

301 Blood Donors Must Intensify Effort As The Need Continues to Grow

"We cannot afford to sit back and rest on our laurels when more Yanks are needing blood plasma at the present time than at any time previous in the war," chairman Edward Bazan said this week in appealing for increased effort in cooperation with the Red Cross Blood Plasma drive. Casualties in the present conflict on the western front have not been fully revealed. If our people only stop and think of the thousands of their relatives and friends over there who may be wounded and whose life may depend upon their receiving a sufficient quantity of blood plasma, they will donate as often as they can."



301 Gives 40%
Mr. Bazan revealed that during 1944, Local 301 was responsible for 40% of all blood donations at the local Red Cross Center at the Washington Avenue Armory. The total Schenectady donation was 81,190 pints, 12,124 of which were given by Local 301 members. The total for the local since May, 1943, when records were set up, is 19,189.

New Contest

A new contest will start the second week of January in which ten sections of the plant will participate and will run for 10 weeks similar to the contest held last year which was won by Building 69 with Campbell Avenue Plant in the runner-up spot. The participating sections are as follows:

Voltage Regulator, buildings 9 and 11.
Power, Heat and Light, buildings 13, 43, 61, 83, 84 and 205.
Motor Generator, building-16.
Punch Press, buildings 15, 17A and 19.
Induction Motor, buildings 18, 18A and 40.
Welded Products, buildings 52 and 60.

Forge Division, building 93.
Wire and Cable, buildings 85 and 100.
Turbine Division, buildings 49 and 273.
Resin & Insulation, buildings 67, 77, 84 and 29.

Board Members Make Appeal
Edward Wallingford and William Kelly, Executive Board members of the Turbine department have issued an appeal for all Local 301 members in their sections to set aside all fear of donating blood and to make a date with a member of the blood donor committee in their sections to donate soon and regularly. Rather than fear the pain of a small needle which really does not hurt, friends and loved ones who are walking into battle every day and may not come back because of the lack of plasma.

New Education Program Will Be Submitted to Membership

Union headquarters is buzzing these days with interest in the new educational program which local 301 expects to launch in the near future. On December 20, the executive board approved plans for the establishment of an education department in the local, to be housed in quarters of its own and developed into a real educational center for members of the local, members of other Schenectady unions and the interested public. Their proposal will go to the membership for discussion and final approval at the regular membership meeting on January 16.

There seems to be no limit to the subjects in which our members are interested. "Be sure to have a good course in psychology," one of our committeemen advised, "because all the foremen study psychology and we'll need some too, in order to do business with them." Another felt that he wanted to learn more English. Some of our women are insisting that

we have a course in "How to Bring Up Your Family." The "History of American Democracy," including the vigorous part played by organized labor in the growth and development of our country, has come in for considerable discussion and bids to be one of the "must" courses in the new school.

It is felt by the executive board that the work of the school should center around the classes in trade unionism, which will study the role of trade union organization in the world of today, the part played by unions in the community, state

Offer Public Speaking

One of the courses which promises to be popular with trade union members is one in public speaking and parliamentary procedure. This course will give members actual experience in platform speaking, radio broadcasting and informal discussion methods. Each member will have an opportunity to hear and discuss a recording of his speaking voice.

Every member of Local 301 and all readers of the UE News are invited to get in touch with the union office by phone (3-1886) or letter (301 Liberty St., Schenectady 5) and suggest courses in which he or she would be interested. Look over the suggested list below, select one or more of the courses which you would like to take. Write, phone or, better still, come in and talk it over. Ask for Milo Lathrop, educational director, or Doris Cory.

Planned courses are:
History of American Democracy.
English.
Public Speaking.
Practical Psychology.
Current Events.
International Affairs.
World Politics.
Music for Listeners.
Child Psychology.
Languages.

Welcome Suggestions.
We are sure that there are many other courses of study which will interest our members, their friends and families. Give it some thought and let us know what you want.

FIRST REHEARSAL OLD TIME MINSTREL

Thursday, January 18

7:30 P.M.

Attention All Talent: Please attend this important meeting. Many entertainers have indicated their intention of participating — many more are needed.

CIO HALL
301 Liberty Street

Campbell Seeks Talent

Several stars of last year's successful musical stage show, "Fun-Za-Poppin'" have indicated that they will participate in the Local 301 Minstrel which will get under



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way with the first rehearsal Thursday, January 18 at 8 p.m. at CIO Hall, according to Activities Committee Chairman Foster Campbell.

Stars to Repeat

Among last year's stars who will participate are Frank Erick who directed "Fun-Za-Poppin'" and Freddie Jeske, five-year-old son of Bill Jeske, a 301 member employed at the Campbell Avenue Plant. The long strides Little Freddie has taken since he made his first appearance in "Fun-Za-Poppin'"

are interesting. During the past year he has sang over numerous radio stations and has always been requested to do repeat performances. Also he has entertained at many social functions throughout the Capital district.

