

General Electric Office Workers to Organize in U. E.

St. Louis U. E. Faces Cutback Problem in Area

Takes Steps To Remedy Situation Which Effects Many U. E. Members

ST. LOUIS—(FP)—In an action which may result in the city's becoming a testing ground for federal employment cutback policies, the United Labor Committee of St. Louis asked Mayor Aloysius P. Kaufman to appoint a committee to go to Washington to seek more war contracts for local plants.

An estimated 37,500 AFL and CIO members engaged in work directly related to the war effort have been laid off due to lack of work. An additional 5,000 in the building trades, mainly members of the Building Trades Council, are due to be unemployed in the next two months.

Cutbacks at the ordnance plants will mean dismissal of 15,000 workers, mainly members of the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO). UERMW representatives in Washington are trying to bring other government orders to St. Louis.

Labor leaders from both AFL and CIO members preparing a written report on the increasing unemployment to support their demand for a citywide committee representing labor, the Chamber of Commerce and civic group to confer with legislators and the War Production Board in Washington.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE SEEKS DANCE INSTRUCTOR

The Activities Committee of Local 301 would like to learn of some Union member who is qualified to teach dance routine, chorus work and train other types of entertainers for future shows sponsored by the committee. Anyone interested in becoming active in this work should contact Union headquarters and arrange to set in at the next meeting of the Activities Committee.

"Fun-Za-Poppin", which was Local 301's latest and most successful venture in the entertainment field did much to cement the relationship of Local 301 with the general public and speaks very highly for the efforts of the Activities Committee.

District Council No. 3 Meeting Held On Stabilization of Radio Industry

Syracuse—A meeting was held here Thursday of the labor representatives from the various radio manufacturing concerns in Upstate New York for the purpose of bringing about the stabilization of wage rates throughout the radio industry. Among those represented were labor leaders from General Electric plants in Schenectady and Syracuse, Westinghouse of Buffalo, King-Colonial, Buffalo, Stromberg-Carlson of Rochester, Wurliizer of No. Tonawanda and others. Local 301 had a delegation headed by Leo Jandreau, Business Agent of the local and President of District 3 Council of the UE.

The program being initiated is similar to one already adopted by the District which includes the Chicago area. Present at the meeting was President Ernest DeMayo of the Chicago District of UE who was successful in bringing about the stabilization of wages in his area in which a large percentage of the radio industry is located. Mr. DeMayo

"Fun-Za-Poppin" Dance Is Saturday May 6th at Hall

It has been announced by the Activities Committee of Local 301 that a "Fun-Za-Poppin" Dance will be held at the CIO Hall, Saturday, May 6th. The dance will include many fun-making features similar to those in the recent stage hit and many prizes will be awarded which will create much mirth and laughter. Popular refreshments will be available at very modest prices. Music for the affair will be furnished by Duke Mirate and his Orchestra from 9:30 until 11:30.

FIFTH WAR LOAN STARTS JUNE 12

Washington—Organized labor again will be asked to play an important role in the country's all-out war effort by assisting in the Fifth War Loan Drive which will start June 12th and run until July 8. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, has announced the goal which will be 16 billion dollars, 6 billion of which will come from individuals.

Send a copy of The Electrical Union News to your relative or friend in the service. He'll like it.

pointed out to the delegates the condition of cut-throat competition which existed in the radio industry before the war. This, he said, is not only dangerous to the manufacturers themselves because in commercial fields, some of them will be forced out of business, but that labor stands to be the big loser as it has always been the policy of companies to reduce cost by cutting the wages of the worker and either people would be thrown out of jobs entirely if their employer failed or forced to work at sub-existence wages. Also it was emphasized that this stabilization was necessary during the present war emergency because it will bring about conditions which will insure our armed forces the production of communication equipment they sorely need.

A special committee was set up at the meeting for the purpose of coordinating the effort in all radio manufacturing plants in the district and includes William Mastriani, of Bldg. 81, Schenectady.

