

# LOCAL 301 NEWS

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### KENNEDY URGES TUC EXTENSION

Last month President Kennedy made a special plea to Congress, urging the enactment of the labor-backed McCarthy-King Bill calling for permanent improvements rather than "stop-gap" measures in the field of extended unemployment benefits.

However, on April 10th, the President sent a letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate noting that "permanent legislation was unlikely to get the consideration it deserves" because of the "heavy schedule" faced by the House Ways and Means Committee and its counterpart in the Senate.

The House Committee is presently concerned with two of the Administration's top priority measures, namely the Trade Bill and the Medical Care for the Aged Bill (King-Anderson Bill).

The President, in his message, gave his reasons why the Government's temporary program of extended unemployment benefits should be continued for another year. He mentioned that "there are still large numbers of long-term unemployed".

There are an estimated 5,000 workers a day whose regular State benefits have been exhausted as of April 1, 1962, when the temporary program expired. Congressional action is needed in order for them to receive further benefits.

Labor Sec. Arthur J. Goldberg stated that the extension of the temporary program will aid 1.1 million workers who are expected to exhaust their State benefits during the next year.

He noted that 2.5 million unemployed workers had received more than 695 million dollars in benefits through February. The first year total is expected to reach 800 million dollars.

President Kennedy proposed that the one year extension be made retroactive to April 1, 1962. It would have the same benefits provision as provided for in last year's act, workers who have exhausted their regular State benefits and are still unemployed would be entitled to receive extended benefits for half the period provided for in their State Unemployment Law up to a maximum of 13 additional weeks.

### FITCHBURG STRIKE FUND REACHES \$1,000

Local 301 has sent the first check for \$1,000 to the members of Local 286 who have been on strike since February 27, 1962.

Local 286 is affiliated with IUE-AFL-CIO and is the bargaining unit which represents employees in the G.E. plant in Fitchburg, Mass.

Over 600 members of the Local are involved in the dispute which arose over six grievances which the Company refused to settle satisfactorily. All six cases cleared the third step of the grievance procedure (New York Level).

The members contacted have been most generous in their donations to the Strike Fund which will be used to help alleviate some of the financial burdens incurred by our brother IUE members in Fitchburg. Contributions are still being received at the Union Office.

The Officers and Board Members of Local 301 take this opportunity to thank those who were so considerate.

### CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

Congratulations to the Winders' Group, Bldg. 273, J-Bay, under Shop Steward "Min" Colucci. This group has again scored 100% in their contributions to the Fitchburg Strike Fund and the Scholarship Fund Drive.

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY  
by Bill Garrison

Each year a portion of your Federal Income Tax monies becomes a part of the billions of dollars appropriated by the Congress to support a foreign aid program, that is designed to combat famine and disease and improve the economy of millions of underprivileged peoples throughout the world regardless of race, color or creed.

Here at home, in the community in which we work and live, how many of our neighbors; how many of our children are afflicted each year with incurable diseases?

How many programs must we, as citizens of our community support, if we are to combat juvenile delinquency, feed and clothe and otherwise provide for homeless children; provide a little dignity for some of our elder citizens?

Stop for a moment and think what these conditions and situations should mean to you, and you might say: In these areas of our community there are little if any government subsidies to support the programs of the Cancer Society, Heart Fund, Red Cross, Community Chest, Muscular Dystrophy, etc. In order to support these programs; to stabilize the pulse of our society; it is those of us, the fortunate, who must meet our social responsibilities by generously contributing to an agency, such as our local Community Service Fund, and in so doing we are taking a giant step towards eradicating these social afflictions from future generations.

Let us, therefore, show at least the same consideration for our fellow-men as we do for our foreign friends by contributing to the Community Service Fund. If you are already a member and feel that you can contribute more, please do so.

We urge employees who are not already participants to join. By supporting your Community Service Fund, you will be helping those less fortunate.



TO OUR  
MEMBERS

EASTER GREETINGS

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER CITED

The Union Office has received copies of two letters, one addressed to Paul Graziade, the winner of our initial Scholarship Award, the other to his father who works as a Splicer in Bldg. #68.

The letters were signed by Kenneth E. Clark, Dean at the University of Colorado, where Paul is a student. Dean Clark commends Paul for outstanding performance in maintaining the highest scholastic standards and congratulates his parents for having a child so endowed.

The following are excerpts taken from the letter addressed to Paul: "Your grade record last semester places you among the superior students of the College. The standards of excellence which our faculty impose in the assignment of grades are such that your record is a rare one in the College".

The above remarks indicate the caliber of students selected by the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Chairman Frank Masterson reports that initial returns indicate that this year's Fund Drive is receiving favorable response from our members. Many Shop Stewards have already turned in contributions from their respective groups. It is suggested to Stewards who have not as yet made returns to do so as soon as possible.

The previous Scholarship Awards were in the amount of \$1,000 each. It is hoped that a similar amount can be awarded this year. This goal can be realized with the support of our fellow members. Please give when you are contacted by your Shop Steward.

OVERWHELMING VOTE  
IN FAVOR OF DUES INCREASE

On Monday, April 16, 1962, the membership of Local 301 voted overwhelmingly in favor of a dues increase, recommended by the Local's Executive Board. The members voted on the recommendation in a secret ballot.

The combined votes of the 2nd, 1st and 3rd shift meetings were a decisive 7 to 1 in favor of increase. The Union Office has notified the G.E. Co. that beginning with the May check-off, the monthly dues will go from \$4.89 to \$5.00, an 11 cents increase.