

# Labor Seeks to Reduce Gap in Free World Wages

An effort to work out a "feasible" method of raising wages of workers in foreign industries that now enjoy a competitive advantage—one

based largely on lower wage scales — over American manufacturers, will be started in the coming months inside the International Metal-

workers' Federation, according to UAW President Walter P. Reuther, who also heads the automotive division of IMF.

Reuther, fresh from a whirlwind tour of Europe, where he conferred with heads of state as well as the leadership of several

free trade unions, told reporters on his arrival in Detroit the "free world must work together to promote freer trade" but not at the expense of European workers.

He suggested imposition of a "penalty" to be assessed by the U.S. government against those firms that refused to raise wages thus attempting to maintain a competitive advantage over American firms by "sweating their workers."

Currently, he said, workers in low wage countries are paying the price of the competitive edge their industries have over American producers.

"All workers," he said, "must be able to share in the fruits of our advancing technology."

"We want to maximize the flow of goods among the nations of the free world," Reuther said, "but at the same time we must deal realistically with the problem faced by competing industries in foreign countries which have gained an advantage over American firms by paying lower wages to their workers . . ."

Reuther made it clear he was referring only to those industries whose "technology was as advanced" as that in the United States.

The basic goal of his plan, he said, was "to raise wages in other countries," thus forestalling a retreat to a protectionist philosophy.

"Unless we solve this problem," he said, "the free world will find itself veering toward "high tariffs and isolationism."

Raising wages in nations such as West Germany, Reuther pointed out, would not only raise living standards of German workers by increasing their purchasing power but "would

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greatly expand the domestic market thus reducing pressure on German firms" to seek outside markets.

At the present time, he commented, German auto workers were "not getting their share" of the fruits of the highly advanced technology in that nation.

Reuther rejected the notion that wages must be equal as among the various European nations and the United States but said there should be established a "reasonable relationship" between wage levels.

"We want to increase competition among the nations of the free world," he said, ". . . competition in design, in technology, in new products."

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## Unity In Aircraft, Missiles:

# UAW-IAM Call Joint Conference

WASHINGTON—UAW and IAM have announced plans for the first joint conference of aircraft, missile and related electronics workers.

Executive officers of the IAM and the UAW estimated 445 delegates representing 600,000 workers in the industry would attend the meeting, scheduled for Aug. 5-8, 1959 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

According to the announcement, delegates will "consider and decide on all matters relating to demands to be made on the industry in forthcoming negotiations and to specific plans for negotiations procedures."

The conference will be chaired jointly by IAM President Al Hayes and UAW President Walter P. Reuther.

Call for the conference was prepared at a meeting of officers of the two unions in Machinists' headquarters in Washington, May 9.

A seven-man committee, made up of representatives of the two unions, will begin work immediately on planning the agenda, preparing materials to be presented to the delegates and general organizational details of the conference.

Named to the planning group were Joseph Tuma and Irving Bluestone, assistant

## UAW Backs Steel Workers

"If the steel industry fails to provide fuller equity to steelworkers and their families out of the rapidly advancing technology of that industry," the UAW will stand with the United Steelworkers of America "organizationally, financially and morally."

Thus did Walter P. Reuther pledge the support of the UAW to the Steelworkers in the event current negotiations in that industry lead to a strike.

"We join with the leadership and membership of the Steelworkers Union in the hope that a strike will not be necessary," Reuther said.

"But should a strike become necessary," he added, "We will support the steelworkers in their effort to win a greater measure of security and justice."

directors of the UAW's aircraft department; A. C. McGraw of Los Angeles; George Eichorn of Chicago; Ralph Oehler, Farmingdale, N. Y.; Robert Simpson of Cleveland, Ohio, and W. W. Fitzgerald of Fort Worth, Texas, all of the IAM.

The two organizations have been operating under a mutual assistance agreement since 1953. Creation of this first Joint IAM-UAW Aircraft, Missile and Related Electronics Conference is the culmination of six years of coordinated collective bargaining effort between the two groups.



MORE THAN 600,000 attended the May Day Freedom Rally in West Berlin at which UAW President Walter P. Reuther (left) and Lord Mayor Willy Brandt were speakers. Mrs. Brandt and Ernst Scharnowsky (right) head of the Berlin Federation of Labor, watch the proceedings. This picture was taken at a special rally for East Berliners who crossed the line for a breath of freedom.

## Mazey Demands 'Right to Eat' Bills

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — UAW Secretary Treasurer Emil Mazey urged enactment of the Forand Bill (HR 4700) and a series of other "right to eat" laws which would help "get America back to work," in a talk here before the 10th constitutional convention of the AFL-CIO Utility Workers.

Speaking to some 500 de-

legates from about 235 locals with a total membership of about 80,000, Mazey pointed out there have been around 107,000 auto workers retired since March 1950.

"And experience has taught us their biggest problem is medical costs," Mazey said in urging action on the Forand Bill,

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## Unemployed Talk to State Senators:

# GOP All Ears, No Heart for Jobless

LANSING — Weeks after hearing jobless Michigan workers spell out the desperate plight of the state's unemployed and their families, Republican legislators here still are sitting on measure to aid those who want work and can't find it.

• The legislature, dominated by Republicans, has not yet acted on any of the bills to extend unemployment benefits or otherwise aid those out of work.

• The Senate Labor Committee, whose chairman is John P. "Joe" Smeekens, Coldwater Republican, has continued its freeze on the Kowalski bill to extend temporary jobless compensation to some 28,000 of the state's 310,000

unemployed.

• All other proposed legislation to meet welfare and economic problems caused by depression-heavy joblessness also is being kept bottled up by the Republican legislative leadership.

The approximately 700 unemployed workers who crowded into Lansing for the Michigan AFL-CIO statewide unemployment conference this month took advantage of the opportunity to speak their minds with Republican senators.

Angry outbursts were frequent as jobless workers tried to get Republican senators to explain why they are bottling up bills for adequate compensation and welfare.

When Sen. Perry Greene, Grand Rapids Republican, tied in the Michigan Supreme Court's unemployment compensation ruling with the fact that he had had a payless payday, Ethel Williams of Grand Rapids Local 1233 snapped:

"Have you been sitting here all this time and not getting paid? If you're not getting paid, how are you getting by? You're getting by a lot easier than any of us."

"Maybe your kids aren't hungry," added Alonzo Cook, a Local 190 member who lost his job after 33 years with Packard and the firm that succeeded it. Cook, 59, has been out of work 10 months and cannot get compensation or welfare.

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# Giant Free Berlin Rally Hears Reuther

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HUNDREDS of jobless arrived on buses arranged for by their local unions. Here, in the shadow of the State Capitol, a group representing UAW Local 7 walk toward the Michigan AFL-CIO Unemployment Conference.



ABOUT 700 TOOK PART in the day-long program which began at Lansing's Civic Center. Here, UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey hammered away at GOP stalling in the State Senate on measures to aid the unemployed.

**Mazey Tells Conference:**

**'Abolish Michigan Senate; Doesn't Represent People'**

LANSING—Because Michigan's Senate protects vested, selfish, proprietary interests instead of the rights of the people as a whole, it is outmoded and should be abolished, UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey declared here.

"Until we change the political structure in Michigan and get rid of the outmoded, useless state Senate, we won't be able to get decent legislation," Mazey told the approximately 700 delegates attending the Michigan AFL-CIO's statewide conference of jobless workers and union representatives.

The solution, he said, would be establishment of a unicameral legislature, a one-house body whose members would be elected on the basis of representing population.

**Rule by Minority**

Spelling out how Michigan is districted so the Senate's 22 Republicans were elected with a total of 668,986 votes compared to the 714,628 which elected only 12 Democrats, Mazey told his cheering audience, "The Senate doesn't represent people; it represents geography.

Michigan's legislative ills, he said, can be traced to this. "It is rule by minority in Michigan," he continued.

"It means we do not have representative government in our state," Mazey added.

A state, he said, has the responsibility to deal with urgent problems and situations such as the current "key" problem of adequate and emergency unemployment compensation.

But Senate Republicans are serving as "lackeys of Ford, General Motors and Chrysler" in insisting they will okay a temporary unemployment compensation extension measure only with amendments to set

aside the Michigan Supreme Court's decision in the Ford case.

**Out of Step**

The proposed Republican amendments, he noted, would put Michigan out of step with 37 other states whose laws or court rulings are the same as that of the Supreme Court in its Ford decision.

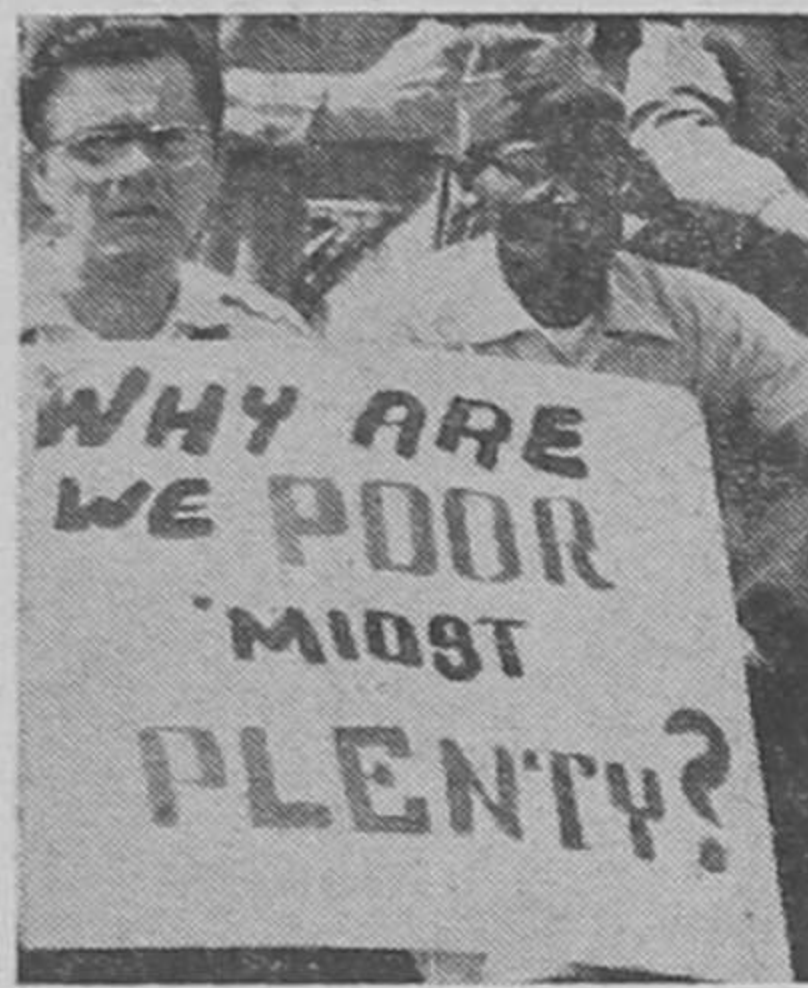
The Michigan top court decision permitted payment of unemployment benefits to Ford workers laid off in Michigan as the result of a strike at the company's Canton, Ohio, plant.

"The Canton strike issues were confined to that plant; the strike had nothing to do with the state of Michigan," Mazey said. "They involved speedup and similar issues."

"By depriving laid-off workers of temporary benefits unless the GOP amendments are in the bill, the State Senate is doing a great injustice to thousands on thousands of workers in Michigan and great damage to the state and the people as a whole," he added.

In effect, he said, the Republicans would be depriving workers at individual plants of the right to strike to correct their grievances.

Declaring that unions should "start a groundswell" in the drive for a unicameral legislature, Mazey added, "When we have that solution, we won't have to be coming down here all the time to try to convince the legislators that they ought to be doing the right thing."



**GOP Senate Drags On Aiding Jobless**

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Grand Rapids Republican Sen. Charles Feenstra told a group of unemployed workers it "might be all right if we filled the jails a little bit." He was replying to an unemployed worker who had said Republican failure to provide adequate unemployment benefits and welfare payments would increase the crime rate.

Asked by one delegate if he would be willing to vote for "a simple extension of temporary compensation without any fishhooks," Feenstra snapped, "Twenty-six weeks hasn't been enough for you. Thirty-nine weeks isn't enough. Next thing you'll ask for is 52 weeks with no work at all."

When a woman delegate told him "ought to be trying to pass laws that would help people," Feenstra thrust forward. "Don't try to kid me," he said. "You didn't put me in office."

The statement was pounced on by Mike Marasco of Local 7. "You think you're too big for the little people who are unemployed," Marasco told him.

**Republicans Hear Jobless; In One Ear, Out the Other**

LANSING—Republicans listened to Michigan's unemployed one afternoon this month, then went on doing nothing. The jobless men and women were here at the Michigan capital for the statewide AFL-CIO unemployment conference.

They walked over to the state Senate to talk to their legislators about steps the Senate and House can take to lessen the hardship and despair of families whose breadwinners can't get work. There are 310,000 workers currently unemployed in Michigan.

The senators, therefore, listened, most of them quietly, courteously. But the Republicans, who have almost a two-to-one majority there and so control which laws pass and which don't, didn't do anything more than that.

**Mazey Appears**

For example, State Sen. John P. "Joe" Smeekens, Coldwater Republican, called the Senate Labor Committee into session to hear a large number of witnesses plead that it report out legislation to provide extension of temporary unemployment benefits for about 28,000 workers. Despite the testimony emphasizing the dire plight of the jobless workers, Smeekens has taken no action so far.

Emil Mazey, UAW secretary-treasurer, told the committee that jobless workers, in dire financial straits, need the benefit extension bill. "They should get it without any ifs, ands or butts tied to it," Mazey said, referring to GOP insistence on amending the bill to wipe out a Supreme Court ruling on unemployment benefits for Ford workers.

Pauleen Field of Local 642, Lansing, who lost her unemployment benefits because she had been injured and drawing workmen's compensation at

the time of her layoff, urged the Smeekens committee to aid the 28,000 workers who would be eligible for temporary benefits. But she emphasized that the committee also should concern itself with the state's 200,000 jobless workers who have exhausted benefits.

She also asked the group to investigate automation's effect on jobs. Automation, she said, has been used by auto manufacturers to produce more cars at higher prices with fewer workers. "Shouldn't be Penalized"

Leon Wright, who had 10 years seniority when he was laid off at Chrysler 10 months ago, said he would work at any kind of a job "but they're just not hiring."

"My family shouldn't be penalized for something that happened out of state," he said, referring to GOP refusal to pass the temporary benefits bill.

Ken Morris, UAW Region 1 Co-Director, pointed out that Supreme Court Justices George Edwards and John Voelker had been re-elected by heavy majorities despite a Republican campaign against them based on the Ford decision.

Wesley Wilkins, who lost his job last year as a Chrysler solder grinder, told the committee that he has been an auto plant worker for 30 years but cannot find a job because of his age—48. He is breadwinner for his wife and five children.

"Welfare turned me down," he said, "because they insisted I must sell my home. Am I supposed to lie down and die?"



UNEMPLOYED WORKERS tackled senators during a legislative recess to insist on speedy action to help those out of work through no fault of their own. "Maybe if your kids were hungry, you'd have a different attitude," Alonzo Cook, a laid-off member of UAW 190 tells Sen. Perry Greene (R., Grand Rapids) as other delegates look on. Cook has been unemployed 10 months after working 33 years for Packard and the firm that succeeded it.



REPUBLICAN SENATORS are turning their backs on the people of Michigan by putting a price tag on the proposed bill to extend temporary unemployment benefits for 28,000 Michigan jobless, Secretary-Treasurer Mazey (right) tells Sen. Haskell L. Nichols (R., Jackson). In addition to talking to senators, Mazey testified before the Senate Labor Committee, urging emergency action on unemployment compensation bills.