C. A. P. COMMITTEEMAN IS BICYCLE RACING CHAMP

Not generally known is the fact that we have among our committeemen, the bicycle speed racing champion of the country. He is Paul Muller, representative at the Campbell Avenue plant, who is formerly from New York City.

Paul has several years of 6-day racing at Madison Square Garden behind him. His last big race was shortly before he came to Schenectady in which he defeated that champion of Europe for the world's championship. Altogether Paul holds 33 speed records for road racing throughout the United States and Canada.

MRS. SADIE IOVINELLA IS ASST. TO BUS. AGENT

(Continued from Page 1) movement and her experience well qualifies her for her new position. She will work with the other two assistants recently named, Harry Case and Earnest Bezio, and relieve Business Agent Leo Jandreau of as much routine grievance work as possible so he can devote more time to his other duties.

Your union is as strong as you, the membership make it. Well attended meetings is a sign of strength.

Committee Planning Drive to Extend Union Benefits to Office Group

Now that the new Union contract with the General Electric Company has granted coverage to the clerical and white collar salaried groups, Local 301 has initiated a drive which it is expected will bring the thousands of workers in this category in the Schenectady works into our Union.

The first step taken was a very successful meeting held last week with several people from various offices and at that time the formation of committees for the purpose of contacting all office workers was planned. A regular meeting night will be arranged for this group so soon as it begins to function.

It has long been common knowledge that the white collar worker has suffered more from the maladjustment of economic conditions caused by the war than other groups. This has been due to the fact that although their cost of living has steadily increased, they have not had the opportunity to effect an adjustment of this condition because they are unorganized and do not have the advantages of collective bargaining.

At the present time it is only necessary for anyone wishing to join to pay the \$2 initiation fee and no dues will be collected until such time as the UE is certified as the bargaining agent through a NLRB election. Then it is planned that the group will establish their own local which will be independent of but work in conjunction with Local 301.

Any white collar worker who is interested in assisting in the drive to organize their groups should call union headquarters and arrange to attend the meetings.

Free Drawing Classes To Be Conducted

It has been announced that Local 301 will sponsor classes in drawing and cartooning to be conducted by Chet Cooke, Electrical Union News Artist. Mr. Cooke has had wide experience in the drawing field and is well qualified to train those who would like to learn the art. The classes, which will be free of charge, are for Union members, or children of Union members between the ages of 10 and 30. Anyone interested in this project of the Activities Committee is urged to call Union Hall and signify their intention to enroll.

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Mike Quill, is shown being congratulated by Peter Zubal, c/m. U. S. Navy on his brilliant political action speech at Capital District Council Rally at CIO Hall, April 16, 1943. Mr. Zubal who has served in action for 18 mos. in the So. Pacific area greeted the Japs in connection with the CIO political action program. "It stands for the very things we're fighting for."

Mike Quill Calls Upon Labor-Minded People To Become Active in Running Government at Political Action Rally

Sunday April 26, at one of the most interesting and informative meetings held at CIO Hall in recent months, Mike Quill, nationally-known labor leader and Councilman of the City of New York, conveyed a message to the people of Schenectady which they should not forget. The meeting was held under the sponsorship of the Capital District Ind. Union Coun. and was chaired by Charles Weiher, president of the local Transport Workers Union, the CIO union of which Mr. Quill is president. Also among the list of speakers were Mrs. Frieda Schwenkmeier, business agent of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of Troy and Sam Paclone, Local 301 Legislative Committee chairman who delivered an address for Council President C. L. Patrick who was ill and unable to attend. Mr. Quill said in part: "I am happy to come to this town as a part of the drive to organize workers both industrially and politically."

"I understand that the press is not too favorable to organized labor in this area. Let me say from the off-set that I come here as a member of the Executive Board of the CIO. I come here fortunately as the President of the Transport Workers Union and as a member of the New York City Council.

