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LOCAL 301 HOST TO DIST. #3 DELEGATES

The 3rd quarterly meeting of District #3 was held in Schenectady last Friday and Saturday.

The District represents all IUE Local Unions in New York State excluding the New York City Area.

Leo Jandreau, as President of the AFL-CIO Area Council, opened the meeting, greeting the delegates on behalf of Local 301 and Organized Labor in the Schenectady Area.

International President James B. Carey and International Secretary Al Hartnett were the principal speakers.

Nominations for Officers of the District were a special order of business. The elections will take place at the October meeting of the District.

Dave Gunn, a Local 301 member and District Legislative Chairman, was elected a delegate to attend the National IUE Convention representing the District. Larry Gebo, a member of Local 301, was elected a delegate to attend the State AFL-CIO Convention. Another member of Local 301, John Wager, was elected a member of the Election Committee that will supervise the District's election of officers.

According to reports from the Local 301 delegates, the representatives from the out of town IUE Locals enjoyed their two-day visit to Schenectady and were very much impressed with the Local 301 Auditorium and our Office Building.

UNION MEMBERS' VOTES COULD BUST COALITION

A look at the record of the 87th Congress is all it takes to become impressed with the importance of the elections coming up in November.

Despite constant presidential prodding, and despite the obvious public support for many of Pres. Kennedy's key legislative proposals, the 87th Congress has written a sorry record.

Even with the President's party in control of Congress, most liberal legislation has traveled a rocky road to nowhere. The reason for this is clear: the President's control of Congress exists only on paper.

Most of the committees are in the firm grip of Dixiecrat leadership. The few good bills which survive the hacking away process in committee butt their heads

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FACTS FOR PENSIONERS

by Allen E. Townsend

Due to the fact that the Schenectady G.E. Plant is composed mostly of people of advanced years, many of whom will be retiring soon, it seems appropriate to go over a few facts of which our members should be aware.

I would advise a person going on pension to contact the Social Security Office about a month before retiring at the age of 65, which is the age at which a G.E. worker must retire under the rules of the Company. He should take with him to the Social Security Office his birth certificate or other proof of age and his withholding receipts showing his earnings for each of the 10 years prior to retirement.

Due to the fact that he has no choice but to retire at age 65, he should also make application for unemployment insurance during the first week of his retirement. He should

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UNION MEMBERS' VOTES (Cont'd.)

against the stone wall of the GOP-Dixiecrat coalition of conservatives.

The Coalition's Record---1961

In the first session of the 87th Congress, 1961, the coalition scored some major victories. In the Senate, on seven votes to weaken proposed civil rights legislation, it scored a clean sweep. It won on two votes to reduce the effectiveness of temporary unemployment compensation legislation; one vote on school aid; three votes on housing.

In the House, among other victories, the coalition triumphed on two votes on minimum wage; two on Mexican farm labor; three on public power; one on school aid (a big one -- it killed the general aid to education bill).

Voting separately, neither the Dixiecrats nor conservative Republicans can muster a majority in Senate or House. But when they get together, they can throttle any bill. At full potential, the coalition can swing 59 of the 100 Senate votes; 282, or 65 percent, of House votes. Translate these figures into congressional achievement, and the reason for the drab record of the 87th Congress is no mystery.

Need Is Great for More Liberals

As long as the coalition retains its power, just so long will good legislation be endangered. No number of presidential messages, proposals or pressures -- and seemingly no amount of public outcry -- will alter this basic fact of congressional life.

The only way to alter the fact is to alter the makeup of the Congress enough to assure true control by the administration. That means at least 20-30 additional liberals must be propelled into office on the strength of the November elections, and if they are to make it, their vehicle must be the votes of working people.

The deepest pitfall facing labor's efforts to elect more liberal congressmen is the same one that always crops up in non-presidential election years -- voter apathy.

Failure to elect a liberal Congress this year will mean two more years of legislative frustration, two years the country can ill afford.

The working men and women have the opportunity on Election Day to help determine their future and the future of our Nation. Your vote can do it.

FACTS FOR PENSIONERS (Cont'd.)

do this even though he draws vacation pay in his final check. Vacation pay received at the time of retirement would have no bearing on his eligibility for unemployment insurance for which he could qualify at once. Remember that to qualify for unemployment insurance you must be actively engaged in looking for work.

Finally, if a pensioner becomes sick after retirement within the 28-day period following retirement, he can qualify for the 1/2 pay sick benefits for as much as 26 weeks, providing he is sick for that long a period.

Your representative at Union Headquarters is always ready to help any person going on pension by answering their questions and giving any needed advice.

VAST MAJORITY CONDEMNS UE LEAFLET

"We the Lathe Operators in the Large Machine Section, resent some unknown characters presenting themselves as our spokesmen and stating that we are being sold down the river by our Union Officers. The recent leaflet has distorted the whole picture and threatens disunity. We have had the full cooperation of our Union in meetings and negotiations with the Co., with fruitful results in back pay and protection to our earnings. There is still more to be done, but this will not be accomplished through lies and disruption."

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UNEMPLOYMENT at 5.5% of the labor force inched upward in June. Non-farm jobs at 55.7 million were 1.2 million over last year. Total civilian labor force at 74 million was 286,000 below last year, indicating that many are dropping out of the job race. The average work-week in manufacturing increased by a tenth of an hour to 40.6 hours but this was a less than seasonal gain. The officially unemployed numbered 4.5 million, a seasonal rise of three-quarters of a million over June.