## Delegates Find Congress on

"If anyone believes that true democracy and concern for the working people of the nation exists in the capital of our country and among the congressmen who make the laws of the land, they would their mind if they the aims of the labor group. (Edicould experience a trip such as tor's Note—And to think that chairman Al Davis they're supposed to represent of the legislative committee which their people!) made a trip to Washington, D.C., . The following are highlights as related by Mr. Davis.

izens calling on finished. (Ed's. Note: Who was l elected to office, we such thing as class distinction i police officers who this country—OH NO?)

ARRESTED BECAUSE

Another incident occurred when

OF COLOR

mation 80 years ago.)

FOURTH FOR

The ClO's program serves as

DENCORACY

to the capitol. It recalled to mind

"WE'LL BE BACK"

The New York delegation a sembled in the caucus room of the Old House Office Building where there and they excused themselves immediately by saying they had to two New York City districts. The Then the group was broken up into small groups to visit the President, key officials and Senavisit their own Congressmen a their offices. Local 301 delegates Davis, Marvin and Etzel called at Kearney's office and were told the

be disturbed. (Ed's. note-That good old run-around again.) The secretary that they had not traveled from Schenectady for nothing, Congressman Kearney, upon the secretary's SOS arrived in less than 10 minutes. His reply to questions will be found elsewhere on this page.

95% AGAINST LABOR After the separate meetings the New York delegation reconvened at the Caucus Room where the A very few were good, and reported favorable response from CIO Blueprint jority were similar to Congress- a blueprint for the years ahead, man Kearney, fine on one or two says CIO Pres. Philip Murray points, wishy-washy and general- lan article in a recent issue of The ly bad on all others, and believe Churchman, independent religious it or not, some congressmen were journal. The article is a plea for actually worse in their positions "tolerant cooperation among all by flatly stating they opposed all people,"

#### Give Radio Talks for Chest

Following through its policy of lending all-out support to the Schenectady Community and War Chest Drive Local 301 has furnished several radio speakers who have made talks endorsing the drive over stations WSNY and WGY. Among those who have been heard are Chief Shop Steward Robert French, and the editor of the Electrical Union News, Austin Case.



CIO DELEGATES from all over New York State shown on their trip to Washington where they went to demand passage of labor's legislative program. The Schenectady banner can be seen at the right though Local 301's delegates are hidden by the crowd. Congressman Kearney, who tried to duck seeing delegates, found that he wasn't "too busy" after all when they refused to take no for an answer.

### Interview Shows Kearney Afraid \$25 for 26 Weeks Is Too High

man Kearney's position on labor's problems and currently pending legislation designed

Question 4-Will you sign the

Kearney: Already signed it.

al 301 Legislative Committee and hour minimum wage bill? Kearney and submitted 7 ques- | CONGRESSMAN?) tions which the Congressman at-

tempted to answer in the follow- discharge petition for the Fair Study Women's

YOU GIVE A MAN \$25 A WEEK | service

Compensation Bill asked by the

-Kearney: What-do-they mean-by against the Ball-Burton-Hatch Bill the "Full Employment Bill"? or any other legislation that will

while picketing the Senate Building in Washington,

for Shipment

Palsy Cafferrille

Didn't know about it. What is it whittle down labor's collective they want, another WPA? Will | bargaining rights? Kearney: Some parts of the bill Question 3-Will you fight for are O.K. Some parts are wrong-

### Cases Before War Labor Board

DISPUTE CASES 2909 General Steamfitters Office Workers 0-18-45 6-18-45 4790 General General Complaint 4842 General Classification and Rate Ranges for Test Operators Wrap & Prepare

committee members Fay Marvin | Kearney: Yes in favor of a (Editor's Note:-It would seem and Francis Etzel who formed the minimum wage (we now have a by stipulating "present form" local delegation to Washington, minimum wage of 40c an hour) he would be willing to see "some" D. C., as part of the CIO pil-grimage to the nation's capital but wasn't quite sure that 65c labor which would weaken and which sought relief for its mem- was a proper figure. (Editor's eventually destroy the Wagner bership from hardships and unem- Note: COULD YOU HAVE Act which has provided the greatployment, called on Congressman MEANT IT WAS TOO MUCH, est gains for the working people of this country in history