# Historical Association Honors UAW

LAMAR, Mo.—For the first time, a labor union received citations from a nationally-recognized historical society when UAW and its St. Louis and Kansas City officers councils were honored with American Historical Association awards of merit at ceremonies here.

The citations were presented by Floyd Shoemaker, secretary of the Missouri State Historical Society, who described the awards to UAW as "almost revolutionary." The presentations came at a banquet honoring former President Harry S. Truman following UAW's presentation to the state of Missouri of his birthplace as an historic shrine.

"For the first time, an historic association of national importance has given recognition to labor," Shoemaker said. "This well may mark the first step in proper recognition of what labor unions stand for in this country."

"I am as aware as any of you of the criticisms of labor," Shoemaker declared. "I am equally well aware of the benefits of unions."

"The labor unions of America," he added, "are one of the treasures of this country."

Shoemaker said the merit awards, voted at the Historic Association's last annual meeting at Salt Lake City, Utah, honored the International Union and the two officers councils for their efforts in preserving Truman's birthplace. He called it "an outstanding contribution to the history and culture of this state."

The awards were accepted for the International Union by Vice President Leonard Woodcock, for the Kansas City officers council by Leland Cox, its president, and for the St. Louis council by Walter Dahl, president.



Walking to dedication ceremonies at the humble Lamar, Mo. cottage that was his birthplace is former President Harry S. Truman. Behind him is Leland Cox, president of UAW's Kansas City officers council.



UAW AND ITS OFFICERS COUNCILS in St. Louis and Kansas City received American Historical Association awards of merit, the first time a union has been so honored. Floyd Shoemaker (left), secretary of the Missouri Historical Society, presented one of the citations to Walter Dahl (right), president of the St. Louis UAW officers council.



BIRTH PLACE  
HARRY S. TRUMAN

Thank You,  
Mr. President  
from the UAW

LAMAR, Mo.—The small white frame cottage here in which Harry S. Truman was born 75 years ago now belongs to the people. It was given them as an historic shrine last month by UAW.

With a huge crowd of about 8,000 looking on, the white-haired former President was obviously moved as UAW Vice President Leonard Woodcock formally turned over the deed to the property to Missouri Gov. James T. Blair, and by tributes paid him by Woodcock, U.S. Sen. Stuart Symington, Region 5 Director Ted Hawks and others.

"I know they liked me," Truman later responded, his voice husky with emotion, "but I didn't know they thought this much of me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Both Woodcock and Hawks told their listeners why UAW had purchased the home, about four blocks from the business district of this quiet, southwest Missouri town whose population now is estimated at about 4,500. At the time it was bought in 1957 by the union's officers councils in St. Louis and Kansas City, it was owned by the widow of a nephew of famed western marshal Wyatt Earp.

"You yourself have said, Mr. President, that the final verdict on a President cannot be made in less than a generation," Woodcock said. "Yet in seven short years, I think, the votes are coming in—and the verdict is that in some of her most critical years, 1945 to 1953, America had at the helm a man of courage and vision and greatness and a spotless, fearless honesty."



PRESIDENT TRUMAN thanked UAW members through Vice President Leonard Woodcock for purchasing his birthplace and turning it over to the state of Missouri as an historic shrine.

"The economic expansion of the years of your administration, brought about your policies, is without parallel in the history of America," Woodcock continued. "Had we continued at that rate in these latter years, we would today have neither the problem of mass unemployment nor of inflation."

"The defensive bulwarks of the Free World were erected in those same years," the UAW Vice President added. "Those bold and imaginative policies saved our heritage and continued the opportunity for progress for the new generations."

Hawks emphasized the Kansas City and St. Louis UAW officers councils had purchased the birthplace to turn over to the state "for several reasons."

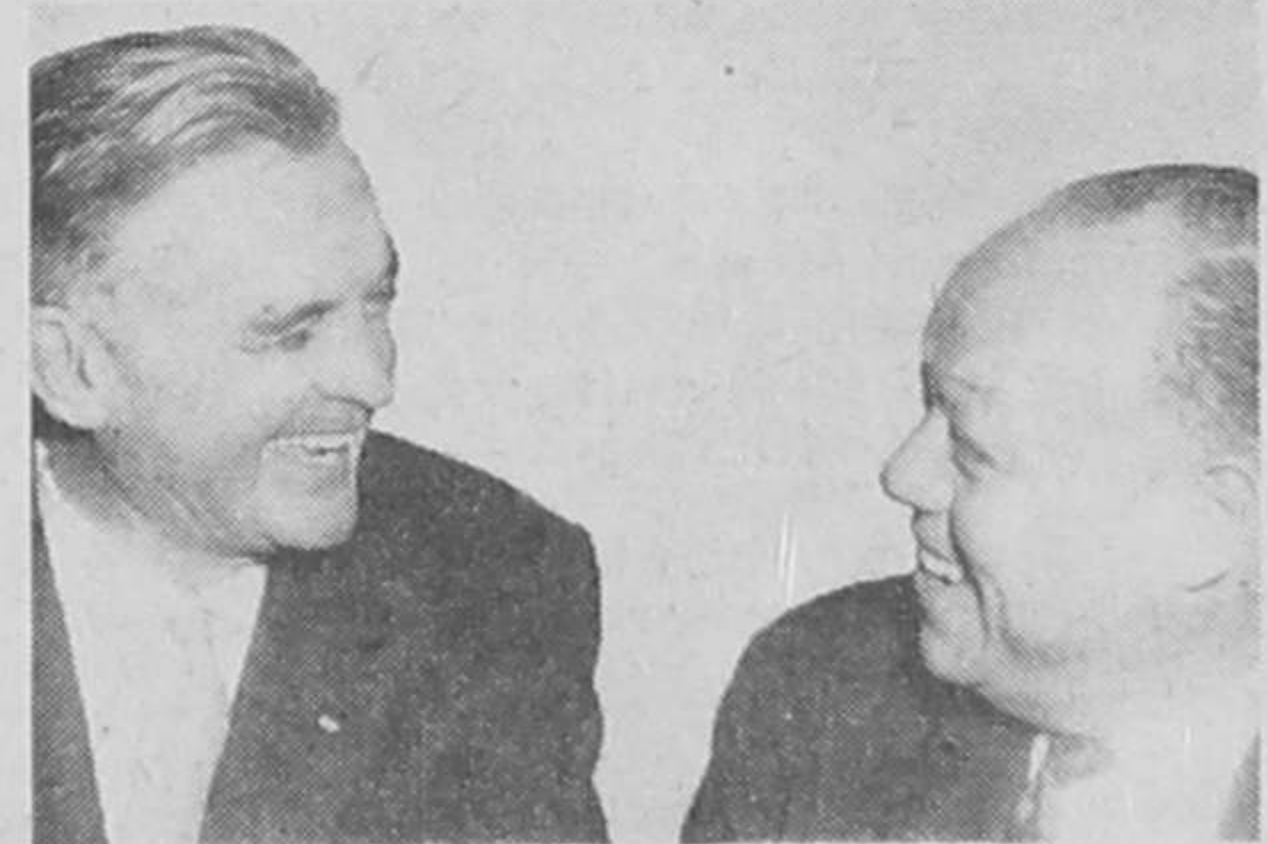
"Your record, Mr. President, will go down in history as that of one of our greatest Presidents," he said.

"And in addition, it's just that we love you very much."

Truman received long, loud applause when he rose to speak. He told the crowd that he appreciated the tributes very much "but it sort of takes all the starch out of me."

"They don't do this sort of thing to a former President until he's been dead 50 years," Truman commented. "That's why I don't like to be referred to as a statesman—a statesman is a politician who's been dead 50 years."

"I'm highly appreciative to the union. It's a great tribute to have your birthplace turned into a shrine before you're dead."



SPEAKERS at a banquet honoring President Truman after dedication of his birthplace were U.S. Sen. Stuart Symington (Dem., Mo.) (left) and Region 5 Director Ted Hawks.

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# Tom Mboya Africa's One-Man 'Mission to America'

There's a one-man "Mission to America" going on you may not have heard about—but which is a challenge to you and all Americans.

The one man is Tom Mboya (pronounced Mmm-boy-ah), just 28 but already one of the leading figures in all Africa.

Mboya is now touring the United States, the guest of the American Committee on Africa, sponsored in his many stops by community organizations that foresee nothing but trouble for America in the injustice of white supremacy and colonialism enforced by European nations in Africa.

In Detroit, the UAW joined with 23 other public-spirited bodies in sponsoring an African Freedom Rally.

## Mboya Was the Whole Show

Hundreds who couldn't even pronounce his surname but who felt the imminence of Africa on the world scene jammed Detroit's Rackham Memorial Auditorium to hear the soft-spoken trade unionist from faroff Kenya.

More hundreds were turned away because of the overflow crowd.

He doesn't shout warnings nor does he raise his voice even in depicting the rawest kind of colonialism, the abuse of more than 200 million of his fellow Africans that amounts to total degradation.

He speaks always in a low key. You get the feeling, quickly, that he's here only to dispense facts to anyone who cares to listen. His words are crystal clear. No double-meaning words slip in. Plain, crisp, unmistakable.

"I'm not here to quarrel with anyone," he says. "I presume Americans would like to know the facts with regard to Africa. And what Africa's course will mean to America. And to peace."

Mboya's social and political outlook sounds highly-polished. But it had the roughest beginning imaginable.

## Lincoln and Mboya

Lincoln in a log cabin had a silver spoon in his mouth compared with Mboya — and linking the two is not illogical. Millions in Africa see in Mboya exactly what Americans now look back and discover in Lincoln.

Mboya had no schooling until he was in his teens.

He attended a Catholic mission in Kenya. There were no blackboards, no chalk, no notebooks, no pencils.

With other children he sat on the ground in a wide circle around a missionary and listened to the reading of the Bible.

Words were etched into the sun-baked ground. The children mouthed the words over and over. And copied the missionary's writing with sharp sticks of their own.

With this background, Mboya went on to win a scholarship at Oxford University.

But before he headed for England, Mboya firmly entrenched himself in the trade union movement.

Mboya and the very young trade union

movement in Africa became synonymous in the minds of trade unionists around the world.

"Trade unions can't exist in isolation from the political facts of life, in Africa or anywhere else," Mboya explained.

That shot him into the political arena, a not too healthy spot for any African.

Mboya, first of the native Kenyans permitted to run for public office, was elected to the legislature in 1956.

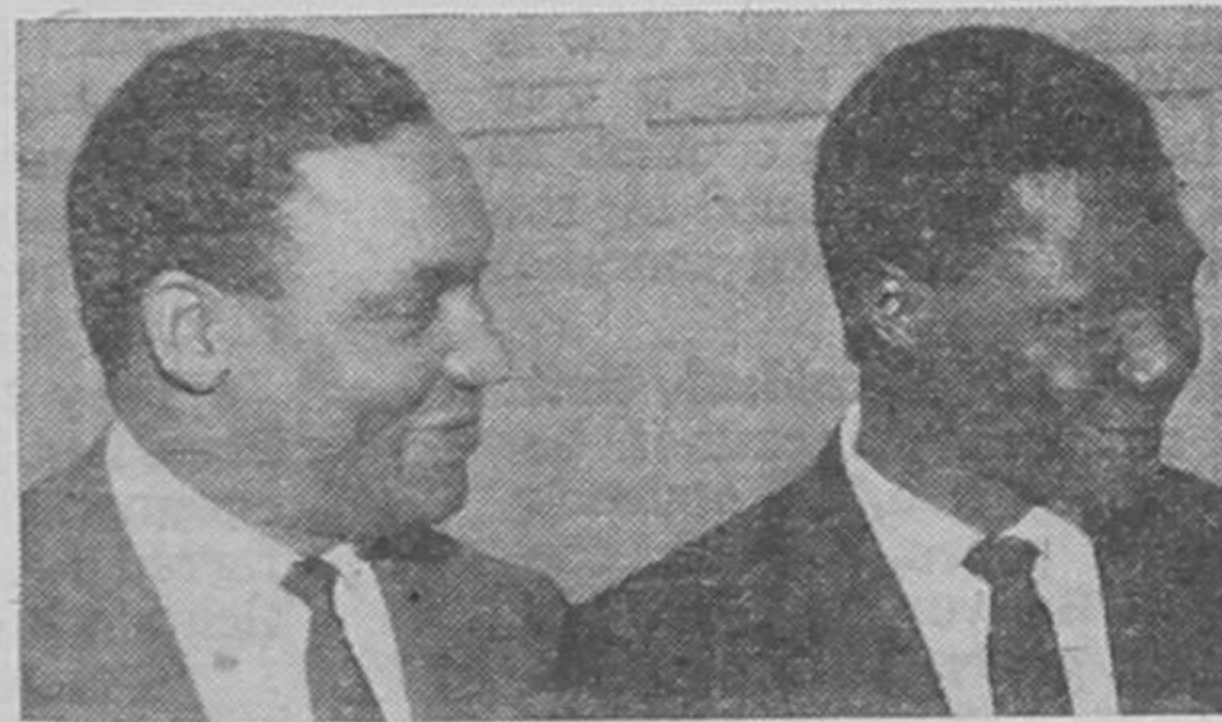
Six million Africans elect 14 of their own. Sixty thousand European whites also elect their own 14. Some 150,000 Asians elect their candidate and 25,000 Arabs also have a representative.

The British colonial office then handpicks additional whites for the legislature, thus guaranteeing a winning white vote on any issue.

Mboya, legislator and trade unionist, is always under police surveillance.

Before he can address his people, he must apply to the authorities for a license. He must disclose in advance the agenda, list of speakers, wording of resolution to be debated, time and place of meetings.

"There can be nothing inflammatory in



CO-DIRECTOR of UAW's fair employment practices department, William H. Oliver (left), helped to arrange Mboya's Detroit visit.

what I say, otherwise I can be accused of nationalist agitation . . ."

Half a million plantation workers in Kenya and some 60,000 "industrial" workers are members of the Kenya Federation of Labor, of which Mboya is general secretary.

"Despite the laws which are directed at strangling trade unionism and all it stands for, the labor movement is growing. The people recognize the trade union movement as an important ally, connecting them with the world outside, in the common cause for freedom and their determination to be allowed into the 20th century," Mboya explains.

The wretched economic conditions of millions of Africans under colonial rule and the stubborn, unconcealed denial of democratic rights to Africans is known to America's governmental leaders, Mboya points out.

And at this point Mboya looks you squarely in the eye.

"The people of Africa know the American background very well. Your revolution almost 200 years ago was against the very same colonial crimes now being perpetrated against millions of Africans. That is why Africa expects at least sympathy from Americans — and not contradictions."



# 'Berlin Bleibt Frei'

By JOHN HERLING

WEST BERLIN—The people of West Berlin turned their 1959 May Day demonstration into a triumph for the free world. Representing American Labor, UAW President Walter P. Reuther, added a new dimension to the dramatic occasion by his speech and his presence.

Berlin's hard-fighting, hard pressed, free trade unions organized this greatest outpouring of people in this city since 1949—the year of the Soviet blockade — another year of deep and poignant crisis. They represented not only labor, but every group in the community; both Socialists and Christian Democrats teamed in a firm anti-Communist alliance.

More than 600,000 Berliners marched in groups from 16 points of the free city, or walked with their families. Then they stood, their eyes glinting in the welcome sun, to affirm their faith that "Berlin Bleibt Frei." This means not only "Berlin Remains Free" but that it's going to stay that way, come what may, despite Nikita Khrushchev and Soviet threats.

