

SAC LOOKS UP; JOBS, ORDERS, RISE

While other departments in the Schenectady plant are down in the dumps, there is a glimmer of hope in the SAC Department, where the workload continues to rise.

Week before last, the order rate for Building 85 was 1000 motors. This was more orders than this building has received in any one week since the summer of 1957. The proposed budget rate for this period was approximately 680 motors a week. But, due to the increase in orders, the output rate has been revised upward to 880 motors a week.

In the other motor buildings in SAC Department, 81 and 89, the plans called for about 160 motors a week at this time. However, due to the increased order rate, this workload has been revised upward, too, and plans now call for shipment of approximately 200 motors each week during May.

The plan in Building 81 is to ship 240 motors a week starting the first week in June.

Also, the wiremill work is going along at a good clip in Building 109, and the entire department seems to be on the way out of the serious slump condition that has been in existence for the past 2½ years.

The SAC Department has added approximately 100 workers since January. In a unit of only about 700 employees this means an increase in the working force of about 15 percent.

It is our hope that this condition will be contagious, with orders picking up in all other departments and laid-off workers returning to the payrolls by the hundreds.

New Radio Feature

Beginning May 16, Local 301 Board Member Esther Altieri will have a special report to "The Homemaking" on our radio program of news and commentary, "Labor Looks at the News."

The program is heard Saturdays at 6:45 P.M. on WSNY, 1240 on the dial.

NOTICE
Special Meeting
for
Foundry Workers
Wednesday, May 20, 1959
7:30 P. M.
Union Hall — 121 Erie Blvd.
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Discussion of
Foundry Problems

Persistence Pays Off In Job Rate Tiff

Persistence on the part of Local 301 officers again has paid off in obtaining justice and the correct wage rate for an employe given an improper job classification.

Recently, in the MAC Department a class B assembler filed a grievance saying he was performing duties of a higher nature. The foreman rejected the claim with the contention that the employe was being properly paid.

Co-ordinator Christman and Executive Board Members Wager, DeMarco and Koral appealed this arbitrary decision in discussion at a second-step level meeting with labor relations executives of the MAC Department.

Final decision: The company accepted the grievance as legitimate and increased and granted the employe an immediate one-step increase in his job rate.

Power Station Election Set

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the IUE Local 301 leadership in time-consuming conferences and election arrangements at the expense of important unresolved grievances.

Then, too, the so-called leaders of this new association have taken no interest in representing those employes they claim to represent.

The association leadership has NOT explained to their supporters that if they were successful in obtaining a new bargaining unit they would first be obliged to negotiate a new contract. Wages, working conditions, pensions, hospitalization, etc., in the present contracts would be terminated.

The job of negotiating a new agreement with GE would not be an easy one, would involve weeks and lost time for the negotiators would have to be paid by the association, which lacks funds.

It was agreed at last week's conference that the date for the election would be Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21. There will be two voting booths, one in Building 61, a second in Building 265. The time of the election is as follows: on Wednesday, May 20th, at both polling places—6:15 A. M. to 9:30 A. M. Also on Wednesday between the hours of 2:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M., the polling place in Bldg. 61 will be open. The polling place in Bldg. 265 will also be open on Wednesday, May 20th, from 3:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. On Thursday, May 21st, both polling places will be open from 6:15 A. M. to 7:30 A. M.

Releasing schedules have been agreed to, whereby each eligible voter may vote during his work schedule. For those employes who are not located in either Bldgs. 265 or 61, transportation will be provided to the polling place and return.

It was agreed that those employes still on the payroll week ending April 19th, would be eligible to vote. The total eligible numbers 122 employes.

LOCAL 301 NEWS

IUE - AFL-CIO

LOCAL 301 WINS NLRB ELECTION 97 TO 17

MAY 22, 1959

A SOLID DISPLAY OF CONFIDENCE IN OUR LEADERSHIP WAS EVIDENT AS POWER STATION EMPLOYEES VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY FOR LOCAL 301, IUE, IN THE MAY 20TH NLRB ELECTION.

THE VOTE WAS LOCAL 301: 97, INDEPENDENT: 17, VOID: 1, CHALLENGED: 1

IN THE FORTH-COMING YEAR OF VITAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR ANOTHER CONTRACT, THEY WANT TO BE SURE OF AN EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP: ONE WHICH HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF ITS MEMBERS.

Unity and preparedness will be our theme for the duration of the next twelve months.

The Power Station Employees, by their vote, not only protected their precious "Seniority Rights" but also showed full confidence in their President and Chief Steward. John Shambo, President, and Joe Mangino, Chief Steward, had addressed several meetings of Power Station Employees in the plant earlier, pointing out the fallacies of a separate unit and loss of seniority rights that would result into splitting the Power Station employees from the Main group. The Watchers for the election were: Frank Masterson, Warren Philp, Raymond Manson and William Chase.

The Union is processing a current case for back pay on a violation of contract affecting premium pay for Power Station Employees.

MEMBERSHIP DEPLORES OVERTIME AND LAYOFFS

At the membership meetings of last Monday, considerable discussion centered around the question of why overtime when employees are being laid off??

Member after member hit the floor expressing condemnation of GE's "Feast and Famine" policies and requested the officers of IUE Local 301 to urge management to rectify this undesirable condition. The officers reminded the members at the meeting that one of the 8 points of the Job Security Program, which was rejected by GE last year, was better scheduling of work to reduce the overtime. The Local's officers will arrange a meeting with the management to discuss the matter further.

THIS IS YOUR PROGRAM - DON'T MISS IT!

WSNY RADIO 1240 ON YOUR DIAL
SATURDAY EVENING -- 6:45 P.M.
"LABOR'S VIEWS IN THE NEWS"

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Forms will be available at the Union office for eligible members as per the following:

The IUE Local 301 Scholarship Fund of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to a son or daughter of a member in good standing.

Payments will be made directly to the college attended by the recipient and may be applied to any of the cost exacted by the college. The \$1,000.00 will be awarded during the first year of attendance. To qualify as a recipient of the Scholarship, the applicant must be:

- The son or daughter of a member of IUE Local 301 in good standing.
- A High School Graduate by June 1959.
- Accepted by a recognized four-year college of the student's choice.

The recipient of the Scholarship will be chosen on the basis of:

High Academic Achievement
Worthy School & Community Citizenship
Financial Need

The financial need factor will be given strong consideration.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roy Schaffer, chairman of the Activities Committee, reported at the membership meeting that Stewards were not making returns on the sale of tickets for the "Giveaway". He said reports on ticket sales have been good from all parts of the plant but the money should be turned in for the purpose of accounting. Extra tickets are available at Union office. The DRAWING is scheduled for the June membership meeting.

TUNE IN LOCAL 301'S NEW RADIO NEWS PROGRAM LABOR LOOKS AT THE NEWS

SATURDAY — 6:45 P.M. — WSNY — 1240 ON THE DIAL
AND LISTEN, TOO, TO THE INTERNATIONAL UNION'S MORNING RADIO PROGRAM
PIPELINE 6:15 to 6:45 A. M.
ALSO WSNY — 1240 ON THE DIAL