

LOCAL 301 NEWS

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OVER 500 ATTEND "MEDICARE" RALLY

On Wednesday evening, more than 500 persons attended a Medicare Rally in the Local 301 Auditorium.

The principal speaker was Ivan A. Nestingen, Under-Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. President John Shambo and Business Agent Leo Jandreau also spoke on behalf of the King-Anderson Bill which provides medical care for the aged under Social Security.

Both President Shambo and Business Agent Jandreau were highly critical of the tactics and charges of the AMA leveled against the King-Anderson Bill solely for the purpose of creating an adverse public reaction.

Jandreau stated that he was very much concerned over pressures used by the American Medical Association on legislators... "The AMA with its millions of dollars for lobbying purposes evidently has had an effect" commented the Business Agent.

Shambo, who is County Chairman of a committee endorsing the Medicare bill, said that the "AMA is charging that the King-Anderson Bill is socialized medicine". This, said Shambo, is a "scare slogan"... "It is not true".

Contrary to the AMA's charges that the King-Anderson Bill will tend to lead to socialized medicine, Nestingen declared, "Anyone taking the time to read this proposal, which has been subjected to an unremitting campaign of distortion and untruth, will realize that socialized medicine is completely foreign to its provisions, individually and collectively". He elaborated by saying that "the services of private physicians are excluded from the Bill". The plan does not provide the payment of the bills of the patient's own doctor, regardless of where the doctor's services are performed, asserted Nestingen.

Nestingen went on to say that the Bill would not limit a patient's freedom in choosing his doctor or hospital, nor interfere in any way with the doctor-patient relationship.

The principal speaker thanked the committee for the opportunity of speaking on behalf of the King-Anderson Bill.

NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP-STEWARDS MEETING

Monday, May 21, 1962

2nd shift.....1:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd.....7:30 p.m.

Regular Order of Business
Reports of Committees

Union Auditorium
121 Erie Boulevard

PLANS NEARLY COMPLETE FOR MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION

The Chairman of Local 301's Activities Committee, J. Drozdowski has announced that preparations for the Mortgage Burning Celebration are in the final stages.

The Committee has extended the deadline reservations to Fri., May 18. This decision was made in order to give all of our members an opportunity to attend. About 600 reservations have already been accepted for the affair. Pres. John Shambo will act in the role of Toastmaster. Principal speaker will be Bus. Agent Leo Jandreau.

Music will be provided by Charles Fritschler's orchestra, a member of Local 85, American Federation of Musicians. Tickets are \$2.00 per person. Each member is allowed to purchase a maximum of two tickets.

WAGER TO HEAD 301 COPE DRIVE

Board Member John Wager was selected by Local 301's Executive Board to head this year's "COPE" campaign.

The month of May has been designated as "COPE Dollar Drive Month". The Committee will be composed of representatives from each department in the plant.

The drive in our Local will be deferred until the latter part of this month due to other activities presently under way.

Our COPE dollars will be used to help elect good candidates who will pass good laws, which, in turn, will raise the living standard of all working people.

We have an administration this year which is friendly to labor; therefore, it is most important to elect a liberal Congress which will enact progressive legislation.

Liberal candidates do not get the solid financial backing for campaign purposes as do their conservative opponents who have no difficulty in obtaining funds.

John M. Redding, Treasurer of the Democratic National Congressional Committee, estimates a campaign in a large congressional district will cost a liberal candidate from \$25,000 to \$50,000. It's \$15,000 to \$25,000 in a small city-rural district.

Voluntary COPE dollars will aid good candidates in helping to pay for TV and radio time, billboard and newspaper advertising, campaign literature and other expenses relative to the campaign.

COPE Director, James McDevitt of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Action, says: "The outcome of the important November Congressional elections may well be decided now, six months in advance. The extent of our participation in the elections will be determined by the amount of voluntary dollars our members contribute to COPE".

All seats in the House, 38 Senate seats and 35 governorships are at stake this year. But what really is at stake, says Director McDevitt, "is the kind of government we get for the next two years, at least".

The following news items appeared in the May issue of "Political Memo" published by "COPE":

WELL, WE CAN'T BE RIGHT ALL THE TIME

"A free market provides a public offering of goods and services, (cont'd. next column)

FOUNDRY CASE SETTLED

A long-standing case in Bldg. 95, which has been a bone of contention between the Company and the Molders for some time, has been brought to a satisfactory settlement.

The Molders complained that they were unable to make their money due to the fact that excessive extra work was not included in the P.W. Tables. At the end of each week this cooperative P.W. group would find themselves several hundred dollars short of their normal turn-in. At this point, the Shop Steward would spend several hours arguing with the foreman for enough money to make up the shortage.

At a second step meeting the conclusion was reached that this extra work was always a part of the job and should be included in the prices. The Company agreed to try to correct this job but after a period of several weeks there was no improvement in the situation.

The case was then referred to the N.Y. Level and a short time later the Company requested its withdrawal from the N.Y. Level. They also requested that the case be referred back to the Shop Steward and Foreman of the group for further discussion. A few days later the Shop Steward reported to Union Headquarters that the case had been settled along the lines which had been requested. Furthermore, this agreement was given to him in writing. As a result of this, the group is now happy and they are making their money.

We wish to compliment Shop Steward Luft for the outstanding job he did in arriving at a proper settlement.

competing freely for public patronage."--George Koether, public relations dept., U.S. Steel, quote in Wall St. Journal, April 23, 1962.

"In a competitive economy such as ours, there is one basic rule which every company must follow: the business that doesn't remain competitive doesn't remain in business."--L.B. Worthington, Pres., U.S. Steel, U.S. Steel News, April, 1962.

"U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Indicted as Price Fixers."--headline, N.Y. Times, April 27, 1962.

THAT'S TRUE, BUT WHY NOT SOME OF THE TIME?

"Profits in the American steel industry are caught in a vise."--U.S. Steel News, April 1962.

"U.S. Steel Shows Rise in Earnings."--headline, N.Y. Times, April 25, 1962.