

Discussion on How a Shop Representative Should Work

The shop representative system of the Local Union can be the most important single element of cohesion in the Local. In a new Local this fact is not clearly realized by a majority of the Representatives. A great amount of educational work must be performed to make the representatives — and even some of the officers — realize this.

A good representative is one who realizes that he or she is neither judge nor jury. A representative is the medium through which an aggrieved worker speaks. In order to do this in a forceful manner, the representative must be familiar with the contract so that he or she may apply the grievance to one or more clauses in the contract wherever possible. Any representative who has a sense of pride in the honor of his or her job and a sincere feeling of responsibility to those they represent, will familiarize themselves with current labor decisions; they can get to know what is happening in the Labor Movement from the "U. E. News", which is mailed to their homes each week. They should not neglect their political education, as this has vast ramifications on the economic standards of the workers.

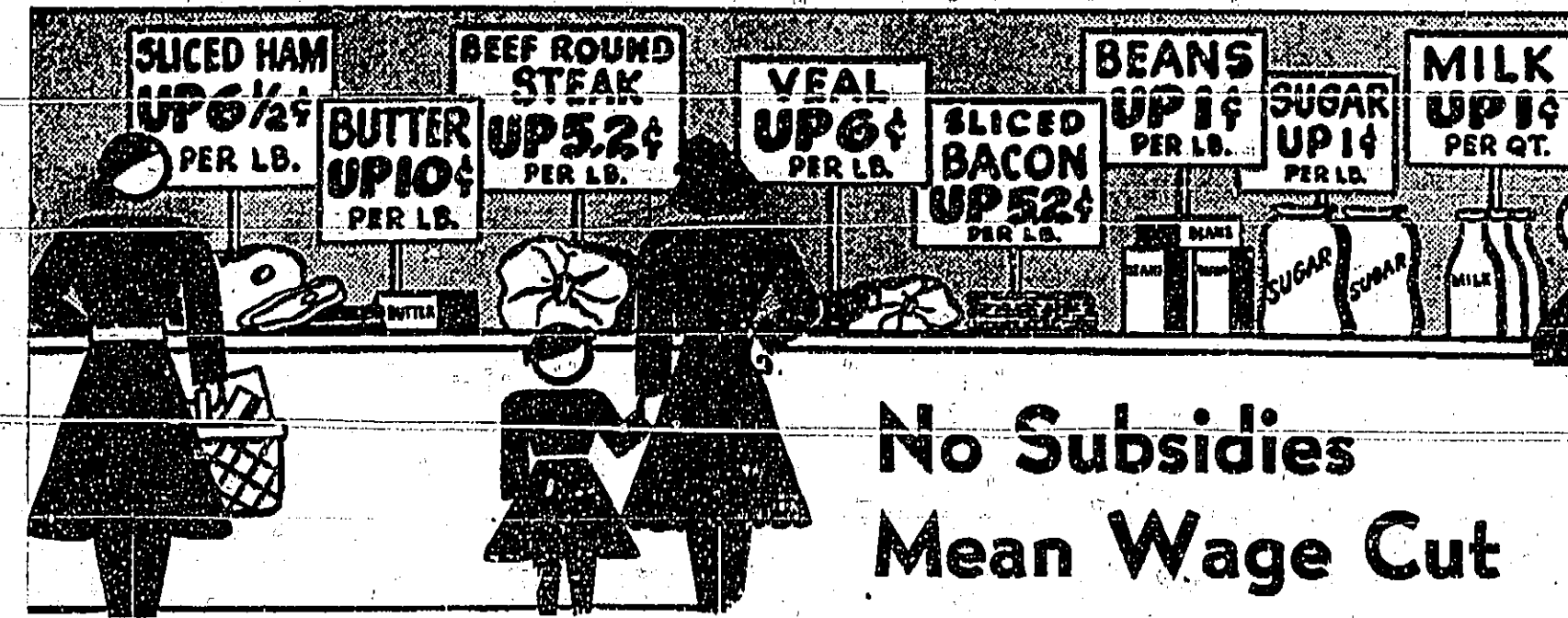
To show the need for political education one needs to go back only to last year when we had to exert tremendous pressure on the company to get a five and one half cent increase in pay so as to temper some of the higher cost in living at that time. Well we got it, but, how long did we have it? It was only a matter of a few weeks, when the Wreck-the-New-Deal-Crowd, namely, the National Association of Manufacturers, Chambers of Commerce, Farm Block (which does not represent the dirt farmer), and the reactionary element in the Republican party and the Poll-Tax Democrats; this coalition set out to put into effect a tax program which was not in line with President Roosevelt's seven point program, namely according to the ability to pay. However, we woke up one morning to find that the Victory Tax had become law, through the stroke of a pen in Washington, thereby doing away with the increase in wages which we fought for and received only some few weeks previous.

