

THOSE WHO BLAME LABOR FOR INFLATION

Nearly all economists agree that the nation, on an over-all basis, increases its productivity about two to three per cent a year. The argument used by the anti-labor forces is that wages should not be allowed to advance any faster than that.

But nothing is said about the base of the wages being discussed. Nothing is said about the large percentage of the American people who are still unemployed and therefore have no wages. Nothing is said about the cheap wages paid to millions of our citizens in unorganized areas in the South, for example.

Nothing is said about the poverty and degradation that stalks through the chronically depressed areas of the richest nation on earth.

Nothing, of course, is said about the huge salaries, dividends and bonuses that are paid to corporation executives, such as the earnings of the president of a large steel firm, which exceeded \$500,000 last year.

We wonder just how a corporation executive increases his productivity to the point where he is worth more than \$500,000 a year while the workers in his mills may be lucky if they are taking home 100th part of that figure annually.

Most of all, nothing is said about profits. There is never any mention of the fact--and it is a fact--that in the administered (fixed) price industries, where competition is held to a minimum, prices are invariably boosted without regard to demand and supply.

The anti-labor forces never mention the virtual disappearance in our economic society of the free market.

Oh, no! It's all labor's fault, they say. And something should be done to slap labor down, break up national and international unions, prohibit nation-wide collective bargaining, throw union leaders in jail and otherwise beat organized labor into a corner.

Just one question occurs to us at this point. Where do these anti-labor forces think the markets are going to come from for the goods produced by American industry unless American workers have high wages so that they, themselves, can buy them?

There is no question but that the American economy has the ability to employ all citizens who are willing and able to work and to employ them at decent wages and working conditions. The problem is really one of equitable distribution of the fruits of our economy among all the people. There are those who would grab it all for themselves. But organized labor in America has neither the power nor the inclination to grab it all. Labor does demand its just share of the bounty. As John L. Lewis has so ably expressed it: "I am among those who do not believe that God ever put an idea in the mind of an inventor for the sole advantage of an employer."

XMAS PARTY DEADLINE - DEC. 4TH !

ALL NAMES OF UNION MEMBERS' CHILDREN WHO PLAN TO ATTEND LOCAL 301'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY MUST BE IN THE UNION OFFICE NOT LATER THAN DEC. 4TH, 1959.... CONTACT YOUR STEWARD NOW!!

(Children up to and including 12 yrs. of age are invited.)

WINNERS ON WSNY

The lucky winners of Blue Stamps awarded on our morning "Guys and Gals in the Shop" program for last week are listed as follows:

Connie Janack, Office
2,400 Blue Stamps
Helen Bartowski, #5
3,600 Blue Stamps

Those whose names were called and failed to answer were: John O'Dill, Fred Fagle, Jim Wilson, John Frymas, all from Knolls; Dolores Lombardi, Anne Mattice, Pat Slade, Office; Walt Redznak, #52; Ira Haring, #66; Ed Smith, #5; Anne Beauregard, #5; A. Fries, Jr., George Lawrence, Paul Moran, #273; Frank Siudy, Ed Brophy, #269; Chet Podbielski, #40; E.L. Kolodzinski, #107; Larry Wilkins, #16; P. Sipone, J. Grabo, #285.

BE SURE TO SEND YOUR NAME IN! !

COMMUNION BREAKFAST-NOV. 29TH

THE NOON-HOUR ROSARY GROUP will hold a Communion Breakfast for all members of the plant on Sunday, Nov. 29th, at the Knights of St. John on Sch'dy. St., at 9:00 a.m. An 8:00 a.m. Mass will be held at the St. Columbus Church the same morning. Tickets can be obtained from Bill Mastriani.

NOTE: This notice which appeared in the last issue of our paper on Nov. 20th, stated in error that the Communion Breakfast was for LM&G only. We regret any misunderstandings which this may have caused.

SAVEWAY PANEL DISCUSSION, SAT. ON "LABOR LOOKS AT THE NEWS"

"Labor Looks at the News", sponsored by Local 301, IUE, will present a group of trade unionists on its weekly program on WSNY, Sat., at 6:45 p.m., to discuss the facts leading up to the present Saveway Supermarkets labor difficulties.

Tune in on WSNY - 1240 on your dial and get the information straight "from the horse's mouth"....

