

#### NOVAK SEES SLANDER RUINING CITY SCHOOLS

The IUE's candidate for the city board of education, Leon Novak, said this week, "This is not just another school board election. It boils down to whether we will have good schools or allow destructive forces to undermine them."

Novak said, "Our schools are too important to us to gamble away our better teachers to save nickles and dimes. Schools, under the proper guidance are the hope for a better life for ourselves, our children and their children."

The Local 301 lawyer said we must save our schools from irresponsible slanderers and reckless reformers. "We must save the schools for the brighter future awaiting our educated children," Novak said.

Novak has the backing of the Citizens Committee for public schools Local 301 and Local 301 AE and the CIO Area council.

The Citizen Committee's membership consists largely of professional people. The joining of this group with labor to place a man on the board of education is considered an important step in labor community relations.

It is another step in Local 301's efforts to create a better understanding between the community and the every day workings of organized labor.

#### JANDREAU URGES ONE WEEK CELEBRATION

Leo Jandreau, business agent for Local 301, has suggested to the county board of supervisors that the celebration of the county's 150th anniversary be concentrated into one week of "feverish activity."

Jandreau said he felt the decision to hold the celebration was commendable and that if every organization in the county took an active part during one particular week the whole community would stand to gain.

The business agent also suggested that the county committee consider the hiring of a professional organizer to direct the celebration, pointing out that such an action could "give the county the benefits of the enormous amount of publicity."

Jandreau pledged his co-operation in the formation of such a plan and said he felt sure that all organized labor would be most willing to do its part in making such a program a success.

#### IUE FILM BIG SUCCESS ON TV

The IUE sponsored film, "Help Wanted" seen last Sunday on television is reported to have been a huge success and viewed by a large audience.

The film, which told the story of GE's decentralization program and how it affects the individual, received a great deal of publicity due to the station's cancellation and its subsequent rescheduling.

Reports are that the publicity increased the potential audience considerably.

Why the station cancelled the show in the first place is a little vague. Officials said it involved the element of equal time. The IUE, however, paid for the time.

The station officials said the film was controversial and biased. They must have known the IUE was not going to spend that much money for nationwide television and paint GE as benevolent.

The most curious part of the whole situation was that the station decided to put the film on after the manager discussed it with company officials. The film did go however, and was sympathetically received.

#### PRESIDENT STARTS PROBE OF TURBINE PRICES

A committee appointed by President Eisenhower has started a probe into prices of heavy electrical in both the foreign and domestic markets, according to a letter this week from IUE president James Carey.

At the same time, the office of civilian and defense mobilization announced that it too will conduct an investigation of imports of large steam turbine generators.

The investigations are the result of pressure from the IUE on one hand and GE and Westinghouse on the other. The companies are stressing national defense as a reason for keeping the contracts in America. The IUE is stressing employment while recognizing the danger defense-wise.

The company-union protests came about when GE and Westinghouse lost contracts for turbines to Swiss and British firms because of the vast difference in the bids submitted.

The IUE has charged profit gouging on the part of GE and Westinghouse as a reason for having lost the contracts and the resulting unemployment.

## LOCAL 301 NEWS

### IUE - AFL - CIO

## UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE WASHINGTON, D.C.

MORE THAN 7,000 DELEGATES REPRESENTING ORGANIZED LABOR FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES ASSEMBLED IN WASHINGTON, THE CAPITAL OF OUR NATION, TO PROTEST ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS FACING OUR NATION ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT -- UNEMPLOYMENT.

REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE AND LABOR LEADERS SHOWED 267 CRITICAL AREAS OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY. AUTO WORKERS REPORTED MEN WITH 20 YEARS OF SENIORITY WALKING THE STREETS.

The Federal Reserve Board which is used as an authority by Industry on the economic status of our nation say business is nearly back to normal - even with 5 million Americans looking for jobs.

The Wall Street Journal on Oct. 13th, 1958, reported that 11.9 million workers produce 35% more products today than 12.7 million workers did 10 years ago. It was reported that the lost hours due to working short time because of lack of work were equivalent to one million workers working full time -- this lack of work is not included in the 5 million workers out on the streets. To make the situation more acute, approx. 1 million young men and women are entering the labor market annually from schools throughout our nation.

The Unemployment Conference pledged to fight to wipe out the unemployment problem by striving to create 5,000,000 new full time jobs by the end of 1959.

1. Re-employ the jobless.
2. Absorb the annual influx of young people into the labor market.
3. Fill out short work weeks.
4. Keep pace with job loss caused by automation and modern machinery and methods.

You can help by sitting down and writing a letter to your Congressman and Senators, urging them to support the fight against unemployment. Explain to them about departments moving out. Explain how this has affected you.

The Conference brought to the attention of those who are responsible for our social and economic needs that the American people want more action. Local 301 was represented at the Conference by John Shambo and Leo Jandreau.

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#### CASH SENT TO STRIKERS

The Officers and Executive Board of Local 301 authorized a plant collection in support of the members of Local 678, United Papermakers & Paper Workers of America, who are on strike at the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company.

The Executive Board authorized an immediate contribution of \$500.00 as an advance against the monies that will be collected in the shop. The strike is continuing in Mechanicville mainly because the company insists that approx. 22 strikers shall not be rehired because of their activities on the Picket Line. Naturally the Union cannot accept any sort of settlement when a company insists on reprisals after a strike. There are also other pending disagreements.

All Local 301 Shop Stewards have strike collection petitions for their respective groups. Stewards are urged to solicit their groups and make returns through their Executive Board Member as early as possible.

## NOTICE

JOINT MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 20, 1959  
STEWARDS-MEMBERSHIP  
2ND SHIFT 1:00 PM  
1ST & 3RD SHIFTS 7:30 PM

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS  
REPORT OF COMMITTEES  
UNION AUDITORIUM-121 ERIE BLVD.