerly from Ilion would call in to the union hall (9-1880) the names and addresses of any relatives or friends who are working in plant 1, 2, or the L-B. He will call on them and tell them about UE.

GET A LEAD ON MAR. 15. FILE YOUR TAX STATEMENT EARLY.

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CIO Exec. Board Called to Special Session on 'Little Steel' Issue

Recent action by the Public Members of the War Labor Board in regard to changing the "Little Steel" Formula promises to make the wage question the biggest domestic controversy since the national presidential election. That action in the form of a report by them, said that wages have more than kept pace with rising prices and that no revision of the "Little Steel" Formula is necessary.

Phony 'Strike' Outfit Hit by OWI, WLB

It has been brought to light that an effort has been made in the local General Electric plant by representatives of the Mechanics Educational Society of America to cause confusion among members of Local 301 and to sign them up into their organization. Evidence which the union has received points to the fact that the effort has been made largely among toolmakers, although pamphlets and application cards have been found in various other sections of the plant.

A unanimous pledge to support Local 301 and to fight any dual labor movement in the local General Electric plant was made by toolmakers, members of Local 301 at the last general meeting of their group.

For the benefit of the members in the shop who have heard of or been contacted by this "strike" outfit, the Electrical Union News offers the following information about the MESA which is authentic from the Office of War Information and Natl. War Labor Board. The head of the MESA is Matthew Smith, whom the Board describes as follows . . . "Smith's purposes in using, during the war, such a powerful and destructive force as the strike, and the sympathy strike, at that, seem to have been most selfishly indeterminate. This panel (WLB) finds its patience particularly tried when the MESA representative boasts that he was personally and directly responsible for the calling of strikes in 19 war production plants. . . ."

POLICE RECORDS
Smith, an alien, who has been in this country since 1927, refuses to become naturalized, stating, "Maybe I don't feel I would make a good citizen. Perhaps I will wait a few more years to be sure." Although Smith now portrays himself as a leader and fighter for the workers, he himself worked in this country for years without ever taking part in union activities or becoming a member until he launched the MESA in 1933. Smith and many of his organizers with whom he has surrounded himself have had

Local 301 Committeemen In Scotia Mayor Race

William M. Turnbull, Local 301 committeeman in building 49 and a man who has long been a member of organized labor, is a candidate for the Mayor of Scotia in the Republican ticket in the March village election. Mr. Turnbull, an employee of the General Electric Company for over 40 years, lives at 118 Bruce Street, Scotia.

ENDORSES WAGE FIGHT
Mr. Turnbull, in conversation with the editor of the Electrical Union News, stated that he was highly in favor of the union's fight to secure a fair wage adjustment based on the high cost of living and also that he had actively supported the union's program from the start in his community.

ANY-AMERICAN
This MESA outfit has a record of continual strikes throughout the years we have been in vital war production. In fact that seems to be its only policy, and in carrying it out, has shown itself to be not only un-American but contemptuous of the welfare of the men fighting the bloody wars overseas.

On February 8, 1944, the WLB (Continued on page 2)

Farrell Named To Boys' Club Post by Union

George Farrell, Local 301 Executive Board member representing building 59 of the Transmitter department, was elected by the union Executive Board to serve on the Board of Directors of the Schenectady Boys Club. In his new additional capacity Mr. Farrell will take with him a great deal of experience which will prove of benefit to the fine Boys Club program.

An overseas veteran of World War I, he has taken an active part in boys' problems as Troop committeeman in the Schenectady County Council, Boy Scouts of America. Also, he is serving on another civic body as member of the Board of Governors of the Community Chest.

BETTER BUS SERVICE
One of his main objectives if elected, Mr. Turnbull states, will be to secure more adequate bus service for the village of Scotia. Although it has improved somewhat since the addition of new buses by the railway company, there is much yet to be desired.

During the past two years he has worked in conjunction with another prominent Scotia resident and made many representations to the Railway Company management pointing out the many intolerable conditions. This, he claims, has had some good effect and benefited the entire community.

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LABOR MEMBERS OPPOSED

"We express our most vigorous dissent to the report of the public members. We submit that such a report reveals a complete absence of understanding of the economic problems which are now present and will shortly confront the nation. . . . The report of the public members provides no constructive and forthright wage policy to assure continued maximum war production and provide for continued full production and employment during reconversion. . . . The national wage stabilization policy must be changed to permit a substantial adjustment of wage rates at the present time."

MURRAY'S STATEMENT

The following statement was made by President Murray in which he states the CIO position on the wage question:

"The report of the public members of the National War Labor Board on the national wage policy completely fails to meet the needs of the nation. It shows that they possess no understanding whatever of the problems of war production now or of the national economy after V-E Day. It simply reflects the frustrated thinking and inaction which under the present administration of the Board.

