

## Child Care Centers Can Be Saved



### CIO Women Ask Council Vote Child Center Funds

The CIO Women's Group passed a resolution urging the City Council to vote funds to continue the Schenectady Child Care Centers.

Mrs. Helmer Webb, head of the Centers, told the group:

Over 400 families have used the Centers since they were opened two years ago for children two to 11 years old.

By serving lunches to school-age children and arranging after-school programs for them the Centers have helped cut down juvenile delinquency.

Many CIO mothers would have to give up their jobs if the nursery schools were closed.

A young war widow, who is the sole support of her children, will have to



Children like these are depending on the people of Schenectady to see their Child Care Centers are kept open. The group above was photographed at the State St. Center, First Methodist Church. The child at the table was photographed at Pleasant Valley Nursery School.

give up the youngsters if they can't be cared for in nursery school.

The Centers are also a haven for motherless children whose fathers leave them there on their way to work.

The fate of the Schenectady Child Care Centers will be decided next Mon-

day, Apr. 22, when the City Council votes on providing necessary funds.

The overwhelming majority of Schenectady voters are working men and women and their families.

They know that no city can afford to neglect its children and that Schenectady, built around one of the wealthiest industries in the world, can easily give \$55,000 to continue the Child Care Centers.

The rest of the money would be provided by the state and by parents of children using the Centers.

Local 301 and other groups have passed resolutions urging the City Council to vote the funds. Let the Council know you are vitally interested in those resolutions by telephoning or writing the Council members between now and Monday.

The latest protest against the threatened closing of the Centers came from a group of more than 250 parents at a meeting Monday night. The group unanimously passed a resolution calling on the City Council to vote the necessary \$55,000 to keep the Centers operating for another 11 months.

## ACT NOW

TO SAVE CHILD CARE CENTERS.

Write or phone before Monday to these City Council Members.

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## City Rallies to Save Price Control

### Labor, Civic Leaders Call Meeting Today On Crisis in Congress

A group of labor and civic leaders has called a mass meeting at 4:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at Crescent Park to unite the people of Schenectady in an all-out fight to save price control and prevent the disastrous inflation which followed World War I.

Leaflets announcing the meeting point out that Congressman Bernard W. Kearney, who represents Schenectady in the Lower House of Congress, voted to cripple price control.

"Make Congressman Kearney change his vote," the announcements urged.

The Schenectady meeting is part of a nationwide protest against taking the lids off prices. Thousands of protests have poured into the offices of Congressmen within the past few days. (Continued on Page 2)

### UE Asks GE For Contract Proposals, Not A Letter

The first four days of contract negotiations, Apr. 16, 17, 18 and 19, were spent chiefly in trying to get a clear statement from the GE on its 1946 contract proposals, according to Leo Jandreau, Local 301 business agent.

The union had handed the company a full, detailed statement of contract proposals as approved by all GE locals.

The company gave the union only a letter on its aims in the new contract. The statement was vague and general except for its proposal to scrap the union shop and to give the company the power to cut piece rates.

Management finally agreed to submit written, concrete proposals for discussion at the next meeting. This meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Apr. 23, too late to be reported in this week's Electrical Union News.

### Good News In Week's Pay Checks



When they looked at their pay checks last week, Lillian Bliss, left, and Mrs. Amancia Blanco, right, both of Bldg. 68, broke into smiles. The checks for thousands of GE workers in Schenectady contained the 18½ cent an hour pay raise on a retroactive basis, won through the strike. Schenectady merchants had something to smile about too, — the increase in purchasing power in Schenectady. Figure it out. About 13,000 factory workers at GE get increases of \$7.10 a week, and the same raises go to about 10,000 office workers. That adds up to about \$8,850,000 in raises for the next year.

### Ask Ball Field For Tenth Ward

CIO members and their friends in the 10th Ward have started circulating a petition asking the Schenectady Department of Parks and Recreation to provide a ball field in Hillhurst Park.

John Saccocio, Local 301 committee-man, heads the committee in charge of getting signatures. The petition backs a demand made by the Independent Citizens Committee of the ward for the ball diamond.

### UE-Steel Veterans Plan Joint Meeting

Meyer Bernstein of the National CIO Veterans' Committee will be principal speaker at a meeting called by the joint UE-United Steel Workers Veterans' Committee for 8 p. m. tonight (Thursday) at 301 Liberty St.

He will report on the Congressional drive against labor and against the best interests of veterans. As the problems concern non-veterans, too, all GE and Alco workers are invited.



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### Kelly Criticizes Kearney on OPA

William Kelly, vice-president of Local 301, spoke recently on the Local 301 radio broadcast with Milo Lathrop, education director. He reported on his efforts to find out how Congressman Bernard Kearney was going to vote on OPA.

"We found it very difficult to get down-to-brass-tacks with Mr. Kearney," Kelly said.

"He was pretty vague on the whole price control situation. At one point he said he hadn't made up his mind—and a little later he said that he didn't know what amendments would be offered."

Kearney ended up by voting to cripple price control, Kelly pointed out.

"That was directly contrary to the interests of 99 per cent of the voters who sent him to Congress."

### State Draft Office Waits For GE Reply

The GE is responsible for the delay in State Selective Service arranging for a meeting between Local 301 and the company on the GE policy toward returned veterans.

Col. William H. Boughton, executive officer of the state Selective Service office, told the union that GE has not yet answered his letter asking the company to set a date for the meeting.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, U. S. draft chief, directed state officials to arrange the conference as the result of a talk he had in Washington with Leo Jandreau, Frank Emspak and Edward Wallingford of Local 301.

