

## CIO Unions Aid Strike Ballston

A mass picket line and demonstration in which about 200 Schenectady CIO members took part Saturday at Ballston Spa gave a new strength to the 21 week old strike of Local 410, International Fur and Leather Workers against American Hide and Leather Co.

In addition to the Schenectady union members, who went to Ballston in a motor cavalcade consisting of two buses and many automobiles, CIO delegations from Gloversville, Watervliet, Troy and Albany gathered at Ballston. The demonstration was arranged by the Capitol District Industrial Union Council, CIO, Local 128, Plumbers and Steamfitters, AFL, was represented in the Schenectady labor delegation.

### Local 301 Speakers

The largest delegations were those of Local 301 and of Schenectady Steelworkers. Andrew Peterson, president of Local 301; William Mastriani, chief shop steward and president of the Capitol District Industrial Union Council, CIO, and Joseph Dominelli were UE speakers.

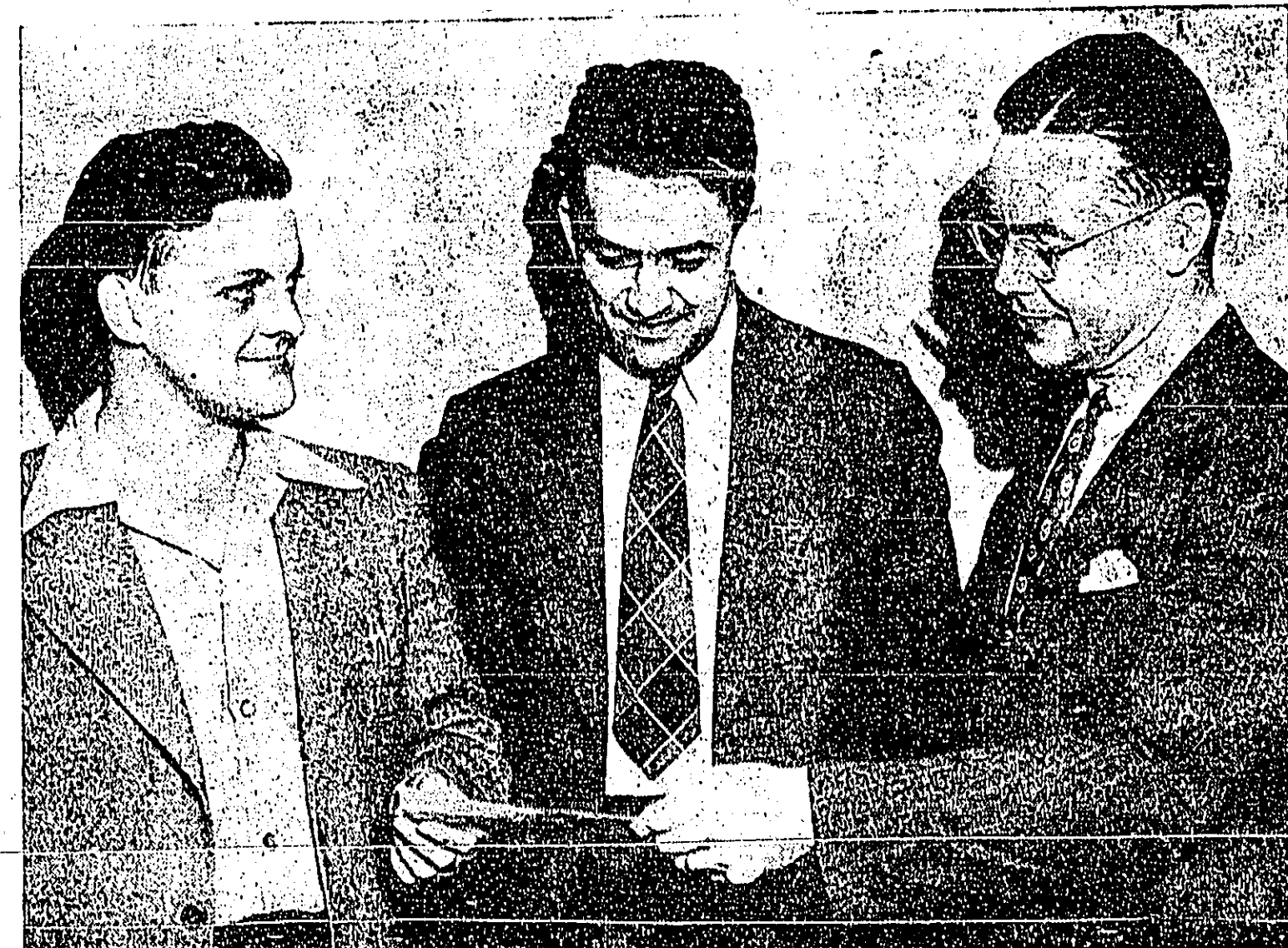
Other speakers included: Edward Cassidy, William Cerrato and Thomas Fyvie of Local 2054, United Steelworkers of America; Edgar Film and William Moran, international representatives of USA; Neil Dandereau, Local 3180, USA; Lewis Benedict and Alton Petseys, Local 150, Transport Workers Union; Clarence Carr and Charles Hildreth, Local 202, Fur and Leather Workers; Stephen Zduneyk, Local 128, Plumbers and Steamfitters, and Leonard Colasuono, Local 432, Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