Back in 1949, Berlin was still undergoing the Soviet blockade. The Allied airlift—the endless chain of pilots and planes—was still flying in every moment of the day and night food, clothing and fuel to Berlin's beleaguered population.

## Crisis Returns to Berlin

West Berlin's wise and gallant mayor, Ernst Reuter, had assembled the people of Berlin in a mass assurance to the world that Berlin would neither forget or give in. Twelve days after that May Day demonstration, the Soviet suddenly called off the blockade.

Now in 1959, crisis returns to Berlin. The Soviets have issued an ultimatum and stepped up their war of nerves against the free world—and Berlin.

So, on this May Day, 1959, the men and women of this city kept streaming into the Square of the Republic. From the lofty platform, with its huge simple back drop implacably proclaiming in 6 foot letters, "Berlin Bleibt Frei," you could see them coming down the streets at great distances and avenues, leading like spokes into the hub.

You see the Brandenburg Gate, way off on the left, the border between West Berlin and the Soviet-controlled East Sector—the cut-off point between freedom and democracy. You see the charred Reichstag building, the slowly healing relic of Hitler's arson in 1933. Reuther recalled





**Reuther Tells Berliners:**

**'You Do Not Stand Alone'**

WEST BERLIN — American trade unionists and all the American people stand firmly with the people of West Berlin in defense of "our common freedom," UAW President Walter P. Reuther told a Berlin Freedom Rally on May Day attended by more than 600,000.

"Berlin is once again the testing ground for freedom," Reuther told the crowd which greeted him with a roar of acclaim as he rose to speak as representative of the World Free Labor Organization.

Around him was a vast audience gathered together in a huge area which had been cleared of rubble at the request of Ernst Scharnowski, president of the Berlin Federation of Labor.

The Communists in East Berlin had sought to play down the rally. Instead, it turned out one of the largest in Berlin's history.

"You do not stand alone," Reuther said, speaking in German, "Your American trade union colleagues stand firmly with you. The people of America and the people of the free world stand firmly with you in defense of our common freedom . . . We shall stand with you in Berlin no matter how strong and cold the Soviet winds blow from the East."

Reuther told the crowd "the whole world is again thankful that Willy Brandt carries on freedom's fight in the best tradition of Ernst Reuter."

Brandt, Berlin's present mayor who took office after Reuter's death, shared the platform with the UAW President.

"I can say in truthfulness," Reuther concluded, "that the only war in which the American people wish to engage is the war against poverty, hunger, against ignorance and disease. In such a war all mankind will be victors."

**Willy Brandt — Berlin Remains Free**

When the Berlin trade unionists the first time he came to Berlin, as a very young man, the Reichstag was still smoking.

They met in right field stands the Soviet War Memorial. Placed there by the USSR in the early days of Berlin's occupation through miscalculation within the boundaries of West Berlin. Some thought that the huge crowd—or part of it—might make this structure an irresistible target. Allied soldiers were actually deployed on May 1—but they were out of sight—to prevent, if possible, an angry mob. There were no such incidents.

**Berliners Were Zestful**

Breaks of that sort would have besmirched the occasion. The Berliners were far too sober in their defiance to waste their energy. These people are not stolid, they are solid and zestful, with a sense of humor which kept bubbling out of the crowd.

They yelled, "Hullo Willy, Hullo Walter," in high spirits, roaring their laughter and gestures of good will. Bands and an orchestra made the occasion festive and satisfied all musical tastes. Banners spelled out a variety of slogans reflecting a wide range of opinions, but "Berlin Remains Free" was the recurring, the unqualified theme.

Through and tested Ernst Scharnowski, head of the Berlin Federation of Labor, was master of ceremonies. Two months of detailed preparation preceded this event. Years before, Scharnowski had rescued the Berlin trade unions from the control of the Communists. They hate him with deadly intensity.

But he scorns them, works hard and crackles

with a crusty humor. He told the world: "They're again trying to break our nerves. They never stop. They will never break our nerve or our spirit. We Berliners are like eggs. The more they boil us, the harder we get."

**A Roar of Welcome**

He began to introduce Reuther to the ocean of upturned faces, and as you looked up and out, far to the limits of the horizon, streams of people were still feeding into the main body. Though the loud speaker came Scharnowski's voice, introducing "our friend Walter Reuther who brings the greetings of 16 million American workers to us in Berlin."

The roar of joyful welcome thrilled Berliners and visitors alike. Here was "people-to-people diplomacy" on the grand scale. The solidarity of the world's free peoples had on this occasion an outward and visible symbol, and the U.S. labor movement was represented in person.

Reuther spoke in German, a fact which delighted the crowd. This was one of Reuther's shorter speeches—about 15 minutes. He told them that American labor and the American people as a whole joined in their determination to keep Berlin free. The world's free labor movement, he said, understood how important a role history had cast for Berlin and its people.

The climax of the meeting came with Willy Brandt's speech.

The jubilant music of the freedom bells began to peal, pouring like a blessing over Berlin's people. Slowly and, it seemed, almost reluctantly, the great May Day meeting came to an end.



Behrendt in Algemeen Handelsblad, Amsterdam



## House Stalls Area Aid Bill

WASHINGTON — Okayed by the Senate despite heavy Republican opposition, the important \$389 million area re-development bill which would help pour jobs into unemployment-stricken communities apparently is being hogtied in the House of Representatives.

Reported favorably by a 13 to 6 vote of the House Banking and Currency Committee, whose chairman is Brent Spence, Kentucky Democrat, the measure now goes to the House Rules Committee where chairman Howard Smith (D., Va.) is reported waiting to sit on it.

Opponents of the bill, disregarding still-heavy unemployment of more than 3.6 million breadwinners, have been pushing a "wait and see" attitude as far as employment is concerned.

However, they have shied away from the fact that most of the nation's 259 distressed areas are pockets of obsolescence with strong indications of continuing an economic decline even if employment picks up in other sections.

This was a strong factor in the bill's passage by the Senate where the 49 to 46 vote showed 45 Democrats and only 4 Republicans voting in favor of the measure and 30 Republicans and 16 Democrats opposed.

Here is the Senate rollcall vote on the bill:

### FOR

Democrats: Anderson, Bartlett, Bible, Byrd (W. Va.), Cannon, Carroll, Chavez, Church, Clark, Dodd, Douglass, Engle, Gore, Green, Gruening, Hart, Hartke, Hayden, Hennings, Hill, Humphrey, Jackson, Johnson (Tex.), Kefauver, Kennedy, Kerr, Mansfield, McCarthy, McGee, McNamara, Monroney, Morse, Moss, Murray, Muskie, Neuberger, O'Mahoney, Pastore, Proxmire, Randolph, Sparkman, Symington, Williams (N.J.), Yarborough, Young (Ohio).

Republicans: Beall, Cooper, Langer, Smith.

### AGAINST

Democrats: Byrd (Va.), Eastland, Ellender, Ervin, Frear, Holland, Johnston (S.C.), Jordan, Lausche, Long, McClellan, Robertson, Smathers, Stennis, Talmadge, Thurmond.

Republicans: Aiken, Allott, Bennett, Bridges, Bush, Butler, Capehart, Carlson, Case (N.J.), Case (S.D.), Cotton, Curtis, Dirksen, Dvorshak, Goldwater, Hickenlooper, Hruska, Javits, Keating, Kuchel, Martin, Morton, Mundt, Prouty, Saltonstall, Schoeppel, Scott, Wiley, Williams (Del.), Young (N.D.).

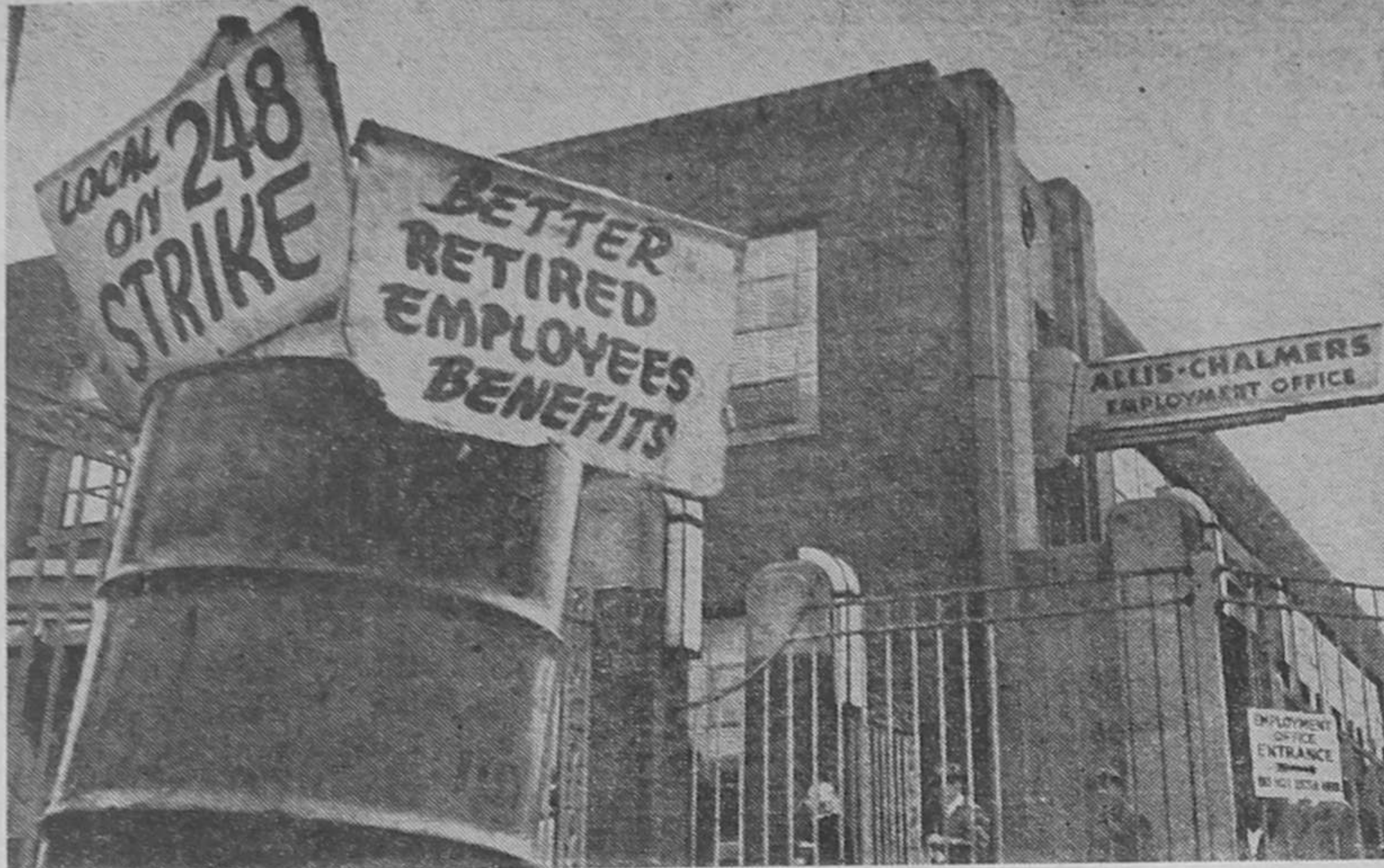


## Action Urged On Rights Bill

In a wire to Senate and House leaders, the UAW urged "speedy enactment" of the Celler-Douglas Civil Rights bill pending in Congress.

The telegram was sent May 5 to Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D., Mo.) chairman of the Constitutional Rights subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, by William H. Oliver, co-director of the UAW fair practices and anti-discrimination department.

"Passage of this long overdue bill will do more to help restore law and order in the south than thousands of speeches or bayonets," Oliver said.



IN THE ASHCAN go the picket signs used by members of Local 248 in their successful 11-week strike against Allis-Chalmers. Unity of some 15,000 workers in A-C locals in the United States and Canada was what won the strike, said UAW Vice President Pat Greathouse.

# Workers Win 11-Week A-C Strike; Management Abolishes 'DCB'

MILWAUKEE — Allis-Chalmers workers who belong to UAW have a right to feel 10-feet tall these days—all 15,000 of them.

Behind them is an 11-week strike during which they more than proved their worth.

Now with them is a wide range of economic and social benefits the company swore would never go their way.

Ahead of them is a chance for mature labor-management relations based, for the first time, on management's respect for them as union-conscious workers who picked up the challenge hurled at them by a company that just itched for a strike.

No longer with them is the indignity of A-C's 19th century style Discipline Control Boards. "They were marvelous," was the nutshell comment of UAW Vice President Pat Greathouse, the union's chief negotiator throughout 10 solid months of bargaining in the farm equipment and road-building machinery industry.

"AC workers won more than a strike. They asserted themselves without flinching. And they did it over a long, grinding haul in what must be one of our union's most crucial strikes."

United throughout the long

strike were A-C workers of Local 248 West Allis, Wisc.; Local 401 LaCrosse, Wisc.; Local 487 Gadsden, Ala.; Local 1027 Springfield, Ill.; Local 1036 Pittsburgh, Pa.; Local 1164 Terre Haute, Ind.; Local 1316 Cedar Rapids, Io.; and Local 1319 LaPorte, Ind.—and A-C's Canadians at St. Thomas, Ont., who won their strike two days later.

Following are settlement highlights:

- Wage increase of 6c hourly or 2.5% of present wages (whichever is greater) retroactive to last Sept. 1.
- Further 6c-or-2.5% formula wage increases to begin this Sept. 14 and the first Monday in Oct. next year.
- Night shift bonus increased from 12c to 14c.
- Pensions improved to pay \$2.50 per month times years of service (was \$2.25) and double that rate for workers on total and permanent disability and workers who go on early retirement by mutual agreement—such amounts to be effective as of last Oct. 1.
- SUB benefit period lengthened from 26 weeks to whatever the state provides, including emergency temporary benefits up to 39 weeks; SUB payments, together with unem-

ployment compensation, to guarantee 65% of take-home pay plus 1% for each dependent child up to a maximum of five.

• SUB's outside earnings provision liberalized to aid short-week victims.

• Severance pay plan to pay up to 1,200 hours' pay (30 weeks) in a lump sum to workers laid off in excess of 12 months. Those affected by transfers of operations, plant closing, etc., would be eligible immediately for severance.

• A new paid vacations step granting four weeks with pay to those with 25 or more years of service.

• Health and welfare benefits made meaningful by cutting red tape and by improvements in coverage.

• Removal of Discipline Control Boards from all plants.

• Improved seniority protection.

• Improved grievance machinery.

• More realistic handling of requests for leaves of absence.

• Removal from the contract of "super-seniority" rights for foremen and other non-unit personnel eased back into the bargaining unit.

In local level bargaining, A-C local unions ironed out a great many irking problems.

## For Medical Needs

# Labor Supports Hospital-Based Group Plans

CHICAGO — The UAW encouraged the Tri-State Hospital Assembly, meeting here April 28, in its study to give American families the kind of medical-hospital care they need.

UAW Vice President Leonard Woodcock presented a paper supporting hospital-centered group medical practicing as the surest method to meet community health needs. The paper was read to assembly delegates by James Brindle, director of the UAW's social security department.

There is a "vacuum in medical policy today" which has forced the labor movement to participate in medical affairs in the best interest of the millions of workers they represent, Woodcock wrote.

He said it was unfortunate that anti-labor sections of society, particularly those charged with responsibility in the field, heaped charges of "dictating . . . socialism" on labor and "abdicated" their responsibilities rather than press for solutions to obvious health care shortcomings.

