

## THE INFLATION BUG-A-BOO

It was very interesting to note the "reasons" given by GE for this bugaboo called, "Inflation", in the Works News dated July 10, 1959.

One reason they cite is the "rising costs of production which go up faster than the output of goods and services, forcing prices up". Another is "Government Spending".

No mention is made, however, of the real reasons for Inflation which are excessive prices and profits.

Let's take a look at the figures:

GE raised its prices from 1956 to 1957 by 6½%. Total labor costs for that period (including all executives salaries, profit-sharing, bonuses, all increased costs, and all additional non-production employees costs, plus \$250 million spent on research and development) increased \$68.5 million. Profits before taxes increased \$86 million.

Thus by the increased prices, GE not only covered the increased labor costs but made an additional \$86 million profit!

### Waving the Red Flag

What about this frightening bugaboo, inflation? This doom and gloom that GE warns will fall upon us all if further wage increases or employment security demands are granted?

Certainly, no one will argue that a highly inflated economy is a good thing.

The test questions for a healthy economy are: "How close are we to full employment?" and "How many people can afford a decent standard of living?"

Many of us can remember when there was no inflation...when bread cost 5¢ a loaf, butter was 25¢ a lb., when a dime or a dollar went a long way...but how many people in those days had that dime or dollar?

There are millions more tables today which are set regularly with butter costing 85 or 95 cents a lb. than there were when it was only a quarter.

GE is using "inflation" as a "scare word". It is a technique of propagandists called "waving the red flag"....a red flag is waved in front of the bull to induce him to expend his energies lunging at it and not at his "real enemy", the bull-fighter. So, too, the word inflation is used over and over again by GE to divert our attention from the real economic dangers facing the country.....  
**UNEMPLOYMENT, LACK OF JOB SECURITY, AND LOSS OF PURCHASING POWER.**

MEMBERSHIP-STEWARDS MEETING  
JULY 20, 1959  
2nd Shift -- 1:00 p.m.  
1st & 3rd -- 7:30 p.m.  
UNION AUDITORIUM - 121 Erie

## PRICES ON LARGE STEAM GENERATORS CUT BY GE

We'd like to take this opportunity to commend GE on its recent announcement to reduce prices on its large steam turbine-generator units. We hope that this will prove to be a step forward in obtaining full employment at Schenectady.

W.E. Saupe, general manager of the company's large steam turbine-generator department, stated that the price reduction applies to units rated 200,000 kilowatts and larger as follows:

Rating	Reductions \$ Per Kilowatt
200,000	1.0
250,000	1.5
300,000	2.0
350,000	2.5
400,000	3.0
450,000	3.25
500,000	3.5
600,000	4.0

In addition, Saupe said that the department's contract price adjustment clause has been modified so as to waive the first 2½ per cent increase in prices resulting from present bureau of labor statistics formula each year during the life of each sales contract.

Saupe noted that the turbine-generator price reductions and the revision in the price adjustment clause are the result of engineering design innovations on these larger rated turbine-generator units and improvements made in manufacturing techniques.

### \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO PAUL GRAZIADÉ

A \$1,000 Scholarship Award will be presented to Paul Graziade of 8 Marshall St., Albany, N.Y., at our July 20th Membership Meeting by Local 301, IUE.

Paul, the proud son of Rock and Esther Graziade, recently graduated from the Vincentian Institute where he was an outstanding student with an average high in the 90's. He also will receive a scholarship of \$350. from the Knights of Columbus to further his education at Notre Dame University. His father, Rock, is a cable splicer at GE who has been employed by the company for 16 years.

Best of luck to you, Paul, from Local 301, and may you graduate from Notre Dame at the top of the class!

### IUD PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT TO STEELWORKERS (continued from front page)

The IUD stands firmly with the United Steelworkers of America in its battle for economic justice and industrial democracy. It serves notice that it considers the Steelworkers' interest the same as its own. It calls upon the industry to enter into good faith bargaining now in accordance with the requirements of law and good sense.

