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IUE-GE NATIONAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE MEETS IN SCHENECTADY

Delegates to the National Negotiating Committee of the IUE-GE met in Schenectady for the first time on Tuesday, April 24, 1962, at the Local 301 Headquarters.

Those in attendance were from the following Locals: Fort Wayne, Lynn, Pittsfield, Louisville, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Syracuse and Tell City, Indiana.

The agenda included discussions relating to problems existing in various plants covered by the IUE-GE Contract. Proposals which will be included in the 1963 contract negotiations as they affect interpretation of the Contract were considered. Also under consideration was a proposal by the Company suggesting periodical meetings be held between Company and Union prior to the 1963 negotiations for the purpose of exchanging ideas.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Committee toured the facilities of Local 301. The representatives were audibly impressed with our excellent facilities.

Business Agent Leo Jandreau representing Local 301 was in attendance.

President John Shambo opened the meeting and welcomed the representatives of the National Negotiating Committee.

LOCAL 301 TO CELEBRATE MORTGAGE BURNING

At the last Membership Meeting held on April 16, 1962, the members approved the recommendation of the Executive Board and Activities Committee to conduct a celebration in connection with the Burning of Local 301's Mortgage on its properties.

The affair will be held on Saturday, May 26, 1962.

The festivities will include a Cocktail Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner will consist of roast beef. There will be dancing to live music after dinner.

The price of the tickets has been set at a modest \$2.00 per person. It will not, however, cover the entire cost of the expenses and our Local will make up the difference. The holder of ticket will be entitled to 2 cocktails per person, dinner and dancing.

Executive Board Members will have tickets for distribution. Reservations will be limited to 650 persons. They will be made on a "first come, first served basis".

The dinner will be catered by Kelly Brothers. Refreshments will be served after dinner.

Activities Chairman, Joseph Drozdowski, assures everyone who attends an enjoyable evening. Tickets for this affair will be available the first week in May.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE IN FINAL STAGE

Chairman of Local 301 Scholarship Committee, Frank Masterson, reports that substantial returns have already been made to the Scholarship Fund Drive.

The campaign is moving into its final phase. Chairman Masterson once again requests Board Members and Stewards who have contributions to turn in to please do so at their earliest convenience. This will permit the Committee to finalize plans in the near future.

SHAMBO SPEAKS TO PENSIONERS

John Shambo, President of Local 301, addressed the April meeting of the retired workers. He spoke on the King-Anderson Bill to provide medical care for people over 65. Shambo was recently appointed Chairman of the committee in Schenectady County to explain the "Medicare" bill to the public.

He pointed out that independent polls show that 2 out of every 3 Americans favor the Social Security approach, but the American Medical Association is leading the fight against it. Shambo stated that the A.M.A. has a history of being opposed to legislation of this type. In 1935, they were opposed to Social Security and they have fought against such things as mass immunization against Diphtheria compulsory Small Pox vaccination, Federal aid to reduce infant and maternal deaths, school health services, Workmen's Compensation, medical care for dependents of service men, Red Cross Blood Bank, and others. Shambo made it clear to the retired workers that all doctors are not opposed to the King-Anderson Bill. There are many prominent physicians who support the Social Security approach and they include Dr. Paul Dudley White, former personal physician to President Eisenhower, Dr. Benjamin Spock, professor of Child Development at Western Reserve University and Dr. Basil C. MacLean, former president of the Blue Cross Association.

Shambo also announced that there will be a Public Rally at the IUE Auditorium on Wednesday, May 16, at 8:00 p.m., to discuss the King-Anderson Bill.

APRIL FIGURE REFLECTS INCREASE IN OVERTIME

The average work week in the plant involving employees in the Bargaining Unit rose from 40.6 hours in March to 41.3 hours in April. A similar situation occurred last year in about the same period.

The Union feels that this condition is not brought about as a result of casual overtime due to emergencies but rather a trend.

Business Agent Leo Jandreau contacted A. Lafley, Plant Manager of Union Relations, and suggested that one way to remedy the situation would be for heads of Departments in which overtime is contemplated should inform Central Management that more people be employed. The Business Agent noted that the total number of employees in the Bargaining Unit has decreased since January.

SCHENECTADY BOYS' CLUBS APPEAL FOR FUNDS

On April 10th, the Schenectady Boys' Clubs started their Building Fund Drive. Their goal is to raise \$400,000. The proceeds from the Drive will be used to expand and remodel the two Clubhouses as well as the construction and installation of a swimming pool at Camp Lovejoy on Route 158 in Altamont.

This project has been approved and endorsed by the Community Chest, of which the Boys Club is a member, and the Schenectady County Campaign Control Council.

Voluntary subscriptions will be obtained from households, unions, business and industries throughout the County.

The major projects which the Club hopes to finance through the campaign, in addition to the swimming pool at Camp Lovejoy, will be a gym attached to the Main Clubhouse at 411 Union St., and another gym adjoining the Rotterdam Clubhouse and one of the cabins at the Lovejoy Campsite will be winterized to accommodate weekend campers from the Club.

In addition the Building Fund Plan includes essential modernization of the existing clubhouses in Schenectady and Rotterdam complete with the installation of new equipment in many departments of both clubs.

The Schenectady area Boys' Clubs, downtown, Rotterdam and Carman, presently serve close to 1,800 youths. More than 350 boys make use of the Club daily. Supervision includes fully trained adult staff to teach and guide them. More than 9,000 "Boy Visits" are made in one month's time. In addition to athletic and vocational programs, every member of the Club is given a medical and dental examination by volunteer doctors.

REPORT ON FITCHBURG STRIKE FUND

The total contributions made to date in connection with the Fitchburg Strike Fund amount to \$1,369.13. Checks representing this amount have been forwarded to the Fitchburg Local.

Four Board Members have not as yet made returns.

The Fitchburg Local has been out on strike since February 27th, as a result of six grievances that were processed through the third level of the grievance procedure.

Contributions have been solicited from the various IUE-GE Unions.