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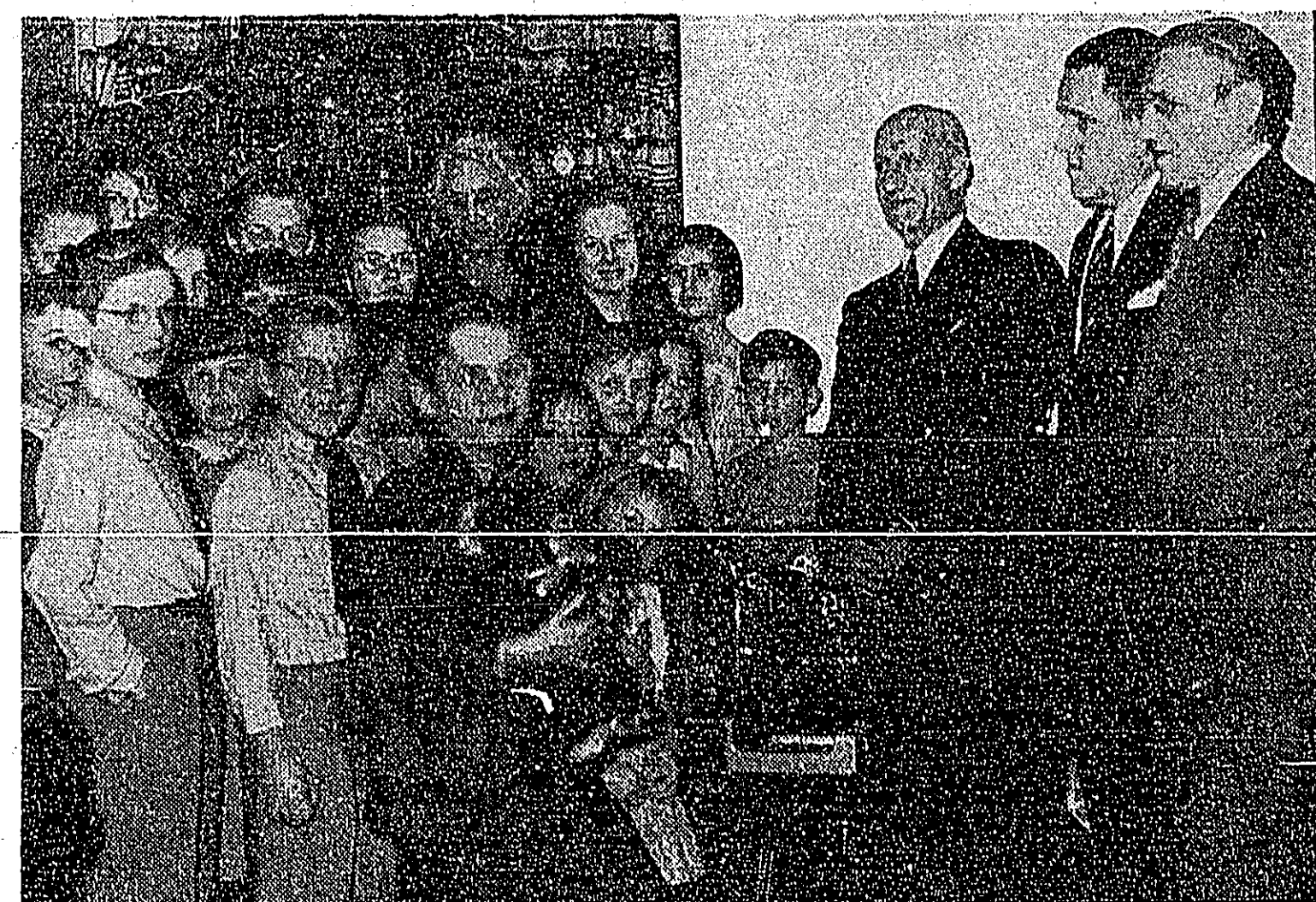
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Movies for Children's Home—Thanks to 301 Members



A big moment at the Schenectady Children's Home, when the youngsters receive a movie projector and screen donated for Christmas by Local 301 members. At the right are the union men who took the gifts to the Home, left to right, Joseph Pelrah, Willard Kuschel and Michael Tedisco.