"Now more than ever, it is of the utmost importance to our war effort that there be maintained uninterrupted production. The CIO and its members are fully conscious of this need and therefore shall observe their no-strike pledge.

"In the very interest of furthering the war effort, it is essential that there be a complete revision of our national wage policy to provide for an upward adjustment of the Little Steel Formula and to unshackle the War Labor Board from the freezing restrictions imposed upon it through orders and directives of Judge Vinson."

An Editorial

Transportation in Schenectady by buses is still a critical and serious problem for many workers. Hearings in Albany before Public Service Commissioner Wm. Bray have brought about promises and rosy pictures by the management of the Schenectady Railway Company but those promises of better service and pictures of efficiency pass away like a mist when one has to get a bus.

It is true that many new buses have been added to the local fleet but apparently old buses which have become worn out break down as fast as the new ones come in. Net result is that the service is no better.

One particular line on which something should be done at once is the No. 3 line which runs on Eastern Avenue and Upper Union Street. In the past two weeks there have been mornings when there were no buses at all to take workers to their jobs between 6 a.m. and 6:40 a.m. although buses are "scheduled" during that time.

Large numbers of workers have been late every morning in the week because of this condition. Others have been disgusted and returned home rather than go in to work late when it was through no fault of their own.

A remedy which would help relieve this situation would be for the Company management to appeal to the proper authorities for permission to let the 2 half-filled Troy buses

ORIGINAL TORN

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Schenectady, N. Y. Local 301

Man About Town



An Editorial

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entering Schenectady between 6 and 6:30 a.m. stop and pick up passengers on upper Union.

NEEDS SCHEDULING

It is apparent that a revision in scheduling the bus runs is badly needed. It has often been observed that no buses of a particular line will show up at any designated place for a long period of time and then as many as three or four will follow one another.

Local 301 has set up a Transportation Committee which has arranged to work with similar committees representing the Locomotive Workers' Union and the Bus Drivers' Union. Although the Public Service Commissioner's office approved the scheme by which the Railway Management would meet with this combined committee and try to work out means of improving service, the Railway heads have found many "excuses" for not holding meetings and up to this writing, no meetings have been held.

WRITE

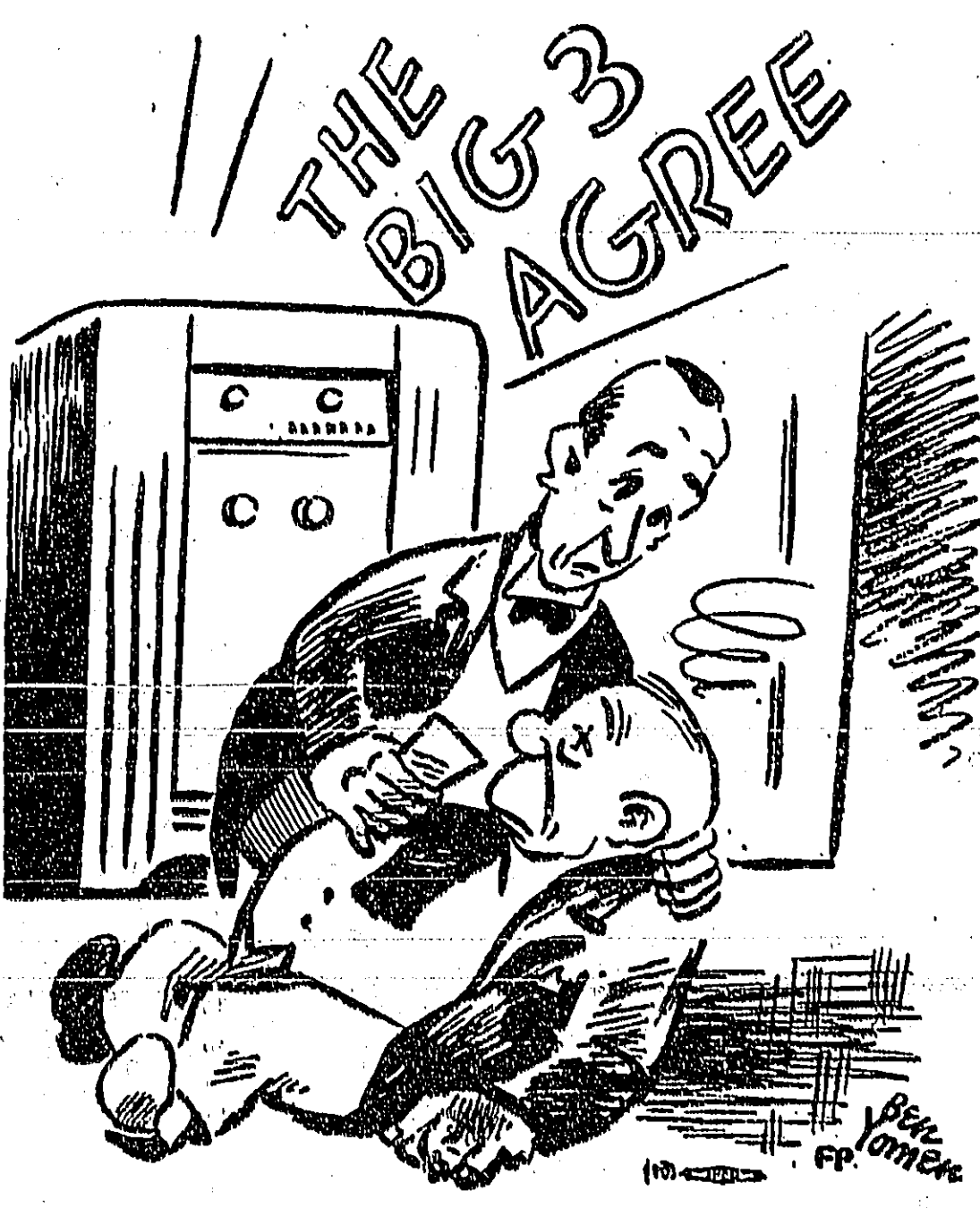
The Electrical Union News suggests that every member who is losing pay and suffering from the bus service, write his case down giving dates, bus line, time of day, and all information regarding his particular situation and send it to the editor of this paper.