Employment Practices Committee Job Problems

The following executive board the Anti-Poll Tax Bill, H.R. 7? a special committee to study and (Editor's Note: Kearney's rec- to the problems relating to womord on this matter has been good.) en's employment within the local Question 6-Will you support GE plant: Mrs. Billie Rogers, Joe substantial liberalization of the Graham, William Kelly, Eugene Kearney: Didn't know Bradley GI Bill of Rights and support a LeMoine, William Mastriani and

New Committeemen HE WILL NOT WANT TO Kearney: Not satisfied that GI The following new committee-Bill of Rights is liberal enough men were sworn in at the com-Question 2-Will you become and generally favors a "bonus" mitteemen's meeting October 2: Full Employment Bill H.R.2202? | Question 7 - Will you fight John Cole, Fort Edward Plant,

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ing to Fay Marvin, chair-

### Expect All Retroactive Public Affairs Session Pay by End of Year

The local management has announced that payment of the retroactive pay due employees as the result of War Labor Board approval of the union-won step rate and pro-

Because of the extremely large all payments will be made before mount of detail bookwork in the end of the year. volved in figuring the amount due each individual, it has been neces- 1. Punch Press (Tool & Die) sary to pay off a group at a time [ 2. Aeronautics rather than the entire plant at once. In this way payments are book work for the entire plant was completed. It is anticipated that

#### Minimum Wages For Retail Industry

New York's Retail Minimum Wage Board has concluded hearings held throughout the state under the Inda bial Commissioner and recommends a basic minimum weekly wage of \$21 for a 40-hour

Outside of domestic workers. retail store employees are one of the most exploited group of wonien workers in the country, and these meager recommendations of the Retail Minimum Wage Board are a great advance in the face tremendous opposition from wealthy merchants in upstate

ORDER OF PAYMENTS

3. Special Products. Miscel

5. Turbine (entire division) 7. Foundry—Pattern Shop 8. Industrial Control 9. Cable & Wire 10. Motor Department

13. Carbon Products—precision

16. Searchlight & Ordnance-Hydraulic Control 17. Forge-box and cabinet

18. Miscellaneous groups-regu-

Future of CAP

One of the biggest questions in the local reconversio mess is the status of the Campbell Avenue Plant. This plant which has been operated by the GE during an an ideal manufacturing location. that is just fine but the fact re-

During the war it manufactured | mains . . . they aren't doing it. very important and much highly secret radio equipment including the newly publicized "proximity RCITICOLD fuse" in its famous "green room." Resigns of about 5,000 people.

about 1,200 people . . a very board) and our officers and meni- in savings in the hands of inditype Schenectady sorely needs in tion extended me during my mem- cure-all of the Pollyannas who see in gigantic proportions as workers face of the GE's policy of de- bership and to wish them every no trouble ahead—and then in other plants throughout the centralization. But no . . . Mr. success in the great work," George pointed out that these savings are city joined in the 2-mile parade to Howell said GE intended to use Ramroth, who has represented his largely in the hands of middle

MP for job-making work . . . executive body."

board, in which he states "I would | ployment. 26, tendered his resignation from

remaining transmitter and the employ of the General Lilectric work being moved to the Company shortly to enter another field of work. Of this, he stated "if ere has the city's chamber of another field had not offered me a erce committee which was more promising future, I would b to secure new industry for have been happy to continue my lectady been? If GE would very pleasant relations with this

Attracts Many-Stimulates bor Board approval of the union-won step rate and progression clauses of the contract, will be paid to departments in the following order.

Passage of the enterpolar laws is a payments will be made before.

> The first of a series of public affairs discussion sessions which was held last week by the Educational Committee attracted a large group and gives promise that these informal discussions will grow exceedingly popular with the general membership accord-

# paid practically as soon as an entire department is figured. Otherwise long waits would be in 5. Welded Products — Screw

employed by next March still stands according to a report providing the 11. Transmitter (CAP & Ship- sent to Congress by Reconversion chief John W. Snyder. member Snyder not only renewed hise-

12. Industrial Heating (Machine earlier estimate-made the day ers are looking for equivalent after Japan surrendered - but jobs in civilian production. added that "high unemployment will persist through 1946."

writing on the wall, little or nothing is being done to plan for umbling the ball on fobless bene- who asked anonymity said he be- Conference of Foreign Ministers fits. At the same time a subtle lieves the matter of jobs not in London, the control of and

it is to try and fill these jobs is forced to admit that: All this aroundabout talk boils down to one simple thing: Real Driceport Raily Brings and would keep it that way as

long as possible. Their mouth The Snyder report follows by by the UE and also important House Ways and Means Commit- legislative bills pending in Contee to defer action indefinitely on gress including the Kilgore-Forthe Unemployment Compensation and \$25 for 26 weeks Unemploy-

executive mation" on reconversion unem- Employment Bill, the Wagnerdepartment, section A, since June and higher income groups."