Group medical practice offers the patient the advantage of having his entire health service concentrated in one place, offers ready access to wider consultation and technical assistance "which, incidentally, stimulates physicians to keep up with medical progress, gives physicians the opportunity to take time off for study and recreation and offers more stable income, especially in the early years of practice," it was pointed out.

"Group practice is a form of heresy only in some medical circles. To the rest of a modern society, it appears the most efficient and up-to-date way for the health profession to practice," Woodcock said.

If organized medicine ceased its opposition to group practice prepayment, Woodcock said, there would still remain the need for active support for group practice in the public interest.

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## THE FORAND BILL: What Does It Mean To You?

(The Forand Bill — HR 4700 — which would amend the Social Security Act to provide medical care insurance for old age and survivors is stalled in the House Ways and Means Committee. It needs your support to get favorable action. Write now to your Congressman, and send for copies of a leaflet — excerpts of which are printed below — on the bill being distributed by the UAW Older and Retired Workers Department, 8000 E. Jefferson, Detroit 14, Michigan. Tomorrow may be too late! Do it now!)

Q. What is the most important unmet need of retired people?

A. Lack of adequate, prepaid hospital and health insurance in the event of serious illness.

Q. What is the most practical way to meet this need?

A. By getting Congress to pass the Forand Bill H.R. 4700.

Q. What does the Forand Bill propose to do?

A. To amend the Social Security Act so as to provide insurance against the cost of hospital, nursing home and surgical services to all those eligible for old age and survivors insurance benefits.

Q. How would the Forand Bill accomplish this?

A. By transferring to the self-supporting social security system a large portion of the financial burden for health and hospital benefits which now falls on individuals and their families or upon private charities and public assistance, which, of course, is also paid for by the taxpayers.

Q. What benefits and services would be provided under the program?

A. The program would insure the costs of hospital, nursing home and surgical services within prescribed limits.



# Court Says Contract End Does Not Stop Benefits

Workers' fringe benefits remain in effect when terms of a collective bargaining agreement are continued on a day-to-day basis after a contract expires, a Michigan circuit judge has ruled.

As a result, members of former UAW local 1240 involved in the case will get back vacation pay from the now-closed Copco Steel and Engineering Co. plant at Warren, Mich., Region 1-B Director William McAulay said. The plant had employed about 100 UAW members before it was permanently closed by Copco.

The ruling, by Macomb Circuit Judge Alton H. Noe, noted the contract had expired June 18, 1958, but that members of Local 1240 had remained at work until July 9 that year when the company arbitrarily announced a drastic wage cut and elimination of all fringe benefits.

The union claimed the workers in whose name the suit was filed were entitled to vacation pay for the period between June 18 and July 9, 1958, because the contract's wage rates and working conditions remained in effect during that time.

Judge Noe said that if a contract termination notice could cut off all rights of the workers, "then it is evident the individual employees (members of the union) surrendered some very valuable and important rights which they had earned . . ."

But, he added, "both company and union apparently disciplined themselves alike in this situation and continued all the terms and provisions of the original contract without alterations, and by implication elected to be governed by said contract as originally executed."

## Detroit News About-Faces; Story 'Untrue'

Does "news" include every item that goes into a newspaper? What if a story isn't true?

These questions were asked after the Detroit News recently frontpaged a story asserting UAW President Walter P. Reuther "has blocked a drive by an AFL-CIO government employees' union to organize 7 million public workers in the United States."

The News itself was quick to come out the next day with its own form of retracting a story. "A top AFL-CIO official declared today," the paper reported, "that UAW President Walter P. Reuther is helping—not blocking—a move to unionize the country's 7 million public employees."

The difference between the two pieces hinged on a few important points. One of them was the fact that the AFL-CIO official said the first News story, by-lined by Asher Lauren, one of that newspaper's older writers, was the "sheerest fantasy."

The official—Arnold Zander, president of the AFL State, County and Municipal Employees' Union—should have known. The News had tacked its first story on to what someone said Zander had told him.

But, as Zander pointed out he hadn't even talked to the man making the claim. Nor did the News get in touch with Zander until after its first story appeared.

### Quotes One Man

While Lauren attributed the charge against Reuther to "Detroit officials" of the government workers union, he was able to quote only one—Albert Hargreaves, who is presiding clerk of the Wayne Circuit Court.

Hargreaves' statements were blasted as "untrue and without any reasonable basis" by Ernest F. Stengel, president of the union's Public Employees Council 77, and Robert N. Pruitt, executive vice-president.

"From the inception of our organization," they said, "we have called upon the United Automobile Workers Union for aid and have received as much as they could afford to give us."

Meanwhile, Zander pointed out he had had no personal conversations with Hargreaves. "I can only conclude that Har-

## Holley Joins UAW Effort To Save Jobs

WASHINGTON—UAW Local 983 and Region 1-A Co-Director Douglas Fraser teamed up here this month in an all-out effort to save the jobs of the local's members.

Joined by officers of the Holley Carburetor Co., at whose Warren, Mich., plant the local's members work, they held an all-day series of conferences with government and defense officials to urge additional contracts for the plant.

About 600 workers now are employed at the Warren factory, compared with approximately 1,400 two years ago. Employment has been falling, the company said, because the government's shift to emphasis on missiles has resulted in a drop in its orders for precision aircraft materials.

Representing Local 983 at the sessions here were Dan Rowe, president; Ed Michaels, shop committee chairman; Marge Condon, Norm Briscoe and George Tomlinson.

## UAW Summer Camp, Kids Coming Closer

Applications are being taken for boys and girls to attend this year's UAW Children's Camp, the union's Recreation Department has announced. The camp covers more than 200 acres of cabins, beach, woods, fields and playgrounds on the shores of Lake Huron.

Cost for children sponsored by a UAW member in Michigan and Canada is \$20 a week. The charge for youngsters not sponsored by UAW members is \$35. Children from UAW Region 1-C are covered by a different method of payment and must register through their sponsor's local union.

Application and additional information can be obtained from the UAW Recreation Department, 8000 East Jefferson avenue, Detroit 14, Mich.

greaives invented the alleged conversation," he said.

"I know Walter Reuther long enough and well enough to be absolutely positive that he has a deep and abiding interest in seeing public employees organized," Zander added.



THE NEWLY-ELECTED NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE at the recently-organized Chrysler missile plant at Warren started immediately going over contract demands with Region 1 Co-Director Ken Morris (fourth from left). Negotiations of the missile workers' first contract were scheduled to start last week. Members of the group are (left to right) Vern Sutter, Walter Kowaliwski, Scotty Creech, Morris, Sam Beningasa, Keith Orr and Region 1 representative Joe Ferris.

## 'Merely Brings Michigan Into Line':

# Woodcock Slams the GOP Proposals To Overturn Court's Ford Decision

LANSING—Proposals to overturn or drastically amend the Michigan Supreme Court ruling in the Ford-Canton unemployment compensation case were assailed last week by Leonard Woodcock, UAW vice president and director of the union's General Motors and Aircraft Departments.

His criticisms of the proposals to amend the state law were submitted to a special three-man committee appointed by Governor Williams and composed of Professors Russell Smith, University of Michigan; Charles Killingsworth of Michigan State University, and Ronald Houghton, Wayne State University.

Woodcock quoted Governor Williams as pointing out that under circumstances similar to the Ford case, it appeared "that the same result would be reached . . . in 48 of the 51 jurisdictions having unemployment insurance programs."

Thus, Woodcock said, "the Michigan Supreme Court decision in the Ford case merely brings Michigan into line with the overwhelming majority of states."

### All Eight Agree

Other points outlined by the UAW official included: All eight Michigan Supreme Court justices agreed on the proper meaning of the term "establishment," on which the Ford decision turned; any such amendment to the law as proposed by the Governor and others "would discriminate against small business to the advantage of large, multi-plant

corporations;" the "fear" of employers that unemployment funds will be used to subsidize a strike was "an apparition, conjured up only for publicity purposes by those groups whose clear intent it is to do violent and permanent damage to the law," and overturning the decision "would be inimical to

the declared public policy of the state."

Woodcock was critical of what he termed the "unseemly haste with which both the Governor and some legislators have sought legislative change while the matter is still being adjudicated."

"Were there some demonstrable evidence that the decision was working a hardship on a firm doing business in Michigan," he said, "perhaps such a speedy appraisal of the decision could be justified."

"No evidence has been forthcoming."

### Hurt Small Employers

Woodcock said also the proposal to overturn the decision would have the effect of discriminating against small, one-plant employers.

"Should a one-plant concern be closed because of a strike against a supplier firm," he said, "the workers in such a factory would obviously be entitled to draw benefits."

"Such withdrawals would be charged against the employer although he had no control over causes of the shutdown."

"On the other hand, a giant, multiplant corporation is, in many respects, its own supplier of parts. Under the proposal, such a large corporation is in a position to provoke a strike at one of its own parts plants thus giving it the power to prevent idled workers in other plants of the company from collecting benefits. The small, one-plant employer obviously is in no position to do this," he said.



GETTING READY to climb a ladder to light the union's "Flame of Hope" on Flint's City Hall grounds is UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey. The torch symbolizes the area's fight against unemployment. A "thermometer" on the UAW booth beside it will show the rise or fall of joblessness in the area. Idea of the torch stemmed from Region 1-C Director E. S. "Pat" Patterson.

## COPE to Hold Reorganization Meetings

A series of COPE congressional district meetings to provide union members an opportunity to take part in reorganizing the COPE district setup has been announced by the Wayne County AFL-CIO. The meetings, to be held Saturday, June 6, will be open to

members of unions affiliated with the Wayne County organization.

Members are urged to attend the session in the congressional district in which they live. The meetings will be held as follows:

First District: UAW Local 3 Hall, 8425 Joseph Campau ave.;

13th District: Laborers Local 334 Hall, 2967 East Grand Blvd.; 14th District: UAW Local 212 Hall, 12101 Mack ave.; 15th District: UAW Local 174 Hall, 6495 West Warren; 16th District: Seafarers' Hall, 10225 West Jefferson, River Rouge, and 17th District: UAW Region 1-A, 8222 Joy rd.



Both UAW and IAM:

# 4,500 Walk Out At Hayes Aircraft

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Refusal by management to make any economic concessions or grant necessary changes in the contract forced a strike against Hayes Aircraft Corp. by Local 1155, it was reported by UAW Vice President Leonard Woodcock and director of the aircraft department.

The shutdown—100% effective—came at 9:15 a.m., May 11, just fifteen minutes after expiration of a ten-day strike notice, said UAW Region 8 Director E. T. Michael. About 4,500 production workers are involved.

Maintenance workers at the plant, represented by the IAM, went on strike simultaneously with the UAW production workers. The unions are carrying on a joint strike against the company, pitting the full weight of a total shutdown behind the union's demands.

A strike vote, taken some two weeks before the walkout, was approved by a margin of better than 99% in a secret ballot. In another meeting just prior to the strike, Local 1155 members voted by secret ballot to reject the company's inadequate "final" offer by a count of 3,315 to 46.

Participating in the intensive negotiations, which opened last March, have been Michael; Irving Bluestone, administrative assistant to Woodcock; George Frongillo, international representative from the aircraft department; John Case, international representative from the regional office; C. A. Hollingsworth, local president, and Don Cromer, chairman of the local's bargaining committee.

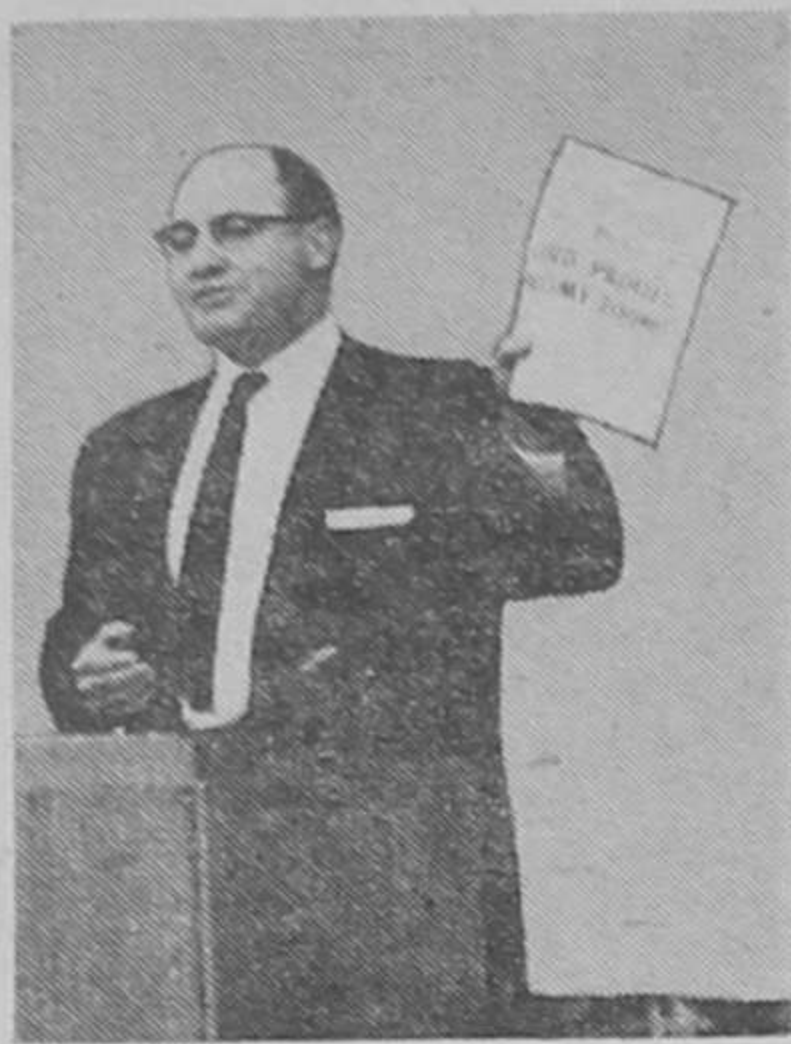
"The strike was forced by the company's adamant refusal to make any economic concession, whatsoever, in the year 1959," Michael said, "despite the fact that Hayes sales, earnings and prospects are at an all-time high.

"Equally important is the fact that except for an agreement on shift transfers, the company has refused to grant the necessary changes in the working agreement on certain key issues of major importance to the workers, mostly regarding seniority.

"The full financial and moral support of the international union and the national aircraft department was pledged to the membership and leaders of Local 1155 in their fight for a fair and just settlement of their demands."

Among the proposals on which the company has refused to move are a wage increase in 1959; a sick leave plan, now virtually standard in the industry and which the company

already is paying at another of its plants; hospital and surgical coverage for dependents of employees, and increases in substandard coverages on holidays, premium and vacations up to general levels in the industry.



KEN BANNON

To Expand Market, Jobs:

# Cut Car Prices \$100, Ford Council Demands

Delegates to the UAW's National Ford Council, meeting in Detroit urged Ford Motor Company to lower prices on its automobiles by \$100 in order "to share with the consumer some of the fruits of greater productivity and thereby lead to an expansion of the car market and an increase in job opportunities for auto

workers," it was reported by Ken Bannon, director of the National Ford Department.

The resolution calling for lower prices was one of three passed unanimously by the 250 delegates who represent 125,000 Ford workers across the country. It charged Ford with "bombarding the public with false propaganda" which alleges that union-won wage gains were responsible for inflated prices, "while quite naturally failing to mention their own scandalous price gouging practices."

The council also adopted a resolution denouncing the company's policy of scheduling overtime and hiring additional workers "in some plants while at the same time refusing to call back thousands of Ford workers with long years of seniority."

