

Central Labor Council Opposes "Surplus Food" Distribution

Ludlow Foundry Units Closed

The Ludlow Foundry's Troy and Cohoes Units were closed down without notice to the workers on January 15, 1960.

On February 12th, 1960, a Mr. Daniel C. Richman who had purchased 66% of the stock, was given permission by Fed. Judge Foley to operate the Foundry.

On February 19, 1960, the IUE, IAM and Molders Union met with the Company's lawyer. The Unions were presented with a detailed list of Company demands which include: A 5c cut in pay, one less holiday, a piece work system at day rate wages, a 90-day moratorium on seniority, departmental seniority, rigid wash-up period limitation, elimination of night shift bonus and complete domination of the Unions by the Company.

The membership unanimously rejected the Company's demands. It is now reported that the Company is using supervision to operate the plant which may foment labor trouble.

The Central Labor Council, Sch'dy Area, AFL-CIO is unanimously opposed to the recommendations made by Gov. Rockefeller regarding the distribution of Surplus Food in his Executive Budget for the State of New York for 1960-61.

We believe that these recommendations are "unfair" because they place the burden of handling and distributing Surplus Food on the Counties of New York State. Since the Counties have already made up and passed their budgets for the year, they have not provided funds for this type of a program.

The Surplus Foods Program has been a wonderful thing for those unfortunate people with limited unemployed incomes. It has helped them to maintain some standard of living without becoming welfare cases.

Local Distribution

We also recommend that Surplus Foods be distributed through local merchants upon receipt of a voucher from the recipient for the following reasons:

a) Many of these people do not have available transportation to carry large quantities of food over a long distance.

b) This food is paid for by our tax dollars . . . it is not a charity . . . Therefore the recipient should not be degraded by being forced to report to one central location to receive his food.

c) It would make this food more easily available to the consumer.

We, therefore, oppose the above mentioned recommendations for the handling of Surplus Food by the Counties of New York State and recommend that the State of New York assume this task as in the past.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD,

Central Labor Council,
AFL-CIO, Sch'dy Area
(Composed of 44 local unions and
25,000 members)

Labor Programs

WRGB-TV — Every Sat.
12:45 P.M. — Channel 6
"Americans at Work"

"Labor Looks at the News"
6:45 P.M. — Every Sat. Eve."

"Washington Reports"
WSNY Radio — Dial 1240
Every Sat. Evening 7 P.M.
WCSS Sunday 2 P. M.

"Shop Talk"

WSNY (1240) every morning
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DUFFY 6-7 A.M., featuring GE
Shop Personal News, Bowling
Scores, News, Sports, Music, and
Local 301 News and Interviews.

Please send all news items to
Art Christopher at our Union
Office.

Congressman 'Flattered' by Role as Prime Target National GOP Is Taking Aim at Rep. Stratton

Republicans on the national level are so certain Democratic Rep. Stratton will be a candidate for reelection that they have made him one of three prime targets for the 1960 campaign.

Stratton is one of scores of Democratic House members at which the National Republican Congressional Committee will aim its strongest ammunition this year in a GOP effort to win control of the House.

Two Others Listed

Only two other Democratic congressmen from New York will be principal targets of the GOP committee — formerly known as the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee — which works for the election of Republican House members.

The designation apparently has not upset Stratton, who told the Associated Press he feels certain the people of the 32nd District "will demonstrate that they vote on performance rather than on party lines."

While he has made no announcement, Stratton is considered in local political circles as a certainty to seek reelection.

Harry A. Moss Jr. of Gloversville, director of apprentice training in the State Labor Department and executive secretary of the American Knit Glove Association, is expected to be the Republican candidate.

The other Democratic congressmen who will share the GOP spotlight with Stratton are Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski of Buffalo and James J. Delaney of Queens.

'Marginal' Districts

Rep. William E. Miller of Niagara County, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, told Associated Press the Stratton and Dulski districts are marginal and easily could go Republican while Delaney has been winning elections because the Republicans failed to get out and vote.

Delaney told AP, "I'm a target for everything."

Stratton also said he was "flattered they should consider me worth all that attention."

Dulski said that he was not alarmed, that he would run on his record and that the Democrats were "going to find a candidate to keep Miller busy . . . We're going to make it difficult for him."

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VIOLATION OF THE CONTRACT ON RECALL SETTLED SATISFACTORILY

CAN YOU AFFORD TO BE 65 ?

Are you retired...or about to be retired?

Do you have aging parents whose health and happiness is your concern?

Do you agree that workers who have earned honorable retirement should be protected from the crushing costs of illness?

If so, then you have a stake in the FORAND BILL (HR 4700).

The Forand Bill attacks the most tragic unsolved social welfare problem of our day...the human and financial disaster that illness imposes upon the aged and the aging.

This problem is so vital that it can no longer be brushed aside. This session of Congress must act, soon, on this important legislation.

Let's all go home tonight and write that letter or postcard to our representatives in Washington, urging them to take immediate action to get this bill out on the House floor for a quick, sure passage.

YOUR LETTER MAY DECIDE:

Whether retired workers, now or later, must seek public relief or become burdens to their children when severe illness strikes.

Whether those who have earned the right to independent retirement will lose that right because of illness.

Whether you, in your turn, can look forward to retirement without fear of illness.

DON'T DELAY...WRITE TODAY!

OFFICERS & EXEC. BD. MEETINGS

Officers - 6:00 p.m.
Executive Board - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 14th, 1960

A recent case filed from the Union Hall charging the MAC Dept. with violation of the contract on recall was settled satisfactorily last month.

In this case the Company violated the contract by recalling a Class A Electrician with 9/17/46 service who was out of the plant on lack of work to a crane and elevator repair job opening. We pointed out to the Company that there were many Class "A" Electricians with as much as three more years service who were working on lower rated jobs within the plant. We contended that the longest service of these Electricians should have been placed on this opening rather than recall the shorter service man from the street.

At a second step meeting on this case we were unable to move the Company negotiators from this ridiculous position. At this point we referred this principled case to the New York Level. Before it could be discussed on that level, the Company took a second look at the case. Upon taking this second look, they then decided that the Union was right after all. Therefore, they resolved the case by laying off the short service man and placing a Class "A" Electrician on the job with 2/5/43 service. This was exactly what we had requested in the first place. This is a fine example of the Union in action, protecting the rights of its members.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES GROUP

Women delegates representing the local unions in the Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Schenectady Area, met at the IUE Auditorium here last month to launch a program on political education for 1960.

Mrs. Betty Doto, representing the New York State AFL-CIO's Women's Activities Dept., conducted the meeting.

Mrs. Doto stated that the purpose of the Women's Activities Dept is to achieve full participation of women trade union members, and of the wives, widows, sisters and daughters (cont'd. reverse side)