\$74 Still Needed For Children's Gift

Board Member Willard Kuschel and the stewards in the buildings he represents, 42, 46, 48 and 50, had the Christmas inspiration of raising money for a movie projector and screen for the Schenectady Children's Home.

They collected \$176 in these buildings. Additional money was raised in buildings represented by Albert Davis, Stanley Bishop and Leland Sisto, and the collections are continuing there. To cover the cost of the movie outfit, \$74 more is needed. Donations will be welcome from all parts of the plant, Brother Kuschel has announced. Any extra money will be used to buy films for the children.

Until the Home trains someone to operate the equipment, William Templeton and Gordon Belgrave, both of 301, will take turns showing films.

Pensioners to Meet

The monthly meeting of the UE-CIO 301 Pension Organization will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the union hall.

Veterans ! ! Today's the Day

World War II veterans who are Local 301 members can obtain applications for their state bonus payments from 1 to 5 p.m. today at the union hall, Erie Blvd. and Liberty St. The applications can be notarized at the hall free of charge and qualified people will be on hand to help the veterans make out their forms.

Next week and in future weeks there will be the same service available at the hall, from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The state will pay the bonus in the order that applications are received.

New Broadcast

The Capital District CIO Council will start a new weekly broadcast at 10 p.m. Wednesday over WROW (590 on your dial). It will feature CIO opinion on the New York State Legislature.

Jandreau Urges Dewey Act In Rem-Rand Case

Leo Jandreau, as president of UE district 3, this week urged Governor Dewey to help prevent "industrial strife" at the Remington-Rand plants by "inducing James Rand Jr. to comply with his written obligations"—the contract with UE.

Relying on the Taft-Hartley Law in its efforts to smash the union, Remington-Rand is obviously trying to force a strike. The latest anti-union action was a Rem-Rand notice last Friday that workers who left their jobs for any reason would be fired. Union members at Ilion protested to the management against this violation of their rights and of the union contract. Under such a rule, a worker could be discharged if he left his machine to make a complaint. Shop stewards would lose their jobs for handling union business.

The Ilion management told union spokesmen that the plant would close its gates if the workers demonstrate by any work stoppage.

A few days earlier there had been stoppages at Ilion and at Tonawanda to protest Rem-Rand actions.

The Jandreau telegram, sent to Governor Dewey as the EU News went to press Tuesday, stated:

"Remington Rand's refusal to honor written contracts with United Electrical Union endangers industrial peace in this state and threatens untold hardships on 10,000 employes. . . Representing 50,000 organized workers in upper New York, I respectfully urge that you use your good offices to avoid industrial strife in this state by inducing James Rand Jr. to comply with his written obligations under contract with union dated July 26, 1947, requiring company to enter into national agreement with union, and to negotiate local issues. 50,000 UE members in upstate New York in whose behalf this telegram is sent anxiously await reports as to favorable action by you."

CIO Councils and other CIO unions were also reported as sending wires to Governor Dewey. Union officers were trying to arrange for a meeting with the Governor, when the paper went to press.

Program Outlined To Defeat Kearney

A committee of CIO leaders in the 31st Congressional District, in cooperation with the Farmers Union, has drawn up a plan of action for the election of a Congressman in 1948 who will serve the interests of the people, and for the defeat of Bernard W. Kearney.

The group met Dec. 23 at Amsterdam as the result of a previous meeting called by the Capital District CIO Council to discuss the 1948 elections. The Council invited all CIO locals in the 31st District to send representatives.

At that time a steering committee was elected which included: Anthony F. Barbieri, president of Local 2054, USA; Lewis A. Benedict, president of Local 159, TWU; Clarence Carr, president of Local 202, IFLWU; Leonard Colasuono, president of Local 432, ACWA; Leo Jandreau, business agent, Local 301, UERM WA; Fred Krokenberger, business manager, Amsterdam Joint Board, TWUA; Robert Northrop, secretary-treasurer of the Capital District CIO Council, and Louis Stocum of the Farmers Union. Krokenberger is chairman of the committee and Northrop, secretary.

The steering committee will meet again early in January and will then present its program of action for adoption by 31st Congressional District unions.