A third resolution requested the company, "in conjunction with the International Union, UAW, to seek consultation with the American Medical Association in an endeavor to persuade AMA to exert pressure on state and local medical societies and Blue Shield plans to bring service, surgical and medical programs up to the standard of the UAW-Ford Motor Company agreement."



IGNORING THE PRYING EYES of cameras set up by management on behind-the-fence platforms (circle), members of Local 1155 form picket-lines more than a half-mile long. Above, helping to form the lines are UAW Region 8 Director T. E. Michael (center, holding sign); C. A. Hollingsworth, Local 1115 president and Don Cromer, bargaining committee chairman.

## UAW, IAM Plan Mutual Support In Negotiations

Representatives of 5,000 employees of United Aircraft Corporation have agreed upon procedures to develop maximum effective bargaining strength in current and future negotiations.

The meeting, which took place in the Machinists Building in Washington, D.C., May 9, was attended by 30 officials of the IAM and the UAW.

John K. Main, business representative for IAM District 91, East Hartford, Conn., and Mitchell Sviridoff, Bridgeport assistant director, UAW Region 9A, were elected co-chairmen of the Joint IAM-UAW conference for United Aircraft employees. In a joint statement explaining the purposes of the conference the co-chairmen said:

"We are today mobilizing all resources and skill of our two great unions to bring to bear on United Aircraft Corporation and its Pratt & Whitney, Sikorsky and Hamilton Standard divisions, the maximum effective bargaining pressure."

## High Score Set

UAW has won 53 out of 61 representative elections held by the NLRB in the first quarter of 1959, it was announced by UAW Vice President Richard E. Gosser, director of the competitive shops department.

The elections, held in virtually every UAW region, added 7,400 members ranks, Gosser said. The elections were carried out by representatives of the competitive shops, other UAW departments and regional offices.

## Keglers End Tournament

When the pins finally settled in the UAW's eighth annual international bowling tournament, Joe D'Amico, of Cleveland, O., and Eunice Roher of Lagonier, Ind., were crowned singles champs in the men's and women's divisions.

They shared in a \$20,000 prize list that went out to the cream of more than 3,000 bowlers from 160 local unions as proven over a gruelling nine-weekends' tournament at Detroit's state fair recreation.

D'Amico, a member of UAW Local 420, fired a natural 711 to win in a field of 2,250 vying for the men's crown. Eunice Roher of UAW Local 441 rolled a 687 to lead 500 gals in search of the women's individual high title.

Olga Madar, UAW recreation department director, reported that 3,125 unionists from both sides of the international border took part in the handicap play.

Howard Clark's "Pickups," a five-man squad from UAW Local 612, Elkhart, Ind., captured the top spot in the men's team competition with a 3,176 score. Jane Kroboth led Allentown, Pa., Local 677's entry to first place.

## UAW Supports Open Hearings On Price Hikes

UAW has endorsed a Senate measure to require public hearings on price increases proposed by giant corporations but also urged that a series of strengthening amendments be added to "provide a strong and persuasive deterrent to the abuse of their pricing power" by these concerns.

UAW Vice President Leonard Woodcock testified before the Anti-trust and Monopoly Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee on S. 215, a bill introduced by Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney (D. Wyo.).

Specifically, the UAW official called for amendments which would:

1. Limit the number of corporations covered to those that accounted for 25 per cent or more of the total sales in their respective industries;
2. Extend to 60 days the advance notice required of such corporation contemplating price increases;
3. Require publication of a report on each price hearing held and before expiration of the 60-day notification period;
4. Set up a separate agency whose sole function was administration of the act, and
5. Increase penalties on corporations that violate the act or impose penalties on corporation officers who willfully participate in such violations.

Woodcock proposed also "the consumer . . . be represented in the (price) hearings . . . either by an independent Office of Consumers Counsel or by the Department of the Consumer which would be created by S. 1571," introduced by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D. Tenn.).

## 'Right To Eat' Laws Urged

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now stalled in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Mazey warned that it appeared from developments in Washington D.C. that Congress "will not pass these bills unless we badger and push them to do it."

Among other measures which Mazey said Congress should enact promptly were the Housing and Minimum Wage bills.

"We need a housing bill adequate to wipe out all slums," he said. "While we still have acres and acres of slums in our metropolitan centers, thousands of lumber workers, carpenters, painters and so on are out of jobs. What's wrong with this country, anyhow?"

Mazey pointed out there are now 20 million workers getting paid less than \$1.25 an hour—the amount which AFL-CIO supports as a new minimum.

"If members of Congress were paid \$1 an hour—the present minimum, we would get action on this bill in a hurry," he said.

Mazey warned it appeared Congress would not pass these and other liberal measures unless an aroused citizenry forced them to do so.

Turning to the question of "labor reform", Mazey said the McClellan Committee revelations had done "some good," but GOP members of the committee were trying to use it to undermine the entire labor movement. He specifically mentioned Republicans Barry Goldwater (Ariz.); Carl T. Curtis (Neb.); Karl E. Mundt (S. D.) and Homer E. Capehart (Ind.).

## Cites Need for U. S. Growth

WASHINGTON—Some of America's national leaders are suffering from an inferiority complex when they say the nation cannot afford full employment and full production, an adequate defense, a decent standard of health for all, and necessary education for our children, Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) charged in a Senate speech.

Pointing out that Congress' Joint Committee on the Economic Report has prepared a study which shows the nation's gross national product per capita declined between 1953 and 1958, Symington compared this with increases in the same period of 8.5 per cent in West Germany, 7.5 per cent in France, 4 per cent in Italy, and 2.5 per cent in the United Kingdom.

The Soviet-Chinese combination, he said, also has made increasing strides in production.



# Annual Local Picnic To Be Held Sunday, July 26, Walled Lake Park

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORTS:

## Local 174 Volunteers Do Fine Job of Fund Raising For Washington Rally

By ROLAND GARLAND

I would like to take this opportunity in behalf of your Local Union to thank the many volunteers who worked so hard to raise money and recruit unemployed members to go to the unemployed rally in Washington in April.

In spite of the heavy layoffs in our plants, enough money was collected to finance the 40 Local delegates to the meeting.

Many committee members gave freely of their time to pass the cannisters at the plants. We also thank the many units who made generous contributions from their plant funds.

Many of the units collected enough money to send a good delegation from their own plant to the rally.

IT IS VERY NICE to know that we in Local 174 have a large group of members who, when the chips are down and there is a job to be done, will roll up their sleeves and go all out to carry out the program.

It is these workers who have over the years earned for Local 174 the reputation of being one of the most dependable and stable Locals in the UAW, a reputation of which we are justly proud.

What will result from the mass demonstration, we do not know, but we feel sure that your Representatives in Washington now have a greater understanding of the problems of unemployed workers and the need to implement a program to re-train and re-employ workers who lose their jobs through automation.

If the Government recognizes the problem and adopts the program outlined at this Conference, we can all look forward to a better way of life for all the people of America.



ROLAND GARLAND

## A Full Day of Pleasure Planned For Members and Their Families

The Annual West Side Local picnic and outing will be held Sunday, July 26, at Walled Lake Amusement Park.

The Committee selected by the Joint Council who are busy planning the program for the giant affair are: Floyd Bolda, Detroit Controls, Chairman; Martha Bradley, Fisher Livonia, Secretary; Mary Bouwman, Detroit Universal; Edgar Dansby, Massey-Ferguson; Walter Cabaj, Ternstedt; Ray Peterson, Rockwell Office; Joe Szabo, Revere Copper; James Thompson, Rockwell Plant; and Roland Garland, Financial Secretary of Local 174.

The plans this year will provide a full day of fun for all age groups, including races, novelty contests and other events with valuable prizes for all winners.

There will be dancing in the huge roller rink for two hours in the afternoon.

Bathing on the new modern beach will be free. There will be a small charge for a suit, towel and locker.

The popular pinochle tournament will be held in the morning in the canopy of the restaurant.

Many special events will be featured this year. All rides at the park will be free from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Tickets for all rides will be sold at reduced rates from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at special booths set up on the picnic grounds. All tickets purchased during these hours will be honored all evening.

There will be thousands of souvenirs given away and ice cream and pop will be free to ticket holders.

ONE HUNDRED BARRELS of beer will be on sale in the two beer gardens from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m.

Beer will be served in cups only.

There will be music on the grounds all day.

Major awards will be made at the picnic. Awards will be a 1959 2-door Chevrolet sedan equipped with powerglide and heater; 21-inch portable TV with stand; room air-conditioner; Hi-Fi tape recorder.

In all awards the decision of the Judges will be final. Tickets will be distributed throughout all units of the Local by plant officers, committeemen and stewards.

Make a date for you and your family for Sunday, July 26, at Walled Lake Park. The committee are working hard to make this the best picnic yet.

Watch your bulletin boards for notices carrying full information on the program.

## 12 Candidates in Race For Eight Local Offices

The biennial election of officers of West Side Local 174 will be held Monday through Friday, June 22-25, 1959. Voting will be conducted at voting places set up in or near the plants and at the Local hall.

The election will be conducted by the Local Election Committee under the chairmanship of Earl Lee.

The following are the offices to be filled and the candidates:

### PRESIDENT

HARRY SOUTHWELL  
(Incumbent)  
(Detroit Universal)

NICK SAHLANEY  
(Ternstedt)

### VICE-PRESIDENT

CAL FLETCHER  
(Incumbent-Unopposed)

### FINANCIAL-SECRETARY

ROLAND GARLAND  
(Incumbent)  
(Rockwell Standard)

TONY STANISZEWSKI  
(Ternstedt)

### RECORDING SECRETARY

JAMES THOMPSON  
(Incumbent)  
(Rockwell Standard)

JOSEPH SLICKER LETKOWSKI  
(Ternstedt)

### FOUR-YEAR TRUSTEE

(Two (2) to be elected)

ED DANSBY  
(Incumbent)  
(Massey-Ferguson)

FLOYD BOLDA  
(Incumbent)  
(Detroit Controls)

LEEDON (Tommy) TERRY  
(Ternstedt)

### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

EDWARD (Sunshine)  
KWASNIEWSKI  
(Incumbent-Unopposed)  
(Roberts Tube)

### GUIDE

JOE PALUMBO  
(Incumbent-Unopposed)  
(Bond Steel & Storage)

## Boehm Products Is New Unit of Local 174 UAW

Boehm Screw Products located at 7114 W. Jefferson is a new unit of Local 174, UAW.

The plant was organized by Cal Fletcher, Representative and Vice-President of the Local.

In a National Labor Relations Board election held March 24,

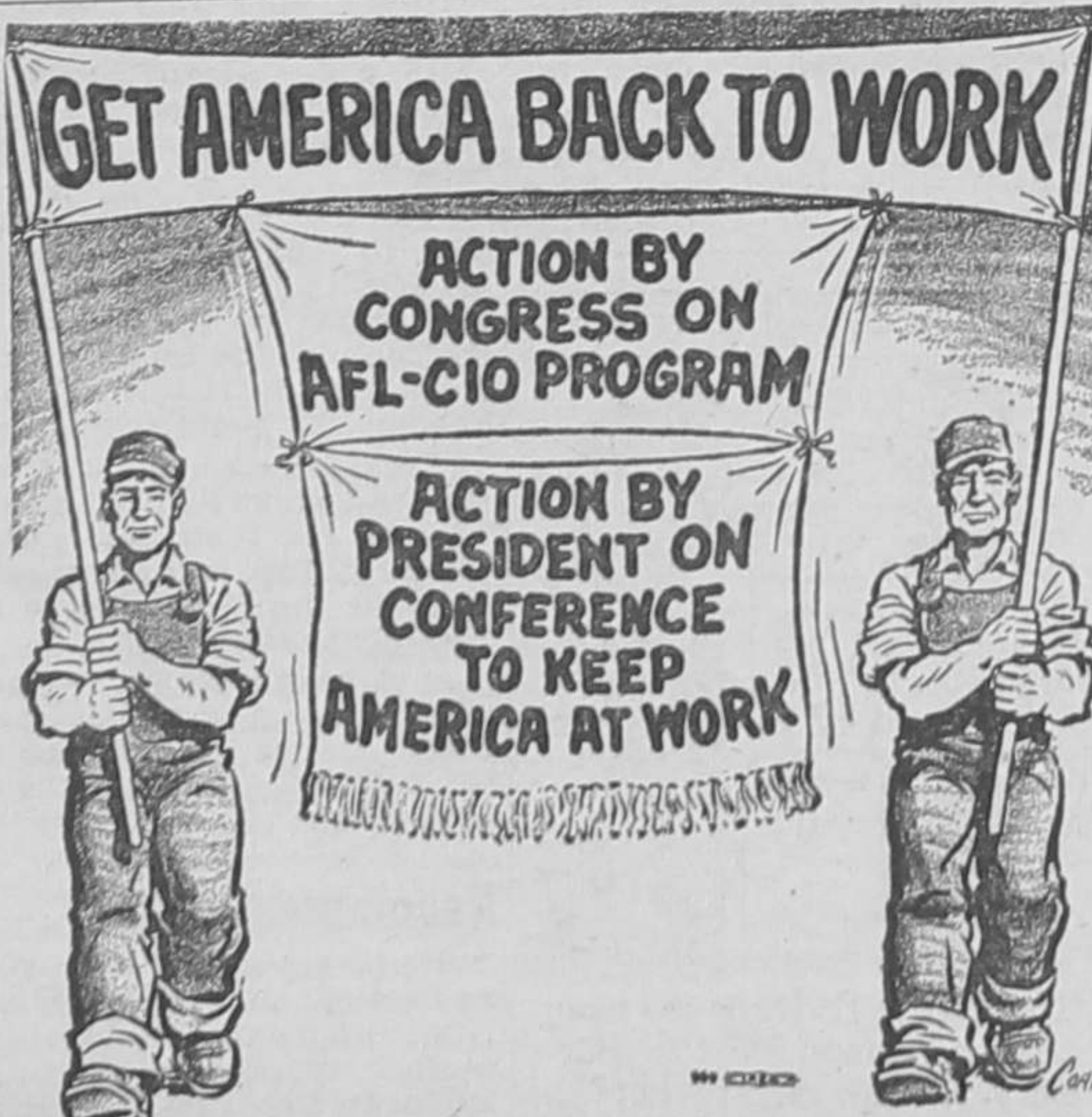


VICE PRES. CAL FLETCHER

1959, the vote was 11 for Local 174, no union—6.

A temporary committee consisting of Leonard Pietrowski, Mildred Moore and Edna Brady, along with Cal Fletcher are meeting with management in negotiating a contract for the unit.

The plant makes automotive parts for the auto industry.





# 42% Say Early Retirement Best Bar to Unemployment

Earlier retirement of older cure for unemployment, according to a very informal straw vote taken among members of Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Intl. Union AFL-CIO, by that organization's semi-monthly UNION NEWS.

Of members replying to a questionnaire printed in a recent issue of UNION NEWS, 42% favored lowering retirement age, with adequate pensions, so that older men could move out of the work force and make room for the younger people.

Shortening of the work week was the second most popular remedy, being favored in 25 per cent of the questionnaires mailed in.

Thirteen per cent favored making overtime rates so excessively high that employers would be forced to maintain fuller crews.

Eight per cent voted for government spending to stimulate the economy.

Higher wages to provide higher purchasing power as a protection to a full economy got only four per cent of the votes, but the idea of a fully planned economy (approaching social-

ism) was favored by five per cent.

**THE SUGGESTION** that no action at all be taken—that business and industry be left alone to gradually seek natural cures—was favored by only two per cent.