# LOCAL 301 NEWS

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Frank Masterson presents award to Paul Graziade as his father Rock and President John Shambo look on. Paul plans to attend Notre Dame University in the Fall.

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The judging was done by members of the Board of Education and the Scholarship Committee. The decision was approved unanimously by the membership at the July 20th meeting.

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## Alert Steward = Rate Increase

The alertness of Steward Cadger and Board Member DeLorenzo in behalf of a union member was demonstrated last week.

A man working on the "Checker Quality Control Job" felt that extra duties had been added to his job making it worth more money. Board Member DeLorenzo in conjunction with Steward Cadger got in touch with Union Headquarters who agreed after hearing of the new duties added to the job that it merited a one step increase. The Board Member at this point was advised to file a grievance requesting a rate increase. Gas Turbine management agreed to make an investigation and comparison with other similar jobs in the plant. A few days later realizing that the Union was right in their request for a rate increase, the Company agreed to an immediate one step increase retroactive to the date of the case.

## "LABOR LOOKS AT THE NEWS"

— WSNY 1240 — SAT. 6:45 P.M. —

### IN MEMORIAM

The Union Wishes to Express its sympathy to his family

on the passing of

JOHN D. SMITH

Former Trustee

and Board Member

He Will Be Missed



# "Forty New Jobs"

By CHARLES SCOTT

In Gelectricady there is a group of merchants who call themselves the "Room of Trade." This group took firm, forthright positions on all that happened in Gelectricady—that is right after they found out the position the Allpurpose Lightning Company was taking.

The way they followed the Allpurpose Lightning Company's policy was a wondrous thing to behold. When the Allpurpose Lightning said "Labor organizations are bad", the "Room of Trade" spokesman also had a public statement to make which, strange to say, was "Labor organizations are bad."

When Allpurpose Lightning Company had fully developed their policy of praising their employees when they were good and chastising them when they were bad, the "Room of Trade" boys thought this was indeed the most wonderful way of dealing with people since time began! They kept repeating to themselves, "Praise 'em when they're good and

and condemn them when they're bad."

They thought that now at last they had reached the "Utopian State", never needing to think again for themselves or make any public statement that could be twisted around to mean criticism of management in any form. This "Utopian" peace of mind went along for quite a while. The "Room of Trade" made little or few public statements because the Allpurpose Lightning Company was moving jobs from Gelectricady and following the Allpurpose "line", and this meant the "Room of Trade" would have to condemn the Allpurpose Company for causing hardships to the community.

One member of the "Room of Trade" even went so far as to say in secret session that perhaps we should at least ask the Allpurpose Lightning Company what their intentions are, but he was quickly silenced and looked upon as a troublemaker. The head man of the "Room of Trade" told his band to wait and the Allpurpose Lightning Company will do something we can cheer and sure enough they did!

After cutting the jobs in the Gelectricady plant by 10,000 in the bargaining unit alone, the most

wonderous thing happened—the Allpurpose Lightning Company announced they would bring back to Gelectricady 40 jobs in the office. When the "Room of Trade" men heard this, their joy was unrestrained. They hastened to the local press and made public statements acclaiming that indeed the Allpurpose Lightning Company was a public benefactor, because they thought so much of Gelectricady that had brought back 40 jobs, leaving only an approximate loss of 19,960 jobs!

The one malcontent in the "Room of Trade" group asked—"But why didn't we condemn the Allpurpose Lightning Company when they moved all those jobs out if we praise them when the Company brings a few back?" The head of the "Room of Trade" told the group, "Pretend you didn't hear those traitorous remarks", and from that point on the malcontent was placed at the foot of the table at the weekly dinners and any statements he made were completely ignored.

The moral of this story is: "Praise 'em when they're good and condemn 'em when they're bad except when it concerns the Allpurpose Lightning Company!"