A representative should also study the history of the Labor Movement and be familiar with the various ramifications of the Labor Movement. Every grievance should travel its full course — from the aggrieved workers to their representatives, who in turn follow it through to the foreman and if necessary, take it to the Executive Board of the Local and so on up through the regular channels of negotiations. The chances of winning or losing a grievance should not determine the representatives choice of fighting or forgetting it; even "border-line" cases can be discussed and many times won. It is of utmost importance that the representative upon getting a grievance should check every bit of information they will use, prepare themselves as carefully as a lawyer prepares a case even on what at first sight might seem to be a trivial grievance. In discussing a grievance let the foreman shoulder the burden of proof, in other words let him prove to you and the workers that your request has not got the merits that you say it has and if he cannot prove this then you have won the case.

When discussing a case, adopt an easy and unembarrassed manner: don't get "cocky"; let the foreman or supervisor talk his head off if he is that type and when you have something of importance or weight to say and he continues his jabbering — remind him with force that it is time he did a little listening; not everyone has a flare for dramatics, but in the hands of the right person and used sparingly in the right spot, it has been known to have the effect of taking the wind out of the sails of more than one foreman or executive.

Fraternally yours,
ROY LASH, Chief Shop Steward
Local 301

IF SUBSIDIES ARE STOPPED—



No Subsidies
Mean Wage Cut

U. E. LOCAL 301 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

This explanation of subsidies and how they affect you and the country is for your information and your use in writing a letter to Senators Wagner and Mead and explaining subsidies to your fellow-workers and getting them to write letters also.

What Are Subsidies?

Subsidies are money paid by the government to a food grower or farmer, food processor or manufacturer to make it possible for him to produce food or goods at a fair profit and still sell his goods on the market to the consumer at or below the ceiling prices.

Why are Subsidies Necessary?

1. Subsidies are necessary to roll back prices and maintain price ceilings so that you and your family can buy the food you need.
2. Subsidies are necessary in order to encourage farmers to produce enough food to fill the needs of the people, the armed forces and our Allies.

How Do Subsidies Affect Your Wages?

Unless subsidies are granted, the cost of food will increase \$15 billion for the consumer in 1944. This means that your family will pay \$460 more in 1944 for food; \$8.60 more out of your wages each week. For instance, butter will go up to \$1.04 a pound, milk to 30 cents a qt., sugar to 16 cents a lb.

These prices would be just the beginning of the most gigantic black market you can imagine, for without subsidies, prices would skyrocket. The whole price ceiling structure would collapse, rationing would be impossible.

With subsidies, prices could be rolled back and kept rolled back so that you as a consumer can afford to buy food. You know that prices have increased steadily since the war started while your wages have remained stationary.

Subsidies also mean that there will be enough food to go around. Farmers can't afford to grow food to sell at ceiling prices or

A DANGEROUS GAG—

By Sidney Friedlander

"I expect to have some work for you in an hour or two. If you want to wait around you can probably make out or at least make a few dollars. It's better than nothing." This is a common subterfuge used by so-called clever foremen to get around the waiting time rules. Sometimes the worker falls for it and hangs around half the night to make three or four dollars.

The committeeman who is aware of this practice should take it in hand immediately. Call a meeting of the people involved and explain to them the purpose of the waiting time rule. The union fought for the waiting time provision because of its importance especially in slack times. There was a period when men would come in and hang around for the full 8-hours of their shift in the hope of making a dollar or two. Foremen made a practice of having plenty of men on hand so that they would compete with each other for work.

rolled back prices unless they receive subsidies which guarantee them a fair profit. Subsidies will make it possible for the independent farmers to stay in business and increase production.

Who Is Against Subsidies?