"The poll was about as unscientific as you can get," commented Ray Davidson, editor of UNION NEWS, "so I don't think anyone would take these percentage results as definitely reflecting a cross section of the views of our members—at least not without further investigation.

"But the interesting point is that we had a quick response and that almost half of the members voting wrote a letter further elaborating their views. Bear in mind that all the members had at hand was a form printed in their union news paper. The individual member had to locate and address his own envelope, find a stamp and mail it. The fact that we got a heavy response indicates that the membership is gravely concerned about unemployment.

"It also should be noted that virtually all of these letters came from people who are

presently employed; with few exceptions, unemployed people are not carried on our rolls to receive the paper."

Letter writers suggested a wide variety of remedies for unemployment other than the seven suggested remedies printed in the questionnaire and enumerated above. A considerable number complained about working wives. A few complained about the fact that some men hold two jobs.

## Texas Bosses Fight 50c Wage

Austin, Tex.—A proposed 50-cent state minimum wage was described as "socialistic" by representatives of Texas laundry, restaurant and hotel employers at House hearings here.

The business spokesmen insisted their opposition to the bill sponsored by Rep. Bill Kilgarlin of Houston was a matter of "principle" rather than self-interest. However Charles A. Burton, representing the Texas Laundry & Dry Cleaning Association, admitted that he had three "little girls" working for 43 cents an hour in his laundry. But he said they were "beginners."

A demand by the Texas Farm Bureau that farm labor be exempted from any minimum wage bill was attacked by two clergymen, Rev. Das Kelly Barnett, an Episcopal minister, and Rev. Sherrill Smith of San Antonio, representing Catholic Archbishop Robert E. Lucey.

"To get your cotton picked by degrading humanity and letting the state pay the difference in welfare costs is neither moral nor Christian," Mr. Barnett told the committee.

Texas AFL-CIO Pres. Jerry Holleman urged passage of the bill as the only way to get immediate help for the lowest paid workers.

## Edison President Praises State's 'Business Climate'

DETROIT—A New York audience was told by a leading Michigan business executive that the Wolverine state has a business climate which compares favorably with other industrial states.

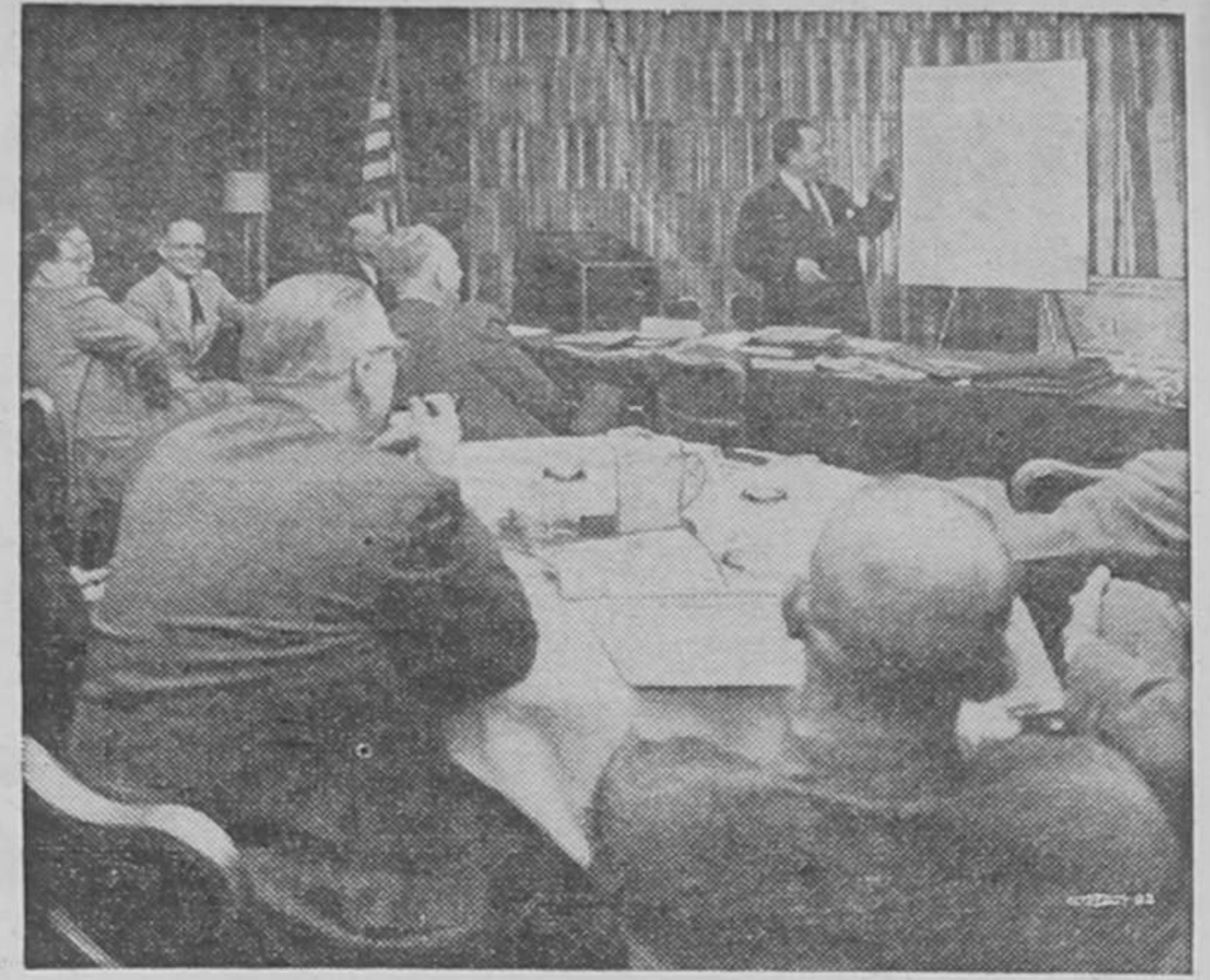
The speaker was Walker L. Cisler, president of Detroit Edison Co. The audience was the New York Society of Security Analysts, Inc.

They heard Cisler say that Detroit Edison's local and state tax situation was actually "a little better than the average of the nation's largest electric power systems."

He hinted that criticism of Michigan's business climate is unfair because other states are also having tax problems.

Cisler said that Michigan will continue to grow because of key assets such as water, transportation, markets, natural resources, skilled manpower and electric power. He noted that with the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway Detroit is brought closer to London, Antwerp and Stockholm than New York City.

He said Detroit Edison's revenues will increase 7% above last year and reach \$100-million for the first time in history. Edison also expects to add 22,000 new customers.



NEED FOR BROAD-SCALE economic growth in America that would include increased jobs instead of merely increased profits is outlined for secretary-treasurers of AFL-CIO national and international unions by Leon J. Keyserling, former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, at meeting in Washington.

## Applications Ready For Children's Camp

Detroit—Reservations are being taken for the annual FDR-AFL-CIO children's camp scheduled to be held at the Labor Center near Port Huron, June 28-August 1.

The Center, which is operated by the Michigan State AFL-CIO, is turned over for part of each summer to the children, many of whom would not be able to attend a private camp because of high fees.

**THE FIRST WEEK** of the children's camp, June 28-July 5, is traditionally reserved for the Flint-Lansing area. The second week, July 5-July 12, is reserved for one-week campers, only.

The third and fourth weeks, July 12-July 26, are set aside for two-week campers, only. The fifth week schedule is tentative subject to cancellation if 150 reservations are not received. Eligible for this week are one-weekers and those campers from the previous period wishing to extend their stay to three weeks.

Cost of a one-week stay at the camp has been set at \$35—the actual expense of maintaining the Center facility for children whose parents are not UAW members.

Children whose parents are members of the UAW and sponsored by them are eligible for a subsidy from regional UAW recreation funds around the state amounting to \$15 per child. This brings the cost of a week's stay for children of UAW members down to \$20.00.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**—AGE — A child must have passed his (or her) eighth birth-

day before the beginning of the camp season or must reach his eighth birthday during the camp season in order to be eligible for enrollment. A teen-ager must not have reached his fifteenth birthday prior to camp to be eligible for enrollment. The entire operation of camp is geared to these age specifications.

**LOCATION** — FDR - AFL - CIO Camp for Children is located on Highway M-25, 10 miles north of Port Huron, Michigan. Situated on the shore of Lake Huron, the grounds extend over 200 acres of beach, woods, fields and playgrounds.

**PERSONAL EQUIPMENT** — Campers need not bring too many things with them. Necessary items include towels, shorts, slacks or jeans, T-shirts, pajamas, socks and underwear, rainwear, shoes, swim suit, a heavy jacket or warm sweater and toilet articles. Optional items include camera, musical instrument, flashlight, writing materials and the like.

**TRANSPORTATION** — Bus transportation for campers from the Detroit area is available at a cost of 1.25 each way.

**Buses leave on Sundays** from the tennis courts of Northwestern Field (on West Grand Boulevard) at 12:45 p.m. and from Gratiot at 8 Mile (northeast corner) at 1:15 p.m. and from Gratiot at 8 Mile (northeast corner) at 1:15 p.m. Arrangements for bus transportation are to be made at the time of enrollment.

Parents may drive their children to camp but are requested to time their arrival from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the Sunday that the camp period commences and from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the Sunday the child leaves camp.

Local 174 members who wish to send children to the camp should get their reservations in early. This is the best camp deal in the State due to the subsidy by the UAW.

Applications forms are available at Local 174 Hall or call UAW Recreation Department, LO 8-4000 for applications and reservations.

## Recommendation

Every youngster and young vaccinated against paralytic adult should be vaccinated against paralytic polio, the Michigan Department of Health recommends.

## Fight by Organized Labor Has Improved Social Security

A leading economist has pointed out that you'd need a fortune of more than \$100,000 invested at 3 percent tax-free interest, to duplicate the \$254.10 which is the maximum amount a family can get under the new Social Security law.

You'd need an estate of around \$76,000 to yield, on the same terms, the \$190.50 maximum a retired worker and his wife, both 65 or more, are able to collect under the new law.

And you'd need a \$50,000 nest egg to bring in the \$127 which is the most a single person can get when he retires.

Such facts help emphasize how important our Social Security system is to everyone covered by the law, as well as to the whole community.

Of course, the Social Security law needs lots of improving. There are still people not covered who ought to be. There are lots of low-wage workers whose paychecks are so small that their Social Security deductions are tiny — and their retirement incomes are small in proportion.

The law is specially disappointing to retired workers who have only recently come under its protection, and find they've not had time to build up a respectable account backlog to sustain larger pension payments.

**BUT AN IMPORTANT** thing to remember about Social Security is that it's getting better, slowly but surely. It gets better because organizations interested in our senior citizens — led by our unions — and senior citizens themselves, keep Congress under steady pressure to write changes in the law which will make it fit people's needs better.

Another fact is that millions of Americans, at all income levels, are adding to their retirement incomes in various ways:

A growing number are in unions which are slowly building up pension programs to supplement the Social Security benefits when time comes to retire.

Many millions own some form of life insurance which,

at age 65, will begin paying a modest monthly return to help ease the quiet years.

Some have been able to pay off mortgages on their homes, so that by retirement time their dwelling place will cost little more than taxes and maintenance. Some of these will have extra income in the sunset years from renting rooms once used by their children.

**WITH INCREASED** benefits, the new law increased the amount of payroll deductions. The tax is 2.5 percent on a maximum of \$4,800 in earnings, or \$120. Employers, of course, must match that sum. But the new law also says that the rate of tax will rise until 1969 — when a worker with \$4,800 subject to the deduction will pay \$216. With his boss's share, that means a total premium of \$432 each year will go into his Social Security account book!

You get some idea of how much things have changed by looking back just 10 years:

In 1949 you paid 1 percent on a maximum of \$3,000—and top benefits were in line with that modest tax: \$45.60 per month to an individual, \$85 to a family.

In 1950 the tax went up to 1.5 percent on \$3,000 of earnings, and top benefits went up to \$80 for a single person, \$150 for a family.

By 1954 the tax was at 2 percent of the first \$3,600 of yearly earnings, and the benefits had climbed again, too — \$98.50 was the most an individual retired person could collect, \$200 the most for a family.

**THIS YEAR THE TAX** is 2.5 on \$4,800 — if you earn that much — with single person benefits at \$127, family benefits at \$254.10.

Every one of these improvements in retirement benefits has been preceded by the most vigorous work on the part of organized labor's Social Security experts, and its legislative staff in Washington.



"D'you think I'd trade my nice, clean, non-union job for your dirty, greasy, union labor?.... You know darn well I would!"





TERNSTEDT FLASH

Several Close Contests Highlight The Union Elections at Ternstedt

By ALEX PENMAN

The big news around the plant this month has been the election for Shop Committee, Financial Secretary and four-year trustee which was held Thursday, May 7. The members turned out in good style and as usual there were a few surprises.

Below you will find the results:

FOR SHOP COMMITTEE:

ZONE 1 (PLANT 14)

- N. Sahlaney-109 (Elected)
J. Nagy-106
F. Wojkowski-17

This was a real close one and the ballots were counted three times with Sahlaney the final winner.

ZONE 2 (MAIN PLANT)

- W. Cabaj-169 (Elected)
A. Staniszewski-109

ZONE 3-(PLANT 5)

- G. Brown-149 (Elected)
M. Szur-112
J. Malinowski-67
S. Sanders-36

Here was one of these oldtime elections with G. Brown coming out on top.

ZONE 4 (PLANT 18)

- J. Mendrygal-354 (Elected)
K. Burns-266

ZONE 5 (MATERIAL HANDLING, SHIPPING, SANITATION, ETC.)

- O. Holland-80
F. Savitskie-122 (Elected)

This was a slight upset with Savitskie the winner.

ZONE 6 (ENGINEERING, TOOLROOM, ETC.)

- J. Stewart-349 (Elected)
T. Vetterani-129

This was another slight upset with Stewart beating Vetterani who is the present shop committeeman.

ZONE 7 (MAINTENANCE)

- R. Mahoney-110 (Elected)
C. Hill-57

2 FOUR-YEAR TRUSTEES:

Here we had a real slam bang contest with 11 candidates for the two positions:

Here are the results:

- H. Ferrans-421
E. Mack-338
W. Palmer-244

- F. Hydel-50
W. D. Moore-696
J. Urda-107
T. Mucha-995 (Elected)
J. Gutowski-515
A. Szychowski-753 (Elected)
L. Barnes-157
J. Reed-106

T. Mucha and A. Szychowski were the winners in this wide open race.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

- E. Karr-1037 (Elected)
E. Wojewski-396
M. Cleveland-61
J. Hassa-212
L. Terry-541

Here was another wide open race with E. Karr the present financial secretary coming out on top.

This was a well run and cleanly fought election and congratulations should go both to the victor and the vanquished. The election committee and its chairman, Louis Baki, are to be congratulated on a tough job well done.

THERE WILL be no let down in the political atmosphere around the plant since there is another big election scheduled for Thursday, June 11, when Local 174 and Ternstedt officers will be elected.

Ternstedt will elect a Plant Chairman, District and Alternate Committeemen, Recording Secretary and two Local Executive Board Members. We hope the membership will maintain the high interest they showed in the recent election and congratulate the membership for staying over a few minutes in order to vote.

This is a democracy in action and demonstrates that the UAW is a strong democratic union where there is no room for racketeers. Let's all work to keep it that way..

BROTHER George Chabane who is one of our present trustees has been forced into retirement by bad health.

