

Senate -- "Last Chance" For Forand Bill

"Things to Think About"

By Frank Masterson

Better seniority and protection on layoff—this is what we are asking the company for in the 1960 negotiations. Certain departments due to decentralization, have taken the opportunity to rule individually, so to speak. Central management is not capable or does not care to adjust this situation when it affects people in transit and on lack of work.

The contract specifically spells out what is to be done. When specific issues and conditions are discussed in reference to jobs and placement, they say this is not the way we interpret this situation. Just because they say this, does not justify their actions and make them right. For example, the Local Supplement very clearly states to a shorter service employee (and not the shortest).

MORE ENDICMENTS on collusion against G.E., Westinghouse, etc., have been realized. This collusion has taken millions upon millions out of the working man's pocket in taxes to fatten big business profits, and, yet, top management claims they are ignorant of this situation involving money that may have run into billions. How naive do they think we are??

ATTEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS and be better informed about what your Union is doing.

Father's Day Rally

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Program at a time in life when they are forced to live on a fixed income and cannot afford expensive medical treatment," Suarez stated.

He also urged citizens from all walks of life "to join with us this Father's Day to insure our pensioners the best gift we can give them . . . "Medical Security with Dignity" . . .

This Rally is jointly sponsored by the Local 301 Pensioners headed by Bennie Geerson, President, and District #3 President Jack Lindsay, of the Retired Workers of America.

Your Support Needed

"The labor movement is solidly behind Medical Aid for the Aged through the medium of Social Security. Liberal Senators are lining up in force behind Senator Pat McNamara's Bill to insure its passage. They need our support," Lindsay stated.

"Liberal Congressmen are also lining up behind the Forand Bill in opposition to the Administration Bill which merely subsidizes the insurance companies and takes away the dignity of the retired worker," Geerson remarked.

He continued, "Once again, we urge everyone in the Community to attend our rally in support of this very worthy cause."

IMPORTANT! UNION MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 20 — IUE HALL

2nd shift - - - 1:00 PM

1st & 3rd - - - 7:30 PM

Make it your duty to attend

This Important Meeting on the Contract Proposals.

The U. S. Senate now has the last opportunity to start legislation providing health benefits for social security beneficiaries along the lines of the Forand bill. Forand-type legislation was defeated in the House Ways and Means Committee last week, although the Committee did vote out a bill covering other features of the social security system.

Because of the rules of procedure in the House, it is unlikely that House members will be able to vote on the Forand-type legislation unless the Senate acts. Therefore, the last chance to pass a constructive bill will come on the Senate floor sometime before July 2.

Chances for Senate action are good, provided Senators are continuously aware of the importance of this issue and the fact that Americans urgently want Forand-type legislation. Therefore, you should immediately

WRITE - WIRE - TELEPHONE both of your Senators, at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. Urge them to do everything possible to pass Forand-type legislation to provide health benefits for social security beneficiaries, at this session of Congress.

Please do everything you can to encourage as many people as possible to write their Senators on this issue immediately.

Rail Leaders Blast Dirksen Proposal

A bill by Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen (R-Ill.) to bar workers from striking — or even bargaining—over layoffs or abolition of jobs has been denounced by the Railway Labor Executives' Association as "one of the most vicious, anti-labor undemocratic and inhuman proposals ever to be laid before Congress." The AFL-CIO had previously denounced the proposal.

In a resolution, the 23 rail union chiefs said the bill "would go farther in restricting the legitimate and long-recognized collective bargaining rights of labor than has ever before been attempted."

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CAREY CALLS FOR EARLY AGREEMENT--ASKS GE TO BARGAIN IN GOOD FAITH

"ATTITUDES" ON THE PART OF SUPERVISION

by Larry Wilkins, LM&G

In recent weeks in LM&G, Union personnel has become increasingly aware of an unrealistic and unreasonable attitude on the part of supervision, particularly those directly responsible to Supt. Frank Walsh.

Among the incidents pointing this up was the announcement that on a three day notice all partnership groups and cooperatives were to be dissolved and everyone was to go on individual piece work. After dockets were filed by the Union, supervision backed off by postponing the effective date of the plan and Mr. Walsh held a series of meetings with the affected groups in an attempt to sell them on the plan. When he was unable to do this, he announced that the plan would go into effect anyway, whether the people liked it or not.

Downstairs, in the Assembly and Erector groups, an attempt to "crack the whip" is apparently being made also. Shop Steward John Corless objected to a plan whereby two of the men in his group would be transferred to the Form E Group due to lack of work, while others were being asked to work overtime. His men refused the overtime and he insisted that the two men be given lack of work slips as per contract. Gen. Foreman Dewey said, "Okay, if you want contract, I'll give you contract", and shortly thereafter called Steward Corless into his office and announced that he was laying off ten men and would also rotate ten more.

These are but two of a number of examples of the new attitude of supervision here and we can be thankful that our Union stands ready to protect us against these practices as it has done in past cases.

In an unusual Press Conference covering 8 major GE locations, James B. Carey, President of the International IUE, called upon GE to commence early negotiations in an effort to come to a fair, peaceful settlement long before our contract expires in October of this year.

CAREY, in a closed-circuit 2-way TV hook-up, gave details of the IUE-GE contract proposals, to reporters from Washington, Boston, Bridgeport, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Ft. Wayne, Louisville, Philadelphia and Albany.

"Since 1955", Carey Stated, "wages have increased 17% while production has increased 34% and we believe that GE can well afford to meet the demands we have put forth".

Layoffs Continue

"Layoffs have continued since that time in many plants of the Company, particularly in the older plants and job security will be one of our most important issues", he continued.

When asked about the possibility of a strike this year, Carey stated that we are not asking for a strike. "All the strike talk to date has been from the company. We want a contract which will meet our standards. All the company has to do is sign a contract and their plants will stay open".

In Albany, press coverage included: WGY, WRGB-TV, WROW, WTEN-TV, WAST-TV, WSNY, WPTR, WOKO, Sch'dy. Gazette, Sch'dy. Union-Star, Albany Times-Union, Albany Knickerbocker News, Berkshire Eagle and the Associated and United Press.

To date no word has come from GE regarding opening early negotiations in order to allow plenty of time to bargain in "good faith".