There are four large groups in the country that are fighting subsidies: the National Association of Manufacturers, the "farm bloc" in Congress which represents only the big farm interests, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the reactionaries in the Republican and Democratic Parties.

These groups oppose subsidies because they want to profiteer and make money out of the war at your expense, because they want to knife President Roosevelt's stabilization program and create confusion and chaos in the country which they will use to discredit the Administration.

The House of Representatives has defeated the subsidy program by passing the Wolcott Amendment to the Commodity Credit Corporation Bill which banned subsidies. The bill is now being considered by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee of which New York Senator Robert F. Wagner is chairman. Wagner is for subsidies but his hands must be strengthened by thousands of letters demanding subsidies.

What Can You Do?

- AS A UNION MEMBER, you should write and get your fellow-workers to write to Sen. Robert F. Wagner and James M. Mead, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C., telling them that you want subsidies to:
 1. Rollback prices and maintain price ceilings.
 2. Guarantee enough food to supply the people at home, our armed forces and Allies.
 3. Strengthen the nation's war economy and keep it functioning.

To overcome this dangerous procedure, the men must be told to enforce the waiting time. If a foreman asks a man to hang around while waiting for work, the man must insist either on the payment of waiting time for the lost time at the rate of 85 percent of his anticipated earnings or on a "lack of work" pass. Where "lack of work" is prevalent the union will insist that the company either provides sufficient work or makes transfers to busier sections where the worker can fill in his full working time.

There is only one way to enforce these rules and that is by insisting that every worker upholds the contract and that the foreman live up to it. The failure of one or two men in a gang to understand the importance of these rules may penalize the entire group and it is up to the men to see that each one lives up to the agreement.

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BUY MORE WAR BONDS

ELECTRICAL

"All that harms labor is treason to America. No line can be drawn between these two. If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America yet he fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other." — ABRAHAM LINCOLN.



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\$20,000,000 Annual Increase

The Annual Report of the Officers and Executive Board of Local 301 given by President Wallingford at the membership meeting Sunday showed that the annual earnings of the G. E. hourly rated employees in the Schenectady plant have been increased by over 20 million dollars annually during the past five years through union negotiations.

The report also outlines the union contract proposals for the year 1944.

Excerpts from the annual report follow:

Dedicated to Soldiers of Freedom

The General Officers and Executive Board of Local 301 dedicate this report of our great union's all-out effort towards victory, to those four thousand two hundred and sixteen members of Local 301, serving in our country's armed services, and to those who have made the supreme sacrifice that we may enjoy life and freedom.

How the Union Bettered General Electric Employees Wages

The union through direct negotiations with the Company has won a 30 cent per hour increase during the past five years.

This is a very conservative estimate. This is not taking into consideration the increased earnings of piece workers and so forth.

On the basis of 28,000 hourly rated employees this means an increased annual earning of \$20,966,400.00 or an average of \$748.80 per year per employee on a 48-hour week basis.

This added income has been spent mainly in our community which has prospered to this extent through our efforts.

We mention these figures merely to remind our members that the union has in a tangible form improved their standard of living and the community's prosperity prior to the Little Steel Formula.

New 1944 Contract Proposals

The G. E. Conference Board has formulated its proposals to be forwarded to the Locals for approval and presentation to the Co. The Union's proposals this year cover:

1. Strengthening of union maintenance.
2. Liberalization of overtime agreement affecting justified absence.
3. Pay for legal holidays
4. A 17 cent an hour increase in wages, in view of increased cost of living.
5. Tighter safe guards for incentive work and liberalization of the establishment of prices.
6. A cost of living bonus for all employees.
7. A bonus for day workers to eliminate the differentials between piece and day workers.
8. The reducing of the number of job and day rates in the plant.
9. The elimination of so-called women's rates.
10. Vacation payment based on scheduled work days, not less than 40 hours.
11. Provisions covering salaried workers, who are members of this union.
12. Tightening of seniority clauses due to lay-offs.
13. Liberalization of continuity of service policies.
14. Protection of earnings due to transfers caused by lack of work.
15. Quicker progression to the job rates for new employees.

16. Lost in settling grievances paid by the Company.

17. Group Insurance liberalized and entirely paid for by the Company.

18. Unemployment insurance to supplement present state insurance, by the Company, thereby guaranteeing employees regular earnings for a period of six months for unemployment.