George, who worked mostly in Plant 18 had always a

cheery smile and a joke for everyone and he will be sorely missed. We know that the entire membership is pulling for his speedy recovery and wish him good luck in his fight to regain his health.

Many of our members will be leaving town over Memorial Day and we urge them all to drive safely and come back to us in good shape. We understand that the plant will be closed Friday, May 29 since Memorial Day is on Saturday.

WE HAVE JUST returned from our own vacation which we spent visiting some of our retirees in St. Petersburg, Florida. We were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Lyons. George is the Local Education Director and a Ternstedt member.

We all had a wonderful time and wish to thank the Ternstedt Oldtimers Club in St. Petersburg for inviting us to their picnic and showing us such wonderful hospitality.

Incidentally there is a good article in the McCall's Magazine (May issue) titled Florida or California. This is a comparison of the two states, so if you are thinking of moving to either one after retirement, it isn't too long and is worthwhile reading.

WE WISH TO thank Sister Mildred Szur who took over my pension work during my vacation and did her usual good job. Thanks a million, Milly.

PENSION NOTES - Sister Mildred Szur, our alternate Pension Committee-woman who took over for me while I was on vacation, reports that the following members are retiring this month:

- James Kociuba, Lloyd Burton, John B. Carlson, George Chabane, David Kocavic, Julius Westort, Agatha Setlik, Julius Rogale, George Helezberger, Dewey Hatten, Nicholas Luttschyn, Caroline Slocum, Joseph A. Lehr and Margaret M. Petrilla.

We wish them one and all the very best of health and good luck in their retirement and may they come back and see us often.

The members of the Ternstedt Flash which they receive every issue and which they really enjoy.

Please excuse this rather hurried article, since it was written within a few hours of my return home from vacation.

Take Action

Summer could bring crippling polio to your family. The life of every member of your family who isn't immunized is in jeopardy. Protect them by having them start their polio shots as soon as possible.



'Of course my wife lets me keep part of my paycheck - the stub!'

Look Out For That Crazy Driver Who:

FOLLOWS TOO CLOSELY



'Touchel'

FEDERAL SCREW

Expansion Program Points To Bright Future for Plant

By NORMAN J. MELOCHE

Hi Folks, another month has gone by and things are still looking up at "ye olde screw works." New production offices are in the process of being built, an addition built on to the quality control laboratory, and wire pouring into the yard threatening to take over our parking lot all points up to a much brighter picture than what we were faced with a year ago at this time. We sincerely hope that the picture remains as good as it is or gets brighter. Remember folks, only when management is making money do we make money. So here's hoping that things keep picking up until they are forced to expand the walls.

THIS YEAR, AS YOU ALL KNOW, is election year in both the plants and the local. Our own elections will be held in the plant sometime during the week of June 8th to 12th. Keep in mind folks that the people you nominate and elect will be your representatives for the next two years.

Also all of you people who are aspiring to office bear in mind that it will be compulsory for you to attend a course of classes at the local unless you can prove previous attendance at such a course. As the sponsor of this change in the By-Laws and as a member of the local education committee, I intend to make it my own personal concern to see that this provision is lived up to.

Baseball is now the topic of conversation during lunch hour and the question foremost in everyone's mind is can our boys do it again. We refer of course to the Federal Screw boys and not to the Tigers.

Having won the championship again last year makes them the team to beat this year so, of course, every other ball club will be pointing up for their games with us.

We feel quite sure however that our boys are not too worried about it and will prove equal to the occasion. Good luck boys, go get 'em and lets add another trophy to the al-

ready impressive group we have on display in the lobby.

HERBIE ADAMS was courting mayhem in an unusual manner the other day. Seems his wife prepared a nice lunch for him and our boy, (shame on you), left home without it not once but two days in a row. Serve you right if the little lady quits packing your lunch Herbie.

Two of the boys from maintenance, Fred "Laddie" Hall and Albert "Molotov" Szakacs, bravely ventured forth one chilly Sunday morning to try their luck against the perch population in the Detroit river. We understand that they had such phenomenal luck that the water level dropped three inches when they pulled their combined catches out.

Quite an interesting friendly feud is developing between "Honest Ernie" Towsley and Ralph "Vosburg" Canfield as to who is whose ancestor or descendant, seems to have some of the boys a little confused. One of the strangest reasons for departure we have ever heard was the story of why Dave Smiley left the island of Nassau, has to do with the birds. Seems for some people, the sing.

That's it for now folks, don't forget, nominations and elections are coming up so be sure to vote.



I finally discovered that your union doesn't meet three nights a week, but now you can stay out without that excuse!

Health Commissioner Says

Most Michigan People Get Enough Vitamins In Their Daily Food

LANSING - Most healthy persons who eat adequate amounts of a variety of foods probably are wasting money and may not be helping their health when they buy supplementary vitamins and so-called food supplements, according to Michigan's state health commissioner.

Dr. Albert E. Heustis explained: "Only a few people in Michigan need more vitamins than their diets already supply. Just who these few people are is best determined by a physician."

Persons who take large amounts of extra vitamins without the advice of a physician may even be jeopardizing their health, he said.

"Indiscriminate use of extra vitamins may mask, or hide, pernicious anemia or certain other diseases, making them more difficult for the physician to diagnose and thus delaying start of treatment."

Dr. Heustis urged Michigan people to put their faith in a combination of adequate diet and regular checkups by a physician to produce good nutri-

tion. This combination will produce better health at less cost, he said, because "people who rely only on vitamin pills and food supplements may be only fooling themselves.

"THE PLAIN UNVARNISHED truth about nutrition and vitamins," he continued, "based on latest scientific findings, is that healthy persons get all the vitamins, minerals and other food essentials they need when they eat sufficient quantities of a good choice of foods.

"Most Michigan people already are eating sufficient quantities of a good choice of foods. So if they buy supplements, they may be wasting their money."

General information about food needs and vitamins, Dr. Heustis said, can be obtained from local health departments or by writing to the Michigan Department of Health, Lansing 4, as well as from private physicians, hospital dietitians, county extension offices, and home economics departments of colleges and universities.



# PRESIDENT SOUTHWELL REPORTS

This time last year in making a report for the year of 1957 we stated that our Local Union had suffered a serious loss of membership during the first three months of 1958 as a result of mass lay-offs in the Auto Industry.

From an average membership of 20,000 on December 31, 1957 our membership dropped to 16,000 by March 31, 1958, and on December 31, 1958 averaged 15,524. However, the total for the first three months of 1959, ending March 31, was 16,500 or a gain from a year ago of 500.

From December 31, 1957 to December 31, 1958 our average dues paying membership declined by 4,500. We can only hope that the increase which has taken place in the first quarter of 1959 will continue during the remainder of the year.

During 1958 three of our manufacturing units discontinued operations. These were: Wisco Aluminum, Diversified Products and Flexonics Corporation. A total of 250 employees were affected. An organizational drive is being conducted by our Local representatives in an effort to organize a number of small plants on the West Side and several NLRB elections are pending.

## Contracts And Negotiations

1958 was the year of contract expiration, and as a result of the International Union's decision to work without a contract in the big three auto companies, many of our unit managements adopted a similar course. This action by the American Metal Products Company precipitated a strike which lasted eight (8) weeks and was terminated successfully by a "pattern" settlement. 1200 members were affected.

Negotiations for renewal of contracts with auto parts and independent manufacturers are becoming more difficult each time a contract expires. In many instances the management attempts to take advantage of the mass unemployment by making demands upon the union for concessions and financial relief, and in resisting these demands it became necessary in many cases to take strike votes which we are happy to say resulted in a withdrawal of the demands and a satisfactory settlement.

Except in a few cases where we were convinced that financial relief must be given to keep them in business and our members employed, we were successful in negotiating the "GM pattern" settlement in our units.

We would like to commend the great majority of our members for the patience and cooperated they exhibited during the period of contract negotiation and particularly the period without a contract in those plants where the management terminated the agreement.

## Local Is In Sound Financial Position

The loss of income due to lay-offs, strikes and business fatalities during the year resulted in a financial deficit for 1958. The auditor's report for the year ending December 31, 1958 and published in the last edition of the Conveyor indicates that we suffered a deficit of \$35,000 in the

Local Funds and \$11,500 in the Auto Workers Education Fund, or a total of \$46,500.

However, of this amount almost \$21,000 was applied to reducing the mortgage on our local buildings so that the actual deficit was approximately -\$25,500.

During the four years since 1954 when we acquired a mortgage of \$220,000 on our new local hall, we have been able to pay off \$80,000 of this amount in addition to paving, fencing and lighting our parking lot and landscaping the property at a cost of \$50,000.

In spite of the deficit for 1958, your Local Union is still in a sound financial position. Total cash assets of all Local funds and the Workers Education Fund amount to approximately \$275,000 as of December 31, 1958.

Every effort is being made to reduce expenditures. During the past year and again this year the full time Local Union Officers and Represen-



President Harry Southwell and Recording Secretary James Thompson preside at the annual membership meeting where the president makes his report to the members of the Local.

tatives have taken voluntary salary reductions, and the office employees and janitors agreed to waive any salary increases for the next year.

Your Local Union Officers and Representatives are doing everything possible to decrease expenditures and increase our income, and while it is not pleasant to contemplate a deficit at the end of the year, it is very comforting to know that during the good years we built up a healthy cash reserve to meet such a contingency.

Our total net assets consisting of cash, buildings, real estate and furnishings as of December 31, 1958 amount to \$591,628.39.

## Committees Active During Past Year

All the standing committees of the Local did a very good job during the past year.

The Community Services Committee which comprises the Local Representatives assisted many thousands of unemployed members regardless of local affiliation. This service is continuing and is being used daily.

## Political Action

1958 being an election year witnessed a very active political action committee and the results indicate that such effort was well rewarded.

Political action by our members and their families is assuming greater importance every day and is the only method by which we can overcome the serious national problems confronting us.

## Local Picnic Enjoyed By Capacity Crowd

Although it resulted in a deficit, the Local picnic at Walled Lake Park was very well attended.

The Picnic and Recreation Committees did a very commendable job as did the many volunteer workers.

The thousands of members and their families and friends had a very enjoyable day and once again the weather man smiled on us.

## Christmas Party Had To Be Cancelled

The annual Christmas Party for our members' children had to be cancelled last year because of the closing of the Hollywood Theatre which was the only place big enough to accommodate the large attendance. Future plans for the event will depend upon available space.

## Women's Committee Doing A Fine Job

The Women's Committee did a very commendable job and through their activities were able to assist financially on several occasions.

## Education Committee Had A Full Program

During the past year the Local Education Committee sponsored eight union training courses designed to assist Local Stewards and Plant officers in carrying out union duties.

These courses were: Steward Training, 4 courses, 77 students; Parliamentary Procedure, 2 courses, 29 students; "Industrial Change and Unionism," 1 course, 32 students; and Time Study, 1 course, 48 students.

A total of 186 students completed these classes. In addition, the Local co-sponsored a course in Pre-Retirement Education at Region 1-A headquarters. A large group from the Local attended this class.

Three family Fun Nights were held this year,



This class in time study was one of many union training courses conducted at the local 174 hall during the past year.

## West Side Local 174



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# ON PROGRESS OF LOCAL UNION

tracting large crowds who enjoyed these free movies and stage shows.

The Committee purchased and distributed many thousands of pieces of literature on unemployment and workmen's compensation, Social Security, steward training, veterans benefits, civil rights, labor laws and other subjects to keep our membership informed on the changes in these fields.

## Summer School

A total of seventeen students from the Local attended the training courses offered at the FDR-UAW-AFL-CIO Labor Center near Port Huron.

Of these, ten were sent by the Local and seven by the units of the Local. The full cost plus lost time for the students sent by the Local was paid from the Local Education Fund.

## Other Services

The Committee made good use of the movie equipment and filled many requests for movies at instant meetings as well as the use of movies at classes and fun nights.

Every effort is made by the Committee to keep our membership well informed and our leadership well qualified to handle their union duties so as to bring justice to our members and pride to our union.

## Look At The Past

In making our annual report in April, 1956, we made the following prediction: "Automation constitutes progress and we do not oppose progress; but we must share the benefits, otherwise it is not progress. The Federal government so far has failed to recognize the mass dislocation that will inevitably follow such an industrial revolution."

**"ONLY ADVANCE PLANNING AND PREPARATION CAN AVOID THE TRAGIC EFFECT OF THE NEW PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES WHICH HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED IN THE AUTO INDUSTRY THAT WITHOUT SOME FORM OF CONTROL THOUSANDS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES BECOME VICTIMS OF PROGRESS."**

We said this three years ago, and during those three years we find that big business has completely ignored the problem and that the Federal and State governments have recognized it only to the degree that a temporary extension of unemployment compensation benefits was enacted.

This action of the Federal government should be of the greatest concern to all Americans because it demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of the present problem. Congress and the Administration still believe that this is a temporary recession such as we have known in the past and that a return to full employment is just a matter of time.

Unless this thinking is changed very quickly, America is headed for a major catastrophe. The stupidity of big business and its captive Washington Administration is astounding. The price of

such stupidity will be mass suffering and privation and the ultimate destruction of Free Enterprise.

## Peak Production With 200,000 Idle

During the first three months of 1959, the Auto industry attained peak production, but during the same period there were more than 200,000 unemployed in the Greater Detroit area. This constitutes 13% of the working force, and unless the majority of these unemployed workers can find work in other industries, they will be permanently unemployed.

Detroit and the Auto Industry became one of the first victims of this industrial revolution, but as of this report every major industrial center in the United States is seriously affected, and despite Mr. Eisenhower's profound statements that we have recovered our national productivity and that the national economy is healthy, we still have almost five million unemployed and this number will increase substantially by the end of the year.

## Write Your Congressman!

While this deplorable situation is a national problem and can only be corrected by a forceful realistic national program predicated upon a re-evaluation of our economy, we, as individual citizens, can do our part by flooding Congressmen, Senators, the Secretary of Labor and the President with letters or post cards demanding action.

## SUB Helped Economy

The plight of the unemployed auto worker and the effects upon the community would have been much more serious except for SUB provisions negotiated into the contracts of the larger companies three years ago.

These supplemental benefits plus unemployment compensation benefits gave an unemployed worker 65% of his former earnings.

This important fringe benefit cost five cents (5c) of the 1955 "wage package" but most of the smaller plants in the Local Union decided to take the five cents (5c) per hour in wages instead of SUB.

In most cases this decision was based upon a history of steady employment which justified the decision, but the record for the past three years proves that very few small plants were unaffected by the recession, automation, and changes in methods and materials that caused their customers, the large corporations, to call in work previously farmed out to small supplier plants.

Five cents (5c) an hour or two dollars (\$2.00) per week seems like a lot of money to an employed worker, but this five cents when applied

for SUB means as much as \$30.00 per week to an unemployed worker.

In face of the uncertain future of many small plants, we urge our members to give serious consideration to establishing SUB in their contracts at the first opportunity.

## 1958 Was Rough Year

1958 was a rough year for workers in the auto industry. The UAW and its Local Unions suffered a severe loss of membership.

Local 174 was similarly affected, but with the complete cooperation of the officers, staff and office employees, we were able to keep the effects of this loss to a minimum.

We know that as automation increases, manpower and industrial membership will continue to decrease and we must look to other groups in order to build our membership. We must explore the possibility of supplementing our income by rentals and other activities.

