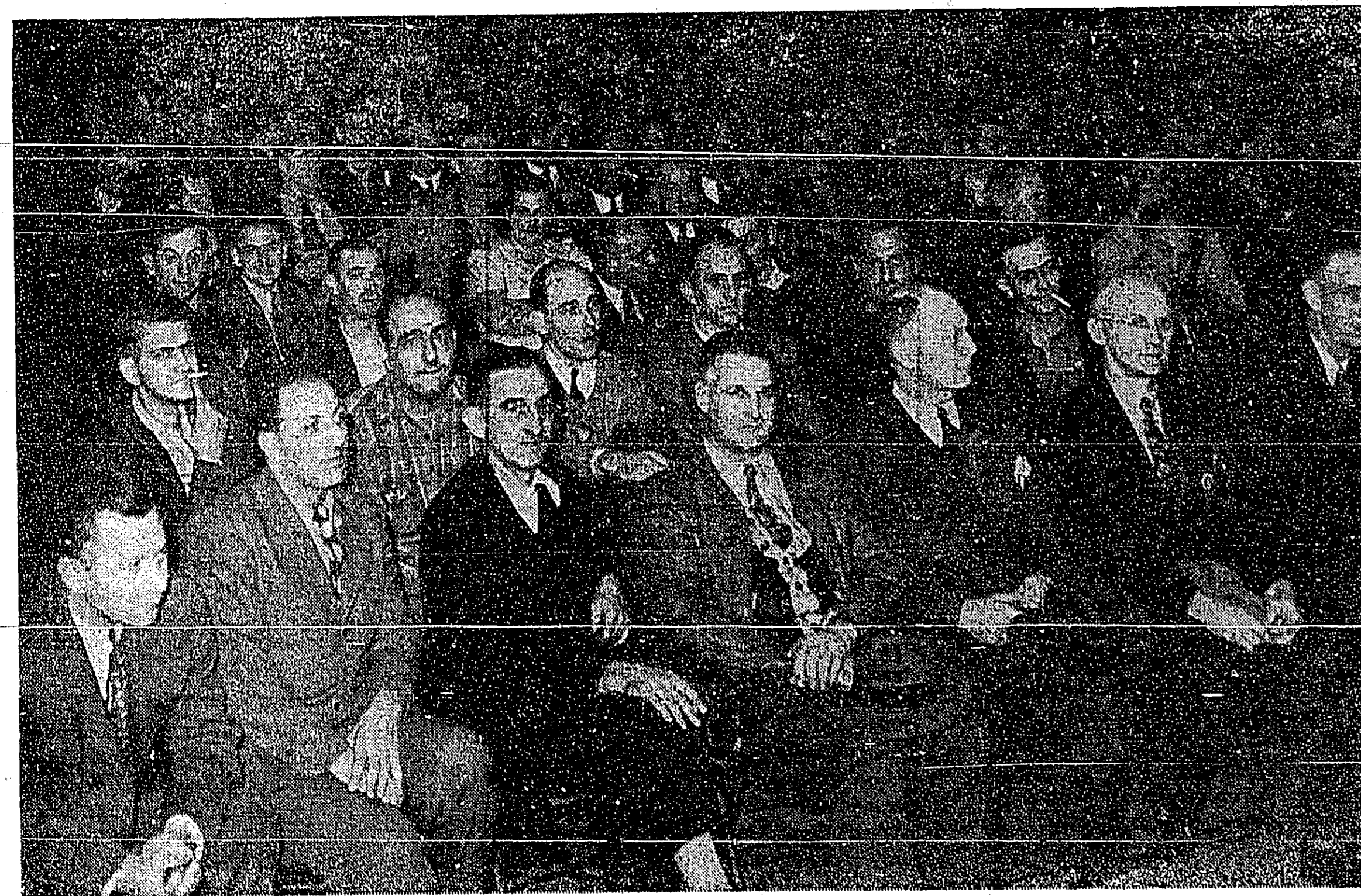


As Committeemen Crowd 301 Hall to Choose Slate for Union Elections



A view of the Nov. 12 Committeemen's meeting at which the shop representatives voted unanimously in favor of a slate headed by Leo Jandreau, to run for reelection as business agent, and Andrew Peterson, for reelection as president. Their recommendations were approved at the 301 membership meeting last Sunday.

UE Meeting Attacks Big Business Profits

Sharply attacking "unrestricted profiteering" by GE and other corporations, a special UE wage conference Nov. 11 in New York City went on record that wages and salaries must be substantially increased in the interests of American wage earners and the entire nation.