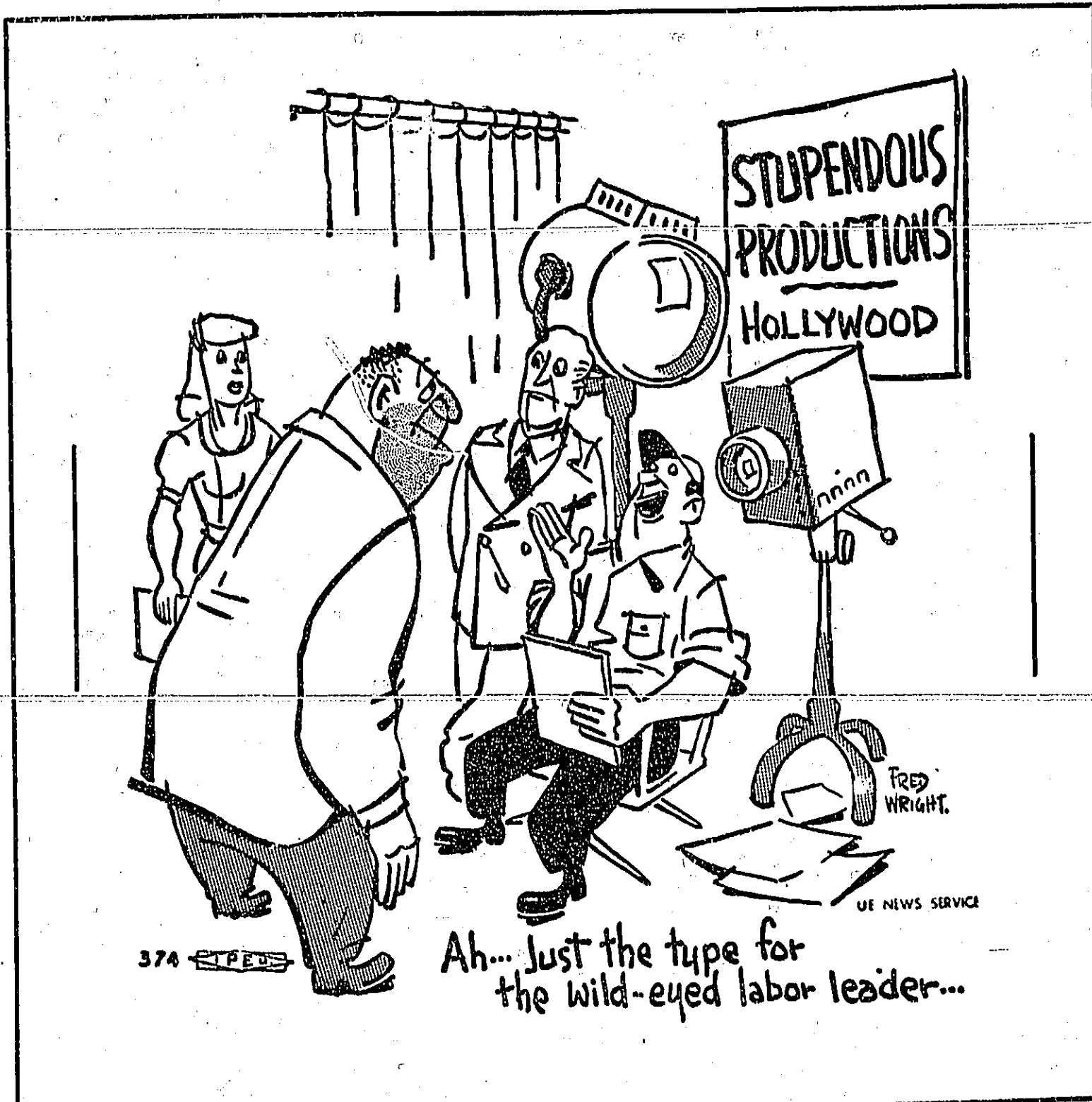
Gaeth to Speak In Schenectady

Arthur Gaeth, who broadcasts every Wednesday night for the national UE, will speak in Schenectady at one of the Cooperative Evening School Assemblies at 8 p.m. Jan. 15 at Nott Terrace High School Auditorium. His subject will be "This Is Washington Calling." Free tickets can be obtained at the union office. The Cooperative Evening School Assemblies are sponsored by the Adult Education Division, Schenectady Education Department.