REMEMBER

Shop Steward Elections - Dec. 3rd & 4th
Executive Bd. Elections - Dec. 10th & 11th

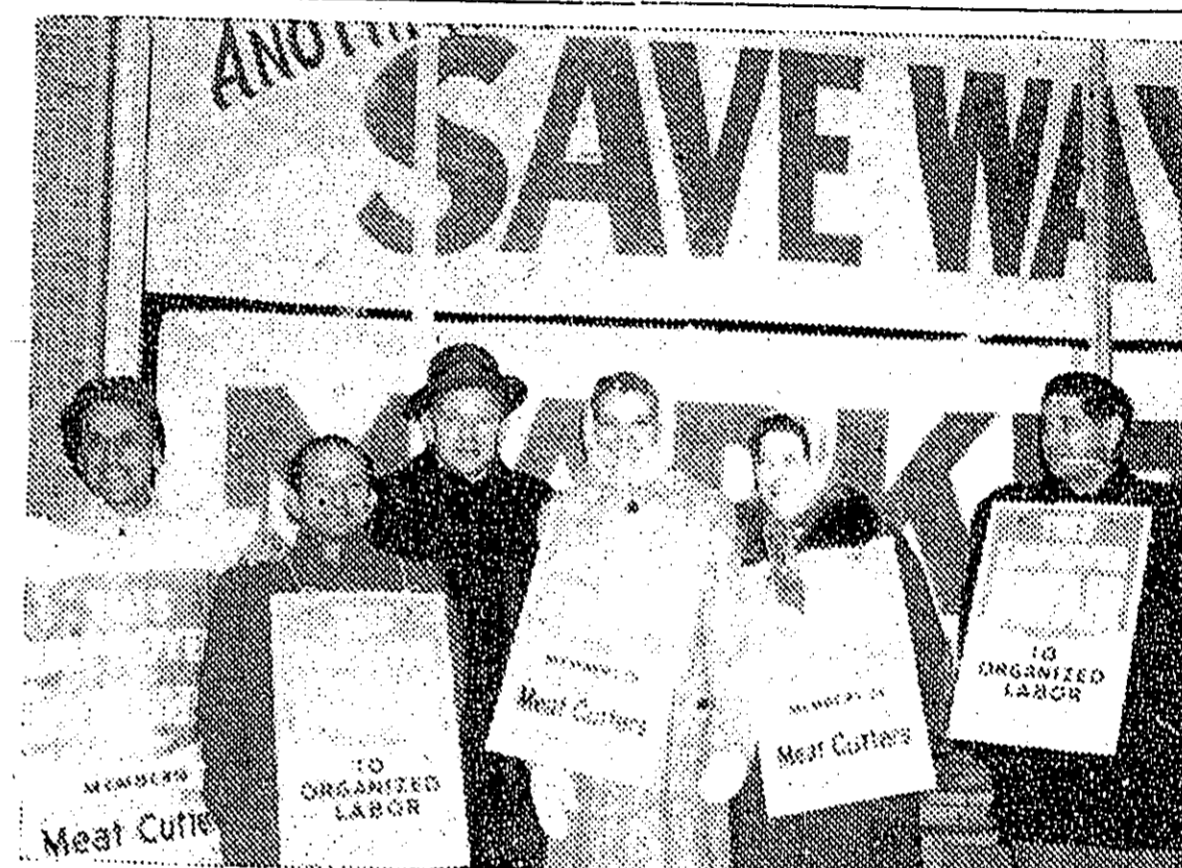
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LOCAL 301 NEWS

IUE AFL-CIO

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Area AFL-CIO Merge; Solidarity Noted



BACK AGAIN? Pickets from District Union #1, Amalgamated Meatcutters Butcherworkmen, and Affiliated Crafts may take to the lines again if new agreement by Saveway Supermarkets is not kept "in good faith."

Delegates from 33 International Labor Organizations, representing 44 local unions voted to merge the AFL and CIO forces in the Schenectady Area on Wednesday evening at the IUE Hall in Schenectady.

The newly formed organization will be known as the Central Labor Council of the Schenectady Area, which will include all AFL-CIO locals in Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Schoharie and Schenectady Counties. The total membership is approximately 25,000 members.

Officers Elected

Leo Jandreau, of Local 301 IUE, was elected President of the new organization; Robert Golden, Carpenters & Joiners, Vice-President; Joseph Badulucco, Barbers' Union, Executive Secretary; David Danzig, Steelworkers, Secretary-Treasurer; Anthony DeLoretto, IAM, Sgt. at Arms; and John Sulliff, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Fred Krokenberger, Textile Workers; and Elmer Irvine, Carpenters and Joiners were elected as trustees.

Members of the new Executive Board are: Bill Donlon, Typographical Union; Harry Wagner, Painters; Gus Klute, Postal Employees; Anthony Barbari, Steelworkers; Sam Kappell, Insurance; Stuart Holland, Textile; Harold Christman, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; James Cognetta, IUE; Harriet Pease, Teachers' Union; Ed Ligget, I.B.E.W.; and

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"LABOR LOOKS AT THE NEWS"

Dial 1240 - WSNY

Sponsored by Local 301, IUE
Every Sat. 6:45-7:00 P.M.

