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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE TO SPONSOR OUTING

Joe Drozdowski, Chairman of the Activities Committee of Local 301, IUE, asked and received approval from the Executive Board Monday to conduct a Family Outing for Local 301 members and their families.

The affair will be held Sunday, September 24th, at the old Locomotive Club now called the Niskayuna Club which is located beyond Van Vranken Avenue on the Aqueduct Road.

The price for adult tickets will be \$3.50 per person; children 12 years and under will be admitted for \$1.50 per person.

The activities for the day will begin with Breakfast at 10:00 a.m., and will be served until 1:30 p.m. The menu will include clam chowder, grilled sausage, hot dogs, rolls, coffee.

At 2:00 p.m., corn on the cob will be served; 4:00 p.m., Dinner- Buffet Style...menu to include: oven roasted half chicken, baked Virginia ham, sliced cheese, relish dish of celery, pickles and olives, potato salad German style, macaroni or cabbage salad, baked beans, sliced rye bread, rolls, coffee w/cream and cake.

Recreational facilities available include: playground for the children, horseshoe pits, soft ball field. For the golf enthusiasts, ample space is provided for a driving contest.

Tickets for the outing are expected to be in the hands of shop stewards by next week.

The Activities Committee asks for your support and cooperation and promises everyone who attends a good time.

Under-cover shelters are available in case of inclement weather.

The Kelly Brothers will be the caterers.

The affair will provide opportunity for Union members to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones.

NO INVENTORY CHANGE IN STEAM TURBINE

Last week it was reported in the Local 301 News that the MAC and LM&G Departments had revised their inventory schedules to conform with the wishes of the hourly rated employees.

The original inventory plans of the two departments called for a shutdown of operations on a particular day which would have resulted in the loss of a day's pay to the employees. The great majority of the workers upon hearing of such a plan, strongly protested. The Union representatives of the two departments met with management and the results as stated in last week's issue were mutually satisfactory.

In the same issue of Local 301 News, a suggestion was made to other departments who are contemplating shutdowns for inventory to seriously consider similar methods.

Such a department is the Large Steam Turbine Generator...management there announced that it will shut down 1st shift operations on Monday, August 28th, for inventory.

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MEMBERSHIP-STEWARDS MEETING

Monday, August 21, 1961

2nd shift.....1:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd.....7:30 p.m.

Regular Order of Business
Reports of Committees

NO INVENTORY CHANGE (Cont'd.)

Last Wednesday, the Union Office contacted the Turbine management and asked if some other way could be found to take inventory that would not deprive the hourly rated workers of a day's pay. They were made aware of the actions other departments had undertaken to resolve the problem. In spite of this, their reply wasn't very optimistic or reassuring. They agreed to give the matter further consideration.

Turbine management notified the Union Office that the Union's suggestions had been discussed; however, the decision to shut down the 1st shift on Monday, August 28th, will stand.

Suffice to say, their decision is a callous one, emphasizing a complete disregard for the moral responsibilities they owe their employees. This sort of action on their part leads to dissention and dissatisfaction and causes a deterioration of the good will that exists between employer and employee. One can visualize the inspired G.E. headlines in the local and area newspapers if a so-called "work stoppage" took place. "Thousands of man hours lost workers lose thousands of dollars"! Yet, no one should feel hurt or alarmed when management arbitrarily decides to shut down operations causing workers to lose a day's pay.

It is suggested that Steam Turbine management re-evaluate their position on this very important matter.

DON'T BE FOOLED BY UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

Don't be fooled by unemployment statistics. That's the warning Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) gives. Douglas says the present method the Govt. uses to figure joblessness fails to give the true percentage of unemployed workers.

The Census Bureau's sample of 35,000 families includes many self-employed and unpaid workers in family enterprises who rarely can be listed as unemployed. Eliminating this group from the over-all work force and adjusting the Bureau's sample would have brought the percentage of unemployed, not corrected for seasonal factors, to 8.9% in June, for instance, instead of the 7½% commonly used. Second factor is the understatement of part-time work or "involuntary unemployment." Correcting the statistics for this factor would add 2.4% more to rate of unemployment for June, bringing the total to 11.3%. Giving due weight to these factors, it can be seen "the total proportion of time lost by those in June rose to 11.3%. In absolute terms this is a full 3% higher than the figure commonly used."

CONGRATULATIONS! SCH'DY. LITTLE LEAGUE

Local 301 extends congratulations to the players and managers of the Schenectady Little League who recently won the New York State Championship. This makes them eligible to compete in the Eastern Regional Tournament which is slated for Friday and Saturday of this week. The play-offs will take place in Haddon Heights, New Jersey.

Local 301 has sponsored for several years two Little League teams in Schenectady. We are proud of the record they have achieved. Several trophies are on display in the Union Office attesting to their prowess.

The Executive Board, at their regular meeting, held Monday, August 14th, authorized a contribution of \$25.00 to the Schenectady Little League to help defray expenses which will be incurred in connection with their trip to the regional play-offs.

Good luck and Best Wishes to the Schenectady Team!

BOYS CLUB RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION

The Executive Board, at the regular meeting held Monday, Aug. 14th, approved a contribution of \$25.00 to the Schenectady Boys Club. The monies realized from this appeal will be used to send underprivileged children to summer camp.

ROTATION STOPS LAYOFF IN RES. LAB.

Recently a serious lack of work developed in the Res. Lab. Tool Room. The Company informed Board Member Korszun that it would be necessary to lay off several tool room employees with service of 20 years or more.

A meeting was held by Korszun with the affected group who voted unanimously to rotate the group in an attempt to avert layoffs in the group. After this good union position was taken, Mr. Korszun was able to negotiate a rotation schedule with management.

We hope that management will do their job by going all out to get work for these employees by either farming in work or scheduling some of the work to be done in the future for now. Other Depts. in the plant could help by giving some of their work to the Res. Lab. instead of farming it outside the plant as was done recently in the Steam Turbine Dept.

Management should take a good look at what this group has done and possibly take a page out of their book in their future relations with them.