Mr. Campbell urges Local 301 members who have either had show experience and those who would like to give vent to their talents whether it be dancing, singing or comedy to attend the first rehearsal and indicate their willingness to participate in the show.

Benefited Many

The musical show staged last year was very successful from an entertainment and financial standpoint. Several hundred dollars were raised for the benefit of the Red Cross and the Child Care Centers at the three performances. It is hoped and expected that the new show will even surpass in accomplishment, that of last year.

Riggi With Romano

Sam Riggi, former committeeman at the Campbell Avenue plant, has taken up his new duties with M. Romano, local real estate dealer. Sam says he is still very much interested in the activities of Local 301 and no doubt will appreciate union friends calling on him if they are "in the market" for a home.

Gallup Poll A Hoax — Figures Were Fixed

The Gallup poll, like Old Gold, isn't quite all it seems. Something new has been added to the famed poll as well as to the famous cigarette.

Followers of the political predictions of Gallup found this week that the extra ingredient in its figures result from mental exercises of some hired hand at Princeton and not from the opinions of persons polled.

Although Dr. George Gallup adds something different from apple honey, he told the House campaign expenditures committee in Washington that he varies the mix according to the state involved, the registration figures and some other factors.

Chairman Clinton Anderson (D. N. M.) told Gallup that in the 1944 election the Gallup poll went wrong in every state casting over a million votes—and in every instance the vote for Roosevelt (not Dewey) suffered thereby. In California, Gallup was off 4 points, Illinois 3, Texas 5, Minnesota 6, Michigan 5, and New York 8.

Gallup replied that "we always underestimate the vote for the Democratic party" because of the difficulty of reaching the lower income groups who are heavily in favor of Roosevelt.

Originally the Gallup Poll in 1944 showed Roosevelt ahead of Dewey by 61 to 40 per cent, but Gallup figured that there would

be no more than 39 million voters and thereby knocked off two points from Roosevelt and gave them to Dewey. This was done independently of any polling—just knocking out two points from FDR because Gallup thought the vote would be light.

As the campaign progressed, Gallup saw the registration figures mounting and was prepared to remove the two-point handicap he'd placed on Roosevelt when he "found the Dewey trend increasing and put it back."

The "raw figures" on New York State, for instance, showed that Roosevelt had 62.5 per cent of the vote. But Gallup's various factors, including the national averages that showed Roosevelt with only 51.5 per cent, and the two point deduction, brought him down to 49 per cent and gave Dewey the state.

All this brought Chairman Anderson to inquire whether a "pure food law for polls" to show that "artificial coloring has been added," wouldn't be a good idea. Gallup promised to send more figures to the government experts helping the committee and the hearing adjourned.

Membership Meeting Tuesday, January 30

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Jandreau Gives Congressional Group True Manpower and Production Picture — Cites Schenectady's Bad Situation



DRAWING A BEAD ON POLLS. Two-year-old Michael Sullivan of St. Louis, Missouri, recently recovered from a crippling attack of infantile paralysis, knows what THAT fight is like. Michael was aided in his tussle with the Crippler by the March of Dimes. This year's appeal, January 14-31, will help thousands of youngsters to win out against infantile paralysis.

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN; GIVE TO MARCH OF DIMES

Again, dimes are on the march! The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is conducting its annual campaign to raise funds to combat the dread disease. It ends as usual, on January 31, the birthday of our President who himself was crippled by polio and who has again lent his birthday as an occasion for bringing the drive to a successful conclusion.

Over \$1,000 in 1944
Local 301 has always backed this drive by cooperation of its committeemen in the shops who circulated dime boxes among the members to receive their contributions. In 1944 over \$1,000 was raised in this manner. In 1945 it is hoped to exceed that amount.

Knows From Experience
Your editor knows from his own experience the importance of the work the Foundation is carrying on and wishes to cite his experience only in the hope of awakening those people who take the danger of Infantile Paralysis lightly.

In 1924, before the Foundation was organized, central New York experienced an epidemic during the months of September and October. During the summer months he had spent his school vacation in the

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Stating that, "If we are to solve these problems (manpower and war production), we must have at long last the cooperation of labor management and government," Leo Jandreau last week analyzed the union's position on the problems before the Congressional Military Affairs Committee in Washington, D. C. The local business agent who is also a Vice President of the International UE, was selected to appear before the important government body along with CIO President Philip Murray and to present the union's case on behalf of over 700,000 UE members throughout the country. His report received nationwide publicity through the national press services and the New York Herald-Tribune.