"I was elected as an independent labor candidate by some 83 thousand citizens from the Bronx County. It is true that some Republicans voted for me, and some Democrats voted for me and some Socialists and Communists voted for me. I bid for their votes and make no excuses about my election. . . . Yes, the papers down in New York are no more favorable to organized labor than your papers are. They have attacked our program because they are afraid of the things we stand for. You did not come here to be convinced. You came here because you have a program. Because you have

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Friedlander Elected Treasurer, Al Davis, Trustee at Sunday Meet Committees and Action Approved

At a special membership meeting held Sunday, Sidney Friedlander, Bldg. 16, was elected Treasurer of the local to fill the office made vacant by the resignation of the former treasurer at the unity meeting some weeks ago. Also A. Davis was elected Trustee to fill the post made vacant by the resignation of former trustee R. Anderson of Bldg. 17.

Clerical Workers Urged To Become Organized in U. E.

The Clerical Organizing Committee is holding regular weekly meetings each Tuesday and already the results of its efforts are beginning to show in the number of signed application cards received at Union headquarters. The following is a message this committee, which is made up largely of office workers, wishes to convey to their fellow workers.

"Do the office workers need a union? Would union organization result in better working conditions and higher earnings for us? Is a labor union an organization that protects the production workers only? These are questions that you and other office workers throughout the works are asking.

"While the production workers have had the union to protect their interests, we have remained aloof and through this action have suffered from the whims of the supervisors and remained one of the lowest paid groups in the country. This is in spite of the fact that we are really key people in the operation of the company, and in spite of the fact that we are really key people in the operation of the company, and in spite of the fact that our duties are as demanding and the demand for skill and training is in many cases more exacting.

Proposed Plan
UE Local 301 extends to us in the Schenectady GE plant an
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Ballot Applications For Servicemen Made Available by Union, Early Mailing

In line with Local 301's policy of doing everything possible to help the men serving in the armed services of our country, it has taken steps to make it possible for service men from our area to vote in this year's elections in spite of the law passed by the legislature at Albany and approved by Governor Dewey.

The local has available "Service Men's Application for the New York State War Ballot Cards." The cards which will be available through Union Committeemen and at Local 301 Headquarters conform with requirements of the law and have attached a tear-down giving instructions for use so that the

Assistant Business Agents

Another important step was taken in the approval of the appointments previously made by the Executive Board of the three Assistants to the Business Agent. They are Harry Case, Ernest Bezio and Sadie Iovinella. These people were named some weeks ago, due to the fact, that demands on the office of business agent by the large number of grievances became so great expansion of the personnel was necessary. Among other Executive Board recommendations approved by the membership was the staff recently appointed to publish the Electrical Union News which is headed by Austin Case, editor and Ray Flannigan, co-editor.

Recommendations Approved
Among other recommendations approved were the following:

Donation to the Red Cross, Schenectady chapter of \$200 and to the Fort Edward Chapter of \$25 was approved.

That the delegation to the General Electric Conference to be held in New York April 26 and 27 be increased from 3 to 7 due to the importance of the wage question which will be discussed with representatives from the Westinghouse locals. Those named were A. Christenson, L. Jandreau, F. Emspak, A. Case, E. Wallingford, W. Kelly and R. Flannigan.

The printing of sufficient copies of the new union contract to supply all shop stewards. The donation of \$100 of the expense incurred in producing the show "Fun-Za-Poppin" was donated to the Child Care Centers. The chairman reported that \$400 was turned over to the Child Care Funds as the net proceeds.

