

**BUSINESS AGENT SPEAKS TO MINISTERS**

Leo Jandreau, speaking at a meeting of the Amsterdam Protestant Ministerial Association last Monday said, "The Church and the Labor-Movement share one important goal.. to make the lives of Americans more happy and more secure.

Jandreau went on to say... "There has been a distorted impression of the Labor Movement in the minds of many people as the result of the McClellan Hearings and anti-union propaganda campaign that stemmed forth from these hearings.

"We have our bad element in the Labor Movement, those men who are seeking to destroy the outstanding gains that organized labor has accomplished in its work over the past years. They do it solely for the purpose of their own self-interest. However, while we are plagued with these evils, they are no different, nor are they more prevalent in the Labor Movement, than we find existing throughout the rest of our society.

"We in the Labor Movement are not a selfish economic group...we know our welfare is tied to the welfare of all of our fellow Americans", Jandreau said. "Our program is a positive program which is good for all Americans and which will help make America strong."

Jandreau went on to explain the Legislative Program of the AFL-CIO.

A question and answer period followed the Business Agent's talk.

**LAST WEEK'S WINNERS--WSNY EARLY RISERS' CLUB CONTEST**

The following is a list of the winners on the Early Riser's Club last week:

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| Ralph Irish       | John DeGraff   |
| Patricia Visco    | Tom Moulton    |
| Rosemary Urban    | Ed Smith       |
| Art Jewett        | Tom Kalamant   |
| Gary Palleschi    | Mrs. Blanchard |
| Georgia Dagastino | Don LaRocque   |
| Stella Badosik    | G. Armstrong   |
| Judith Sessions   |                |

This week's Jack-pot winner was Gary Palleschi, who was awarded 10,000 stamps.

Tune in each morning 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. - WSNY - 1240 on your dial for the "Early Risers".

The City of Albany, Capital of the Empire State, will be the site of this year's outstanding Labor-Management event in the State. The 6th Annual Empire State Labor-Management Exhibition opens to the public on Thursday, May 26th, for a three-day stand at the Sheraton Ten Eyck Hotel.

The Empire State Labor-Management Exhibition in the past has attracted thousands to view the exciting displays set up by business firms and trade associations, labor unions, non-profit organizations and government agencies.

The 6th Empire State Labor-Management Exhibition is billed as the State's biggest "give-away show", with countless prizes and souvenirs scheduled to be handed out to visitors. Radios, typewriters, sports equipment, dresses, men's suits and shirts, artificial flowers, hosiery, birthday and anniversary cakes, and other food products, are among the gifts distributed.

Admission to the show is FREE and it is expected to draw visitors from the entire Capitol District.

**MANGINO ADDRESSES H.S. STUDENTS**

Joseph Mangino, Chief Steward of Local 301, in answer to a request from the Shalmon High School, addressed two classes of students on the "History of Local 301".

A good many interested students attended the lecture to hear labor's side of problems which labor unions are faced with in our community, and to find out "What the Future Has in Store for American Labor".

Mangino was flooded with questions which ranged from collective bargaining machinery to automation. The students showed a keen interest in labor problems, the key to their solution and an awareness of labor's contribution to the health and welfare of the community as a whole.

Many of them expressed their desire to visit our union office and if possible, attend one of our union meetings.

**"LABOR LOOKS AT THE NEWS"**

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**LOCAL 301 NEWS**  
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**Local 301 Prepares For 1960 Negotiations**



**MAKE IT A DATE!**

**Attend Your Union Meeting**

Under the leadership of the officers of Local 301, an intensive educational program was launched this week in an effort to prepare our members for the coming negotiations in 1960.

Ben Segal, IUE Educational Director and Joe Swire, IUE Director of Pensions and Insurance, conducted four groups in a 3-day session on "Negotiations for 1960," "GE Propaganda and Lines of Communications," "Pensions and Insurance" and many other subjects relating to our Union Program for the coming months ahead.

"Be Prepared" was the slogan adopted by the members and Stewards who attended the educational sessions. All classes were well attended and the students showed a great enthusiasm in learning more about the part they will play in the near future.

