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Surplus Food

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income is below a certain scale.
For example:

Number in Household	Monthly Total Income Allowed	Total Liquid Resources Allowed
1	\$ 120	\$ 360
2	165	495
3	205	615
4	245	735
5	280	840
6	315	945
7	350	1050
8	385	1155
9	420	1260
10	455	1365

Applicants should apply at 487 Nott Street, Schenectady, N. Y.

A person supporting a family of 4 could be working and earn \$50 a week and still be eligible for surplus food.

As this is not a charity or home relief, we strongly condemn the Albany County officials who haven't seen fit to set up a distribution center for low income people who live in their county. This surplus food has been paid for out of our taxes and if not distributed, will only spoil in storage.

Members Deplore Overtime During Lack of Work Period

AT THE MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING the members directed the officers to investigate the excess overtime being worked in some departments while members of the Union were being laid off or transferred to lower rated jobs due to lack of work.

The officers discussed the matter with representatives of the Plant Union Relations Department and after an investigation, Mr. Sorenson, Manager of Union Relations, reported that every supervisor understands that overtime should be held to a minimum. In spite of our intentions, some overtime cannot be avoided when we encounter emergency situations, short delivery dates, vacations, absenteeism, etc. He went on to say that the Small A.C. Motor Department secured some additional work and that they have increased their work force in the last two months as fast as employees could be effectively integrated into the work force. He pointed out that in the LM&G Department, after discussions with Union representatives, a second shift was added in two groups in order to minimize overtime.

The Business Agent reported that for the first five months of 1959 the average hours worked in the Bargaining Unit including overtime was 39.9 hours per week. For the same period last year the average weekly hours were 41.1 hours.

Attack on Unions

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Mr. Boyd Leedom, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, said that employers are using every legal means to thwart their employees' efforts to organize into Unions. He said some employers seem to take the position that there is no such thing as a decent Union unless they dominate it.

We suggest that you invest in the time it takes to write a note to your Congressman, Sam Stratton, in the House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C., and tell him you are opposed to Industry's program of more anti-labor legislation. The time it takes to do this will more than pay you later in better working conditions, higher living standards and job security.

\$254,000 Minimum Wage Underpayments Collected

More than \$254,000 in minimum wage underpayments was collected by the State Department of Labor during the first three months of 1959, Industrial Commissioner M. P. Catherwood announced today.

A total of \$254,130 collected from 2,306 establishments throughout the State, was distributed by the Department's Division of Industrial Relations among the 6,916 workers to whom the money was due.

In Schenectady County, a total of \$1,761.00 was collected from 20 establishments for 53 workers.

Where wage payments are found to be lower than the standard under the wage order, the underpayment is then turned over to the worker as wages legally due.

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PITTSFIELD GE STRIKE SETTLED - EMPLOYEES RETURN TO WORK

THE PITTSFIELD GE STRIKE WAS SETTLED AND EMPLOYEES RETURNED TO WORK LAST MONDAY A.M., AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF STRIKE. EIGHTEEN CORE ASSEMBLERS HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT A PRICE THAT REDUCED THEIR EARNINGS BY 25 CENTS AN HOUR.

The eighteen Core Assemblers were given disciplinary penalty of 3 days off as a result of their refusal to do the job under the reduced prices. The membership voted to join with the Core Assemblers and took the 3 days off also.

Over last weekend an understanding was reached between the Union and the Company that provided for a return to work last Monday morning with the understanding that negotiations would take place on the disputed price.

The Company had obtained a "Show Cause Court Order" to bar picketing and had started a legal suit to sue the Union, which they agreed to drop upon the return to work. The Company further agreed on no additional reprisals as the result of the strike.

The Company which refused to time study the disputed price before the stoppage has now agreed to do so.

36 CANDIDATES CHOSEN FOR INTENSIVE UNION LEADERSHIP SCHOOL - JUNE 29TH

Thirty-six candidates were chosen from a long list of applicants for the coming Union Leadership Course which will commence on June 29th and continue until July 2nd, this year.

This will be the first, in a series of courses to train promising leaders in our Local for the coming year ahead.

The list of eligible members who will participate in this program is as follows:

1st & 3rd Shifts

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| Stockheim | DeGraff | Ward |
| Masterson | Scott | Shambo |
| Kelly | Townsend | Jendreski |
| McCabe | Christman | Cognetta |
| Podell | Obercon | Girardot |
| Vitallo | Borkowski | Parent |
| Kaminski | Gallagher | Wagar |
| Carey | DeMarco | Mangino |
| Gebo | Munier | DeCresce |
| Donato | Doig | Schaffer |
| | | Drozowski |

2nd Shift

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| Koral | Gunn |
| Martin | Waldron |
| Etzel | |

The Course, prepared by Ben Segal, International Director of the IUE, and Leo Jandreau, Business Agent of Local 301, will include intensive training covering Union Achievements, Union Functions, Why the Union's Program, The Union Member, Economic & Legislative Program, Contributions of Labor to the Community and Counselor Training.

Sessions will be held daily from 9:30-2:30 p.m., for 2nd shift; and from 6:00-11:00 p.m., for 1st and 3rd shifts.

"PROFIT IS THEIR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT!"

Last week, the T.V.A. opened bids for additional turbine equipment.

The last time bids were submitted, GE bid much higher than that of the foreign firms.

They were asking for excessive profit while Parsons of England was content to get the work with a reasonable percentage of profit. Parsons got the work. GE didn't!

It is a matter of record that the 20% allowance granted by T.V.A. to the domestic mfgs. and the import duty, transportation and marine insurance more than offset the difference in wages.

We don't believe that GE wanted the work since our contract expires in 1960 and they'd have no excuse to cut back on your benefits if things were going full-steam ahead. We believe that they are planning a deliberate work slow-down.

Last week, GE didn't even submit bids on the smaller units. They bid on just one turbine of 600,000 KW which the Govt. may not even want. Again it's the same old story..if they can't maintain a HIGH PROFIT, then, they DON'T WANT THE WORK! We hardly feel they're the least bid concerned with keeping full employment in Schenectady, especially during a contract year. **PROFIT IS THEIR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT!**