

# ONLY 60 DAYS TO GO IN CONGRESS!

## LEGAL CLINIC AT UNION OFFICE MONDAYS 9 AM to 11 AM, 2 PM to 5 PM

Among other services provided for members of Local 301 IUE is a Legal Clinic. The clinic is maintained at the Local Union office and is open to all members of the Union between the hours of 9 A.M. to 11 A.M., and 2 P.M. and 5 P.M. every Monday.

Union members may avail themselves of the services of the Union attorneys in Workmen's Compensation cases and other legal matters.

## MEMBER GETS BACK PAY AND JOB RESTORATION

Recently Steward Ricciardi of the MAC Dept. filed a grievance protesting that a woman worker, who formerly was a hand tapper, had been bypassed and shorter service women had been hired for the hand taping job.

At a second step meeting with Coordinator Christman and Board Member Koral negotiating for the Union, the Company agreed to place her on a taping job. Later on they reneged on this agreement and the case was referred to the N.Y. Level for further discussion. At this point, the Company either had a change of heart or had a closer look at the case, because they then changed their minds and placed her on the hand taping job. However, there was a little matter of back pay which

was still left up in the air. Further negotiations with the Company resulted in \$41.70 make-up money for this woman.

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Please enroll me as a member in the NAACP for 1960. Enclosed is \$2.00.

## EMPLOYMENT LAG PUNCTURES 'PROSPERITY' CLAIM

WASHINGTON—Two straws in the wind indicate that economic conditions, despite claimed "prosperity," are showing a continuing employment lag.

First, the number of workers filing initial claims for unemployment compensation during the week ending Apr. 23 rose by 21 percent over the comparable week of 1959, the AFL-CIO Department of Research has pointed out.

In the comparable week of 1959, there were 235,295 initial claims filed. This total was eclipsed by the 284,803 initial claims filed in the same week this year.

The total of insured unemployed—not to be confused with the total unemployed, on which figures soon will be released by the U. S. Department of Labor—totaled 2,126,958 for the week ending Apr. 16. This represented a nine and one-half percent rise over the 1,941,089 for the same week of 1959.

During the next sixty days the 86th Congress must write its record.

To date it is a record of failure. In four months of this session only one piece of major legislation has been enacted—a civil rights law so feeble and so limited in scope that its value is dubious.

If Congress is to make a record of constructive accomplishment before the national political conventions, it must buckle down to the major unfinished business on its calendar.

America and her people need action. The roll-call of positive legislative measures still unresolved by this Congress and desperately needed by America is long. These measures must be dealt with if Congress is to earn a reputation deserving of support by the people at the polls next November.

In particular, we cite:

- \* Health benefits for the aged within the social security system.
- \* An increase in the minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour and extension of the protection of the Fair Labor Standards Act to millions of American workers not presently covered.
- \* Federal aid to school construction through grants to the States and local school districts to help eliminate the huge shortage of classrooms.
- \* Legislation to establish a federal program to restore economic health to chronically depressed areas.
- \* An emergency housing measure to help increase the number of housing starts this year.
- \* A general housing bill to encourage construction of middle-income housing and provide for a broadened public housing, slum clearance and urban redevelopment program.
- \* A bill to grant building trades unions the right to picket construction sites.
- \* An equitable pay raise for federal employees.
- \* A farm program designed to halt the decline in American farm income that could lead to another depression.
- \* A bill to establish federal standards for unemployment compensation which would aid in wiping out existing inequities and low benefits.

# LOCAL 301 NEWS

## IUE - AFL-CIO

### EISENHOWER APPROVES \$4 BILLION FOR FOREIGN AID

### VETOES \$251 MILLION FOR DISTRESSED AREAS IN U.S.

President Eisenhower signed a bill into law this week authorizing \$4 BILLION, 86 MILLION American "tax dollars" to be spent for foreign aid and stated that he was gratified by congressional action on the measure.

Just a few short days before, he VETOED a bill passed by the same Congress calling for only \$251 MILLION American "tax-dollars" for aid to depressed areas in the United States and called the measure unnecessary and wasteful spending.

In spite of the fact that unemployment has reached 5% of the work force, the administration still maintains a "hands-off" policy. Congress has discharged its responsibility to the country by passing and sending to the President the bill to aid depressed areas such as Schenectady.

The bill was part of a solution of the chronic problem facing our Nation today. There are over 100 American communities today where unemployment is high and unyielding, where prosperity is a hollow mockery. These are areas where raw materials have been exhausted, technological changes have taken place, where industry has moved out to other locations, and where government programs have been shifted or curtailed.

### The result is the same— DEPRESSION

In light of these facts, the President of the United States, has invoked the VETO sentencing these depressed areas to a continuing slow death.

The depressed area bill concerns people...not dollars!

According to reports of future job opportunities, many people in industry and government are angling with the possibility of moving large segments of our population to areas where work is available. Does this mean that the future working man will be nothing more than a migrant worker?

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### BARNUM, GUTHAN AND DEMI WIN VACATION TRIPS

Prizes totaling \$1,000 were shared Monday evening, May 16th, at 8:30 p.m., by Local 301 members at the IUE Auditorium. We were honored to have Sheriff Harold Calkins on hand to do the honors of picking out the lucky names.

The names of the lucky winners are listed below:

1. H. Barnum, Bldg. 16, winner of 1st prize-13-day cruise to Bermuda or \$600.
2. Ferd Guthan, Sr., 2351 Consaul Rd., winner of 2nd prize-A two week vacation for the family or \$250.
3. Art A. Demi, 1559 Rutgers St., winner of 3rd prize-A one week vacation for the family or \$150.

Checks are available at the Union Office for the specific amounts.

The Activities Committee would like to compliment the membership for their participation in making this drive such a success.

### LABOR-MANAGEMENT EXHIBITION TO BE BIGGEST GIVE-A-WAY EVER! LAST CALL FOR TICKETS (Free)

The biggest give-a-way show ever to be held in the Albany area will take place next Thurs., Fri., and Sat., May 26, 27 and 28, at the 6th Empire State Labor-Management Exhibition. The place: The Ten-Eyck Hotel, State & So. Pearl Sts., Albany, N. Y.

Scores of booths exhibiting Union-Made Products will highlight the show with prizes and gifts for everyone who attends...be sure to come and enjoy the fun...and get your share of the many give-a-way items which will be distributed absolutely free. (cont'd. reverse side)