Our Participation in the War Effort

We can honestly and with justified pride announce that our Union during 1943 has emerged as the social force that has made the greatest contribution to the war effort in this community, or the capitol district area.

War Production

On the production lines our all out effort is hard to beat. This effort has been publicly recognized by both the Company management and the community as a whole.

At the beginning of the war — the U. E. was one of the first groups to recognize the necessity for an all-out war production job and started to set up War Production Councils throughout the electrical industry. These Councils grew rapidly and are now recognized as an integral part of manufacturing.

Through this joint co-operation, a tremendous amount of critical war material has been saved. These Councils have further encouraged suggestions from workers, which have greatly improved production methods.

Week after week, the Schenectady Works News, the G. E. Schenectady Plant's news organ has carried full page stories of the suggestions turned in by our members, to speed production, cut-down waste material and absenteeism. In short, our all-out effort on the production lines has been in the fullest spirit of co-operation as well as in fact.

Blood Donations

Our membership has donated 7,065 pints of blood since June of last year, at which time the Schenectady Center started to keep a record.

Local 301 has been cited by the Red Cross as the labor union which has set the best example for the country for the most donations, and the union which has developed the most efficient system for consistent donations. One of our officers is now actively administering this agency.

Much credit for the success of our blood donor activities goes to those shop leaders who organized the various rallies throughout the plant.

Servicemen's Funds

Our shop leaders and many of our members have been doing a splendid job of keeping our Union close to our many members in the armed forces. This has been accomplished through raising of funds for gifts and cigarettes on a department basis for our service men and women.

This is a fine example of the initiative displayed by our leaders in the shops. From available figures, over \$150,000.00 has been contributed by our members to these shop service funds during the past year.

As a result of our collective bargaining record and the successful organizational job in uniting our people in the all-out war production program, we have been recognized in the community as an organization with tremendous political power.

As a result of this recognition, several of our members have been appointed to the

various war agencies and community councils such as: Draft Board, Housing Authority, Recreational Committees, Boys' Club, U.S.O., Blood Donor Committees, O.P.A., War Councils, Educational Committees, Citizens Unity Committee, War Labor Board, War Manpower Commission, Post-War Planning Committees, and various other community projects and war emergency boards. These appointments brought our Union closer to the membership as a service organization toward the bettering of their community and home life.

Our representatives on these various boards and committees did our union honor in every respect and made a valuable contribution to the work of these various agencies and committees.

Local 301, Children's Dancing Class

Your officers want to extend their appreciation to Belle Baxter for her untiring work as an organizer and a tutor of the children's dancing class which she has taught for many years.

Belle goes about her work in a quite unassuming way using her own initiative and every bit for her spare time. Through her work she is making the children of the union members union conscious which is an invaluable asset to our union.

Activities Committee

The activities committee of our Local has arranged many successful socials in conjunction with the U. S. O. The committee has put on several successful labor sits during our committeemen's meetings. The committee is now developing and encouraging the natural histrionic talents of our members in order to put on a series of musical shows. These efforts should be encouraged by the incoming officers as this can be a means of knitting our membership on a social basis.

Discrimination Against Minority Groups

Discrimination against any individual or groups of people because of race, religion, or country of origin is an evil characteristic of our fascist enemies. We of the democracies are fighting fascism at home and abroad by welding all races, all religions, and all people into a united body of workers for democracy.

Any discriminatory practices within our own ranks against any group directly aids the enemy by creating division, dissension and confusion. Such discriminatory practices in employment policy hampers production by depriving the nation of the use of available skills and manpower.

Your officers reiterate the firm opposition of our Union as a whole to any form of racial or religious discrimination and we renew our pledge to carry on the fight for protection in law and in fact, the rights of any racial

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1944 WAR PROFITS TO EXCEED 1943 PEAK

Net profits after taxes of all corporations in 1944 will top 1943, U. S. Treasury experts estimate. Wartime peak in profits will be reached this year. The total profits before taxes will be about \$24.5 billion, or over 8 percent above the total in 1943. After all taxes are paid, net profits will come to an estimated \$9.4 billion, or a rise of nearly 10 percent over the 1943 peak and over 180 percent above the 1939 level. (Figures based on table of U. S. Treasury presented before Senate Finance Committee in hearings on new tax bill, Nov. 29, 1943.)