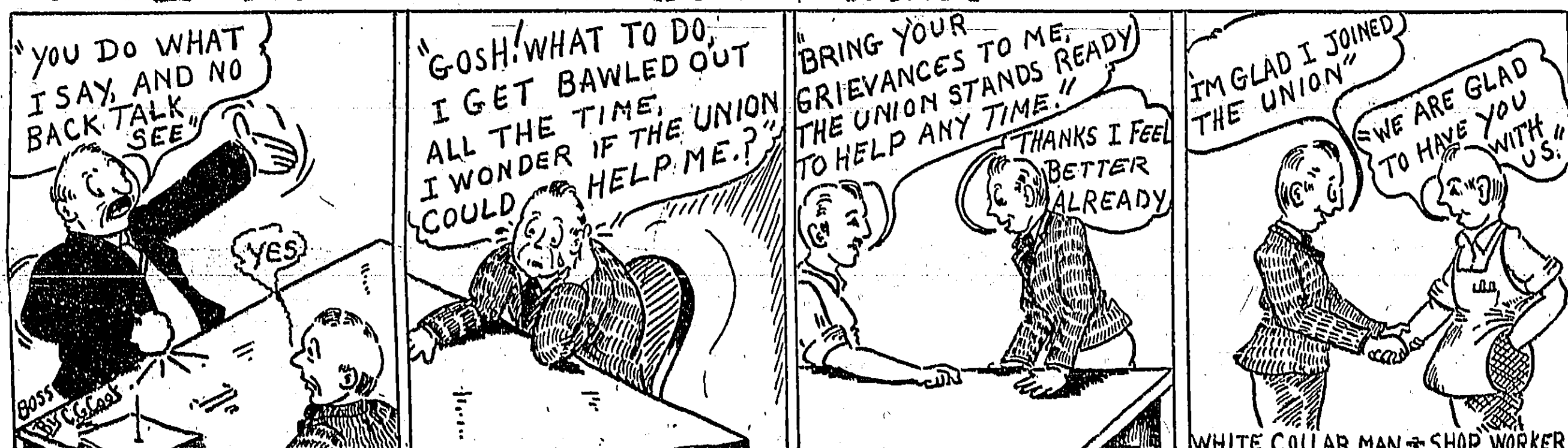
That the membership meeting of May 16 discuss amendments to the constitution as will be reported by the Constitution committee and also that copies of the constitution be printed in sufficient quantities to supply shop representatives.

That immediate usage be made of membership cards to be distributed quarterly by the Executive Board members and shop representatives.

That a new machine be purchased for use in the business office which will permit the printing of the membership cards by the office staff and the handling of necessary mailing requirements.

Jandreau Explains Problems
Business Agent Leo Jandreau explained to the membership the problems facing the union at the present time in the matter
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EDITORIAL

Worker's Security via Political Action

The fundamental issues behind labor's decision to take an active part in political action this year are of vital concern to every individual, but many of them do not fully understand what these issues really are. When a union attempts to negotiate an increase for a group of workers and comes out with increases from the company it now has to go to a War Labor Board which says "you have had 15% since Jan. 1941, that's enough." This government agency was set up by politicians who hold seats in Congress and after appeals have been made, it is only through politics that they can be effectively dealt with.

When we complain that prices have arisen far above that which our income will afford, we find that prices are controlled by the Office of Price Administration, a body of men set up by those same politicians and the only way we can get our complaint effectively to them is through politics. When a man is working in the shop and conditions arise which make it necessary for his well being for him to leave his job, we find that he is not allowed to do so because of a ruling of the War Manpower Commission, still another group set up by the same politicians in Congress, and still the only way we can reach them with a just complaint is through political effort.

It is morally the duty of people elected to State Legislatures and to Congress to represent their people and to take actions which will be of benefit to them. When they are appealed to by the people and respond by doing otherwise, there is no longer such a thing as negotiation. Then it is up to people who have such representatives who do not recognize the problems of their communities to take whatever steps necessary to make their voices heard. That way is through political action. The record of many of those elected to Congress in the 1942 elections serves fair warning that labor must be on its guard or else it will find itself so hamstrung by laws passed by a group of labor-hating Congressmen whom they have elected themselves, and that it will be impossible to operate in any way beneficial to its membership.

Anti-labor laws such as the Smith-Connley Act, and government agencies set up by Congress and manned mainly by anti-labor personnel, already have had serious effects on organized union efforts to adequately fight for people's rights and give them protection from unscrupulous employers. It no longer is the simple matter of setting down with an employer and negotiate for better wages and working conditions. We now have to submit things we may gain through arbitration to a group of men whose past record and background gives us a hurdle which is almost impossible to get by.

