

Section Nights For Next Week

Next week's schedule of section nights at 301 Hall will be as follows:

Monday, section represented by Board Member Charles Ferris, Buildings 13, 13F, 61, 63, 259, 265 and 49 Patrol.

Tuesday, section represented by Edward J. LaBombard, Bldgs. 85, 93, 97 and 109.

Wednesday, section represented by Willard Kuschel, Bldgs. 42, 46, 48 and 50.

Thursday, section represented by Sam Scott, Bldgs. 273 and 285.

Friday, Nov. 12, section represented by A. J. Spears, Bldg. 107.

Saturday, Nov. 13, Bldgs. 15, 19 and the ground floor of 17, represented by Sidney Friendlander.

Tonight union members in Bldgs. 73 and 73A, C. E. Groesbeck's section, will have their get-together.

After a brief discussion of union and shop problems, the groups have beer, refreshments and entertainment.

Here's a New Excuse For Not Raising Pay

The union is pressing for an overdue pay raise for a Bldg. 10-C worker who has been deprived of an increase apparently for only one reason — that his foreman thinks he "talks too much."

The man, who has 42 years service, asked last summer for more money. His classification was changed from Class B machinist to the higher rating of Class A assembler Aug. 19. But he was kept on the same kind of work and was given no pay increase.

When Shop Steward W. A. Ramsey took up the matter with Foreman L. Cooper Oct. 11, the foreman agreed that the quality and quantity of the man's work was "very good" but said he "talks too much." Last week Board Member Albert Davis, Ramsey and William Kelly, assistant to the business agent, had a grievance session with A. C. Stevens and Frank Schaaff of the Works' manager's staff on the case. Schaaff said he would investigate the reasoning of the foreman.

100 Per Cent UE

When 28 out of the 28 production workers at Kennedy Name Plate Company, Los Angeles, signed up as UE members, the company agreed to open contract negotiations.

Induction Motor Section Night



Here are some members of the Induction Motor division at their section night get-together Oct. 26 at 301 Hall. The section, represented by Board Member John Brauneisen, includes Buildings 18, 18A, 40, 40B, 41.

Nominating Meeting Will Be Nov. 16, 17

In accordance with Article XVIII, Section A, of the Constitution and By-Laws, notice is hereby given to the membership that nominations for officers shall be held at the regular November membership meeting, at the Union Hall, 301 Liberty St., at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1948, and 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1948.

Nominations shall be made from the floor in the following order:

President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Shop Steward, Business Agent, Trustees, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Guide.

At the same meeting the election committee of 25 members shall be elected from the floor.

Helen Quirini,
Recording Secretary

T-H Board Permits Interference by Boss

The Taft-Hartley Board recently refused to set aside a union representation election in which an employer interfered.

Two officers of the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, Missouri, called in the employees individually and told them the company's views on an election. The Independent Union of Chemical Workers beat the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, AFL, in the vote.

Here's the Type of Man Picked to Judge Qualifications of Your Union Officers

The following is from the letter sent Oct. 26 by UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald to Chairman David E. Lilienthal of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission:

The Personnel Security Review Board of the Atomic Energy Commission, which you desire to establish as supreme judge over the qualifications of UE members for leadership, contains among its five members the former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, H. W. Prentiss, notorious for his connections with the fascist Franco dictatorship in Spain and noted for his hatred of the American labor movement.

Enemy of Labor

During the last war your associate Prentiss told the National Industrial Conference Board that employers should work for "legislation to remove the wage-hour law, the Wagner Act, the Norris-LaGuardia Act, the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and other laws affecting labor-management relations."

In 1938 this same member of your Personnel Security Review Board expressed these same motives in political terms, declaring, "American business might be forced to turn to some form of disguised fascist dictatorship."

It was on the basis of this record that Supreme Court Justice Robert L. Jackson, when Attorney General, listed your associate Prentiss in an address before the Massachusetts Law Society as one of the "leading enemies of democracy," "underminers of morals," and "economic exploiters," class-

ing him with such individuals and groups as General Van Horne Moseley, Merwin K. Hart, and Frank Gannett's League for Constitutional Government.

Purpose of GE

It is perfectly clear to us, and should be to you, why the General Electric Co. hopes to force this union to submit to the dictates of such men. If we were to receive the approval of such men as proper leaders of the UE we should rightly lose the trust of our membership.

The UE has been built, and its rank and file control maintained, upon the principle that no one but the membership has any right to determine what the leadership of the union shall be. Your demand, on behalf of GE, that the leaders of this union submit themselves to the approval of corporation officials disguised as servants of government is subversive of the American principle of free and independent trade unionism.