ORIGINAL TORN



OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

By A Union Member

Are you an active member—the kind that's liked so well,
Or are you just contented with the button on your lapel?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock,
Or brother, do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to keep the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong?

Do you ever visit a brother who is troubled, worn and sick,
Or do you leave that to a few — then crab about the clique?

Then come out to the meetings and help with hand and heart,
And don't be just a member. Come, take an active part.

So think it over, brothers, you know right from wrong,
Come, be an active member, instead of just belong.

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War Loan Drive

We know that all the Members of Local 301 will purchase War Bonds to the limit. —Enough Scid

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Commando Work

By a Union Member

Boy, my back aches! I've done, today, my hardest day's work in a long, long while. I've worked hard, at unaccustomed tasks,—and tonight I am a tired, but also, a very contented man.

Because I spent this Sunday working as a week-end Commando, at the Army Quartermaster's Depot. I unloaded boxes of sudden death from freight cars, and loaded more of the same into other freight cars bound for the shooting war.

I hope its giving out no military secret when I say that what I saw today will cause a very wide-spread epidemic of turned-up toes among Nip and Nazi troops, during the next year or so. I know now what the War Department spends my bond purchase money for; and its OK by me.

The fellow from Building 89, who worked with me today, had the right slant on our job. He wise-cracked that when our boys shoot off all that stuff, it will be a Fourth of July celebration held all over the globe.

That's what makes my back ache less, and my satisfaction deep, tonight. Fat and forty as I am, I had a hand in this war that I believe in. Maybe they can't use me in the ranks of fighting men; — at least I can tell my grandchildren that I really did "Pass the Ammunition!"

How's about some of you fellows coming out with the Commandos, next week-end? I know there are a lot of you who feel the way I do; — that in spite our regular war pobs, and bond purchases, and blood donations, we still can do a lot more to win this war for Freedom against Fascism.

Here's how easy it is; — just go to the

Union College Engineering, Science and Management War Training

Training courses on the above subjects are being given at Union College in cooperation with the United States Office of Education.

A new program of these courses begins next month. The registration date is Friday, January 21, 1944. These courses are open to all of our members.

U. S. Employment Service, at 3 State Street, Schenectady, and tell them you want to be a Commando. They will give you a card of introduction to the Employment Office at the Army Depot. You go there, and fill out a couple of forms, get your physical and your picture taken, take an oath to defend the Constitution, just like a fighting man, and receive your Commando pass. That's all there is to it.

You go to work the next week-end, or any other time you want to arrange for. And you get paid 72 cents for every hour you work. It's a shame to take the money. Why, the way I feel tonight, I want to put that extra dough in more War Bonds, just so there will be plenty of those heavy little boxes of lead poison for Nips and Nazis, for me to load next week, and every week, from now on.

What with the Second Front coming any day now, let's make it our job to get the stuff out of the warehouses, and into the cars, on its way to helping make a free and better world for all of us.

Come on, boys; — let's "Pass the Ammunition!" — and we'll all stay free.

By A Union Member.

PRODUCTION EXPEDITERS

All production expediters who desire to join the Union may do so by signing a copy of the following authorization card.

United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America

I, _____

Check No. _____

Union Book No. _____

do hereby declare that I am a member of Local 301, UER&MWA, and authorize the General Electric Company to deduct one dollar a month for union dues from my pay.

Signed, _____

These authorization cards maybe obtained from your committeeman. All expediters signing these cards will be given the same bargaining privilege of all other members of our union.

OUR UNION AND WHAT IT IS DOING FOR US

Austin Case — CAP

Oftentimes we hear people make comments such as "Why do we need a Union?" "What is the Union doing for us?" etc.

These people are like many others who have not fully acquainted themselves with the economic and political history of recent years.

Shop problems such as adjustment of working conditions; higher wages; etc., seem to them the primary purpose of today's industrial union, such as the U. E. It is true that these things are to them very important and it is upon these issues which unions like ours were originally organized. However, today with extraordinary conditions brought about by war economy and the conditions which will prevail in the future have broadened the scope in which unions must operate and take an active part.

All of us can remember the conditions the country was in after World War No. 1; at that time labor was not organized to protect its rights, so as a result business interests had things pretty much their own way.

