

# LOCAL 301 NEWS

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### UNEMPLOYMENT MOST SERIOUS DOMESTIC PROBLEM

Leo Jandreau, Business Agent of Local 301 and President of the Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, said that "unemployment is the most serious of our many domestic problems adversely affecting our economy".

#### A REMINDER

This is to remind our members that claims against the hospitalization and insurance plans should be filed promptly within the 90-day period after the end of the calendar year.

Proof of claim must be filed within this period. If this isn't done, it could result in no benefits being paid.

#### WHO IS UNEMPLOYED?

Layoffs have been rating headline attention in the newspapers recently. The last available official figure is that of December, 1961, when unemployment reached 4.54 million.

The figures have been broken down into the following categories:

Professional, Technical Workers	133,000
Farmers	20,000
Farm Laborers	241,000
Management	107,000
Clerical Workers	372,000
Sales Persons	132,000
Craftsmen and Foremen	660,000
Production Workers	1,273,000
Domestic Workers	143,000
Service Workers	476,000
Laborers	615,000
New Workers	368,000
Total.....	4,540,000

Speaking before two groups this past month, the Schenectady Kiwanis and the Journeymen Barbers Union at their annual banquet, Jandreau said, "unemployment is not just the concern of Organized Labor....it is the responsibility of every citizen regardless of his position or affiliation in life because the cost of unemployment affects each and every one of us as individuals and our economy will not be healthy until there are jobs available for those who want to work."

#### Tremendous Loss

There are nearly five million unemployed, with many more working part time only, Jandreau pointed out, and taking the average factory wage, as reported by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, of \$2.31 an hour, it represents billions of dollars of purchasing power lost each week.

When you consider that a production worker produces nearly three times the value of his hourly rate, this tremendous loss of purchasing power is compounded and represents a huge loss of wealth for our nation. "But that does not conclude all the cost of unemployment", Jandreau said, "the unemployed must be taken care of, either through Unemployment Insurance, public welfare or private charity, and this added to the direct loss of wasted manpower, results in a burden that no country can long afford."

You read about recessions and recoveries in the public press, but the trend of unemployment has been becoming more serious because in the early 1950's, unemployment was generally below two million. Following the 1954 recession, it jumped to 2½ million and following the 1958 recession, it jumped to four million and is continuing to rise.

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EDITORIAL:

UNEMPLOYMENT.....

...HUMAN SUFFERING

While modern science is steadily developing new miracle drugs and ways of curing disease, there is one disease for which little has been done over the past 8 years and that disease is UNEMPLOYMENT!

Each month the Labor Dept. has come out with long lists of statistics showing the rising number of unemployed from all walks of life, and yet little has been done in the past to find a CURE for it.

The December figures showed that 68 out of every 1,000 workers in a country as prosperous as ours is UNEMPLOYED. Over 4 1/2 million people....kids without milk and other nourishing foods which they need when they're growing up.

Unemployment means hunger, illness, the loss of homes, the breaking up of families, juvenile delinquency, bills and more bills...and the list could go on and on!

A Cure

One possible cure for this persistent problem would be the passage of legislation for a 35-hour week.

For example:

Present Work Force - 66 million  
@ 40 hrs. per week-2.64 billion  
man hrs. per wk.

@ 35 hrs. per week-2.31 billion  
man hrs. per wk.

or a surplus of: -330 million  
man hrs. per wk.

Theoretically this surplus would provide work for:

9.4 million people at 35 hrs.  
per week.

Now, say half of these hours are lost thru attrition and increased efficiency, there would still be 4.2 million people who would benefit.

With the unemployment figure hovering around 4.5 to 5 million, this shorter work week would put most of our people back to work.

The large drop in unemployment would in turn greatly reduce the cost of Unemployment Compensation paid by large companies such as G.E. This large payroll savings could then be used to offset the cost of reducing its work week to 35 hours.

TAX TIPS

by Tom McCabe

The most common mistake in making out a tax return is a person's failure to sign at the bottom of the return. The Tax Dept. will not accept your report on this basis and will return it to you.

Be sure your return is mathematically correct since all reports are checked for accuracy.

Besides your wages, be sure to include all interest paid to you, stock bonuses and stock dividends.

An added deduction has been allowed this year in regards to dependents over 65 years of age. The full amount of their medical expenses can be deducted (disregarding the usual 3% of adjusted gross income).

There are 3 Federal personal income tax forms; namely Form 1040, Form 1040W and the short card form.

There are also 3 State personal income tax forms; namely the IT-201, IT-208 and the short form IT-200.

You can save by using the one best suited to your needs.

UNEMPLOYMENT (Cont'd.)

New Thinking Needed

"The time has come", Jandreau said, "to stop doing our job on a 'Business as Usual Basis'....our economic condition requires some new thinking and new departures."

The offerings of the National Chamber of Commerce, which has not changed in principle in the last decade on its formula to economic growth and prosperity, have been proven to be a bust.

The emergency program proposed by Organized Labor covers 8 points of economic need in our country and certainly would give the "shot in the arm" the economy needs to get it started up that hill to full employment. Jandreau went on to explain in detail the 8 Point Program.

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