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\$150,000,000 Gift To State Employers

As a New Year's gift from the Dewey administration, more than half the employers paying unemployment insurance taxes in New York state have received word they will share in a rebate of nearly 150 million dollars. They will be credited on future taxes for their share of this surplus.

The CIO and the UE legislative programs demand that the surplus be used to increase payments to jobless workers, instead of being handed to the employers through this "merit-rating" system.

Military Training

Freedom Forum has notified Local 301 that members of the union will be welcome at its discussion of universal military training at 8 p.m. Monday at Memorial Chapel, Union College.

Truman Gibson, Chicago lawyer who was a member of President Truman's committee which recommended such peacetime conscription, will speak in favor of it. Brigadier General H. C. Holdridge, retired, will speak against it.

Editor Reverses Position on OPA

At last a newspaper editor has been honest enough to admit that he made a mistake in pressing for the death of OPA.

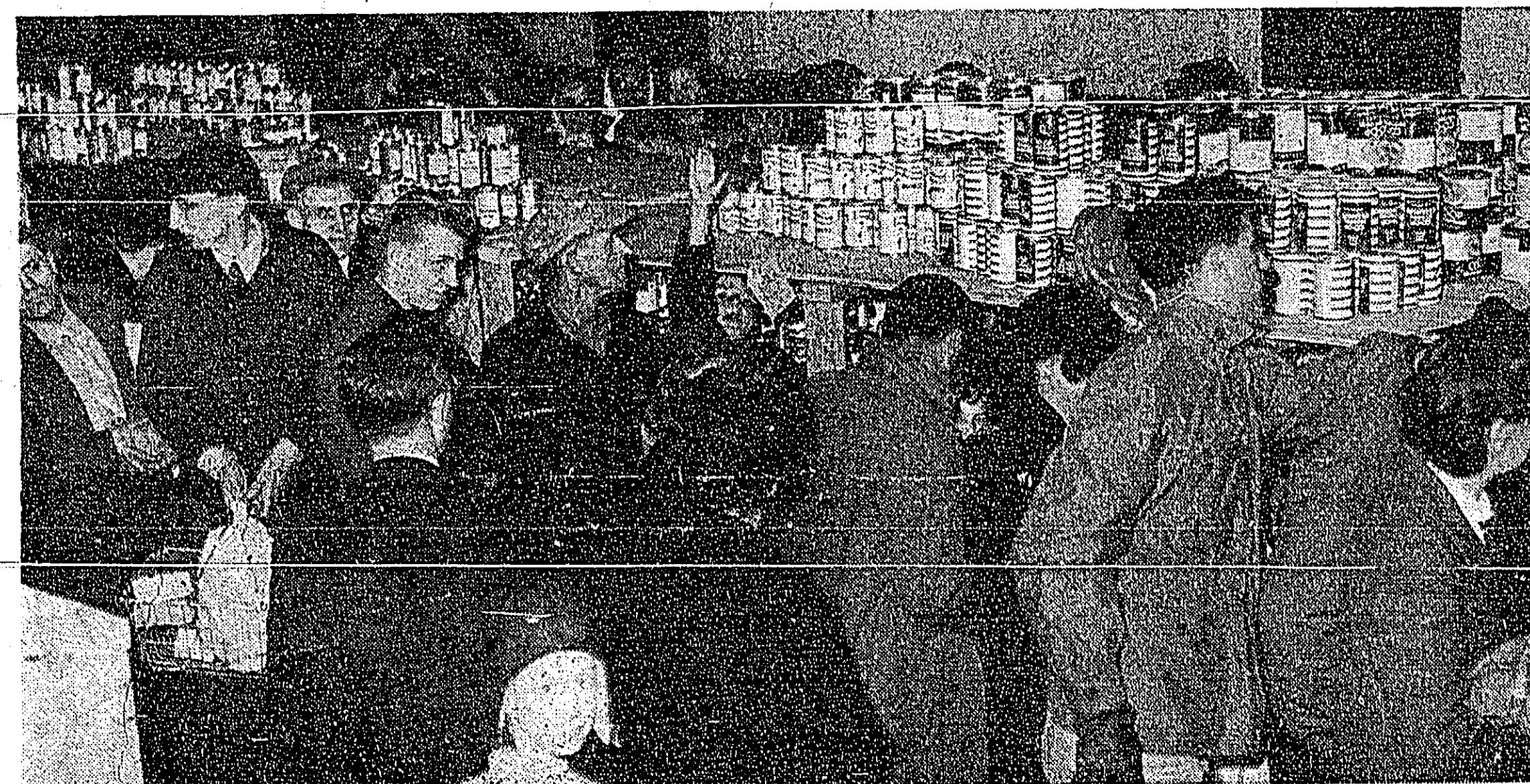
William N. Barton, managing editor of the Lewisburg (Pa.) Journal-News, wrote the following in an editorial recently:

"When we saw that OPA was on the way out, we joined in the snake dance that was led by the National Association of Manufacturers and unwittingly swallowed the platitudes put out by that organization that the end of price control would increase production and lower costs.

"After several months of eye-rubbing, during which prices continued their steady climb... We began to awaken to the fact that the NAM eyewash was irritating rather than soothing, and not too long ago we had the courage to ask for the return of the OPA if prices could not be controlled."

The Schenectady Gazette and the Union-Star are still singing the NAM tune, however, like practically all other newspapers.

It's Always Bargain Day at Local 301 Food Center



More and more Local 301 families are depending on the union's Food Center, 1027 State St., to keep their food budgets down. They are also finding out that it's a good idea to

avoid the rush by shopping Thursday, instead of waiting till Friday and Saturday. The Center is so popular that the Committee is looking for larger quarters.

Future Schedule Of Food Center

After a holiday shift in schedule, the Local 301 Food Center at 1027 State St. will return to its usual Thursday, Friday, Saturday basis next week. The hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

The center was to be open the day before New Year's, with a holiday array of cooked hams as chief attraction in the meat department. It will be open today and tomorrow as usual.

The combination of Christmas and of bad weather caused purchases to fall off last week. Union members and their families spent \$1,421.95 there the day before Christmas; \$1,754.97 last Friday and \$2,908 Saturday. That totaled \$6,084.92 for the three days.

The Food Price Committee of which James Cognetta is chairman wants to hear suggestions about a new location for the center. Members with ideas on the subject should inform the union office or the store manager.

THE STRONGER THE UNION,
THE BETTER THE CONTRACT.

Introduction Needed

Members of the union who want to consult the Local 301 attorneys on workmen's compensation or other matters must first go to the union office, 301 Liberty St., for an introduction signed by the business agent or one of his assistants.

Stewards' Council Postponed

The meeting of the Shop Stewards' Council which would ordinarily take place the first Tuesday in January has been postponed until Jan. 20 when there will be a joint meeting of the 301 membership and stewards. The three top national UE officers will speak at 301 Hall Jan. 14 before stewards of Local 301 and of other UE locals in the district.

Appeals Day

Any member dissatisfied with the way a grievance has been handled can appear before the 301 Grievance Committee at 4 p.m. any Friday at the union hall. Second shift workers can be heard at 1 p.m.

Denham Claims He Was 'Misquoted' on Rem-Rand

Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the Taft-Hartley Labor Board, now claims he was misquoted by newspapers reporting his remarks on Remington-Rand and the UE contract.

Practically every paper in the country reported Denham as saying that if Rem-Rand signed a contract with UE it was "at its own peril." The company used this reported statement as a basis for breaking off contract relations with UE and refusing to honor an agreement made in settling last summer's strike.

Even some newspapers that favored the T-H law expressed fear that Denham had gone too far in obviously encouraging industrial strife.

Two weeks after the nationwide publicity, Denham "clarified" his statement and said he had been misquoted. He explained that the T-H Law does not prevent Rem-Rand "from entering into any contract they may desire to with the UE, but if they incorporate a union security provision they will do so at their peril; and of course, the closed shop contract is specifically forbidden by the law."

Is the man next to you a union member?