Ben Segal and Joe Swire are to be commended for the excellent job they did and for the enthusiasm shown in their program, which was conducted with the cooperation of Leo Jandreau and the Officers and Executive Board Members of Local 301.

The students, too, are to be commended for the fact that "no lost time" was involved in the course of the 3-day sessions.

**"301 News" Wins Four Awards As Labor Editors Meet at Rutgers**

Local 301's union newspaper received four awards at the Fifth Annual Editor's Conference at Rutgers University last week.

Labor editors from the States of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania gathered together to discuss ways and means of improving and strengthening the Labor Press at Rutgers on Saturday, April 9th.

ART CHRISTOPHER, our editor, received awards in four out of six categories entered in the Annual Labor Newspaper Competition. The awards were as follows:

- FIRST PLACE—General Editorial Excellence
- FIRST PLACE—Best Original Editorial
- SECOND PLACE—Best Original Photo

• SECOND PLACE—Best Article Dealing on World Affairs. ("Foreign Competition")

The judging was done by the Staff of the Rutgers School of Journalism, Arnold Beichman, President of the Eastern Labor Press Conference, Lloyd Burns, N. J. Press Assn., Daniel Caruso, Editor, Long Branch Record, N.J., and Bernard Forer, Rutgers Labor Program.

Workshops were held during the full day session, on Photography, Editorial Writing, Layouts, Feature Writing, and on many other phases of publishing a good readable newspaper.

Well over 100 Local Labor Editors attended.

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## Scholarship Fund Rules Outlined

The executive board of Local 301 adopted the following rules concerning the scholarship fund for which collections are now being made.

The board decided that recipients must be children of members of the union; that they must make application for the fund; that standard rules be used for making the award; that a financial need is obvious and that a union committee will serve with making the final selection.

Frank Masterson, chairman of the fund raising committee, reported the scholarship drive has collected only \$316 to date but that there were still many shop stewards who have not reported.

He pointed out that if every member gave only \$1.00, there would be well over \$9,000 available for deserving youngsters who want to go to college.

## Labor Programs

WRGB-TV — Every Sat.  
12:45 P.M. — Channel 6  
"Americans at Work"

"Labor Looks at the News"  
6:45 P.M. — Every Sat. Eve.  
WSNY

"Washington Reports"  
WSNY Radio — Dial 1240  
Every Sat. Evening 7 P.M.  
WCSS Sunday 2 P. M.

## Editorial:

### "Are We 2nd Class Citizens?"

On 11/11/59 a docket was initiated on behalf of all 3rd shift employees in Steam Turbine. In it we protested the closing of the First Aid and Dispensary facilities located in Bldg. #273 which had heretofore been servicing the 3rd shift employees.

The company's answer was that, the matter had been brought to the attention of management and that they felt there would be adequate medical service available to 3rd shift workers. Needless to say, we were not satisfied with the answer and moved the case to the second level.

We met representatives of Labor Relations and were informed by them, that the reason for closing the First Aid and Dispensary facilities was because of the reduction in forces on the 3rd shift in Turbine and that they felt the personnel in the Industrial Clinic would be able to provide medical care for injured persons on 3rd shift in Turbine.

#### LIFE OR DEATH

We pointed out to the company representatives at that time, that in case of serious accident, the added time element involved in administering prompt medical aid because of this change, could very well mean the difference between life or death. It was also brought to their attention, that there was still over 300 employees working the third shift in Turbine, therefore, we felt that there was justification on our part to request the restoration of First Aid and Dispensary service on the 3rd shift. They agreed to take another look at the situation. Since then, 5 months have elapsed and nothing has been done to correct the condition.

On 3/29/60 the 2nd and 3rd shift Board Members of Turbine together with Co-ordinator Ralph Vitallo and Ass't Recording Secretary, Dave Gunn, met with Mr. R. Brearton and some members of his staff, to discuss Case #468 which dealt with practices which we felt were discriminatory against the 2nd and 3rd shift employees, one of which was the closing of the First Aid and Dispensary service on 3rd shift.

#### ACCIDENTS OCCUR

Several accidents have occurred since the said closing, where the injured had to wait anywhere from 20 minutes to 35 minutes before transportation was provided. In the majority of these cases, the injured had to be transported all the way to Ellis Hospital. This meant an additional 20 minutes to ½ hour before he received any medical attention.