These conditions are prevalent because of men the people themselves have elected to office. Unless the people wake up now to the fact that conditions are serious, and unless true pro-labor men are elected to office, their own working conditions and amount of weekly earnings may be cut far below their present standards with any chance of gains along these lines entirely out of the picture.

The program of the Political Action is not to set up a new party in the political field, but to encourage our membership to see to it that people who are definitely in labor's corner, are nominated within the parties which exist. The candidates themselves and not the party are important.

How Unionists Are Made

Submitted by A Union Member

When I was four years old, my older brother (seven years-old) took me for a walk to Classen Point and back to our home in the Bronx, a distance of some eight miles. I have been wandering about ever since. Cleveland, Africa, Florida, New Orleans, the Mississippi River and some dozen other places beside the Capitol district have been my home during 39 pretty busy years.

I have been in and out of business a number of times, made and lost money, been hungry a few times and drunk more than once. I have been wrong lots of times and right occasionally. I have a pet hobby which is to get real mad when I see a guy getting a raw deal. That's why I am a unionist first. I have seen the unions do more for the workers than any other single agency and I am for anything that works that way.

I was a sailor before the NMU became strong and I have seen ships manned almost completely by seamen getting \$1.00 a month and their board and not much board at that. I have seen bean and cotton pickers making \$1.00 a day for 10 to 12 hours of killing work. I have seen guys picked up in the South and given 60 days on the chain gang for daring to ask for a job. I've seen apple salesmen and breadlines stretching for blocks. I've seen a white man crack a long lash over the backs of 50 Congo negroes hitched to a freight car. (It was cheaper to use manpower than engines.) I've seen policemen on horseback ride down crowds of men and women who were on strike because they could not live on \$3.00 a week in New Jersey. Those things and many others, — and I've seen the unions slowly change them until, in many places, the worker can almost hold his head straight up and say "Maybe I am a man." I hope to live long enough to see the time when the "Maybe" will be erased and every worker will dare to say and really mean it "I AM A MAN."

How To Write A Grievance

One of the main difficulties incurred at Union headquarters is the fact that committeemen or members in the shop do not give proper and sufficient information on grievance cases. As a result of this much extra time is lost before the grievance can be properly negotiated. There are certain facts needed on all cases and should always be included on the grievance form. The business agents in the office have no way of knowing them otherwise.

These facts are as follows: name and check number of complaints, length of service, skill, type of work performed, job rate, classification, length of time on job, foreman involved and if possible specific clauses of the contract on which the grievance is based. Also a foreman's written answer which the committeeman receives after making a written grievance to the foreman with a "specific request" for an answer in writing.

It should be remembered that there are many cases sent in to the Union office each day and if information is left out of your grievance, time consuming inquiries will have to be made with the result, someone else with just as important a grievance will have to wait for their answer that much longer.

Ballot Applications For Servicemen

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plan was passed providing for a Federal ballot if a service man's state agreed to use it.

Governor Dewey and the New York State Legislature have refused to use it and through a bill passed and signed by the Governor, a New York State War Ballot is provided for but available only if the service man complies with much red tape and complex restrictions. Otherwise he will be disfranchised. The law requires that every service man or service-woman make a SIGNED APPLICATION for a ballot and the application must reach the N. Y. State Ballot Commission "on or before September 1" and no later than October 16. It requires that BALLOTS be mailed to applicants "on or before September 7" and "thereafter." It requires that all fled-out ballots must reach the commission "no later than noon November 3rd." The way in time is about 8 weeks for those who apply early. It is less for those whose application reaches the Commission after September 1st.

The leadership of your Union appeals to every member who has a friend or relative in the service from New York State obtain one of these application cards which are printed with the proper return address and mail them at once. The boys who are fighting for their country have EARNED the right to vote. Let us see that this right is not denied them.

