

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LEO'S CAREER(Cont'd)

Following that victory, Leo left the plant on Jan. 1, 1937, to become the full-time Business Agent for the Union. He has held this position ever since, having been elected to it by secret ballot of the membership in every subsequent election.

From 1938 until 1950, Jandreau was also Pres. of Dist. #3, CIO, and also a National Vice-Pres. of this union. He was Vice-Pres. of the N.Y. State CIO for a number of years. When the Capital District CIO Council was formed, Leo became its first Vice-Pres. In 1937, he was elected as a member of the Union's National GE Negotiating Committee which was responsible for the first National Labor Agreement with G.E. He has been a member of every Negotiating Committee since that time. For 5 years he was Chairman of the Nat. G.E. Conference Bd.

Some of the other prominent positions and assignments held by him in the past 25 years are: For 3 years held non-fee paying license to appear in Workmen's Compensation proceedings; was Chairman of the Citizen's Unity Committee, which was charged with mobilizing the entire community behind War Effort; appointed by the Council to membership on a committee which investigated Policemen's and Firemen's wages; served as member of Citizen's Finance Committee; member of Arbitration Committee with Dr. Lunn and MacDonalld Stanton to settle ALCO strike; 1945 member of Sch'dy. County Committee of the N.Y. State Pedestrian Safety Program; member of original committee to organize Little League Baseball in Sch'dy.; chairman of Local Draft Board #355 from 1939 to 1946 and was cited by Gov. Dewey and presented with medal on April 10, 1946; member War Manpower Commission; member Wadsworth Committee of N.Y. State Legislature.

Jandreau is presently a Vice-Pres. of Sch'dy. Welfare Council; recently elected Pres. of the Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Sch'dy. Area; currently a member of the Visiting Committee of the Niskayuna Senior High School.

### "AMERICANS AT WORK"

Labor's own television program will be on the air in your area commencing 1/23/60. The show, titled "Americans at Work," will be carried by WRGB at 12:45 p.m., every Saturday.

NOTE: The Testimonial Dinner will be reviewed on "Labor Looks at the News" on WSNY, Sat. evening, Jan. 23rd, at 6:45 p.m.

## TESTIMONIAL DINNER (Cont'd)

John Shambo, Pres. of Local 301, who did a wonderful job as M.C., skillfully kept the agenda rolling at a smooth, humorous and rapid pace to get so many speakers and well-wishers on the program in such a short period of time.

Others who spoke were: Senator Owen Begley, Assemblyman Joseph Egan Dr. Edwin McLane, Rabbi Epstein, A.C. Stevens and Bob Buckley, G.E., Bill Kelly, Bill Mastriani and others too numerous to mention here.

A duplicate of the original N.Y. State CIO Charter bearing the signatures of Leo Jandreau; John L. Lewis, Pres. CIO; Allan Haywood, Mr. CIO; James B. Carey, 1st and only Sec-Treas. of Nat. CIO, and others was presented to Leo, a true pioneer in the labor movement.

Delegations from as far away as Mass. and Washington attended the affair, despite the inclement weather.

A beautiful set of golf clubs, bag and all the necessities of golfing was presented to our guest of honor.

Leo Jandreau, full of emotion, thanked his many friends in the labor movement and in the Community who made this affair possible. He stated that although much has been done in the past to aid the economic progress of our Community, there is still a big job ahead of us. He expressed hope that the spirit shown "tonight will continue and if we all put our shoulders to the wheel, we can obtain Economic Security, Social Justice and World Peace" in our Community, our Nation and in the World.

Joe Drozdowski, Bill Christman, John Wager and the many others who helped arrange the dinner are to be commended for the wonderful job they performed.

### 301 DELEGATES TO CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL ELECTED

Local 301 delegates elected are as follows:

Walter Martin	Joseph Mangino
Robert White	William Mastriani
Patrick Lombardi	James Carey
Michael Santore	William Christman
Roy Schaffer	Frank Masterson
John Shambo	Charles Brothers
William Kelly	Herman Podell
Leo Jandreau	Thomas McCabe
Larry Gebo	Elmer Collis
James Cognetta	William Ryan

The above delegates were elected at the January 18th Membership Meeting.

