

NAACP "KICK-OFF RALLY"
(cont'd)

Telegrams were also received from Mayor Ellis, Senators Keating and Begley and Father Lamanna.

Red Levy did a wonderful job as MC for the evening.

Below is a membership card which can be filled out and given to your Shop Steward. You, too, can aid in this worthy cause by filling out the form and forwarding it to the Union Office or your Steward or Board Member. There is a great deal of satisfaction in "belonging".

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

Please enroll me as a member in the NAACP for 1960. Enclosed is \$2.00.

COMPANY REPAYS MONEY TO UNION MEMBER

A recent case in the LM&G Dept involved a worker who received a check that was substantially short in the amount he should have received for that week.

When he inquired why his pay was short, he was informed that the Company had mistakenly paid him time and a half for a shift change-over to the 2nd shift several months ago. The Company claimed that this man was transferred from the 1st to the 2nd due to a shortage of work and, therefore, they had paid the shift change-over pay by mistake. They made matters worse by deducting the alleged overpayment without notifying the worker in advance. After checking the facts, a case was filed by Steward Allen. At a 2nd step meeting with Messrs. Shambo Christman and Martin negotiating for the Union, the Company, after hearing the Union's arguments, agreed to repay the money to the worker.

This case shows again why a Union is needed to protect the interests of the people in the shop.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 9th, 7:30 p.m.

OFFICERS MEETING

6:00 p.m. before Board Meeting

LABOR BOARD ORDERS NICHOLAUS TO BARGAIN

The State Labor Relations Board has ordered that the Nicholaus Restaurant, 266 State St., bargain collectively with Local 471, Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union, and to refrain from unfair labor practices.

The State Labor Relations Board ordered the restaurant to bargain collectively with Local 471, as the exclusive bargaining representative of the restaurant's bartenders, waiters, waitresses and cooks, in respect to rates of pay, hours of employment and other conditions of employment.

In addition, the restaurant was ordered to "cease and desist" from refusing to bargain and from interfering with, restraining or coercing its employees in the exercise of their right of self-organization to engage in concerted activities for the purposes of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection.

VACATION GIVE-A-WAY (cont'd)

during the next week by turning in a 'record' number of tickets." The awards are as follows:

- 1st prize-Ocean Voyage (Bermuda, etc.) or \$600.00
- 2nd prize-2 weeks vacation for family or \$250.00
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REMEMBER...THE DEADLINE IS NEXT FRIDAY. PLEASE GET YOUR RETURNS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT EXHIBITION STARTS IN ALBANY MAY 26TH

The City of Albany, Capital of the Empire State, will be the site of this year's outstanding Labor-Management event in the State. The 6th Annual Empire State Labor-Management Exhibition opens to the public on Thursday, May 26th, for a three-day stand at the Sheraton Ten Eyck Hotel.

The 6th Empire State Labor-Management Exhibition is billed as the State's biggest "give-away show", with countless prizes and souvenirs scheduled to be handed out to visitors. Radios, Typewriters, Sports Equipment, Dresses, Men's Suits and Shirts, Artificial Flowers, Hosiery, Birthday and Anniversary Cakes and other food products are among the gifts which will be distributed.

Admission to the show is FREE. Tickets are available at the Union Office - see Art Christopher.

ONLY SIXTY DAYS TO GO IN CONGRESS (See Page 4)

LOCAL 301 NEWS

IUE AFL-CIO

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Jandreau Calls For Community Support

For Passage Of Distressed Area Bill



MISS LINDA E. HERWERTH, daughter of Local 301 member, Graham of LM&G, beams as she received check from Harold C. Hanover, President of the NY State AFL-CIO (left) and Jack Suarez, State VP, for winning State essay contest. Miss Herwerth is a student at Linton High.

Leo Jandreau, President of the Area Central Labor Council and Business Agent of Local 301, IUE, called upon the "support of each and every citizen in our community and in the surrounding area to urge President Eisenhower to favorably consider the adoption of the Area Redevelopment Bill which has passed the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

"This Bill, if signed into law by the President of the United States, would greatly aid communities such as ours in helping to solve the critical unemployment problem which has been with us these past years and threatens to increase as time goes on," he continued.