### \$100 a Week Voted

The membership meeting of Local 301 last week voted to adopt the Ballston strikers and to donate \$100 a week till the end of the strike. Bernie Woolis, international representative of the Fur and Leather Workers, reported on the struggle of the 200 strikers.

Controlled by Dutch banking interests, the American Hide and Leather Co. apparently is determined to crush the union, he reported. Handsome sums of money were offered a couple of the strikers if they would round up 60 or 70 men to break into the plant and resume work. The strikers have stood solidly together, however, and no back-to-work movement has developed.

## UE Check for \$550 Aids YMCA Camp Fund



Foster Campbell, left, chairman of the Local 301 Activities Committee, presents the union's check for \$550 to H. A. Beaudoin, right, chairman of the Tippecanoe Committee, as James F. Bunting, general secretary of the Schenectady YMCA, looks on. The check represents half the proceeds of the Local 301 field day. The money will give summer outings to many Schenectady children at the Tippecanoe camp.

## UE Wins Election At Iliion Rem-Rand

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As two other Remington Rand plants at Iliion voted for UE last year, the Plant 1 victory makes the score 100 per cent for UE at Iliion. Other Remington Rand plants organized by UE in the state are at Tonawanda, Syracuse and New York City.

The membership of Local 301 aided the Iliion Remington Rand workers in 1936-1937 when they were battling for better conditions and for their right to organize. The company defeated the strike.

## Union Calendar

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.—Transmitter Section 81, 89, CAP meeting.

Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m.—Buy Nothing Committee.

Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m.—Joint Committeemen's and Membership meeting.

## Food Prices Rise At GE Cafeterias

New food prices in the Schenectady General Electric cafeterias show how promptly GE joined the rush toward inflation.

	Old Prices (During OPA)	New Prices (Effective July 22)
Cheese sandwich.....	\$.07	\$.10
Bean sandwich .....	.07	.10
Pork sandwich .....	.07	.12
Beef sandwich .....	.07	.12
Pie .....	.07	.10
Coffee .....	.04	.05
Orange drink .....	.06	.07

Pork and beef sandwiches jumped 71 per cent. Cheese and bean sandwiches and pie jumped about 43 per cent; coffee, 25 per cent and the orange drink, 16 2/3 per cent.

These items are just a few picked at random. Prices were boosted on practically every other kind of food too.

Remember those recent statements from GE officials about the company holding the line on prices?

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## Vote in Primary Election Tuesday To Assure Victory for Dominelli



Allen Townsend of Local 301, a Ninth Ward campaign worker, receives the promise of Mrs.

Arthur Marzola 1210 Pleasant St., that she will vote for Joe Dominelli for sheriff on Primary Day, next Tuesday.

Her daughter, Barbara, is 19 1/2 years too young to have a vote, but she obviously thinks the Dominelli-for-Sheriff campaign is a fine idea. The doorbell ringing will continue till the very last minute.

Next Tuesday, Aug. 20, is Primary Day. If enough union men and women who are enrolled in political parties go to the polls, Joseph Dominelli of Local 301 will be nominated for sheriff on the Republican and Democratic tickets as well as the ALP.