"American Big Business is waging a gigantic propaganda campaign to spread the lie that price increases are caused by wage increases", the 200 union leaders said. The group, which included Leo Jandreau, Andrew Peterson and Edward Wallingford of Local 301, represented 300,000 electrical workers from plants of the largest corporations.

Figures produced at the conference showed definitely that the industry could give pay raises from its huge profits without raising prices a penny.

The conference decided that the immediate job is to inform the union membership and

Nail One Rumor — Up Pops Another

A malicious rumor that union dues were to be raised further was circulated in parts of the GE Works this week. This completely untrue story was just one more of many recent attacks on Local 301.

The dues increase to \$1.50 a month, voted by the members this year, was the first dues increase in 10 years. The officers of the union see no reason whatever to need any further increase. Besides, dues increases can be made under the constitution only by direct action of the membership.

their communities thoroughly about "the truth of the wage-price-profit situation."

"In this fight to maintain the basic purchasing power of the American working people," the conference stated, "we contribute to the basic economic stability of the entire economy, and to lessening the threat of depression arising from lack of the people's purchasing power."

Toolmakers' Case Taken Up with GE

A toolmakers' committee and Leo Jandreau, business agent, met Friday with GE management to argue the union's case for higher wages, progression to the top of classifications and reclassifying of jobs in the tool rooms.

The union representatives pointed out that wages have been raised in other occupations in the Schenectady plant and that increases have been granted to toolmakers and diemakers in the section of New York state used for rate comparison surveys.

Management asked time to reconsider the entire toolmakers' case.

The toolmakers' committee includes: Bldg. 53, Anthony Esposito, John Kasitch and Albert Lenta; Bldg. 17, Michael Tedisco and Kenneth Sheehan; research laboratory, Anthony Villano; Bldg. 269, Stanley Aldous; Bldg. 69, Leo Foley; Bldg. 60, Edward Wallingford, and Bldg. 46, Joseph Krone.

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Candidates in Local 301 Elections Monday



The candidates shown above include Leo Jandreau, who was recommended unanimously by the Committeemen's meeting of Nov. 12 to run for reelection as business agent; Andrew Peterson, recommended for reelection as president, and others on the Committeemen's slate endorsed by the membership meeting Nov. 17. Jack Mele, at left in front row, is not on this slate but asked to be photographed with this group. Front row, left to right, Mele, candidate for trustee; Albert Davis, candidate for reelection as trustee; Helen Quirini, for recording secretary; George Walker, for guide; James Kelly, for reelection as trustee, and William Mastriani, for reelection as chief shop steward. Rear, Harmon Cartwright, for sergeant-at-arms; Jandreau, Joseph Dominelli, for vice-president; Peterson and Marshall White, for reelection as treasurer. Not present when the picture was taken were two other candidates recommended by the Committeemen's meeting, Lillian Bliss, for assistant recording secretary, and Edmund C. Tanski, for trustee. Voting will be Monday, Dec. 2, on GE property.



Running in opposition to the slate headed by Leo Jandreau and Andrew Peterson are the candidates pictured above: front row, left to right, Foster Campbell, for chief shop steward; Christian Herbeck, for president; Kenneth Sheehan, for business agent; James W. Kennedy, for recording secretary; rear, Harry Frick, for trustee; John Dunn, for trustee; Frank Civitello for sergeant-at-arms, and Larry Fagnon, for treasurer. Not present when the picture was taken were the other candidates on this slate, William Hodges, for vice-president; David Fisher, for assistant recording secretary; and Stephen James, guide.

Tinsmiths Unanimous Behind Pay Demands

Building trades workers held a series of meetings in craft groups during the past week to consider the negotiations in which Works Manager J. M. Howell has refused to meet with a federal conciliator. At the lower bargaining level the company has offered a 5-cent increase in the top rate for some crafts, and rejected the apprenticeship system requested for the helpers.

The tinsmiths, the one group that met before this paper went to press, voted unanimously to insist on the full 10-cent raise for the mechanics, and on the apprenticeship program. They voted to meet again Monday, Dec. 9.

The tinsmiths also voted unanimously that in view of the company's attitude toward the helpers, the helpers should limit their work strictly to the duties of helping tinsmiths, as stated in the company's definitions.

The action was followed by a brief stoppage in the tinsmiths' shop Friday afternoon, when a tinsmith's helper was told to assist a sheerman, and then was told to go home when he insisted on sticking to his defined duties. In a special grievance in Bldg. 41 after the stoppage, the company agreed to investigate the work assigned to helpers, and to check the claim that several of the helpers were doing mechanics' work and should be paid as B tinsmiths. There will be a further grievance meeting.

