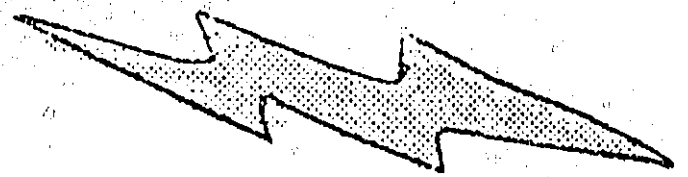
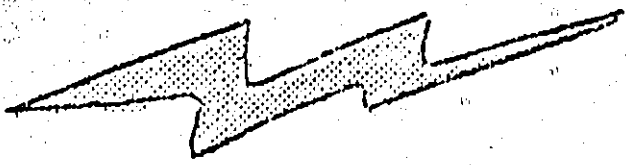


# LOCAL 301 NEWS



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### STATE AFL-CIO CONTACTS GOVERNOR ON JOBLESS AID AND NEW COLLEGE FEES

#### HBM OPERATORS WIN CASE

Horizontal Boring Mill Operators in Large Steam Turbine, K-Bay, win their argument to continue to perform their regular duties without the added assignments which management wanted to impose upon them.

Supervision notified the operators that a new policy would be put into effect in this area, namely that before they would be given another job, they would have to clean up their area of all water, chips and accumulated parts. This area involves a good part of the floor space surrounding the machine.

The operators contended that this was not a part of their job and that management was departing from past practices whereby the proper people were utilized to perform the cleaning of the area, allowing the operator to continue on with his regular duties.

The Union took a firm position in opposing management's new policy and stressed strongly that they continue past practices.

A meeting was scheduled on the 2nd Level and there a heated argument ensued concerning the case. Again the Union reiterated their original position of maintaining past practices. After the Union representatives had presented their case, Turbine management agreed to resolve this condition to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Credit for the successful outcome of this case goes to Board Members Alois and Podell, Shop Stewards Lombardi and Seward and Coordinator Vitallo.

#### ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary Group will meet at 12:00 noon on Good Friday in Bldg. #52. Father Lamanna will lead prayer.

Harold C. Hanover, President of the New York State AFL-CIO announced that on March 22, 1961, top officials of the State AFL-CIO urged Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to go along with Federal legislation to extend unemployment benefits in order to prevent the by-passing of thousands of workers who have exhausted normal State payments.

Another telegram was also sent to Gov. Rockefeller requesting him to hold a public hearing so that Labor may present the reasons why it opposes charging tuition fees in State Colleges where education has been free up to the present time.

Concerning the Federal Extension Aid Plan, we are pleased to announce that soon after this recommendation had been made by the State AFL-CIO Body, Gov. Rockefeller decided to shelve his plan for unemployment extension benefits and to sign legislation whereby New York will participate in a similar Federal program. The program will go into effect beginning April 17, 1961. Workers who have exhausted their benefits since June will be eligible for extended benefits starting with this date. Up to 250,000 may eventually receive payments under the 13-week extension.

Rockefeller's plan also included extended benefits for 13 weeks. However, his plan would take effect only when the number of unemployed in the State who had used up their normal benefits reached 7% of the total work force covered by the State Unemployment Insurance program.

Regarding the bill on education with proposals to charge tuition fees at State Colleges where education has been free up to now, Mr. Hanover said, "Labor is opposed to the change because it considers it a backward step".

Many of the students attending State Colleges have limited resources and there is a variety of educational costs which they have to meet.

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## JOB RATE INCREASED

Eight Insulate Glass Wire Operators in Wire Mill, Bldg. 105, win rate increase as result of grievance filed by Union representatives.

Management has installed new machinery in Bldg. 105, which operates considerably faster than the older type in Bldg. 109.

The operators on these new machines requested a rate increase because they are producing a greater amount of work as a result of the change; however, supervision informed them that they would not go along with the request. A three shift grievance was then filed on behalf of the operators. Again the Company took the position that they would not increase the rate on the job.

The case was moved to the 2nd Level and there it was discussed with the Dept. Manager at several meetings. After hearing the Union's arguments, the manager agreed to investigate and report his findings. The Union representatives were subsequently notified that the job rate would be increased one step retroactive to January 1st, 1961.

This means that the eight operators will each receive approximately \$50.00 in back pay.

The Union representatives who handled this case satisfactorily were: Board Members Mastriani, Koral and DiCaterino and Shop Stewards Reed, Bluto, Blaha and Coordinator Christman.

## STANDARDS MAINTAINED

A grievance for the Assembler Erector Group in Bldg. 16 was recently settled satisfactorily.

The case involved the attempt by the Company to reduce the price for line-up and air gap measurement. Shop Steward Corless, who filed the grievance, pointed out that the Assembler Erector Group had been paid for years by a certain method and the Company was arbitrarily cutting the price without showing a reduction in the operations. Meetings were held at the 2nd Level of the grievance procedure and finally the case was resolved that the group would be paid for the jobs in question and the price would be maintained.

Throughout the case Shop Steward Corless and Board Member Durante, by using their knowledge

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This they are doing with a great deal of difficulty. The proposed tuition charge would make it more difficult, if not impossible, to continue their education.

The Government, both at the State and National levels, recognizes the need for making higher education more available by providing financial help. They are cognizant of the fact that many of our young people who possess the required brain power to make noteworthy contributions to our society are lost because of lack of money to continue on with their education. For the State to charge tuition where it never existed before would only defeat the purpose of other financial help which it is now providing.

We urgently request our members to write to Gov. Rockefeller asking him to conduct a public hearing on the proposed new tuition fees.

## FOUNDRY GRIEVANCE RESULTS IN PAY RAISE

Shake-out Group in the Foundry, Bldg. 95, has received 20 cents an hour pay increase.

Recently a Union representative was made aware of a situation that existed between the Shake-out Group in Bldgs. 95 and 57. Employees in both groups were rated at I-16. Upon investigation, it was found that the group in Bldg. 95 was receiving 20 cents an hour less than the workers in Bldg. 57. The nature of the work in the two groups is identical.

The Union protested to the Foundry management concerning this practice. The Union's contention was that the workers in Bldg. 95 were entitled to receive the proper rate of the job. After hearing the Union's arguments, Foundry management agreed that the workers in Bldg. 95 should receive the increase.

Board Member DiCaterino and Shop Steward Fasake were the Union representatives involved in the case.

This is another case proving the value of your Union and the alertness of your representatives.

of the work involved, former agreements and the facts pertaining to this particular problem, were the deciding factor in its successful conclusion.