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Stratton Reluctant to Endorse Forand Bill

The members of Local 301, the Central Labor Council and the 301 Pensioner Club and many other public minded citizens in our Community have called on Rep. Samuel S. Stratton to take a firm stand on the Forand Bill which would bring much needed medical, surgical and nursing aid to our older citizens at a time in life when this service is needed most.

Despite numerous letters, postcards and petitions, Rep. Stratton has not taken a firm stand on this Bill. Instead he says, "Of course I recognize the tremendous problem which our older citizens face in providing needed medical care at a time when they are on an extremely limited income, and I certainly do feel that some steps must be taken to meet this situation."

He then added, "Actually, the Forand Bill is one of several alternative measures that have been suggested. Senator Kennedy, for example, has introduced a slightly different bill of his own over in the Senate."

"While I am very much in accord with the objectives of the Forand Bill, and feel that Congress should have an opportunity to discuss the whole issue, I do want to have an opportunity to look over carefully some of the other BILLS as well before deciding which one represents the best and most effective approach to this problem."

The problems of the aged and aging have been under study by various committees for the past eight years and the Forand Bill covers the needs of our older citizens without taking funds out of the U. S. Treasury. It would reduce Federal Spending.

YOUR POSTCARD OR LETTER IS URGENTLY NEEDED, NOW!

CAREY, REUTHER TESTIMONY STINGS DIRKSEN TO WRATH

Senate Minority Leader McKinley Dirksen (R-Ill.) has accused the presidents of two AFL-CIO unions of making "stinking statements" about the Eisenhower Administration in the course of testimony on health care legislation.

Dirksen erupted during the course of McNamara Committee hearings when testimony by Auto Workers Pres. Walter P. Reuther was read, and when James B. Carey of the Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers testified.

Reuther's testimony asserted that although Eisenhower had indicated at his Feb. 3 press conference that a social security tax hike "to make greater provision of the aged" was under consideration, Vice Pres. Nixon and Sec. of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming were engaged in "a retreat from this presidential promise."

Dirksen shouted that "I think that is a stinking statement from Walter Reuther," adding that "Nixon and Flemming are just as interested as Walter Reuther or anyone else" in medical care for the aged, and that furthermore Eisenhower had not made any "promise."

Twenty-four hours later, when Carey accused the White House of "shameful surrender to the American Medical Association and the insurance companies," the GOP leader called this "another stinking charge" and an "insane statement." When Carey tried to speak, Dirksen said: "Suppose you just keep your mouth shut."

Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.) said Dirksen's comments were "uncalled for and undignified."

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

2nd Shift 1:00 P. M.
1st and 3rd Shifts 7:30 P. M.

IUE Auditorium, Monday, April 18

Harmony Night

to benefit
Hospital Fund of
Disabled American Vets
CHAPTER 88

Saturday, May 14, 8 P. M.
UNION AUDITORIUM
Tickets Available at Union Office

BE UNION... BUY UNION!

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

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

EYES OF SCHENECTADY ON "301" AS 1/3 OF STEWARDS ATTEND CLASSES

Attention Stewards! SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE ENDS TODAY

Local 301's 2nd Annual Scholarship Drive officially ends at midnight today. From all appearances, based on early returns, the drive seems to be equalling, if not passing, the mark set last year.

It has been requested by the Scholarship Committee that each Steward get his final returns in to the Union Office as soon as possible in order to determine the amount of the scholarship award for this year's winner.

The fund will be used to help sponsor some worthy son or daughter of one of our union members thru college upon graduation from high school at the end of the present school term only. The amount we are able to raise will determine the extend of help we will be able to offer. Last year's winner is at present an honor student at the University of Notre Dame.

Application Blanks are now available to members who have sons or daughters whom they feel are qualified. A record of the applicant's scholastic standing must accompany the application. This may be obtained from the Principal at the High School.

For further information, see your Shop Steward or Board Member who will contact Frank Masterson, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Members of the Board of Education will help select the award winner as in the previous year.

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS--WSNY

EARLY RISER'S CLUB

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| Nancy Wagner | John Szumiloski |
| Mrs. A. Jagarewski | Irene Urbanski |
| Ben Rosa | Ray Yamrozy |
| Anna Leonard | Barbara Taylor |
| Fred Pacelli * | William Groat |
| Mrs. W. Hurlbert | M. Reisinger |
| Mrs. M. York | Anthony Triano |
| Geo. Van Steensburg Sr. | |

*JACKPOT WINNER FOR WEEK

The eyes of Schenectady and the surrounding area were upon Local 301, IUE, during the past week as TV cameras, newspaper photographers and area radio stations covered the 1960 Stewards' Educational Program conducted by the IUE.

Ben Segal, International IUE Educational Director, conducted a group of four classes over a 3-day session in an intensive program to prepare the Officers, Executive Board Members and Stewards of Local 301 for the coming negotiations which will commence in the very near future.

"Be Prepared" was the slogan adopted by the membership of Local 301 as the enthusiastic groups participated in the long, gruelling, 6-hour courses which were squeezed into 3 short days.

The classes covered "Negotiations for 1960", "GE Propaganda", "Lines of Communications", "Pensions and Insurance", "The Union Program" and many other subjects in preparation for the months ahead.

Joe Swire, Director of Pensions and Insurance, IUE, assisted Ben Segal during the 3-day session. Well over 1/3 of the Stewards Body attended the classes. Not a single hour of lost time was involved.

Press coverage included: WRGB-TV News, W-TEN-TV News, WSNY Radio, WTRY Radio, WGY Radio, WROW Radio, WPTR Radio and WOKO Radio. Newspaper coverage: Sch'dy. Gazette, and the Sch'dy. Union-Star. Also the WRGB-TV Home Fair Show interviewed Ben Segal (live) for 20 minutes with Ernie Tetrault, moderator, doing the questioning.

LEGAL CLINIC AT UNION OFFICE MONDAYS 9 AM to 11 AM, 2 PM to 5 PM

Union members may avail themselves of the services of the Union attorneys in Workmen's Compensation cases and other legal matters.

The Clinic is held at the Union Office during the hours as listed above.