Steward Elections Now in Progress

Today, December 4th, 1959, is the wind-up date to elect your Shop Steward... so be sure to vote for the man of your choice. "The Steward elections which began yesterday have been going along smoothly, according to schedule, and announcement of the results will be made as soon after each election as possible", stated Lary Gebro, Chairman of the Election Committee. "I would also like to commend everyone on the committee for a job well done", he continued. (Due to some delays it might be necessary to continue some elections into Saturday and the early part of next week.)

Pat Lombardi, secretary, has also announced that the election for Executive Board Members will take place on Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 11, 1959.

The Union's Constitution requires that Shop Stewards' elections take place at least one week

prior to the election of Executive Board Members.

The elections of Executive Board Members will be held at Union Headquarters. The elected Shop Stewards in each respective section shall vote by secret ballot, electing one to act as a Board Member representing that section.

While the Shop Steward elections are held annually, the election of Executive Board Members is for a two-year term of office. The Officers of the local union are elected for a two-year term of office. Their election was held last year and election for Officers will take place again in December of 1960.

IUE-CIO LOCAL 301 NEWS

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AFL-CIO MERGER

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Paul Canders, Sheetmetal Workers.

Their aim is to establish this Council through the merger of the Schenectady Federation of Labor, AFL and the Schenectady Area Industrial Unions Council, CIO is an expression of the hopes and aspirations of the working people of America.

They seek the fulfillment of these hopes and aspirations through democratic processes within the framework of our constitutional government and consistent with our institutions and traditions.

At the collective bargaining table, in the community, in the exercise of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, they shall responsibly serve the interests of all the American people.

They pledge themselves to the more effective organization of working men and women; to the securing to them of full recognition and enjoyment of the rights to which they are justly entitled; to the attainment of security for all the people; to the enjoyment of the leisure which their skills make possible; and to the strengthening and extension of our way of life and the fundamental freedoms which are the basis of our democratic society.

They shall combat resolutely the forces which seek to undermine the democratic institutions of our nation and to enslave the human soul. They shall strive always to win full respect for the dignity of the human individual whom our unions serve.

With divine guidance, grateful for the fine traditions of our past, confident of meeting the challenge of the future, they proclaim this constitution.

EDITORIAL:

WHAT THE STRIKE COST?

In answer to a recent article in the Schenectady GE News entitled: "What the Strike Cost" . . . we'd like to point out that the cost cannot be measured in dollars and cents . . .

The gains which were won by labor through the years were won with the sweat, blood and sacrifice of millions of American working men and women, many of whom gave up their very lives in order to free themselves from the shackles of slave labor, the "company stores", and the abuses of Big Business. It was a hard and bitter up-hill struggle all the way.

In recent years, the National Association of Manufacturers and other anti-labor organizations have been trying to whittle away these gains little by little with every means at their disposal . . . through legislative activities, political campaigns and long, forced strikes. They have tried to foster dis-unity, mistrust of union officials and encourage strike-breaking and union-busting tactics wherever possible.

THE REAL ISSUE in the present Steel Dispute is not monetary . . . it is the insistence of the Big Steel Corporations to "take away" practically all the gains labor has made over the past 25 years and to force the working men and women in their plants to accept the same abuses which they fought so hard to rid themselves of over the years.

One Stroke of the Pen

With one stroke of the pen, the Steel Companies want to wipe out all the working rules contained in the union contract . . . and if they succeed with the Steelworkers . . . the rest of the unions in our Country can expect the same kind of treatment.

THE STEELWORKERS have become the rallying point of the entire Labor Movement . . . Their fate will be our fate . . . their losses will be our losses . . . their gains will be our gains . . .

It all proves that in the labor movement:

- * "No man can afford to stand alone"
* One step backward today — means 10 steps backward tomorrow.
* A stroke of the pen cannot erase 28 years of progress.
* The labor movement is an integral part of the American way of life and is HERE TO STAY.

The willingness of the Steelworkers to remain out on strike for a period of 116 days also proves that there is MORE PRINCIPLE IN THE WORKING CLASS THAN THERE IS IN BIG BUSINESS.

Listen For Your Name On WSNY; 6:40 A.M. — You May Be a Winner!

Every morning at 6:40 A.M. on WSNY Radio (1240 on your dial) the names of four or five "Men in the Shop" (and women) and their building numbers will be announced. The first one whose name is called, or any member of his family, who phones in to WSNY, EXpress 3-1771, will win 1200 blue stamps. So get a pad and pencil and keep that phone number handy. Names, Bldg. numbers and personal news can be sent to Art Christopher at the Union Office.