CAMELS JOIN UNION

Workers in the R. J. Reynolds Co. plant in Winston-Salem, N. C., have voted in an NLRB election for a CIO union to represent them. The operators of this, the largest cigarette factory in the world, conducted a vicious anti-union campaign but it was of no avail, so now Camels are (CIO)

— Legislative —
Committee Report

The newspapers are, daily, carrying "dope" stories and "inspired pessimism" about the poll tax repeal campaign. Actually, the entire Senate and all well-informed sources in Washington know that the three years of campaigning on this issue has, on the contrary, brought this bill, HR 7, high up on the list of essential current legislation in the Senate.

Public sentiment so overwhelmingly supports it, that the poll taxers fear they cannot successfully pull off their annual routine — to let the bill come up, then filibuster the Senate into a "gentleman's agreement" to kill the measure with one quiet vote, failing on cloture. They are trying to keep the bill from being called up in the Senate. Sen. M. Mead (D-NY) has promised to give leadership in this fight by calling up the measure and helping to steer it through the Senate. Every kind of back-door, desperate pressure is being brought to bear on Sen. Mead and on Dem. Party Leader, Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky) to delay and kill HR 7.

It was originally promised to the people for the last week in March. Then for this week. Now the heat has been turned on even more — and the date has been put off until April 24. In plain English, the American people are being given "a run around" by a tiny reactionary minority of poll tax bitter-enders. This fight has been going on, too long already. It must not be permitted to drag on any longer. (If it does not come up this month, with Congressional recesses or adjournment sure, and then elections, it is lost). Just that final push is needed — and the fight will be won.

Cost of Living Report Due May 1

WASHINGTON - (FP) - Chairman William H. Davis of the President's Committee on the Cost of Living said April 20 he expects to have a report from an advisory committee of statistical experts by May 1.

The committee has examined the reports of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the labor members of the President's committee and in addition will offer other statistical material on the subject, Davis said. Chairman of the advisory group is Prof. Wesley C. Mitchell of Columbia University. Others are Margaret G. Reid, senior economist, division of statistical standards, bureau of the budget and Simon S. Kuznets, Professor of economic statistics, University of Pennsylvania.

The BLS reported a rise of only 28.4 percent in the cost of living, while the labor members found it to be 43.5 percent for the same period: January 1941 to December 1943.

The BLS index is under sharp fire from all division of the labor movement in connection with labor's demand for revision of the Little Steel Formula.

Quadruplets in England and New York, triplets in New York, and reported quintuplets in Argentina — is this going to be an era of mass reproduction, too?

WAC Meet To Be Conducted by Sgt. Dorothy Freeman

One of the most interesting and informative meetings held at Local 301 headquarters during recent weeks was conducted Thursday, April 6, by Sgt. Dorothy Freeman of the WAC Recruiting Station in Albany. Sgt. Freeman was accompanied on her visit by Cpl. Arline Tracy.

The meeting was held under the sponsorship of the Women's Activities Committee and arranged by Mrs. Cora Rogers, Executive Board member of the local.

Official War Department sound movies were presented depicting the entire life and activities of the WAC after which Sgt. Freeman, an exceptionally effective and witty speaker, discussed the advantages which are offered women who enter this newest branch of the Army. Among these features she told of the opportunity of receiving specialist training which will fit a person for more remunerative employment after the war, the advantage of travel throughout the country with a chance of going overseas, fine physical training and conditioning, and also the same insurance and pay which the men in the regular Army receive. Sgt. Freeman told of the great need existing at the present time for women to take over non-combat duties which many of our men are holding in this country, by so doing they can be released for more important jobs overseas during the coming invasion.

Sgt. Freeman has an office in the Federal Postoffice Building in Albany, but is in Schenectady each Tuesday at the Van Currier Hotel from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. where she is glad to interview any woman who would like information regarding the WAC. Also she may be heard each Tuesday noon over radio station WSNY.