An informal committee picked by the tinsmiths told the company emphatically that an organized method of training and upgrading the helpers was needed. The committee included Committeeman Charles Nitsche, and Anthony Severino, Vincent Bousa, Louis Chicoine, Leo Fredericks, and Earl Martin.

\$200 Donation Recommended

The Executive Board has recommended that the next Local 301 membership meeting donate \$200 to the strike of Local 86, United Furniture Workers of America, CIO, at the Telescope Folding Furniture Co., Granville.

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Additional News On 301 Election

Members of Local 301 who work at Malta will vote in Bldg. 26 in the annual election of the local Monday, the Election Committee has announced.

Martin Burgess of the Election Committee will go to the airport Monday noon to collect the votes of members stationed there. Brother Burgess also has charge of the polls at union headquarters where eligible voters who are not working or unemployed members who are paid up to date through unemployed stamps will cast their votes.

These were the only additional announcements made after a second meeting of the Election Committee last week.

Sessions on AER'S To Begin Today

Discussions will begin in Building 41 this afternoon in the broad grievance action started by Local 301 to raise the piece work rate of jobs with AER's of 89½ cents and 95½ cents. The union contends that under correct application of the piece-work principle as it is in effect at GE, these AER's would be \$1.06½ and \$1.10½, respectively.

The union contends in the same grievance that the minimum piece work day work guarantee should be 89½ cents, instead of the rates now paid, as low as 80½ cents. It also claims that the hourly guarantee should apply during breaking-in periods for as long as genuine breaking-in is required, and that where many operations must be learned, the usual four-week period is much too short.

The union will be represented in the case by a committee of the following board members and committeemen: Anthony Esposito, Grace Friello, Virginia Murphy, Lucy Zeppitelli, Betty Roberts, Lucy Swating, and Al Raymond, all of Bldg. 53; Stanley Bishop, Irene Patterson, Antoinette Daly, Martin Stanton, and Peter Miller, of 69; Helen Quirini, of 81; Dewey Brashear, Lucy De Carlo, Connie Wrex, and Stella Stankavich, of 89; and Leland Sisto, Frances Manna, and Warren McDonald, of 269.

Tune In

Remember the Local 301 radio program at 7:15 p.m. every Monday over WSNY.

Toolmakers' Case Is Sent to Howell

The union has referred its case for higher wages for toolmakers to Works Manager J. M. Howell, after receiving an unsatisfactory answer from GE at the first level.

Management so far has ignored the union's two main arguments for the increases.

1. That rates for toolmakers have been increased in communities in this region used for rate comparison surveys.

2. That wages have been increased in other occupations in the Schenectady GE plant. For instance, an inequity exists because patternmakers now receive higher rates than toolmakers whose rates always equaled the patternmakers'.

Board Meeting Endorses Jandreau, Peterson Slate

The Executive Board has endorsed, with only two dissenting votes, the slate of candidates recommended unanimously by the Nov. 12 Committeemen's meeting, the slate headed by Leo Jandreau for reelection as business agent and Andrew Peterson, for reelection as president.

All Board members at a recent meeting went on record in favor of this slate except John Saccocio and John Boyle. Board Member John C. Myers was absent.

William Kelly, vice-president of Local 301, said he heartily approved of the entire slate as guaranteeing strong, dependable leadership.

"As an assistant business agent I am not a candidate myself for office this year," he said. "I am thoroughly in favor of the slate headed by Jandreau and Peterson."

The 301 membership meeting Nov. 17 overwhelmingly approved this slate and then, upon request of the present officers, nominated additional candidates for each office. Both sets of candidates will be on the ballot Monday, Dec. 2.

The present officers have urged that the membership give its wholehearted support to whatever officers are elected.

Represents 301 at Albany

Michael Tedisco was named by the Executive Board to represent Local 301 at a meeting in Albany to discuss plans for extension courses in Albany of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Substantial Wage Increases Head National CIO Program

The National CIO Convention at Atlantic City last week pledged the full strength of the CIO to winning substantial wage gains from the huge profits which corporations are rolling up.

President Philip Murray warned that economic collapse and depression are unavoidable unless the purchasing power of the people is raised and profits and prices are lowered.

Huge Corporation Profits

Profits of American corporations will reach 15 billion dollars for 1946, compared with five billions in 1939, he pointed out, while the wage earner now gets in real wages \$11.04 a week less than he did in March, 1946.

"It is asserted that certain interests here in the United States threaten our institutions and threaten our form of government—and I speak now with particular reference to allegations made concerning the Communist Party," President Murray said.