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## "JANDREAU NAMED FIRST PATROON OF 1960"



Part of huge crowd of over 600 persons including leading citizens of civic, religious and labor groups, who turned out to pay tribute to Leo Jandreau, Business Agent of Local 301, for his "dedication and service to the working men and women in Schenectady and to the Community as a whole over the past quarter of a century," can be seen above. Leo was also named as the First Patroon of 1960 by Mayor Ellis.

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## Who Settled Steel Strike?

Representative Elmer J. Holland (D., Pa.) put it very eloquently on the floor of the House, January 11, 1960:

"Actually, the answer is very simple, but very few have mentioned it at all.

"The 500,000 members of the United Steelworkers of America settled the strike.

"The leaders of industry did not count on the 'solid front' they found in the union. They didn't know that today's union membership recognized the old saying of 'Solidarity Forever, the Union Makes Us Strong' just as fervently as did their fathers and uncles in yesteryear . . .

"The union sent out a 'sample vote ballot'—and the industry did a little checking of its own too. The companies were amazed with the outcome of their survey . . . The men in the mills were overwhelmingly with the union leadership and they were going to refuse the 'last offer.'

"So the companies were forced to do, in January, what they had refused to do last June . . ."

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## EDITORIAL:

### GUTS, Inc. . . .

One way in which GE could give a terrific boost to the GUTS program, would be for them to set up a division or two here in the Schenectady Plant to manufacture some of the products developed at their research labs in Schenectady and elsewhere.

In this way, they could help solve the acute unemployment problem here and at the same time really get GUTS, Inc. off to a flying start.

### A Quarter of a Century

Another great tribute to Leo Jandreau, who was cited for his "dedicated service to the working men and women in Schenectady and to the community as a whole" over the past quarter of a century, was the respect and wholehearted attention shown him during the evening of ceremonies. Despite the huge crowd of over 600 persons and the long list of speakers, they listened patiently and attentively waiting for the guest of honor to take the stand. Leo drew a thunderous ovation when he humbly took the floor at the end of the festivities.

Leading citizens from civic, religious, professional and labor groups broke bread together under one roof, a thing which was unheard of 25 years ago, showing the progress labor has made in the Community as an essential part of our economy and society.

### Strike Threat Wins Raises

LIMA, Ohio—A 23-cent hike averted a strike at Randall Graphite Bearings by Local 742.

Two months of negotiations got nowhere, so the local took a secret strike vote. There was only one dissenter. The atmosphere changed at once, the agreement was extended on a day-to-day basis, and after five days agreement was reached.

## Foreign Competition??

By Thomas Brzoza

The Permali Co. is an English company doing business here. No doubt, all of its supervision comes from England. This company has all English made machinery, tools, saws, etc. The Permali Co. also imports everything from England to make this Permali product.

The Motor-Generator Department buys Circuit Ring Space Blocks, Circuit Ring Clamps, Cable Clamps and a variety of insulated collars from the Permali Co.

The G. E. has a Chemical and Metallurgical Division in Coshoc-ton, Ohio, which manufactures plastics, molded products, insulation products, etc. Our supervision orders from the Coshoc-ton plant all kinds of insulation material and we employees in Bldg.

72 make a finish part as per point.

Why not keep the business in the G. E. Chain? A while back, G. E. made a beef about foreign made turbines—now what about the Motor Dept. buying this Permali?

A couple of years ago we had 10 men doing collar work, now we have 3 men!

Furthermore, if an honest evaluation of cost is made between the Permali and the G. E. insulation product, my belief is that the cost would be about the same.

## Jandreau Speaker at Bosses' Night Dinner

Leo Jandreau, Business Agent of Local 301, IUE-AFL-CIO, will be one of the speakers at the Bosses' Night Dinner which will be held at Sleasman's Hoffbrau on Tuesday evening, February 9th, at 7:00 P.M.

The subject of Mr. Jandreau's talk will be: "The Roll of the American Labor Movement in our Current Way of Life."