CHRONIC AREA

"Our locality has been listed among the chronic distressed areas in the Nation today, while other segments of our population are enjoying record prosperity. Even West Berlin, which is supported by our tax dollars, is enjoying unprecedented years of prosperity with full employment."

JANDREAU pointed out that while organizations such as GUTS, Inc., were worthwhile and very meaningful, local effort by itself is not enough. Federal and State aid is also very necessary if our community is to prosper.

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LINTON HI GIRL WINS CONTEST AND AFL-CIO EXPENSE AWARD

Miss Linda E. Herwerth, 1801 Avenue A, Schenectady, New York, a student at Linton High School in Schenectady, will be among 43 state winners of the annual high school essay contest, sponsored by the President's Com-

mittee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped, to receive all expense-paid trips to Washington, D. C., the New York State AFL-CIO announced.

Linda's father, Graham, is a member of Local 301 and works in LM&G at the Schenectady GE plant.

Harold C. Hanover, President of the New York State AFL-CIO, together with Mr. Jack Suarez, a Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO, whose headquarters are in Schenectady, New York, made the presentation to Miss Herwerth of expense money

and railroad tickets. In making the presentation Mr. Hanover stated that AFL-CIO state central labor bodies in the 43 states are making it financially possible for the first time for all first place winners in the contest to take the Washington trip. In past years, only five national winners, chosen from the state winners, were awarded the expense-free trips, paid for by the Disabled American Veterans.

The winners are among 11th and 12th grade students in public.

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"LABOR LOOKS AT THE NEWS"

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Editorial:

"You Can Fool Some of the People
Some of the Time..."

Although the Eisenhower Administration has been opposed to the principles of the Forand Bill for the past several years, public pressure during this election year has forced it to come out in favor of "some kind of medical legislation."

Here are some of the Administration's proposals, according to latest reports from Washington:

COSTLY PROGRAM

• The initial cost to a pensioner would be approximately \$24 per year for a single person and \$48 for a married couple.

(The Forand Bill would provide free coverage under the Social Security Program.)

• The Bill would depend upon annual appropriations from both the Federal and State Budgets. If either declined to make funds available, the plan would be useless to our senior citizens.

• If a single pensioner's income with Social Security is in excess of \$2500 or \$3800 per married couple, they would be ineligible. This would include Social Security Pension plus all other pensions and income.

DEDUCTIBLE CLAUSE

• If eligible, he would be required to pay for the first \$250 in expenses (single) or \$400 (married) PLUS 20% of the remainder of expenses incurred during that year.

While the benefits would be much broader than the Forand Bill, the average pensioner would not be able to afford coverage under the Administration's plan. It would be too costly.

And, in small print, it says, that those qualified would only receive medical attention if it is deemed absolutely necessary.

Under the Forand Bill, a pensioner receiving Social Security would be covered and he would not be charged a penny for medical, nursing or surgical coverage. The program would be financed entirely from the Social Security Fund at a cost of about 25 cents a week to those now contributing.

No monies would have to be appropriated by Congress from the Federal or State Budgets.

The Eisenhower administration has spent much of its time showing its concern for balancing the budget... We feel that its about time they spent a little time in helping our Senior Citizens BALANCE THEIR BUDGETS...

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Labor Programs

WRGB-TV — Every Sat.
12:45 P.M. — Channel 6
"Americans at Work"

"Labor Looks at the News"
6:45 P.M. — Every Sat. Eve.
WSNY

"Washington Reports"
WSNY Radio — Dial 1240
Every Sat. Evening 7 P.M.
WCSS Sunday 2 P. M.

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Depressed Area Bill

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and flourish once again. He stated that there is no reason why, in a Nation as great as ours, people should be allowed to suffer from unemployment. Millions of dollars may well be spent to help other countries overseas; however, the welfare of Americans should come first before that of all others. "When the well being of our citizens has been fulfilled... then, and only then, should we turn our attention elsewhere."