The crash of 1929 and the following depression years were a direct result of this. It must not happen again!

At the present time through the various government agencies which control our very way of life, politics control the price which you pay for a loaf of bread and the number of greenbacks you receive when you cash your weekly pay-check. So it has become necessary that you and you, and you, who are labor, take some course of action which will give you an even break now and in years to come.

The CIO-UE political action program is one which has been formulated by people who understand the every day problems that confront us. Their program is one which must be studied carefully and digested by every union member. It is a program which will insure us as working Americans, regardless of political affiliation, a right and a voice to be heard on matters pertaining to our welfare.

The U. E. along with other CIO Unions is planning an effort which will not only affect your pocketbook this year but for many years to come. It is your duty as a member and to your interest to take an active interest by attending meetings, by urging those outside the fold to join, and by promoting discussion amongst your friends and family.

—CIO—

LET'S MATCH THESE RECORDS

This is how it happened — Marie Manfra walked over to the person in charge of the Blood Donor Drive in Building 46 and said, "Say Al, I would like to get 20 applications for Blood Donors for my department. We've just got to get more blood for the boys at the front. The big battle is on its way."

"Well, Marie," said Al, "There's the 20 applications, lots of luck to you."

Marie Manfra got busy on her own initiative and started soliciting for donors immediately. And . . . Bingo! With a little convincing and persistent talking Marie, a 5 time donor went to the center with 12 others from the department a few days later.

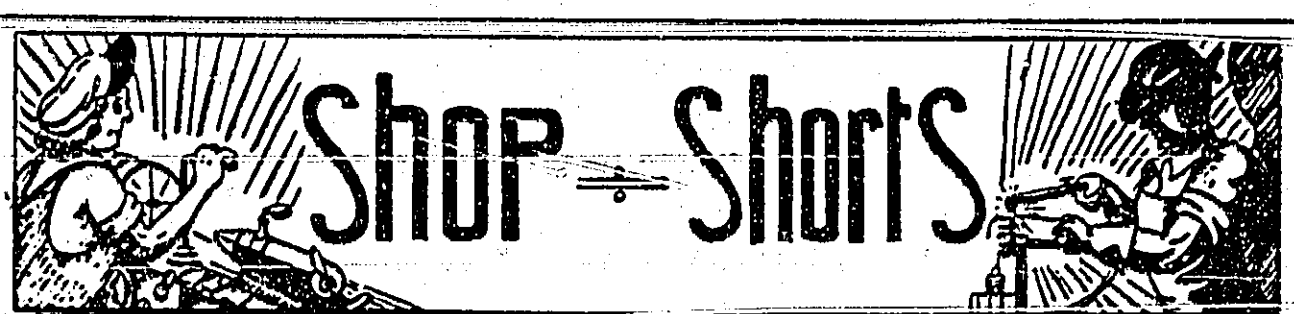
At a girl, Marie. We hope there will be many more Maries like her throughout the plant who will realize the importance of rushing this life giving substance to the front.

Three cheers for Jim Petrasko from Building 269. He sure can take it. Jim was due for his fifth blood donation at the Red Cross Blood Donor Center. The only trouble was that on that day Jim had to work overtime, play basketball, and go to his regular bowling team match.

Jim did all these going back to put in his overtime night after the donation. Jim was none the worse after his hard work out. Said Jim, "It didn't bother me a bit."

By the way we understand that Jim is getting all set to depart for the armed services soon.

Lots of luck! We are sure that the boys in the 269 tool room will miss you.



A FOREMAN'S HOMEWORK

Sam Rigg — CAP

Isn't it a shame that we can't get some of our ambitious foremen at the Campbell Ave. Plant to attend a few of Local 301's classes for union committeemen so that they might become better acquainted with our union contract with the Company.

This reason your scribe feels this; is that whenever certain foremen are told that they are violating a section of our contract they slowly raise their heads and with a perplexed look in their eyes say, "Contract, contract, what contract?" So, naturally we feel sorry for them.

It seems that they are left in the dark on the matter completely so we made up our mind to try and educate them, but how?

At last we think we may have hit upon a solution.

We look around for a sheet of paper preferably a sheet that has the words, "Grievance Slip" as its heading.

We proceed then to write down the particular section of the contract that is being violated and hand it to the foreman.