Cites Schenectady's Condition
Mr. Jandreau reported to the Congressmen the local condition which was first publicized in the last issue of this paper. He told the committee:

"I would like to know how you expect National Service legislation to remedy the situation we have in Schenectady. We find that the General Electric Company, in line with certain post-war plans has transferred radio work, equipment and engineering personnel from its Schenectady plant to the City of Syracuse where a large expansion program is being conducted. We also find this company transferring equipment and engineering personnel from Schenectady into Erie to manufacture refrigerators, in accordance with its plans made last fall, to engage in the construction of 4 post-war plants."

"Since January 1, 1944, employment at the Schenectady works has decreased by approximately 8,000 employees. The largest proportion of this decrease was in radio and radar departments. However, it is listed by the WPB as one of the companies that are unable to meet their radio-radar production schedules because of the lack of manpower."

Union Survey
"The union conducted a survey in the plant on existing facilities and equipment, and we found in the radio division that approximately 50% of the speed-and-machinery is not being utilized."

"The War Manpower Commission, in a statement in the New York Times on Sunday, January 7, points out that the Schenectady area has a surplus of labor and records a critical shortage of labor in the Syracuse area where the company is routing the radio government orders to be manufactured."

"We also find that in the Schenectady plant of the GE Company the employment in the steel foundry has decreased by 50% in the past 12 months. Tonnage of steel castings have dropped accordingly. The foundries in this plant are equipped to produce castings from several ounces to tons. As late as last week, experienced molders and core makers were notified by supervision to find work in other departments of the plant if they expect to be continued as deferrments by Selective Service."

Company Sub-Contracting
"At the same time we find the company sub-contracting for foundry work in the City of Buffalo where a serious shortage exists and where it was necessary to bring in several hundred Janmancians to man the foundries in that area. Furthermore, the General Electric Company operates a foundry in the City of Elmira and where it brought Janmancians in the past 12 months although in the past it was a practice of the company to transfer work to Schenectady when there was a surplus in Elmira or from Schenectady to Elmira depending on the load."

"A year ago there was a total of 28,000 employees in the Schenectady works whereas there are now 15,000 men on the first shift, 4,000 on the second shift, 785 on the

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Red Cross Services to Reach Wartime Peak in '45—Goal of War Fund Set at 180 Million

American Red Cross operations at home and abroad will reach their war-time peak in 1945, Mr. Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross said today in announcing that the minimum goal for the Red Cross War Fund to be raised in March 1945 had been fixed at \$180,000,000.

To mobilize the support of organized labor in achieving this goal, agreements were reached last April between the American Red Cross and the official war relief committees of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Special labor posters, literature and recordings for local broadcasting and for use over loud-speaking systems in industrial plants now are being prepared in anticipation of the campaign.

"Our new budgets," Mr. O'Connor said, "represent an appreciable increase in the services we will render in Europe, in the Pacific and at home but we have been able to keep the total 1945 goal slightly under the one for 1944 because of oversubscription of our earlier campaigns and certain economies in this year's operations."

"After personally inspecting our operations in England and on the continent, and after conferring with Generals Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton, and Clark, I foresee an increase rather than a decrease in the need for American Red Cross services on the continent from now and for some time after the European fighting is over. Likewise it is obvious the American Red Cross must expand its Pacific and Far Eastern operations during the coming year."

"It is our intention that Red Cross stay with our troops until all of them are returned home and continue to serve them through their readjustment to civilian life. For this reason we must ask the American public to consider a goal of \$180,000,000 as an absolute minimum."

Jandreau Gives Report

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lished plants. The shortage of radio tubes is one of the most serious bottlenecks of the radio-radar industry."

Citing similar instances in other plants, Jandreau said: "I am appearing on behalf of 700,000 workers in such plants as General Electric, Westinghouse, RCA, Perry Gyroscope, the Electrical Division of General Motors and a thousand other war plants under contract with this union. I welcome the opportunity to present certain facts that our union has developed as a result of a thorough investigation of the status of our plants listed by the war agencies as requiring manpower in order to meet critical production schedules."

"This investigation emphasized the urgent necessity of Mr. Murray's (CIO President) proposal for an immediate conference of labor industry, agriculture and government leaders to gear our production at the highest possible levels. This investigation conducted by our union, has demonstrated a number of factors that are impeding shipments of war material in our industry. These factors are as follows:

- 1—Our companies need war contracts, not manpower.
- 2—Some large companies have

Council Report

At a meeting held by the Capital District Industrial Union Council, CIO, in Albany, January 17, a report was made by John Wanhope, Council delegate, and Frank Murphy, president, both members of a special committee to investigate layoffs, cutbacks and war contract terminations. The committee reported on its findings and made several proposals for furthering the efforts of the Council to eliminate the bottleneck of unemployment in the area.