COMMUNITY ACTION

"As a member of this community, I ask each and every one of you to join us in a campaign urging that this Area Redevelopment Bill to aid distressed areas such as ours be signed into law by President Eisenhower. I also ask the leaders of our community to join with us in a united effort to get our locality back on its feet. Your letters, postcards, telegrams, etc., can prove to be the overwhelming factor in bringing peace and prosperity and economic justice to our area. Thank you" ... Leo Jandreau.

Petitions have been circulated among the stewards of Local 301 for your signature. See your steward today.

BE UNION...
BUY UNION!

The following are AFL-CIO organized Supermarkets in the Schenectady Area:

- LOBLAW'S • HIGH HAT
- GRAND CASH • Swift's
- ACME • All Packing Houses

Vacation Give-A-Way Deadline--Today!

Attention All Stewards:

With only one more day to go, Joe Drozdowski, Chairman of the Activities Committee, announced that ticket returns for our Annual Vacation Give-a-Way have fallen far behind last year's schedule.

A total of only \$1370 has been received at the Union Office to date. Joe D. further requested "that all Stewards make a real all-out effort to climax this drive today by turning in a 'record' number of tickets." The awards are as follows:

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Linton H. S. Winner

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private and parochial schools across the nation who took part in the 1960 essay contest, centering on the theme "Jobs for the Handicapped—Passports to Dignity."

Washington trip schedule calls for the winners to attend a meeting of the President's Committee in May. The students will be honored at a luncheon at Hotel Washington later that day and will follow it up with a tour of the White House, the AFL-CIO Building and other points of interest. The students will also take a three-hour tour of Mount Vernon and will attend the AFL-CIO Union Industries Show at the National Guard Armory in Washington where they will be greeted by President Eisenhower, AFL-CIO President George Meany and other dignitaries.

Monday, May 16, 1960

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

2nd Shift — 1 P. M.

1st and 3rd Shift — 7:30 P. M.

I. U. E. Auditorium

"Things to Think About"

By Frank Masterson

HIGH PROFITS PRICE U. S. OUT OF
WORLD MARKET, KEYSERLING SAYS

DULUTH, Minn.—The United States is pricing itself out of World markets not because wages are too high but because profit margins are, Leon Keyserling, formerly economic advisor to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, told the second annual Labor Conference on World Affairs here.

The total labor cost per unit of production, he maintained, is lower in this country than in most others because of greater productivity.

KEYSERLING accused the Eisenhower Administration and its spokesmen of "misleading" the country by giving out "misinformation" to cover up their own economic failures. The Administration has abandoned an economy of abundance in favor of an "economy of scarcity," he added, claiming that restoration of an annual rate of economic growth of 5 percent would wipe out 95 per cent of the country's unemployment.

If the economy were to grow the way it should, he declared,

the U. S. would consume all it can produce plus all the imports now coming into the country.

THE CASE OF JOHNNY GLOWACKI in #68 has been settled satisfactorily. The Company has accepted their obligation and bargained fairly and honestly in this case.

THE PROPAGANDA MACHINE is in progress... it is specifically designed to educate you to think the way Big Business wants you to think, so that your thinking will favor them! Educate yourself and do some thinking on both sides of the question... then draw your own conclusions!

BE SURE TO ATTEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS!

Are You Losing Money?

BY TOM McCABE

Union members are losing money due to lack of understanding of their Insurance Benefits.

Several years ago the G.E. spent a great deal of time and money to sell the employees an Insurance plan best suited to the needs of the company.

However after the sales pitch had succeeded, information to the employee has been glaringly lacking.

The first step to receive insurance benefits you are entitled to is to apply for them.

Present all medical Doctors, Surgical, Hospital, Drugs and medication receipts to the Insurance adjuster.

You do not have to be hospitalized to receive insurance benefits

for yourself or your family.

The following statement may cause a big horse laugh in some quarters but it should not take more than four weeks to receive a refund or payment of benefits.

The company can produce a multitude of excuses for failure to meet their commitments to their employees but we have yet to hear of the company failing to withhold any insurance payment from the employees weekly pay check. When in doubt contact your Union representative. Your Union and only your Union is interested in your welfare and family security.