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MEANY SUPPORTS FOREIGN AID PROGRAM

George Meany, President of AFL-CIO, speaking before a nationwide radio audience, urged all Americans to write their Senators and Congressmen in support of President Kennedy's foreign aid program.

Meany completely rejected the contention some individuals have expressed that the money could better be spent in relieving domestic unemployment.

Meany noted that the "international situation is so critical and foreign economic aid is such a key factor for the ultimate victory of the free way of life that the Trade Union Movement is compelled to reject appeals to narrow selfish interest"...."we put the preservation of world peace before a larger pay check. We place the protection of human freedom and individual rights ahead of any other consideration", Meany stated.

The American Trade Union Movement has always championed the rights of free men. It will continue to do so whenever and wherever those rights and freedoms are imperiled.

The world situation as it exists today makes it imperative that we render whatever support is necessary to counter the evil forces that are bent upon the destruction of those human freedoms and rights which free nations enjoy.

LARGE STEAM TURBINE CONTINUES TO HIRE

Employment conditions in the Large Steam Turbine Department continue to improve in several sections. Although the Company has announced that some rehiring is of a temporary nature; nevertheless, it is felt that the future outlook appears to be optimistic.

Information received indicates that 1962 will be somewhat better than this year. If present trends continue, 1963 should also be a good year.

Some of the sections which are rehiring are: In Bldg. 273, Large Lathes, Floor Assembly Shells and Hoods, Erection, Assemble and Connect, Boring Mills. In #285, Chip, File and Grind, Cutter Grind and Milling Machine.

AREA COUNCIL URGES ADOPTION CHAPTER #18-STATE SANITARY CODE

At the regular meeting of the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council held on July 26, 1961, a very important matter was discussed, namely the New York State Sanitary Code Chapter #18, which pertains to meat inspection and its minimum requirements.

A letter explaining the position of the Council has been sent to the Board of Supervisors of the following counties: Schenectady, Schoharie, Montgomery and Fulton.

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CORRECTION

In my article of last week the line which stated "There is no loss of any supplementary benefits prior to age 65 if a person is retired on a disability pension and decides to draw early Social Security benefits" should have read as follows:

"There is no loss of any supplementary benefits prior to age 65 if a person is retired from the G.E. on a disability pension and qualifies for a disability pension under Social Security".

(Allen E. Townsend)

AREA COUNCIL (Cont'd.)

The letter states that in the opinion of the delegates to the Council, "Public health and public interest would best be served if the State Sanitary Code Chapter #18 was adopted on a county-wide basis in order to make possible the proper inspection of all sources of meat supplies in our area". It goes on to say that "It is our understanding that if such a code is adopted by counties, such counties would be eligible for 50% of State aid for its enforcement.

It also mentioned that the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council represents approximately 50,000 Union members and their families in the counties named in this article.

TOP BRASS - INDISPENSABLE!

The Caterpillar Tractor Co., in an editorial printed in its employee publication "Folks", tries to justify its position with regard to excessive salaries and bonuses paid to executives.

This was the result of the United Auto Workers' charge that Industry is paying excessive salaries and bonuses to their top brass.

The editorial relates to the hourly paid workers that the supply and demand requires high pay for exceptional talent and ability.

They compared company executives to top ball players and entertainers. It pointed out that the average executive with \$150,000 annual income only nets a measly \$60,000 a year after taxes.

The editorial suggests that this is very little reward for the contributions made by these so-called indispensable individuals.

DOUBLE STANDARDS

Racine (Wis.) Labor points out the following double standard attitudes which many persons have adopted:

Corruption in Unions? Throw the culprits in jail!

Corruption in Government? Throw the rascals out!

Corruption in business? Hold on now, you mustn't interfere with private enterprise!

RED FACES IN STEAM TURBINE

G.E. has been harping continuously about the disastrous effects that can befall American Industry due to foreign competition. They particularly stress the Electrical Industry.

Apparently they do not practice what they preach!

Recently an Electrician in Large Steam Turbine Department, #273, had occasion to replace an electronic tube in a test equipment. The original was a G.E. tube. The Electrician noted with amazement that the container holding the new tube was made and printed in Holland. The tube itself was made in France.

Vice-President Bill Kelly brought the incident to the attention of Union Relations officials in Steam Turbine. He asked for an explanation as to why a G.E. tube was replaced by one made in France. This they were unable to do. However, they said that an investigation would be made. The answer should be of interest to everyone!

JOB RECALL INFORMATION

In reply to a query from Union Headquarters, the Company stated that there are between 400 and 500 people who still have recall rights in the plant.

When asked how they would call back the people without recall rights who had been out less than three years and who could get their service back by being rehired, the Company stated that they would rehire generally by service but only on a selective basis.

When asked what this meant, they said that they were reserving the right to weed out any employees who, in their opinion, had bad work records.

The union representative closed the conversation by predicting that if much weeding out was done, there would be some real hot arguments with the Company in the future.

A REMINDER

Those of us who realize the value of a Union and enjoy the benefits accruing therefrom, should patronize establishments which utilize union labor and services.

When you buy, insist on union-made goods. Always look for the UNION LABEL.