"But what could constitute a graver threat to the perpetuity of our free existence in the United States of America—our democratic way of life—than this fiscal picture that I have presented to you here?"

Statement of Policy

The "Communist" issue was removed from the CIO convention at the very start when a statement of policy was unanimously adopted by the 52-man Executive Board and approved by the convention. This statement said, in part: "We, the delegates to the Eighth Constitutional Convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, resist and reject efforts of the Communist Party or other political parties and their adherents to interfere in the affairs of the CIO. This convention serves notice that we will not tolerate such interference."

Joint Meeting Tuesday for Committeemen and Membership

Results of the Local 301 elections will be reported by the Election Committee at a joint Committeemen's meeting and membership meeting of the local at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the union hall. Other business also will be taken up.

Polling Places for Local 301 Elections

Location of Booths	Buildings Voting
Bldg. 5—Basement under main entrance.....	7, 5, 37, 2
Bldg. 26—First floor, door 2, front.....	23, 24, 28, 29, 26, Malta
Bldg. 10—Center main bay.....	8, 10, 12, 9, 11, 13, 13F
Bldg. 16—First floor front, first cross aisle.....	12, 14, 16, 30
Bldg. 18—Middle, near cross aisle.....	18, 18A, part of 40, part of 40B
Bldg. 17—Rear of center, main bay.....	19, 11, 15, 17
Bldg. 46—First front by elevator.....	42, 46, 50, 48
Bldg. 60—First front.....	60, 52 Turbine
Bldg. 49—West end by r. r. door.....	49, 57, 61, 63
Bldg. 53—Front of tool crib, bay 23.....	58, 60, IC
Bldg. 52—Door 6 to door 13, 50 feet from superintendent's office.....	52, 66, 56
Bldg. 68—First rear.....	64, 68, 72, 76, 70J, 91
Bldg. 69—First annex, door 14, west side.....	65, 69, 73, 73A, shipping and test
Bldg. 77—First floor front.....	77, 67, 77A, 79, 75, 64, 71, 284
Bldg. 89—Center.....	81, 89
Bldg. 97—Middle on west side.....	93, 96, 97, 101, 105
Bldg. 95—Second floor conference room.....	87, 95, 98A, 99, 99A, 95B, 258, 259, 261
Bldg. 269—Middle west.....	265, 267, 269
Bldg. 273—West side, between doors 13 and 14.....	273, 59
Bldg. 285—Bay E-8 center of building.....	285
Bldg. 107—Clock room, middle of building. Use doors 4 or 8.....	109, 107
Bldg. 40—First rear.....	40, 40B—I.M.
Bldg. 85—First front.....	227, 84, 85
CAP, northwest corner of new building near tunnel entrance.....	CAP and race track
Airport, Mr. Talbot's office.....	Airport

In commenting on the resolution, President Murray declared, "I have had a great many communications which, in substance, suggested that this organization of ours should indulge itself in the extravagances of repressive legislation. As the president of this organization, I should like it to be distinctly understood that I am definitely opposed to any form of repression in this movement of ours. There should be on misunderstanding about that."

The CIO convention also took the following actions: condemned the government's use of the injunction in the coal strike, voted to intensify PAC work, pledged itself to fight all Congressional attempts to weaken labor unions, called for a halt of stockpiling atom bombs and passed a foreign policy resolution which called for a free, united China, and for severing diplomatic and economic relations with Franco Spain and Argentina.

Albert R. Fitzgerald, UERMWA president, was reelected as one of the nine vice-presidents. Leo Jandreau, 301, was a delegate.

Acting Board Member

Stanley Bishop, named shop chairman of Bldg. 69, is an acting member of the Executive Board.

301 Goes to Bat For Machinists

Raises for machinists to restore their traditional relationship with the toolmakers' rates were requested in a grievance sent the company last week by Local 301, following a meeting of machinists' representatives at the union hall.

The union proposal is that the machinists be given merit reviews every six months, as won for the toolmakers in the War Labor Board case, and that the following rate ranges be established for the machinists' classifications:

- A \$1.885 to \$1.535
- B \$1.235 to \$1.385
- C \$1.105 to \$1.235 (automatic to \$1.185 and last step on merit)

Participating in the machinists' meeting were Fred Pacelli, Leonard J. Reichel, and Charles Ossensfort, of Bldg. 101; T. A. Edwards of 61, Kenneth Sheehan of 17, Henry Busse of 68, Martin Maul, J. Morrett, and Lawrence Di Lallo of 53, and William W. Selby of 60.

Activities Committee

The Activities Committee will meet at 8 p. m. Dec. 9 at 301 Hall. Lanson Cole is chairman.