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STRATTON REPLIES TO SHAMBO LETTER

Local 301 Union officials are constantly trying to get more work in the Schenectady area in an effort to alleviate the unemployment problem.

In this connection, President John Shambo sent a letter to Congressman Sam Stratton suggesting that he explore the possibility of utilizing the Malta Test Center in connection with the project Apollo which is being carried on by the Space Agency.

Congressman Stratton informed Pres. Shambo that he had contacted the heads of the Space Agency and they informed him that there is only one qualification which prevents them from utilizing the Malta Test Center, namely "a climate where work can be conducted outdoors year around".

He further stated in his letter that he is going to keep after them and perhaps come up with some other program.

He feels that with all of the money being spent on space in an all-out effort to catch up with the Russians, there ought to be something.

NOTICE

Local 301 Pensioners Club will meet Thursday, October 26th, at 2:00 p.m., in Union Auditorium.

DELEGATES ELECTED TO AFL-CIO CONVENTION

The AFL-CIO State Constitutional Convention will be held in Buffalo on Oct. 23, 24, 25, 1961.

Local 301 members at the regular Membership-Shop Stewards meeting held on Monday, Sept. 18, 1961, elected the following as delegates to the Convention: Pres. Shambo, Chief Shop Steward Joe Mangino and Shop Steward Michael Santore.

FACTS ON G.E. DISABILITY PENSION

by Allen E. Townsend

Every few days a pensioner who has left the plant on optional pension comes to Union Headquarters with questions about his pension. Upon questioning them, I find that in many cases they might possibly have qualified for a disability pension.

The reason for this happening is either a reluctance to admit they are disabled or ignorance of the fact that a disability pension is better for them than an optional pension.

Anyone who is disabled and who has 15 or more years continuity of service may qualify for a disability pension. Remember there is no minimum age and, therefore, a worker could retire on disability at any age providing he meets all other requirements. Disability pension is a much better way of retiring as this type of income is not taxable. In addition, free insurance and hospitalization is provided to age 65.

The earliest optional pension can be obtained is at age 60 for men and age 55 for women. However, in this type of pension, insurance and hospitalization are paid by the pensioner to age 65. In addition, optional is taxable.

The minimum amount of pension available is figured the same. The minimum amount a pensioner would receive under either type pension would be \$3.00 per month for each year of service plus a supplementary payment of \$65.00 per month. In the case of a woman retiring at age 55, the optional pension would be figured at a lower rate.

When in need of advice, it is a good idea to contact your Union representative at Headquarters.

NOTICE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 25th, 7:30 p.m.
Officers will meet at 6 p.m.

Union Headquarters - 121 Erie Blvd.

REORIENTATION CLASSES SCHEDULED FOR BOARD MEMBERS--SHOP STEWARDS

Now that the vacation season has come to an end and most of us are back again to our regular routine, the Executive Board of Local 301 voted unanimously to schedule a series of meetings covering each Executive Board Member for the purpose of reviewing each shop steward's problems, and to get the Union's machinery into high gear, offering the best service and adequate protection to the members of Local 301.

The schedule below provides a separate meeting for each Executive Board Member and his Shop Stewards, giving ample time to discuss in detail the group's problems. We also expect to review at these meetings some of the basic problems and policies affecting the local union.

We urge each Shop Steward to make a special effort to be present at the scheduled time allocated under his Board Member.

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NOTE: 1st shift Shop Stewards meet at 7:30 p.m.
 2nd shift Shop Stewards meet at 1:00 p.m.
 3rd shift Shop Stewards meet at 8:00 a.m.