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Friedlander Elected Treasurer, Davis, Trustee at Sunday Meet. Committees and Action OK'd (Continued from Page 1)

of handling grievances with management and told that steps had been taken by the Executive Board and officers to improve the conditions. Also Financial Secretary, Marvin presented a detailed report on the financial affairs of the local.

Fort Edward + Plant +

Well readers, it isn't our policy to knock the management, but only give them a dig where we deem it necessary. Recently a new smoking den was set up for the men on the lower machine floor. Where did they put it, but right bang against an appealing furnace. Did someone say we wanted a Turkish bath?

Absenteeism is a pretty serious thing. In one section of our plant some of the girls along with the forelady have a sealed glass jar and each absentee has to drop a quarter in the pot. At some later date when the accumulation is large enough there will be a party and it looks as if the forelady is going to pay most of the expenses. Have a nice time girls!

The sixty-four dollar question is who is wrong, fifteen girls who flatly refuse to work for a certain forelady or the past performance of this forelady. Can fifteen girls be wrong?

Fellows who have had dealings with a certain time-study man are disappointed that he has discarded his cane. They were hoping for an opportunity to ungently displace it from under him.

The boys are busy building a recreation field on the company property. Everyone should pitch in — and help. Coach Harry Tibbetts has a fine looking bunch of softball players lined up and games will start as soon as the weather permits.

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RATIONING NOTE

Who says cops are tough? Chicago police of the Blue Island precinct have been ordered to refrain from eating lollipops while on duty.



Building 81—Activities—William Mastriani

Fred Schoeffler, one of our former Union brothers in Building 81, has sure kept his athletic ability since joining the Navy as word has reached yours truly that Fred recently won a Pan-American race in exceptionally fast time.

Your correspondent is still of the belief that Building 81 has more champs than any other section in the plant. The following are just a few of the "Champs" we have among us: Earl Peters, Schenectady city bowling king pin; Joe Scardino, city checker champ who is planning a tour of Army camps putting on exhibition of his skill; Tommy Riggi, one of the fastest stepping lightweight fighters in the Capital district; and above all, our Union committeemen who in my opinion are the best in the trade union movement. (Editor's note: As a representative of Campbell Avenue plant, we recognize and respect everything said by our Building 81 brother who has always done a real bang up job for the Union and the people he represents BUT Campbell Avenue will reply in the next issue.) The dissatisfaction of the girls on the 75 Watt wheel is due to ventilation and other unfavorable conditions and we recognize their complaint as being well justified. It is our intention girls, to do everything possible to get the company moving and do something to rectify it. We appeal to every person in Building 81 to attend the Blood Donor Rally scheduled to be held in the very near future and to kindly respond by donating a pint of their blood so that our wounded brothers overseas will be able to return to this free land of theirs, alive. People who are being transferred and laid off for the lack of work find it difficult to figure out why in the middle of this war, a company like GE should have a lack of work! It just doesn't add up.

The Wage stabilization Committee in Building 81 is comprised of the following people: Al Davis, S. Fazio, T. Riggi and F. Raggiaci. Get behind these people and help them really put our important 17c an hour increase and price stabilization across.

Building 10A—Rose Carbone Betty Bartlett, Mary Pigeon and Susan Docherty have returned to work after being on the sick list.

We extend good wishes of the department to F. D. Carr who has left for service in the Navy.

We welcome J. E. Canarpe to our group

Building 46—Troy Snipes 46-3 gave a party for K. Hartman and P. Wait recently. These two men will leave shortly for the armed forces. So far 390 from Building 46 have left to fight for their Uncle Sam.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Ethel Gann, 46-4 Lathe department, who received word that her husband First Lieutenant Ralph Gann, was reported as missing at the Anzio Beachhead in Italy. Lieut. Gann left for overseas duty in May, 1943.

A Thought for Today Life is like a big round ball Rolling steadily every day, With God picking here and there Taking His own away. Day by day we stop and wonder As we kneel and pray, Will we be here another year Or will God take us away.

George Pendleburg Donates Blood For the Eighth Term (Continued from Page 1)

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