Since the foremen must pay attention to their work while in the shops we suggest they take these contract excerpts home to study and digest them. Just a little homework. Maybe a lot of headaches could be saved if the Company allowed their foremen to study the contract on Company time.

At the bottom of the sheet we request a written answer within 24 hours.

You see, by this method of tutoring, the foreman may keep the original sheet on file for record, and before you know it he will obtain all the sections of the contract that he is violating.

So, we say, let's be helpful and help educate our foremen and let's give them some homework to do. Never let it be said that the representatives of Local 301 won't go out of their way to give the foreman a helping hand.

—CIO—

DEMOCRACY

A true democracy acts, for all the people and not just for a part. To exercise the things for which it stands requires a pure in heart. Democracy knows no hate or slander it promotes no grief or pain. Nor does it endeavor to pull you down by your color or your name. Democracy is a wonderful thing to be in any land. For it upholds the bill of rights the protection of every man.

If we trace the history of Democracy we can plainly see. Some people only used the word and let the meaning be. Some day fate will play a part in ruling of the land. Then the meaning of Democracy the same for every man.

When that day comes we all will know The meaning of Democracy and the whole world will know that hidden mystery. We can't promote Democracy with hatred down inside. How well we know it can't be done for every race have tried. As years go by and time moves on Each day different from the rest. The meaning of Democracy sinks deeper in each breast. Some day fate will convey the word deep in every heart. To draw us into unity that are now so far apart.

By A Union Member.

—CIO—

BUILDING 81—William Mestriani

The transmitter division from CAP and Building 81 got together for a meeting last week. There was a great deal of discussion centered around the recent cut-back and a lot of good proposals to help the leadership solve some of these problems.

Yours truly was glad to have the help of Brother Austin Case and Brother Mike DeGennaro who was Secretary of the meeting.

There was a motion made and carried to hold similar meetings of this kind in the future.

Here's a reminder to all committeemen and committeewomen: Get the service records of all those people who have been affected by this lay-off.

We of the welding department are sorry to see Brother W. Schults transferred out of the gang to Bldg. 66. . . Credit should be given to Frank Archer and William Harris, representatives, who did a swell job in getting the petition up to keep the cold air out. I am sure their group appreciates these efforts after a long battle with supervision. . . We are still sending boys to the armed forces. Recently inducted were W. Rogers of engine lathe and Lovejoy from dispatch cases. . . Dispatchers and expeditors! Make sure and fill your card out with your committeeman so you can be represented.

To people who have any trouble pertaining to grievances, please see your representative first. Don't go to the foreman and then go to the representative. I am sure they will take care of your case.

The "Weekend Commando Club" has started in Building 81. Anyone who is a member of a 5 day week schedule and still wishes to help win the war can find employment for the weekend at the Army Depot. Those who wish to join this club contact yours truly.

Don't forget the 4th War Loan Drive which starts in Building 81, January 25th. Let's scrape up all our loose change and help the war effort by buying bonds.

—CIO—

BUILDING 10A—

Rose Carbone, Carol Bucholski

Our sincere sympathy to Marion Waite whose aunt died.

On our sick list are Rudy Palmer, Susan Docherty and Carl Houswald. A speedy recovery to them all.

We all welcome Burling Douglass who was transferred from Building 40 to our Inspection Department.

Congratulations to Theresa McCloskey who was married during the holidays. Good luck to you Theresa.

There are two newcomers to Building 10. Mike Buluck Jr., who work in S. R. 4 and Mario Battaglia, transferred from Building 285, who will work with Mary Pigeon. Now watch them clean the floor.

Our foreman, Jack Briggs does not believe that Hot Green Peppers will grow in the garden. His great idea is growing them in a quart jar. Good luck to you Jack with your hot peppers.

Harvey Swart is the proud uncle of a little nephew in Building 69 and 28 Test Department. Both are doing nicely.

ing him "Grampa" now. Hi! "Grampa" . . . Most Moseman, the checker champ in B3, challenges anyone to a game. See his manager Elmer Bassel, who's on the wagon till Easter due to a wild and woolly Xmas party. It's a long time till Easter, Elmer—but you can't make it. . . Mr. L. A. Coelwood, better known as "Ziggy," has been supplying the toolroom with pigeons, and we wonder if his prices would meet with the OPA regulations. . . "Dom" DiCoco looks swell. Was it the army or his new wife that did it? Probably a little of both, mostly his. . . Francis Cornelius Behn is back on regular hours again. With the roll he must have salted away working all that overtime he should be able to buy the other half of Hoosick Falls.