1. Many unemployed possess specialized skills for which there is no current demand. This

3 The majority of openings listed offer very low wages. 4. Some war workers have

this opportunity for a vacation —for many the first in three or An employment service official sion were the recent Big Five

campaign is being cooked up to matching skills is one of the prin- probable effect of the atom bomb smear laid-off war workers with capal reasons why some are not discovery and the strike conditions the brush of laziness. News sto- being filled. The great majority throughout the country. ries have been playing up the of persons laid off since the war Also the pending social, wage waiting to be filled by the 2,000. industries, the official noted. On ing in Congress and the evident rent openings are in agriculture, administration which is halfthe service and trade industries beartedly backing the measures "Many war workers acquired | Chairman Marvin extends &

a mile long and completely tied

lup traffic on the citie's main thoro-

whelming approval of the Union's

program, the crowd heard a rep-

2. The higher-paid war work- resentative of the city administra-

as hen's teeth right now . . . and the employers like it that way GE workers at the Bridgeport plant staged one of the pieces in Congress are lending a largest demonstrations in that city's history last week

in support of the \$2 a day wage increase being demanded

#### Bill for lack of "concrete infor- ment Compensation Bill, the Full SCHEDULE

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### Jobs for All High Pay

By CLAUDE A. PEPPER Democratic Senator from Florida

question; but the fact remains that a sizeable group of Senators only approve the idea of "full employment," but are working to make a reality out of that idea. We are promoting a broad form of legislation which would actually create great opportunities for more

But this is not enough. One of the things wrong with the slogan said it "would destroy laws dis-"full employment" is that it is only a half-slogan, A nation employed criminating in favor of women" on substandard wage scales is not fully employed. A nation whose such as maternity and widow's workers are paid so little that they cannot purchase the goods and benefits, protection for young girls services they produce is not a fully employed nation. A nation whose and laws protecting working people do not carn money to maintain their health and their welfare women. is not only not fully employed, it is not even democratic, in the sense. These arguments were repeated of democracy as a way of life.

The aim must be: "full employment at high wages." That is the goal set for the American economy by the progressive forces in Congress. It is for this reason—for the reason that without a high level of minimum wages, "full employment" can only become a disguise for human exploitation—that I-introduced S. 1349 into the Senate on August 1. Nine other Senators asked to join me in sponsoring the bill, thus indicating their understanding of the need for higher minimum wages if America is to become and remain truly prosperous in the days of peace.

S. 1349 is east in the form of an amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. This Act set up the Wages and Hours Ad-

The amendment does the following as it stands at present: 1. Establishes an immediate minimum wage of 65c an hour during the first year after passage.

2. Requires the minimum wage rate to be 70c during the 3. Sets 75c an hour as a minimum after the expiration of two

4. Makes the Act effective 4 months after massage 5. Broadens the coverage of the Act to include food processing

6. Provides for the recommendation by the industry committees of minimum wage differentials for jobs which should pay more | ment Workers (AFL) presented

It also defines the classes of workers who are exempted from age of this amendment, coverage under the Act. I find these exemptions extremely unfortunate. However, we are restricted by court interpretations and as long | Emma Guffey Miller, sister of as intrastate commerce. Industry and agriculture are not considered | Sen. Joseph Guffey (D. Pa.) who subject to federal jegislation, but only of state interest, and as long is a national committeewoman for as the Constitution is invoked to prohibit Federal standard in such the Democratic party in Pennsylemployment, just so long will America fall short of reaching "full vania. She read a letter sent her

Nevertheless, S. 1349 is unquestionably a great stride in the (D, Mo.) in 1944 in favor of the right direction. It is one of the most essential bills before Congress. It must be passed. Then, using it as a base, we can push | week reiterated his stand before farther and farther toward final achievement of the goal of univer- a group of women she took to the sally high living standards in the United States which we are con- White House." fident our tremendous production capacity can fulfill.