The officers and Executive Board of Local 301 have urged all UE members to vote for Dominelli and to bring their families and their friends to the polls with them.

Polls will be open from noon until 9 p.m. Anyone who is in doubt about the location of the voting place in his election district should call the County

## 301 Meeting Monday Instead of Tuesday

To avoid conflicting with Primary Day, the joint committeemen's meeting and membership meeting of Local 301 will be Monday, August 19, instead of Tuesday, Aug. 20. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at 301 Liberty St.

Board of Elections (Tel. 6-1269) or PAC headquarters at 301 Liberty St. (Tel. 4-7771).

An active union member, Dominelli is chairman of the Local 301 Veterans Committee. He was wounded twice in action in Europe and received the purple heart.

The Dominelli-for-Sheriff campaign was started by a non-partisan group of World War II veterans who circulated the nominating petitions which entitle him to run in all three primaries.

A committee of CIO and AFL union members also volunteered for door-to-door canvassing, distributing leaflets and posters, and other campaign duties. Committeemen in wards and towns will supply watchers at the polls Primary Day.

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## GE Dunn or GI Joe?—Voters Decide Tuesday

"We can't afford to allow a GE general foreman to become sheriff of this county," Thomas Fyvie, chairman of the Trade Union Committee for Joseph Dominelli, declared today. Dominelli, a member of Local 301, is opposing the machine choice, William Dunn, GE general foreman, in the Republican primary next Tuesday. Dominelli is also running in Democratic and ALP primaries. Fyvie is secretary-treasurer of Local 2054, United Steelworkers of America.

"We are all pretty much fed up with the gang that runs this county," Fyvie said. "We're tired of their bungling on housing and their trickery on taxes. We're tired of having our county run by men who take their orders from political bosses and from the General Electric Co. or American Locomotive." It's about time the people of Schenectady County took part in selecting candidates of the political parties, Fyvie

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## Urges U. S. Action To End Lynchings

As president of UE District 3, Leo Jandreau wrote President Truman and U. S. Attorney General Thomas Clark demanding federal action to end "the terror and oppression that has been directed against the Negro people."

Writing in the name of 35,000 up-state UE members, Jandreau protested against recent lynchings and violence, including the killing of the Ferguson brothers by a white policeman at Freeport, L. I.

"How can the U.S.A. spokesmen at the United Nations and elsewhere truthfully speak of rights of peoples and nations while lynchings and persecutions of an enslaved and oppressed minority people continue in their own country?" he asked.

Jandreau also sent letters to all locals and staff members in District 3 urging that letters and telegrams be sent to President Truman, Attorney General Clark and members of Congress by groups and individuals.

"Rally the people in your community in the fight for Negro rights."

## Nixon to Speak At 301 Meeting

Russ Nixon, Washington representative of UE, will speak on domestic and foreign affairs at the joint committeemen's and membership meeting of Local 301 at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19.

During the strike, Nixon spoke at a UE rally in Schenectady on the Federal Court indictments charging General Electric with making an illegal cartel arrangement with the Nazi Krupp armament firm to restrict production of Carbaloy in this country and to boost its price.

Nixon was an official of the American Military Government in Germany.

## Union Program For Peace and Security

Local 301 has printed leaflets explaining the 14-point union platform on which it bases its political activity. Here are quotations from the leaflets.

We support the United Nations as the basic structure necessary to world peace.

The single most important factor is the unity of the Big Three. Any attempts to combine against or isolate any one of the three great powers must lead to disaster. We urge that American foreign policy be directed toward establishing unity and raising the level of cooperation and understanding.

There can be no guarantee of peace so long as fascism in any form exists anywhere. We insist on an uncompromising program to destroy the roots of fascism wherever they still remain.

We call for encouragement and assistance to the people of the liberated countries and to colonial peoples in building their own democratic forms and institutions.

We advocate control and regulation of atomic energy by an organization of the United Nations. We urge consideration by the UN of universal disarmament.

We call for every effort to help feed the starving peoples of the world.

### Security for All Americans

In 1944 the American people gave a mandate to their Government to make the Roosevelt Economic Bill of Rights a living reality. A combination of reactionary Democrats and Republicans has refused to obey the will of the people. We must again organize for the election of candidates, regardless of party, who are committed to the Economic Bill of Rights. As immediate steps, we demand the prompt enactment of the Wagner-Elender Housing Bill, the National Health Bill, the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Social Security Bill and the Pepper-Hook amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

We stand for the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex or national origin. As a first step, we support a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission.