## \$100 Dollars In Prizes Offered In Sesqui Beard Growing Contest

SCHENECTADY—One hundred dollars in prizes await the Schenectady county man who grows the best beard, mustache, or sideburn by Sesqui Spectacade Week, Aug. 22 through 29.

Angelo Dellario, owned of Lafayette Clothes, said yesterday that he would award a \$100 gift certificate to the county resident who is adjudged to be the "best beard, mustache, or sideburn grower" of the county.

Judging will be on Aug. 29 with the Sesquicentennial Queen presiding over the competition.

"Most men," Dellario explained, "have always wanted to grow a beard, mustache or sideburns. Now they have a reason with \$100 in gifts as a goal."

Dellario said that if other merchants are interested in providing gifts for the contest to heighten incentive they are welcome to join him as a co-sponsor. "We want as much participation as possible," he added.

The only requirement for en-

tering the contest is membership in one of the "Dapper Dan" Booster Clubs which are springing up through-out the county. The rest of the rules are easy. Just put aside your razor for the next five weeks and let the beard, mustache or sideburns grow.

"But men who plan to enter the contest had better start to develop their growths now," he said, "since only five weeks remain until judging."

Beard growing, mustaches, or sideburns are not mandatory as part of the celebration," Dellario pointed out, "but I think a contest along this line would provide a new outlet for men to get into the sesqui spirit.

## Area Industry Faces Shortage In Metals Crafts

The state labor department reports that each year from now until 1965 about 140 skilled metal crafts workers in the Schenectady-Albany-Troy area will leave their jobs permanently.

Over the same period, the labor department reports, the number of trainee graduates replacing these skilled workers will be only about 89 per cent.

These figures include bench machinists, tool and die makers and metal working machine hands.

It is estimated that at least 2,900 additional skilled metal workers will be needed throughout the state during the next six years, merely to replace those leaving the work force by retirement or death.

## Leadership Courses To Resume In Fall



Dave Gunn is presented with diploma by President John Shambo upon completion of 20 hour Leadership Course crammed into four 5 hour sessions last month. A total of 38 students graduated from the sessions. Oct. 5th will mark the continuation of a much broader educational program which will include many more stewards and members interested in attending. No last time was involved in the Leadership Training.

## Hotels Okay 35-Hour Week

Reportedly for "the first time anywhere" in the hotel industry, the 35-hour week has been introduced in this city's hotels in a three-year contract extension signed by the Hotel Trades Council, representing 35,000 union workers and the Hotel Association of New York City, representing 190 hotels.

The extension also called for wage boosts, improved holidays and vacations and increased welfare fund payments. The wage increases will be retroactive to last June 1.

## GET CROOKS. NOT UNIONS!

"We support legislation that will get at the crooks.

"We oppose legislation which will do harm to the trade union movement."

With these words, AFL-CIO President George Meany summarized labor's opposition to the so-called "labor reform" bill passed by the Senate.

The Senate's amendments changed the bill (S.1555) from one which would have aided the trade union movement in its campaign against corruption into a measure which could do grave and irreparable harm to clean, decent American unions.

This leaflet outlines the evils of this bill and summarizes the legislation the AFL-CIO seeks.

## Defend Your Union

Reactionary employers are trying to destroy your union.

They don't want to get the crooks. They like doing business with the crooks.

Unless you join this fight now they can block labor's battle against corruption. They can pass laws that will drastically weaken your union.

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN TODAY

Tell him you want to get at the crooks. Tell him you won't stand for a law that hurts your union.

Tell him you want honest labor-management reform—not labor ruin.

Where to Write

Rep. Samuel S. Stratton,

House Office Building

Washington 25, D. C.

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"LABOR LOOKS AT THE NEWS"  
SATURDAY EVENINGS — 6:45-7:00 P. M.  
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## Union Meal

NEW YORK — The Hatters have shown great interest in Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell's comment at the Washington unemployment conference of the AFL-CIO that he would eat his hat if there were more than three million unemployed by next October.

Comments the Hat Worker: "And make sure it's a union hat."