#### HAVE YOU MOVED?

To Local 301: 301 Liberty Street, Schenoctady, N. Y.

Please change my home address as indicated below.

Old Address .... Street & Numbarane Town City

New Address .....

### Phony Equal Rights Bi

by Frank Donner, spokesman for

The CIO expressed the belief "a cruel hoax advanced by a sma I security and leisure, and who are I realities confronting American women today."

Miss Selma Borchardt of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL) and Miss Maida Springer of the International Ladies' Garthe opposition of the AFL to pass.

The former dean of women of the University of Southern California, Mary Sinclair Crawford read a letter from Dennis Cardinal Dougher y, ranking prelate of the Catholie Church in the United States indoesing the hill

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> Patsy Safferrille Group Complaint

# On Insurance

October 20, 1945

ber who requested that it be

Editor, Electrical Union News: Dear Sir:

such a policy, sustained an injury while at work.

A claim was filed with the insurance company for benefits which the policy was supposed to pay but the insurance company refused to honor the accident claim. (They claimed the lost time might have been caused by sick-

the benefits due under the policy?

# Member Asks \$\$-WinningthePublic-\$\$

Prepared by Education Department, Local 301

Do von want a new car? Cheap? Quick? If you do, you will have to line up with General Motors, which has the "know-how, the resources, the courage to push ahead." At least, that's what GM said in the big ad they put in the local papers and in papers all over the country.

We don't know about their "courage" and we suspect that their "know-how" isn't all piled up on the big table of the board of directors. But when

comes to RESOURCES, we know they have them. Yes, GM has millions to influence public opinion in

Labor cost per car 1944-\$189 Increase in labor cost \$ 34 To add to GM dishonesty \$135 less \$34 (increased

the government; by selfish con- ing the past four years. sumers and by "equally selfish GETTING DOWN TO CASES

mation because a member of make the sky the limit for prices

It's an old trick to accuse the Any resemblance between the other fellow of your own sins, situation in the auto industry and and GM knows all the tricks. The other industries is purely inten-Company is blaming labor for the tional. Workers like Dowler don't The workman's componention of delay in reconversion—while man- have the money to buy washing the state rendered a favorable de- agement is staging a sit-down to machines, radios and other extime lost from work due to the 3) escape taxes; 4) bust unions; of their cash will have to go for accident he received two-thirds of and 5) squeeze small business. food, rent and clothing—the abso-What are the facts? Will a 30% lute necessities.

Bill to the floor of the House for action.

WRITE AND URGE HIM TO DO SO NOW!

According to latest information Kearney Has Not Signed the release petition to bring the Kilgore-Forand Unemployment Compensation

Chest Drive

COULDN'T GIVE As reported by R. J. Thomas, contacted did not subscribe for it by executive order." Speaking president UAW-CIO: William the recommended amount. It was of executive orders . . . and little information regarding the trying to smash the OPA ceilings Dowler, Cadillac Motor Co. (GM), not because they did not want to stabilized economy, a proper

Travelers Insurance Policy that on new cars, so that the Company some of the employees are covered can make a fat killing in the postby for accident benefits. I have a late kining in the post- he's driving a truck in the same sincerely the importance of the double talk?" threat to inflation, in the drive plant, earning \$41.60 for 40 hours. work the chest is accomplishing Only a short while ago he His take-home pay is only \$38.68 here at home and the War Chest | made the national press services to support a wife and one child. for our men in uniform and people with a statement that it would abroad. They didn't give more be- be the proper thing to raise cause they haven't it to give. | wages after the war emergence Practically everyone of these so that workers' take home pay

people have given generously ever | would remain at the then exsince the beginning of the war. | isting levels. to the Red Cross. They have given hurry to follow his own advice their dollars to previous chest and as far as providing full drives, the Red Cross and bought | employment . . . the thousands bonds. But now they are working of dollars the spent on postage

nature, for many charity begins at light so vividly should bring home to the business and civic groups. the necessity and importance of giving labor their support on the wage increase being sought at the GIVE IT YOUR SOLID SUPPORT

# Charlie Wilson, president

GE in receiving an honorary degree from a northern Nev York College along with Herl Hoover, said, that "it's fashionable belief that every one has a right to a job." "The most we have under the tradi tional guarantee of the republic is a right to an opportunity . . .

we can have guaranteed em ployment, but it must be found in the healthy stabilization c

THE VICTORY BOND DRIVE COMING SOON