We urge immediate legislation to abolish the poll tax.

We condemn the efforts of profit-mad big-business groups to cripple price control and insist on the re-enactment and strengthening of OPA.

We express our strongest opposition to all legislative proposals restricting the right of workers to organize, bargain collectively or freely to exercise their inalienable right to strike.

We urge that Congress provide our veterans with more liberal allotments for education, easier terms for loans, increased benefits for disabled veterans and their dependents, minimum unemployment insurance benefits of \$25 per week as long as unemployment lasts, and terminal leave for enlisted men.

### What New York State Can Do

We call for action to remedy the shocking housing shortage, with special emphasis on veterans' housing; immediate emergency construction financed from the accumulated state surplus, supplemented by Federal appropriations. We call for long-range legislation for slum clearance and low-cost housing and a constitutional amendment providing \$500,000,000 for an eight-year construction program.

We demand a tax policy based on ability to pay and repeal of all sales and other unfair taxes.

We urge that the state return to all cities a sufficient portion of tax contributions to maintain and expand essential city services.

We demand immediate payment of an adequate veterans bonus, expansion of educational facilities, free medical treatment for service-connected disabilities, state-guaranteed loans, and a state full employment bill to provide real assistance to veterans.

We urge legislation to provide a 75-cent hourly minimum wage and overtime pay in excess of 40 hours a week.

We demand adequate state appropriations for education to improve and extend facilities, provide a permanent child care and nursery school program and give substantial and long overdue salary increases to teachers. We urge the establishment of a state university.

We urge immediate improvement of unemployment insurance legislation, extending its coverage to all employees, increasing benefits and granting allowances for dependents, lengthening the benefit period, providing coverage for partial

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## Summing It Up,—Office Workers! You're Missing Out on a Big Deal

A statement by the Office Workers Organizing Committee reminds Schenectady GE office workers that because they still have no union bargaining agent they have missed out on benefits of the new UE-GE contract.

### New Board Member



JOHN SACCOCIO

John Saccocio, who made front page headlines across the nation when he spoke his mind on the high-cost-of-living before a Senate committee in Washington, has been elected to the Executive Board of Local 301.

He replaces Foster Campbell who resigned both as board member and as chairman of the Activities Committee because he felt his work would no longer permit him to do justice to the jobs.

As chairman of the Activities Committee Campbell had charge of the last three highly successful annual field days of Local 301. He has been active in other union affairs also.

Saccocio, a welder, has served as committeeman in Bldg. 66 and was a picket captain during the strike.

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unemployment and eliminating the penalty waiting period in the case of strikes. We also demand a comprehensive system of state health and disability insurance.

We urge the prompt elimination of existing injustices to civil service employees through an adequate minimum wage, a substantial upward reclassification of base pay, reduction of hours and the extension of all protective legislation to state employees.

We urge a comprehensive program of public works, including hospitals, schools, clinics, libraries, highways and other public facilities.

We urge immediate enactment of a state price control law and the strengthening of existing rent control.

## Heads Softball Team



CAPT. QUIRINI

Thanks to the enthusiasm of Helen Quirini, Local 301 now boasts a women's softball team.

For several years Miss Quirini was captain of a women's team at GE. A committeewoman in Bldg. S1 and formerly in Bldg. 69, she looked forward to the day when softball would be a union activity.

The chance came this summer, when the Pittsfield UE local challenged Local 301 to a softball game, — for women. Captain Quirini's team jumped at the opportunity to play officially under the UE banner. The Local 301 Executive Board was delighted to have a ready-made team.

In honor of the occasion, Capt. Quirini made oilecloth dummies for the girls to wear with their white shirts and shorts. She painted UE in red on the front of each caddy and Local 301 on the back. The dummies for all 15 girls cost a total of \$2.45.

The Schenectady team lost the Pittsfield game but count on winning a return game on the home field later this season.

### Union Radio Program

The summer radio programs of Local 301 are broadcast at 7:15 p.m. every Monday over WSNY. Tune in for union and political news.

Next Monday you can hear the program at 301 headquarters, before the joint committeemen's and membership meeting.