## New Applications Pour In As Local 301 Checks Lists

### Lash Helps Organize Gloversville Workers

A UE organizing campaign is under way at the General Battery Drive plant at Gloversville. The plant employs 300 people of whom about 290 are eligible for the bargaining unit, according to Roy Lash of Local 301 who has been assisting in the drive. Lash is also secretary-treasurer of the Capital District-CIO Council.

"The campaign is going well and these Gloversville workers ought to be under the UE banner in a short time," he reported.



Roy Lash

### Fort Edward Trip

Local 301 officers who went to Fort Edward to help install the new UE local's charter included James Kelly and Albert Davis, trustees. Their names were left out by mistake in last week's Electrical Union News.

### Union Calendar

Thursday, Apr. 25 (today) 4:30 p. m. Save Price Control mass meeting at Crescent Park.

Thursday, April 25 (tonight)—Joint UE-USA Veteran's Committee meeting with Meyer Bernstein of National CIO Veterans' Committee as speaker. CIO Hall.

Monday, May 6 — Activities Committee.

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 p. m.—Regular committeemen's meeting for all shifts.

Tuesday, May 14—Special membership and committeemen's meeting. Report of Constitution Committee on proposed changes.

Tuesday, May 21—Membership meeting.

Wednesday, May 22—Capital District CIO Council meeting, CIO Hall.

More than 500 union membership applications were submitted to GE at Schenectady this month.

At least half the applications resulted from a check-up on lists of workers drawn up by Committeemen.

The union office mailed each Committeeman a form requesting the name, check number and address of each employe in his jurisdiction, in order to have lists to check for non-members.

From returned lists, the office has already checked sections under the following Board members: Joseph Garling, Michael Tedisco, John Myers and Frank Emspak. Committeemen have been notified of the result of the check-up in these sections. Many "free riders" (employees not paying dues) were found.

Some Committeemen have not yet turned in their lists. A record is being kept of these Committeemen to give to the Board members.

Committeemen are asked to get their lists in at once.

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according to labor representatives in Washington.

Today's meeting will map plans for saving price control from the same kind of treatment in the Senate that it received in the House.

Action also will be taken to have the whole question reintroduced in the House.

The group who issued the call to the meeting consists of the Rev. Leon M. Adkins, Anthony Barbieri, president of Local 2054, USA; Lewis Benedict, president of Local 159, TWU; Mrs. James P. Boyle, Leonard Colasuono, president of Local 432, Laundry Workers Union; Thomas Dunn, president of Local 3180, USA; Leo Jandreau, business agent of Local 301, UE; Dr. Burgess Johnson; Mrs. Harold A. Lurabee, Herbert M. Merrill, secretary, Schenectady Federation of Labor, AFL; Andrew Peterson, president of Local 301; Mrs. T. A. Rich and Rabbi Aaron M. Wise.

Remember to listen to the Local 301 radio broadcast at 7:15 p. m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday over WSNY 1240 on your dial.

## They Know a Few Facts About High Cost of Living to Tell Senate



This Schenectady family went to Washington, D. C. yesterday to testify before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on first-hand knowledge of the need of continuing price control. They are John Saccocio, Local 301 Committeeman, his wife, Rose, and their sons, Fred, right and Richard, left. Local 301 arranged for the trip as part of a national CIO drive to help save price control.

### Ward Committees To Name Officers

The Independent Citizens Committee of the 10th Ward will elect officers at a meeting at 8 p. m. tonight (Thursday) at headquarters, 2337 Turner Ave.

The 13th Ward group will have its election meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow, at 543 Schenectady St.

### Speak at Ballston

Andrew Peterson, president of Local 301, and William Mastriani, chief shop steward, spoke recently at a meeting of the Ballston Spa Leather Workers Union, on strike against the American Hide and Leather Company at Ballston Spa. The strike started over seven weeks ago.

The Leather Workers local sent both food and money to Schenectady this winter for the GE strikers.

### RETURN YOUR STRIKE FUND BOOKS, PLEASE!

Many Committeemen have not yet returned their Strike Contribution Books.

These must be returned to union headquarters at once, the business office has announced.

### UE Board Finds Kearney Has Black Voting Record

Representative Bernard W. Kearney, Republican, of Gloversville, is one of the 42 U. S. Congressmen whose bad voting records were recently pointed out by the General Executive Board of UE. He is representative from the 31st Congressional District which includes Schenectady County.

Kearney's "black record on major domestic and foreign issues should be thoroughly examined by the union's membership," the UE General Executive Board said.

The UE-CIO legislative report linked the political scene directly with wage negotiations and with the current strike by 75,000 UE Westinghouse workers.

"It is absolutely essential that our membership recognize today," the Board said, "that if they wish to obtain the benefits of the 18½ cents-an-hour increase already won in GE—and if they wish to hasten victory in the struggle against the reactionary Westinghouse Corporation, they will have to begin to organize immediately to deal with those politicians who have sided with the corporations against them and to help their public officials who have proved their devotion to the needs and welfare of the American people."

### \$76 for Strikers

The Capital District CIO Council voted to give the \$76 remaining in its strike relief fund to Local 410, Leather Workers, for their strike against the American Hide and Leather Company at Ballston Spa.

### Needs Help

Paul Canders, Board member, has charge of distributing the Electrical Union News. He needs volunteers to hand the papers out every Thursday morning. You can reach him at Building 273, phone extension 4676.

### It's Still Urgent To Write or Phone City Councilmen

Maybe the City Council voted \$10,000 for the Child Care Centers before you had a chance to write or telephone asking \$55,000 to continue the Centers 12 months.

It's still important to write or phone or the Centers may be closed after two months. And you may want that list of names and phone numbers from last week's Electrical Union News for other messages to Council members.