These cases were brought to the attention of the company representatives present. We also mentioned, that in not one of these cases, was a male nurse or someone experienced in rendering First Aid present when the transportation vehicle arrived to transport the injured worker, thus creating the added hazard of inflicting further damage, by having someone inexperienced directing the manner in which the injured worker should be handled while being transported.

#### THE POWERS THAT BE

Apparently, the powers that be, in General Electric, have become so obsessed by their Cost Reduction Program, that they are willing to jeopardize the physical well being of the 3rd shift employees, by eliminating the cost of maintaining the First Aid and Dispensary service on the 3rd shift. Although we are 3rd shift employees, we feel that we should not be treated as second class citizens, and that our lives are just as precious to our families and to us, as are the lives of other employees of General Electric to their respective families. Because of this, we feel that we are entitled to the same medical services that are rendered to other employees.

JOHN A. MARTUCCI, (Board Member)

## AID FOR DEPRESSED AREA URGED

The tripartite Federal Advisory Council on Employment Security called for a program of financial assistance to communities which "exhibit tendencies" toward persistent unemployment but which have not yet "deteriorated to the point of becoming classified as chronic labor surplus areas."

The unanimous views of the council's 24 labor, management and public members were contained in a report to Labor Sec. James P. Mitchell. The council is a statutory body established to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Director of Employment Security on policies relating to unemployment.

#### Persistent Joblessness

Its report was geared to a study of persistent joblessness in the nation. According to the most recent Labor Dept. employment-unemployment report, there were 964,000 persons unemployed 15 weeks or more in February, compared to 617,000 long-term jobless in pre-recession February 1957.

The report was made public as the powerful House Rules Committee, ending a 10-month blockade of depressed area legislation, opened hearings on a \$250 million, Administration-opposed bill, slightly smaller in scope than one Pres. Eisenhower vetoed in 1958, but far larger than the \$57 million recommended in current Administration budget proposals.

Passage of aid-to-depressed areas legislation is a key plank in the AFL-CIO's 12-point "Positive Program for America," which organized labor has asked Congress to enact before it adjourns in July for the Democratic and Republican presidential nominating conventions.

In dealing with persistent unemployment, the committee called for government financial support for retraining jobless workers, including financial aid to the jobless whose unemployment insurance benefits have been exhausted or who are not covered by unemployment assistance, but who are undergoing approved training.

Rep. Stratton is sponsoring a "Depressed Areas Bill" in the House.

### "Things to Think About"

By Frank Masterson

NEXT WEEK will end the Scholarship Drive. Please do your share to make it successful. The scholarship does a two-fold job . . . it will enable some worthy young person to further his or her education on a higher plane and it establishes Local 301 as a worthwhile organization, lending its assistance to many other community projects in the area. Local 301 is one of the largest sponsors of area boys going to YMCA Camp this summer of individual organizations in the community. How about it, folks, let's do a good job.

DID YOU KNOW THAT the Forand Bill, which is designed to help our aged citizens who have limited incomes and are sorely in need of a better medical program, is before the Senate and House and is one of the hottest issues of 1960? It has recently drawn more mail than any other bill of any kind before the Congress of the United States. Do we help our senior citizens to maintain their health and their pride, or do we subject them to public welfare and other charities? Write your Congressman today!

#### IT DEPENDS ON WHO PAYS

A Union plant meeting that was scheduled for 12 o'clock noon in Bldg. 37 came on the same day a worker was to receive a presentation from the group. This man was leaving on a pension on short notice. The foreman approached the shop steward and suggested that the presentation precede the meeting. The shop steward remarked that the time was short (30 minutes) and he thought it would be better to run over on the employee's presentation if time ran out. The foreman said we owe this man something and he should come first. The steward readily agreed that after 30 years, the Company did have a moral obligation to this employee. He then suggested that they make the presentation before 12 o'clock. The foreman's answer was, oh, we can't do that! What happened to the moral obligation?

Paying your Union dues is only part of what makes a good Union member. Your physical support is also vitally needed.

#### ATTEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS!

## 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.