BUILDING 52—Bill Geier

With the inevitable invasion approaching, it is not only the duty, but the privilege of every worker here to make a visit to the Red Cross Blood Donor Center and donate a pint of blood to save maybe the life of one of the boys who used to work next to you.

This department has done fine work, but we all aren't doing our part. Only when every person in this department at least goes down there, whether they are accepted or not, only then can we be satisfied with our showing.

A great many casualties must be expected during this invasion. It would be a crime worse than treason to think that some soldier, sailor or marine had to give up his life because you wouldn't give up a pint of blood.

Our local has been doing great work in all the shops of the G. E. and many volunteer workers are putting plenty of time to it every week, so why not take a half hour out of every eight weeks and really do something worthwhile.

JUST A DREAMER

MATERIAL, MATERIAL, WHERE ART THOU? —Chet Cooke — CAP

I am a transmitter. I have sat on the floor gathering dust for quite a number of weeks now. I am from a line of T. B. A.'s that have gone on before me. My frame is still strong. Must I be a dust catcher the rest of my days. From where I sit I can see the rest of the shop teeming with people, workers whom they claim are preparing material for my assembly. Now and then two or three of the big bosses will stand by my side and say, "What a great shop we have here. . . . We must win this war."

War! What war? No one ever told me there was a war on. If there is a war why am I not out there doing my part. I am a transmitter. But no, there can be no war because the benches that were filled with workers are empty now. I heard talk that they were laying them off. But that can't be. If it is true what about our boys who are out there fighting waiting for transmitters that will never come. Oh dear, such a mess! Oh, here comes Sam our wire checker and Pete our cleaner and my assembler. Now we will see who will win this war. But where is Jerry, our leader. Now he's gone. Can't anybody stay on this job. I want to be finished by 3:30. Oh, here is Bill. He will do something about it. What's that he says, "We can't get any units until next week."

Why was I ever made a transmitter. Why can't somebody do something for me. Now it is too late; there goes the 3:30 whistle. I will sleep once again and see what tomorrow brings forth.

—CIO—

CAP—Jeck Nelson

Obie Bratman, well know Blood Donor chairman of the Test says, "We are resuming blood campaigning. We are starting a broad front after our slump due to flu and grippe." Our test gals on 75 watts material are now on 5 days. . . Mrs. Irene Pittz is leaving us in a few weeks to live with her husband. . . Test is holding a skate party Friday, January 21st, at 8 P. M. Come along! . . . Marjorie Lee had the misfortune to slide into a ditch on Route 56 Wednesday morning. . . Mary DeLorenzo was capped at the Nurses Aides graduation at Ellis Hospital. . . Our latest Bond Rally folk are Bea Jennings, Betty Berrian, Obie Bratman, Charles Germano, and Jack Nelson. Let's give Test! . . . Ann Cantello had a dream Tuesday night. Guess who the hero was? . . . Jake Nelson is again working 90-hours a week. Berry sign up here at the plant, and 48 at WSNY. . . Harold Mischler, Betty Hogan and Stella Ward are our test coin collectors. Any new pennies or old nickels? . . . Chas. Clark's has a record-player (Wholes type) for sale. . . Remember! All are required to have scratches or burns treated at the dispensary. Betty is there just for that purpose. And don't forget to report all accidents to Test Office.

—CIO—

BUILDING 52—Bill Geier

With the inevitable invasion approaching, it is not only the duty, but the privilege of every worker here to make a visit to the Red Cross Blood Donor Center and donate a pint of blood to save maybe the life of one of the boys who used to work next to you.

This department has done fine work, but we all aren't doing our part. Only when every person in this department at least goes down there, whether they are accepted or not, only then can we be satisfied with our showing.

A great many casualties must be expected during this invasion. It would be a crime worse than treason to think that some soldier, sailor or marine had to give up his life because you wouldn't give up a pint of blood.

Our local has been doing great work in all the shops of the G. E. and many volunteer workers are putting plenty of time to it every week, so why not take a half hour out of every eight weeks and really do something worthwhile.

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