Rejoining Union

Members who resign from the union and then seek reinstatement must pay an initiation fee and all back dues, under the 301 constitution. In view of a number of re-applications received recently, the Executive Board directed EU News to print this requirement.

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Officers by the Grace of NAM-AEC?



H. W. Prentiss, Jr., one of the five members of the Personnel Security Review Board of the Atomic Energy Commission, is a former president of the National Association of Manufacturers. In November 1938 he said that American business might need "some form of disguised fascist dictatorship." In 1944 he called for an end to the Wage-Hour Law, the Wagner Act, the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act, and the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. As a member of the Personnel Security Review Board of the AEC, he would be one of the men to pass final judgment on whether or not the members could pick the officers they want to — under the AEC's demand that it have the right to pass upon the "loyalty" of UE officers.

Board Sends Letter To President Truman

The following letter was sent this week to President Truman, by unanimous vote of the 301 executive board.

Hon. Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of our 15,000 members, the Executive Board of UE Local 301 greets your re-election on a program of restoration of the New Deal.

Our members rejoice that you have been given a Congress which has an unquestionable mandate from the American people to support you in bringing back the New

Deal and repairing the damage done by the Eightieth Congress.

Our members voted variously for you and for other presidential candidates. They are united in supporting your pledge to bring back the Roosevelt tradition.

We shall back you in demanding that Congress abolish the Taft-Hartley law without qualification and return to the Wagner and Norris-LaGuardia acts; restore price control and roll back the price of food and other essentials; re-establish the excess profits tax and cut income taxes on low incomes; expand Social Security; establish a real low-cost housing program; abolish the poll tax; establish full democratic rights for all; and ex-

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Arsenal, GE Rate Surveys Don't Match

The General Electric Company "experts" who made its recent survey of rates in this district apparently came out with a different set of figures than the research staff of Watervliet Arsenal.

The Arsenal recently raised rates of skilled mechanics up to 20 cents an hour on the basis of its survey.

According to GE, these Arsenal increases don't change the picture as far as Schenectady GE rates go.

Letter from Pfeif

G. H. Pfeif, employee relations manager, wrote 301 Business Agent Leo Jandreau last week in reply to his request for a meeting on this new development in the rate question, the announcement of the Watervliet raises.

Pfeif said GE had included a "proposed increase" at the Arsenal in its survey of area rates. The figure "differed somewhat" from the actual increase, Pfeif stated, but in his opinion the change in the Arsenal rates "made no appreciable change" in the averages of the rates in the GE survey.

Jandreau Asks Meeting

Jandreau this week repeated his request for a meeting.

"My information concerning the recent wage increase at the Arsenal apparently does not correspond with yours," he wrote Pfeif.

"The increases granted skilled mechanics up to 20 cents an hour were based on a community survey made by them. The community constituted an area of approximately 100 miles in radius. The results of this survey showed their rates lower than the community average, therefore warranting an increase. It should be noted that their A Class Job Rate was equal to GE prior to the survey."

Many Skilled Mechanics

"There are approximately 1000 employed at the Arsenal, many of whom are skilled mechanics. Moreover, the Arsenal is one of the largest."

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300 Women Lose Jobs At Pittsfield GE Plant

About 300 women workers at the Pittsfield, Mass., GE plant have lost their jobs because the company shifted its small capacitor operations from Pittsfield to Fort Edward. Women with up to five years' service were laid off.

UE Local 253 printed a warning months ago in its weekly newspaper that GE planned to move various operations to other communities. At the time, these charges were denied by Manager Paxton of Apparatus Works, Pittsfield. The company charged the union leadership in Pittsfield with being "fear-mongers."

301 Presses Fight To Get Upgrading

Local 301 is challenging at the Howell level of the grievance procedure the company's failure to upgrade qualified electrician's helpers to fill journeyman vacancies.

It is the union's contention that in building trades cases in recent years the company agreed repeatedly that qualified helpers would be upgraded before going outside the group, and that seniority would be considered. But last week A. C. Stevens, assistant to the works manager, contended there never was such an agreement. He said it was "natural" to consider helpers first, but that this "does not preclude" going outside for journeymen.

Journeymen as well as helpers under Foreman V. L. Hoppe in Test were aroused recently when an opening occurred for a B electrician, and Hoppe ignored six helpers, with from two to three and a half years' experience as helpers, and with long service records in the armed forces. Instead, Hoppe gave the job to a man who had a total of a year and a half as helper, and who had left the helper group last year to learn another trade. Hoppe told Shop Steward William Templeton the six helpers he had were not fully qualified. He told two of them that they lacked technical schooling, although they had attended classes in electricity, and although the company has insisted that no organized apprenticeship is needed for electrician's work.

In the grievance meeting Stevens insisted school training was not required. He defended Hoppe's action in passing over the helpers in the group. He also said that a survey had been made of helpers in all the electricians' groups in the works, and no one was found who was qualified to be upgraded at the time.

ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS

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Board Sends Letter To President Truman

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We look forward to the restoration of full and free collective bargaining, untrammelled by interference of company or government agency; an end to such undemocratic actions as the recent activities of the Hartley and Thomas Committees and the Atomic Energy Commission; the return of traditional American civil rights; the fulfillment of our pledges to the Jewish people; and a new effort to establish world-wide peace through the Roosevelt program of international cooperation.

Our members will unite to carry out their duty as citizens in backing up this program in the Eighty-first Congress. It is in this spirit that we congratulate you, Mr. President, on your re-election.

Respectfully yours

Andrew Peterson, President
Leo Jandreau, Business Agent

UE Strike Victory

UE strikers at the Dietaphone Corporation, Bridgeport, Conn., ended their three-week walkout with a settlement which brought victory on all major points.

National CIO Joins UE in Atomic Suit

The national CIO this week announced it would join the UE court fight against the Atomic Energy Commission's order directing GE not to recognize UE as bargaining agent of atomic workers in the Schenectady area.

UE has filed a Federal Court suit against the members of the Commission and GE. The suit asks the court to revoke the AEC orders and to forbid the Commission and GE to conspire against the rights of the union and its members. It also asks \$1,000,000 damages.

Statement by Phil Murray

CIO President Philip Murray declared the action of the AEC "extends beyond the proper requirements of national security."

"We cannot accept the principle that it is the proper function of a government agency to cancel or direct employers to violate collective bargaining agreements with unions," Murray said.

"If the Atomic Energy Commission asserts this unprecedented power, then any other agency of government may likewise take it upon itself to command employers to violate collective bargaining agreements."

The Commission's first order applied only to the unbuilt Knolls II laboratory. After GE complained the order was not "adequate" the Commission issued an order last week barring UE from representing atomic workers at the Peek St. plant or other GE atomic plants in the vicinity.

Government Control

Chairman David E. Lilienthal of the AEC said officers of the union must meet standards satisfactory to the Commission. Both Local 301 and the national UE insist that only the union membership can choose the union officers. They have charged that the Commission order is an attempt to impose government control on the union in furtherance of the GE efforts to replace the union by a company union.

The company last week distributed copies of the Lilienthal letter, containing the new order, to all of its Peek St. atomic workers.

In spite of frequent newspaper advertisements by the International Association of Machinists, which is trying to raid the UE atomic workers here, the Peek St. workers are standing firm.

WEAR YOUR UNION BUTTON

Donations for Boys

The Local 301 Executive Board Monday night voted \$100 to the furnace fund of the Schenectady Boys Club. The Board also voted \$25 to buy 50 tickets for the Masonic circus to be distributed to needy boys through Willard Kuschel, 301 representative on the Board of Directors of the Boys Club. The furnace fund will be used to provide a heating system for the garage which the Boys Club uses for meetings too large for its clubhouse.

UE Broadcast

The Arthur Gaeth broadcast, by the national UE, is at 10 p.m. every Monday on WXXW, Albany, (850 on your dial).

Rate Surveys

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er plants included in the GE survey.

"Because of the company's borderline position of claiming 1% above the community average, and in view of this new development since we had our last discussion, we think a meeting would prove worthwhile.

"At present, there is a considerable amount of dissatisfaction that could be cleared up."

\$870 for Arm Injury Heads Awards Won by Workers Against GE Company

The latest list of Workmen's Compensation court awards made to Schenectady GE workers against the company includes approximately \$870 to Joseph Caraciolo, Bldg. 285 crane follower, for 10 per cent loss of the use of his right arm. His right shoulder was fractured in an accident Feb. 7. Like the other cases reported, here, his claim was handled by Marshall Perlin, Local 301 attorney.

For facial disfigurement, Patrick Maston, Bldg. 273 crane operator, received an award of \$175 and Chester Bujanowski, Bldg. 60 lathe operator, \$135. Maston was injured Jan. 14, 1946. Bujanowski also was awarded \$28 a week from June 21 to Aug. 17 for another accident June 19 in which two fingers were fractured.

A total of \$560, representing \$28 a week from Mar. 12 to July 30, was awarded to Oliver Masters for heart strain incurred Mar. 11.

Others receiving awards are: Americo Franchetti, varnish maker in Bldg. 77, \$28 a week from June 18 to Oct. 4 for eye injury and hernia suffered June 18. He is to get payment for reduced earnings for a month.

Mercury Poisoning

Lewis Needham, turbine operator in Bldg. 265 who developed mercury poisoning last year, \$32 a week from July 21 to July 31. The company is to pay for teeth for him.