MANPOWER LOSS

On just one morning the number of people who were late for work in one building alone because there was no bus totaled 58. They were late 49 minutes. The total man-hours lost from essential war production that day was more than 47 hours.

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP

By Yomen



Jest Jokes

Jack Carson: I didn't go out with the opposite sex until I was 28.
Dinah Shore: Was your father that strict?
Jack Carson: No. He just wouldn't tell me which was the opposite sex.

—Dinah Shore's Open House

Lou Costello: But, Abbott, you've gotta invite me to dinner! You can't let an old friend starve! Look at me, I weigh only 90 pounds now!
Bud Abbott: Ninety pounds? Why you're 56 inches around the waist!

—Abbott & Costello

Joan Davis: I have a date with a soldier who's been overseas for 18 months and this is his first liberty.
Jack Haley: You mean his first leave. Liberty is what a sailor takes. Sailors never takes liberties.

—Village-Store

Mrs. Rogers on Welfare Agency
The Executive Board has appointed Recording Secretary Mrs. C. Billie Rogers to act as labor member on the Board of the Schenectady Family Welfare Service.

Phony 'Strike' Outfit Hit
The following report on the MESA as follows: "The Mechanics Educational Society has defied the Government of the United States. It struck in violation of the law, and it struck not because of any dispute with employers, but to compel the Government to do its bidding.

WAR LABOR BOARD CASES
The following are grievances which have been processed through the regular bargaining machinery and have been referred to the War Labor Board for settlement:

Docket 4632, F. L. Edvard, Martin Berguis, Committeeman Brammer, filed with union 10-10-44.

Docket 3086, bldg. 69, Petrosky, Committeeman Bethancourt, filed with union 10-19-43.

Cases Pending Before Management

Table listing various cases pending before management, including names like Fuchs, Herodes, Boynton, and dates.

Fight Against Merit Rating Bills Endorsed

The membership at the February meeting passed the following resolution presented by the Legislative Committee in opposition to the proposed "Merit Rating" measures which are being considered by the New York State Legislature at the present time:
WHEREAS, five "merit rating" bills have been introduced into the State Legislature at this session...