Other speakers at the dinner will include Vernon F. Hovey, President of Sealtest Division General Ice Cream; Raymond Houston, New York State Commissioner of Social Welfare; and Edgar Pitkin, Supervising Principal of the North Colonie Central School System.

## SENIORITY . . .

By Bill Mastiani

Under our contract we have plant seniority—this means a lot to people who are members of our Union.

We know that in the past two years there have been a great many people moving due to lack of work, and we thank the Lord we have a provision in our Contract to place these people on jobs in accordance with their service.

I would like to give as an example our Toolmakers. At one time we had some 700 Toolmakers in the plant. As of today, you cannot stay in the trade unless you have 1941 service. We were able, however, to place many of these Toolmakers on other jobs in accordance with their seniority.

Another group in which there have been many cutbacks is the Electricians. Under our seniority clause, these Electricians were placed on other jobs.

This article is just a reminder to any group who feels that they can isolate themselves from Plant Seniority. Here is a word of advice from a man who has been in the plant for 30 years and worked there when there was no seniority. Don't try to put a fence around a group—some day the Company might abolish your group and then where will you go?

Thank God for our Union and our Seniority Clause.

## Womens' Activities Group Formed

Fifty women delegates representing the local unions in the Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Schenectady Area, met at the IUE Auditorium here Wednesday Evening, January 20th, to launch a program on political education for 1960.

Mrs. Betty Doto, representing the New York State AFL-CIO's Women's Activities Department, conducted the meeting.

Mrs. Doto stated that the purpose of the Women's Activities Department is to achieve full participation of women trade union members, and of the wives, widows, sisters and daughters of trade unionists in the development and activities of the national, state, county, city and Congressional District COPE's.

Women who work with WAD study the voting records of candidates. They encourage citizens to register. They serve on telephone committees. They call on their neighbors and talk to them about candidates and issues. They distribute literature. They set up car pools and baby-sitting

pools and otherwise help to get out the vote on Election Day.

WAD's arrange visits, in cooperation with COPE, to state legislatures to learn how bills become law. They sponsor conferences for political education for women trade unionists and their families.

In short, WAD carries out year-round programs of education and action in trying to help our union husbands, fathers and brothers in their struggle to make a better life for us all. WAD thus has become a key part of COPE's over-all political education program.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, February 17th, 7:30 P.M., at the IUE Hall in Schenectady. All female union members and wives of union members are urged to attend.

## Pay and Job Security Top GE, Westinghouse Goals

Job security and income security rank first in the collective bargaining desires of General Electric and Westinghouse employees, according to a preliminary tabulation of some 23,000 preference ballots cast by members of five AFL-CIO unions.

In the voting conducted by the GE-Westinghouse Conference of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Dept., about 60 percent of the ballots have come from General Electric employees and the balance from Westinghouse workers.

Other items ranking high in the balloting on collective bargaining issues include increased pensions; improved insurance, health and welfare benefits; full union shop; a general wage increase; and improved vacations.

The IUE conference is composed of the following unions which have bargaining rights with the two firms: Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Machinists; Auto Workers; and Technical Engineers.

## Listen for Your Name on WSNY; You May Be Winner!

The following list of names was called off last week for the men in the Shop Contest; each morning at 6:40 A.M.

Artillio Francasso, Clarence Ritchie, Tony Zimicki, Elizabeth Waytho, Ed Grylecki, Frances Raab, C. H. Wildermith, Mary D'Annibald, Steve Forrucci, Ted Sterocki, Carmine Petrazzulo, S. Maetta, Bennie Geerson, Anthony Maddabone, Nick Floriti, Harry

Loucks, Milan P. DeBrucky, J. Cervera, D. Wojack, Carmen Andy, Ralph Buckland, J. Gallagher, Josephine Weyand, Josephine Campano, Stanley C. Banaszewski, winner of 4800 stamps.

## "Shop Talk"

WSNY (1240) every morning with DON WEEKS and BILL DUFFY 6-7 A.M., featuring GE Shop Personal News, Bowling Scores, News, Sports, Music, and Local 301 News and Interviews.

Please send all news items to Art Christopher at our Union Office.