A conference was held with Commissioner M. P. Catherwood of the Department of Commerce during which the Council officials contended that employment was decreasing in some plants while in the Buffalo-Syracuse area there was a critical labor shortage.

Following the conference an employment survey was made by the Department of Commerce. This state survey covered 94 per cent of the manufacturing firms in Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia, Schenectady, Montgomery, Saratoga and Washington Counties. The survey showed that these firms, employing about 92,000 at the peak, had about 79,000 on payrolls at the end of 1944, a decrease of approximately 13,000 employees.

Commissioner Catherwood stated that the survey further showed that war contracts will be issued to insure peak employment in all plants in the immediate Albany district for the first half of 1945. The only city in which more jobs are not indicated by midyear is Schenectady, which has the bulk of war jobs and is the main industrial section in the area.

Annual Report and Directory

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA
Local 301



Local 301 Publication Contains Many Features

Within a few days the Annual Report and Directory of Local 301 will be off the press and ready for distribution to the membership. Persons who have seen the content and make-up dummies have called it the most complete picturization of our union organization, its history, accomplishments and program they have ever seen.

Includes Contract
The book contains many reference features which have never before been available to the membership generally. Among them are the complete contract between the UE and the General Electric Company which is the basis for our collective bargaining and negotiation of every-day grievances. Although the contract is changed somewhat each year through negotiations with the company, it remains the same so that the book can be used as reference.

Wagner Act—Insurance Laws
Also summaries of the Wagner Act, the national law which guarantees the right of collective bargaining and the New York State Unemployment Insurance Law with regulations and benefits are included for the convenience of the members who may wish to refer to them.

Pictures and Stories
Over 100 pictures of union officials, committees and various activities are featured along with stories dealing with every phase of union activity. Feature articles include "Veterans and Jobs," "This Matter of Cementing Friendly Relations," "Women in Industry," "International UE" and "Grievances" which includes a ready reference of the Local 301 bargaining machinery and a record of accomplishment in this important service.

Merchants Respond Well
Well over 200 Schenectady merchants and business men have bought space in the book for advertising and it is because of their splendid response that the publication of the book has been made possible.

The 44-page "Report and Directory" has been written, and prepared by Austin Case, editor of the Electrical Union News, and it is his wish that the people in the shops will find the book both entertaining and valuable as a reference guide during the year to come.

Rate cutting exists within plants and within areas where outbacks create unemployment and require the transfer of employees to other departments or plants in new types of production.

"With regard to the first point, lack of work. I would like to know how national legislation will remedy this situation."

After citing conditions existing in other plants such as Westinghouse, Sperry, Bridgeport GE, Tung-Sol and others, Jandreau said in summing up, "This union is again, as in 1941 and 1942, supplying lists of idle tools . . . In hope they (procurement agencies) will see fit to use these tools before trained manpower now available is dissipated through cancellations and contract run-outs."

March of Dimes

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an abiding faith that a greater power than that which the doctors could apply, would pull him through, he lived and learned to walk again. . . . Hundreds of other children caught in that epidemic had their young lives snuffed out in a matter of a few hours after they became paralyzed. Others have never walked.

Dimes Have Changed It
Now, thanks to the work of the Foundation, things are different. Anti-toxins have been developed which will check the disease at the point it has reached when the serum is given the patient. New forms of treatment which includes special baths and exercises, have been developed which help bring back lost muscles. Hospitals have been built and equipment such as iron lungs made available to help lick the disease. None of this was known or available in 1924 so you can see the strides ahead have been great.

However, there is a long way to go. So far, scientists have only found ways of relief after the disease has struck. Still to be found is the manner in which the bacteria is carried and contracted. Until that is done, not only every child in the country, but adults (as in the case of President Roosevelt) are in danger of losing their ability to walk if not their life, from Infantile Paralysis.

If you haven't already given, give. If you have given once or twice, give again. It is up to us to supply the needed funds which some day will drive the "Great Crippler" out of our midst.

A New Service

The Electrical Union News is starting the new year by offering a new service to members of the union in good standing. This new service is in the form of a sell-buy-or-swap column. Any member may send in to the editor the name and description of any article they may wish to buy, sell or swap along with their address or phone number outside of the plant. The member's name and book number must be included. The editor will publish as many as space will permit and select them according to the order in which they are received.

There will be no charge for such publication and because of this fact, the Electrical Union News cannot guarantee date of publication and reserves the right to edit material submitted. There has long been a wish expressed by many members that their union paper would offer this service.

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MINSTREL
NEEDS
MALE SINGERS
FOR CHORUS**

Rehearsals
Every Monday
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