Capital Dist. Council For Seamen's Benefits

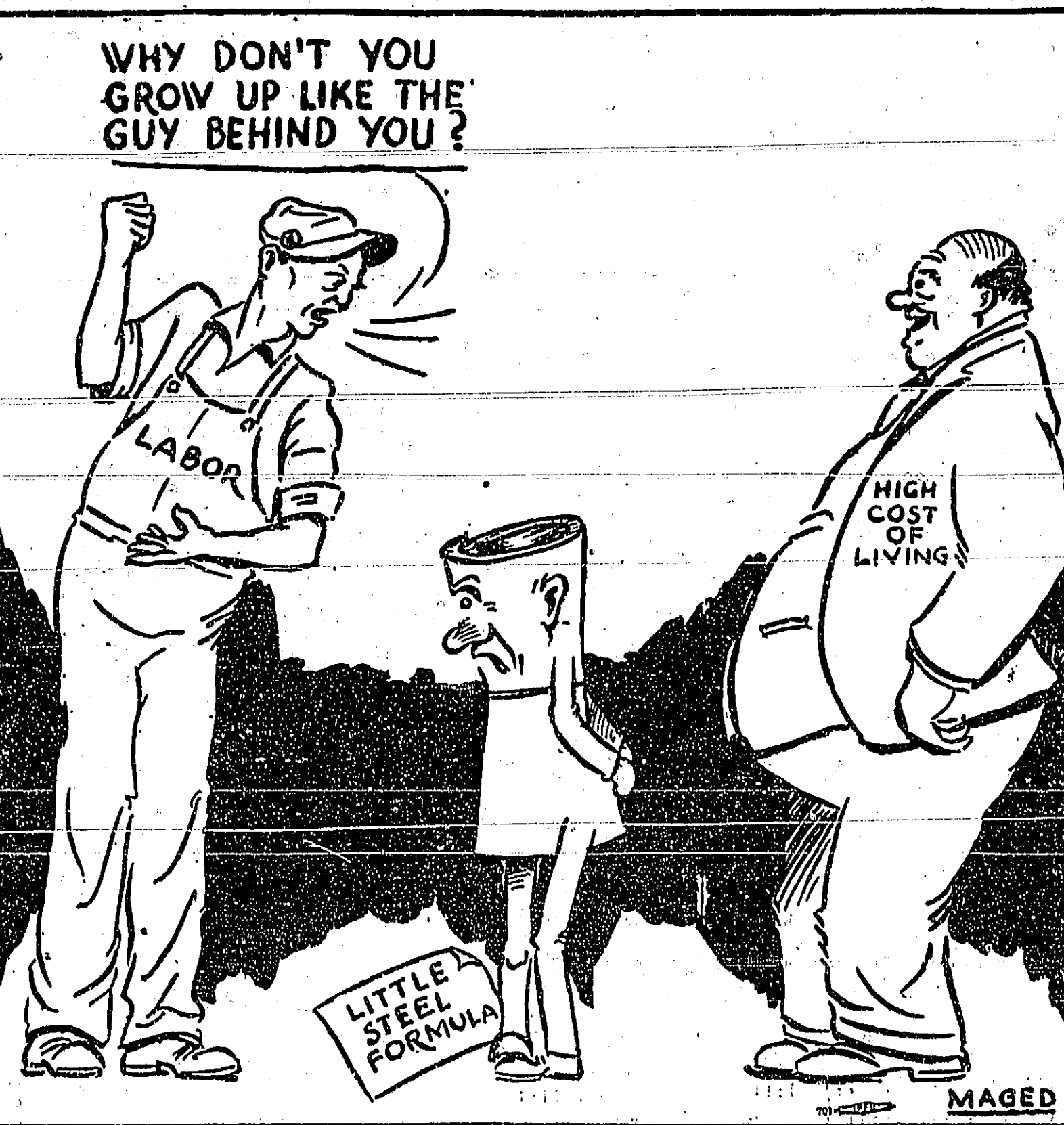
The Bill of Rights for Merchant Seamen recommended by Adm'l Emory S. Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration, received the unanimous approval of all delegates to the Capital District Industrial Unions Council at a recent meeting.

LeMoine's Son Gets Bronze Star Posthumously

Tech. Sgt. Eugene J. LeMoine, 27, son of former Executive Board member and Mrs. Eugene LeMoine, has been cited posthumously for meritorious achievement in combat and awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Ft. Edward News

We welcome the new members to our ranks of which there are many lately. Every member should encourage his or her co-worker to join our organization.



Mayor TenEyck Backs Union Wage Fight; Seek Supervisors' Support To Help Break "Steel Formula"

The program of Local 301 to enlist the full weight of the community opinion behind efforts to bring about liberalization of the Little Steel Formula which would permit a general wage adjustment to offset the increased cost of living is progressing well as its similar campaigns being conducted by the UE throughout the entire country.

Mayor TenEyck wrote the following letter to Chairman William Davis of the War Labor Board in behalf of the union program:
"Mr. William Davis, Chairman National War Labor Board Washington, D. C.

March of Dimes Thanks Local 301

The following letter has been received by President William Wilkinson from William L. Mayotte, Campaign Director of the March of Dimes in Schenectady County in which the union receives gratitude for the contribution of \$1,240 by the members in the shops.

BUY BONDS

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