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS were: Art Vieno, #85; Mario Bagnette, #52; Elmer Collis, #285.

Cutter Grinders' Strike Fund Started

Stewards Van Schaick (2nd shift) and Stevens (1st) recently reported that the Cutter Grinders have voted in favor of a strike fund in preparation for the coming year ahead.

The Strike Fund was organized on November 10, 1959, by 32 members of the above mentioned department. An election of officers was held and a set of by-laws was adopted.

H. Morse was elected as President, J. Derkowski as treasurer, and F. Batzinger as the secretary. A signing of the by-laws and an initiation fee of 50c constitutes membership in the organization.

Below is a brief outline of some of the by-laws adopted: Each member to hold his own pay book, the master ledger to be audited

Where's That Xmas Spirit?

Out of 400 sign-up sheets for your children's names for the Annual Christmas Party, only 43 have been returned at the time of this writing. This is indeed a very poor showing.

every six months, payments for seven weeks in the event of a strike, no money lost for terminated workers, if 4 weeks in arrears member can be dropped by 2/3 vote (to show the group is not running a deposit and withdrawal account), 2/3 membership vote constitutes a quorum, a 2/3 quorum vote needed for any decisions and no money will be paid to scabs.

From reports reaching the union office, it appears that many groups throughout the plants are likewise forming little strike funds of their own . . . "just in case."

The Activities Committee has been working 'round the clock to insure a "Very Merry Christmas" for your children . . . a day that they all look forward to and one that they'll always remember . . .

Also, over 400 give-a-way books were issued to stewards and Board Members . . . to date, only 75 have been returned. The deadline for names of children who want to attend the party is Friday, December 4th, 1959!

On the other hand, expecting a last minute rush, the Activities Committee has ordered 6,700 toys, plus candy and other items necessary to insure a "good time for all."

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held at the IUE Auditorium on Saturday and Sunday, December 19th and 20th, 1959. Santa will be on hand to greet the kiddies and taped interviews will be made for our weekly radio program, "Labor Looks at the News" which appears every Saturday morning on WSNY—1240 on your dial at 6:45 P.M.

Five \$100 certificates will be given away as Christmas presents to the holders of the lucky tickets at our December Membership Meeting . . . so contact your Steward right now and get your tickets . . . Also, be sure to turn in the names of your children (up to and including 12 years of age) to your Steward on or before December 4th; if you want to get them in on the fun!

IUE Contributions to Steelworkers: \$200,000 — Local 301, \$5,114.31!

The International IUE proudly announces that a total of \$200,000 (to date) has been forwarded to the United Steelworkers of America . . . Local 301, too, is to be commended for having forwarded \$5,114.31 as its share in this labor-wide endeavor to help the Steelworkers and their families in their courageous struggle against the Big Steel Companies.

President James Carey of the IUE International said, "We have every reason to be gratified and proud, as I am sure you are, with this excellent record. The \$200,000 as you already know, has had two sources: First, contributions totaling \$100,000 from the IUE-

AFL-CIO Strike Fund, and second, \$100,000 representing one-day's pay per month from the Officers and membership of all the IUE Locals.

One cause for the sense of gratification we can feel is the fact that we are reciprocating the magnificent help — more than \$700,000 in contributions and loans —which the Steelworkers extended to us in our crucial 156-day struggle against the Westinghouse Electric Corp., in 1955-56, Carey further stated.

Letters received by our International from the Steelworkers show very clearly how much the IUE's support is appreciated.

Report Condemns Attack on Labor

The antilabor GOP-Dixiecrat coalition's major target for extinction is "our industrial organizations," IUD Pres. Walter P. Reuther charged in his recent report to the IUD's Third Constitutional Convention.

The charge was made in an opening section of the report, entitled, "The Attack of Industrial Labor." Other sections of the report dealt with the national economy, problems of jurisdiction, IUD activity for the past two years, IUD administration and finances, and future Department work.

Reuther stated in the report that big business is greeting "today's new industrial revolution with an attempt to restore the speedup." He declared that indus-

trial labor will not "permit" this to happen.

The IUD president also noted that labor's collective bargaining contracts were a major stabilizing force during the recession. He pointed to the lingering unemployment as an indication of the misuse of today's high labor productivity.

In the section dealing with economy, the IUD head stated that "investment booms and bursts touch off recessions," charged that Administration monetary fiscal and tax policies are geared to the creation of imbalances between production and consumption, and stated that improved income distribution is the key to economic progress.



XMAS PARTY DEADLINE For Children's Names — Dec. 4th —

SEE YOUR STEWARD RIGHT NOW!