Frank Caiazzo, floor assembler in Bldg. 60 who suffered a hernia Feb. 29, \$28 a week from July 22 to Sept. 16, \$18.30 a week from Sept. 16 to Sept. 24, and \$27.45 a week from Oct. 4 to Oct. 25. The payments are to continue for a month at \$18.30.

John Latkowski, Bldg. 60 crane operator, \$28 a week from June 16, 1947, to Aug. 4, 1947, plus medical bills resulting from a hernia which he suffered Sept. 27, 1946.

Silicosis Case

Charles Davis, hydro-blast operator in Bldg. 95, \$28 a week from Nov. 11, 1947, to Oct. 26, for silicosis. The award is to continue till another hearing.

John Sroczynski, clay maker in Bldg. 68, for injury to his left small finger May 14, \$28 a week from May 14 to May 17 and from July 16 to Sept. 7.

Steve Matarazzo, Bldg. 60 crane follower whose right leg was injured July 29, \$32 a week from July 30 to Sept. 13.

John Hedlund, machine operator in Bldg. 49 whose left wrist was broken July 23, \$32 a week from July 26 to Oct. 25, and to continue.

John Pietzykowski, furnace worker in Bldg. 64 whose back

Shop Stewards Asked To Report Accidents

Business Agent Leo Jandreau last week sent a letter to all shop stewards reminding them of the importance of protecting the Workmen's Compensation claims of workers and of reporting all injuries and accidents to the union. Each letter was accompanied by a leaflet on compensation rights and privileges under the law, and an Accident and Compensation report pad.

"The purpose of the Workmen's Compensation Law is not only to provide payments and medical treatment for workers injured in the course of their employment, but also to prevent accidents and force the company to provide safer and better working conditions," Jandreau said.

"This will only take place when the workers in the shops take all proper steps to protect their compensation claims whenever they are injured, or whenever they incur a disease or sickness as a result of their occupation.

"In light of the speed-up which the company is pressing these days, we find that the rate of accidents has increased considerably. As a result of new inventions and scientific techniques in the use of chemicals never before handled, workers find themselves confronted by even more hazardous working conditions. Therefore, the question of compensation rights is of even greater importance."

Through its own attorney Local 301 handles compensation cases free of charge for its members.

was injured Jan. 1, \$26.37 a week from Sept. 20 to Oct. 25, and to continue for two months.

Kenneth Meachem, Bldg. 16, whose right hand was injured Apr. 14, total of \$380 for partial loss of use of two fingers.

Mary Gleason, who suffered a back sprain Oct. 24, 1946, \$28.33 from Aug. 30 of the present year to Sept. 16.

Agnes Ondrejka, Bldg. 69, whose back was sprained Jan. 27, 1944, is to continue for a month to receive \$8 a week.

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP

BY YOMEN



Kearney Plurality Slashed to 12,000

Representative Bernard W. Kearney, Gloversville Republican, was reelected to Congress from the 31st Congressional District by a plurality far below his 1946 and 1944 records.

With the Hamilton County vote not reported, he had a total plurality in Schenectady, Fulton, Montgomery and Otsego counties of approximately 12,000 over the votes of his two opponents, William M. Murphy of Schenectady, Democrat, with Liberal Party support, and 301 President Andrew Peterson, running on the ALP ticket. The unofficial returns were Kearney 74,831; Murphy 57,746 and Peterson 5,063.

Democrats Refused Labor Coalition

In 1946 Kearney had a plurality of 20,000 over Carroll Gardner, Democrat and ALP, and in 1944 he ran up a 25,000 plurality over Alexander Grasso. The drop to 12,000 this year shows there was a real chance to beat Kearney, if the Schenectady County Democratic machine had not put up a "token" candidate and if it had been willing to work with labor. Local 301 tried to get them to put up a coalition candidate, but Ern-

est Buhrmaster and William Sherry refused to work with the union. President Andrew Peterson, therefore entered the Democratic primary with the endorsement of Local 301 and missed winning the nomination by only about 200 votes.

Senate Race

Thomas F. Campbell, Republican, who was returned to the state senate, received 46,691 votes to 41,249 for J. Vincent Smith, Democrat, and 4,143 for Dr. Walter S. Gross, ALP candidate, endorsed by Local 301.

In this contest too the refusal of the Schenectady Democratic machine to work with labor was responsible for a Republican victory.

The two other candidates endorsed by Local 301 were victorious. Carroll A. Gardner was reelected county clerk, and R. Eugene Male was elected Second Ward supervisor. He will serve the remaining year of the term of his father, the late Albert Male, also endorsed by 301.

New Contract

Morse-Twist Drill and Machine Company, New Bedford, Mass., has signed a new contract with UE providing for an 11 cent hourly wage boost plus an additional five cent increase on the piece work bonus.