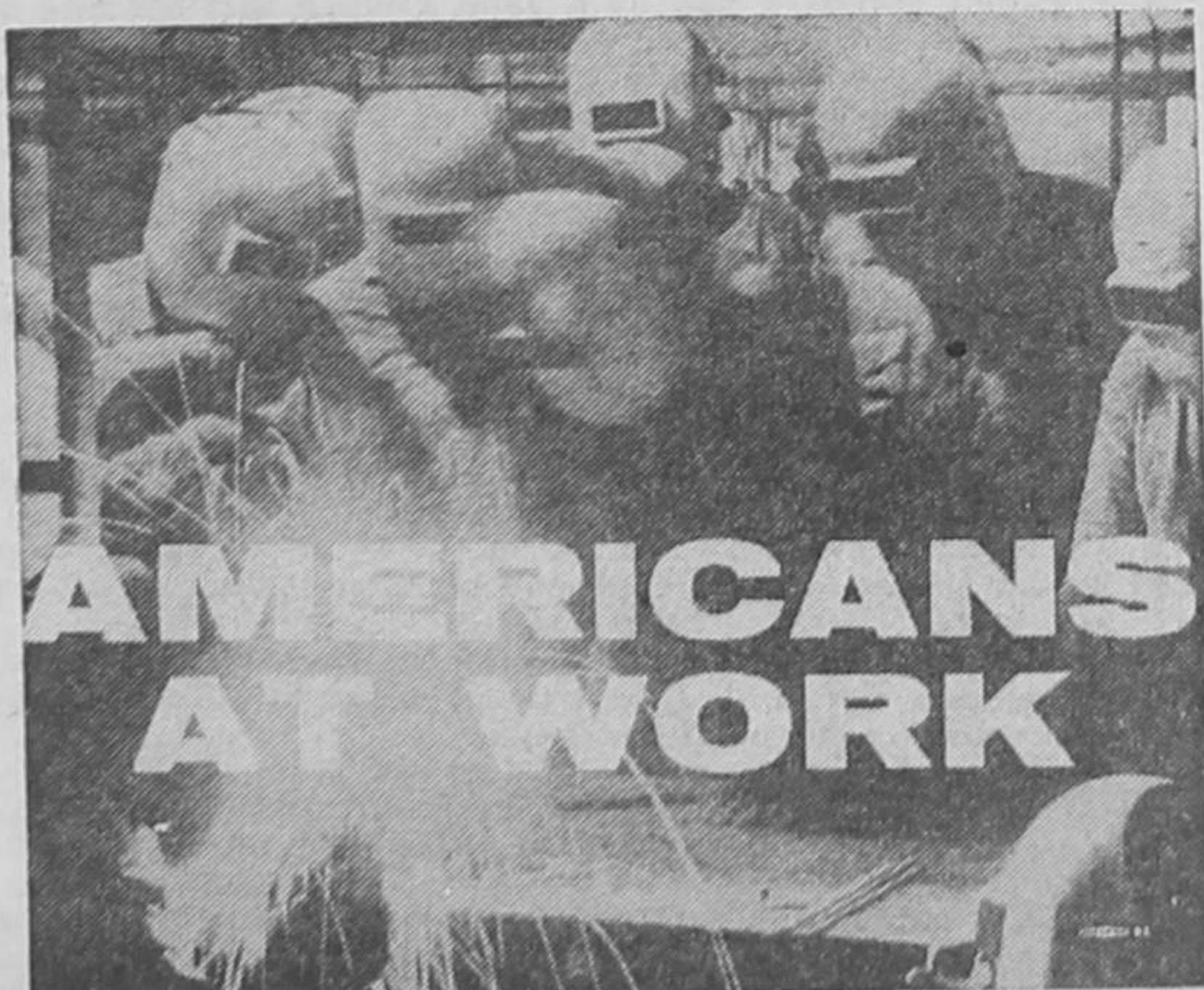
We are entering a new industrial era. It has its problems and they are serious problems, but it also presents a challenge to our union leadership, and we in the UAW have never been reluctant to accept this kind of challenge and with the full cooperation of our members, we will overcome these problems and become a better union as a result of the struggle.

In adversity we find strength and develop leadership.

## Local Beauty Queens



THESE BEAUTIES from Local 174 won two of three titles in the Wayne County AFL-CIO Beauty Contest. Loretta Moore won Miss Labor Day, Florence Haws won Miss CIO. Both of these girls are from Fisher Livonia Division. Jeanne Guinn of Superior Stamp and Seal Division did not win a title but added grace, beauty and competition to the contest.



OPERATIONS OF ASSEMBLY LINE are shown in film on Auto Workers' skills as part of AFL-CIO "Americans at Work" television series. Here welders are shown attaching auto body to frame. The AFL-CIO's television program, "Americans at Work," is now being telecast over station WWJ-TV in Detroit, Michigan, at 12:30 p.m. every Sunday.



DETROIT UNIVERSAL

Detroit Universal Bowling League Had A Very Satisfactory Season

By PAULINE MAYNARD

Greetings! Spring is here. It is time again to turn one's thoughts to spring cleaning, fishing, vacations and special trips to the country to see the beautiful hills, trees and just everything God has created for our enjoyment.

I get so taken away, but I better stop dreaming and get my thoughts back to what I want to write about today.

HARRY SOUTHWELL, President of our Local, gave a very commendable annual report on the state of our union, function of the Committees and various activities for the past year. Too bad more people did not attend to hear this wonderful report.

Election of the plant election committee will be the first order of business at our next membership meeting to be held on May 17, 1959 at the Local Hall. Consult your notices for the time. At this meeting nominations for plant officers and stewards will also take place. Be sure to be there. It is your duty as a union member to be present.

Jeannette Long, clerk in Inspection Dept., won the first place trophy at the Wyandotte Chemical Credit Union annual bowling Roll-off.

Her total was 775 with handicap and 667 actual pin fall for four (4) games. That's mighty

fine bowling Jeannette. How can a little gal like you be so powerful. Congratulations.

INCIDENTALLY, the girls bowling team from our plant, who held first place for quite sometime in the Chrysler Tournament, placed third in the finals. You girls still did splendidly—we're very proud of you here at Universal.

Recognition must be given to one of our fellow workmen, the good Samaritan, who according to the article published in a Detroit paper, is well deserving of it.

Lorenzo Wilson, Heat Treat Dept., and his wife, Zelna appealed to Probate Judge Kaufman to let them have some boys who are serious problems and difficult to place because of their continued delinquencies and make good men out of them.

Judge Kaufman listened to plea and to date he has sent them eight (8) of these problem boys. In many cases love and understanding is lacking in their (the children's) lives; this, Lorenzo and his wife have plenty of and happily share with these boys.

They also have two adopted daughters, whom they love and cherish as their own.

THE MOST IMPRESSIVE part about this is that rules are made and must be abided by, such as, no smoking, gambling

or profanity and they must read their Bibles and attend Sunday Church services.

The only personal comment I can add to this is—May the Lord bestow His richest blessing on you both.

Ira Lake, Inspection Dept., has suffered a heart attack but is now recovering very well.

Joe Nizlo, financial secretary, has undergone surgery and is on the mend.

Eula Mae Conner is again hospitalized much to our regret.

Phyllis Karmen is sick with pneumonia. Please get well soon, all of you.

THE MINUTE ERNIE Macomber reached our parking lot the other morning, a beautiful pigeon landed on top of his car. He chased it away and it flew to another car.

Ernie, that was definitely the wrong thing to do, because pigeons bring good luck. Now someone else will have the fortune that was first bestowed to you.

Norma Kabman's daughter had a new bouncing baby boy which in turn makes her Grandma and Mike O'Shea an Uncle. Congratulations.

I NOW HAVE THE final standings of the Detroit Universal Bowling League.

Machine repair was first with 84 points; Hard Body, second, 81½ points, and Transportation, third, 75 points.

Honors of Hi-Single Individual went to Leroy King, 253; Second, Art Bary, Phil Wojcik and E. Natzman, all tied with 243. Hi-Three Individual—H. Lukofsky—652. Hi-Team Three—Assembly No. 1—2250. Hi Team Individual—Assembly No. 2—841.

That concludes our bowling reports until next fall. Our thoughts will now be centered on the baseball games.

PERSONAL NOTE TO ART, steward in the Tube Mill. You see I do write about men, too, not only dames. Are you proud now?

In conclusion I wish to extend our condolences to: Mary Bouwman and Rose Skorcia whose mother passed away and is at rest, Pearl Turner's mother, Frank Kossick's father and Bob Arp's father, Clayburn Crawford, whose mother passed away after a long illness. She also is the Aunt of Elmer Jackson, Maintenance Dept. May the Lord comfort you in your sorrows. That's it for now. So long.



"Who says we cowpokes ain't organized? Why, my whole outfit belongs to Local 699 of the Musician's Union!"

What My Union Is Worth to Me

Most of us take a lot of things for granted — including our union. That's why occasionally it is useful to take stock of things.

The International Association of Machinists recently published a balance sheet designed to help you do just that with respect to the cash benefits the union has won for you during the past year. Here's how to do it:

Get your wife (or husband) to sit down with you. Together, fill in the blanks and figure out the total cash value to the family of each union-won benefit you have enjoyed. Then add up the column figures.

Next figure out the cost of

your union membership — one year's dues. Subtract, and you've got the net value of your union membership.

Naturally, The Machinist points out, the figure only tells part of the story because there's no way to give a dollars and cents value to many of the things the union has helped win — including seniority protection, safety provisions, and job security.

If you fill out the form and find out how much the union has been worth to you, you'll have a ready answer the next time anyone asks you why you belong to a union.

Table with columns for benefit types (Wage Increases, Overtime, Double Time, Paid Vacations, Paid Holidays, Health & Welfare, Grievance Procedure, Other Benefits) and their corresponding values. Includes a total cash value calculation for 1958.

AMERICAN BRASS

Plant and Local Elections Set for Tuesday June 9th

By FRANK HORVATH

Another exciting and educational meeting was held Sunday, April 26th. The membership voted unanimously to continue the policy of substitute work for short time or overtime to be by seniority as it has in the past.

After taking care of the regular business, nominations were held for the following offices: Plant Chairman, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, four Committeemen and Executive Board member.

There were several nominations for each office, too numerous to mention here. The election will be held Tuesday, June 9, during the second week of June. Watch your bulletin boards for the sample ballots with the names of the candidates running; also the exact time for the election. Be sure to get out and vote.

Lloyd Quillan had an auto accident in Kentucky. He went to Kentucky to bring his family back to Detroit and on the way back he had the accident. His wife was expecting another baby soon. We are very sorry to hear about the accident and hope Lloyd and his family come out all right.

ROD AND WIRE MILL. Tony Zabinski has returned to work after an illness. Also Joseph K. Jackson has returned after being off for almost three months; sick, you know. Also Henry Whitehead has returned, five weeks off, sick also.

Glad to see you fellows back. Fred Jones went to Virginia to attend the funeral of his father-in-law. Sorry to hear it, Fred. Amos Nelson is going into the hospital for a few days because of his asthma. James Jenkins retired last month. Happy retirement, Subbared.

CASTING SHOP. Stephen (Bo) Samu was promoted from chane operator to "Operations," man of all jobs.

BRASS MILL. Charles Williams' sister passed away in April. Our condolences to Charles and his family. Alex Jenkins has returned to work. Glad to see you back, Alex. Earl Perkins is still off after a serious attack. Take it easy, Earl. Walter June is off with a serious eye infection. Take it easy, you fellows,

and get well. TUBE MILL. Rene Febevre is off after a hernia operation. Rest up, Rene, and get well. Hiley Wiley has returned to work after an illness. Glad to see you back, Hiley.

COPPER MILL. Joseph (Red) Kierczak and Wilford Skelley are both off due to illness. Get well soon, fellows.

Peter Solas, retiree, lost a leg due to an infection. Sorry to hear about it, Pete. Bernice Charves has been off since February with a heart ailment.

Sam Cooper, afternoon shift, is off due to illness.

EXPENSE LABOR. Some happy news for a change. John Corso's wife presented him with a seven pound five ounce baby girl at Peoples Hospital on Tuesday, April 21.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Corso.

Claire Marlowe, Electrician, retired last month. His fellow employees presented him with a watch and tie clasp, cuff link set.

Happy retirement, Marlowe. An attempt at humor: The Andy Devine of the electrical department claims he saw one of the machinists using a curry comb to clean the dandruff from his hair. He also reports that one of the Pipefitters has to have some soda-pop fortitude before he has the nerve to drive that brand new '59 Edsel home from work. He also mentioned something about All the pipefitters and a Blonde on bowling nights.

Warren Antonelli, from the Time Study Department, suffered a heart attack on April 21st. Take it easy Warren and get well soon.

I forgot to mention the Election Committee: James Ori, Chairman, from the Millwrights, Alphonse Trone and Willie Hill from the Casting Shop, Walter Jones, Brass Mill, and John Marmul from the Millwrights, are working hard on the coming election and hope you will cooperate on election day. But most of all they want you all to Vote.

Our thanks to the Refreshment Committee for the excellent refreshments served at the last meeting.

Don't forget the next membership meeting on the fourth Saturday of the Month.

Vern Sorenson

The members of Local 174 mourn the death of Vern Sorenson, 53, of Rockwell Standard Division, who passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 10, 1959.

He was an active member of the Local for many years, having served as a member of the plant Executive Board at Rockwell Standard and as a Joint Council member and a member of the Recreation Committee of the Local.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 13, from Northrop Funeral Home, 22401 Grand River. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery.

Robert E. Lee

Local 174 mourns the death of Robert E. Lee, 57, who passed away Saturday, April 18, after a long illness.

Bob was an active member of the Local for many years having served as plant chairman of Acme Foundry Division and served on many Local committees.

He was placed on the staff of the International about eight years ago as an International Representative and has been working out of Philadelphia.

Funeral services were held at St. John Presbyterian Church and interment was in Roselawn cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and two sons, Robert, Jr. and Curtis.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends in the labor field.





**FIRESTONE FAX**

# Qualified Candidates Nominated For All Union Offices at Firestone

By OREN HUBBARD

I meant to mention this in my last column, but for some reason or other overlooked it. Anyhow, I want to take this opportunity to wish a big "welcome aboard" to all the new employees. If you new boys are not receiving this paper, please contact me.

**REMEMBER "LIN" SEELY**, ex-diesetter and popular fellow? Well, he is now an itinerant carpenter with an address of Route #2, Camden, Michigan. Drop him a line.

Latest averages reveal that Pete Raimond, one of our best bowlers is still among the leaders in the \$2,000.00 Auto-Bowl Tournament in Detroit.

Once more we are placed in the very happy position of congratulating Art Bitner and his family. Art's daughter, Ellen, won the Firestone Scholarship this year. Those buttons on the floor are from Art's Shirt.

"Red" Woods reports the struggle for seats in the shipping office has resulted in a serious safety hazard. Lovely Spot, tho.

**IN CONNECTION WITH** the aforementioned new employees, I would also like to commend Firestone, and especially Gene Reest and Joe Angebrandt, for their excellent method of acclimating the inexperienced help with the possible exception of one Supervisor. They have patiently explained the Firestone system, pointed out the safety hazards, actually making them feel they belong. Congratulations.

It is not good business. It is not good for morale and it is underhanded to point the finger of blame at some fellow worker or union official while refusing to do or not to do something which you yourself has voted on. Be honest with your gang and yourself. Nobility of character is and always has been the only basis of understanding, friendship and love in this world we live in — and that world, my friends, includes Firestone.

Our most recent agreement signed by all the present members and seems to be highly satisfactory to all but a scattered few.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** to Joe and Johnny Drowiewski and to "Slim" Craig upon the recent loss of their fathers.

"Bernie" will you please watch how you use that bleach.

"Spotted Adder," Porker says it is easy to see who make the "moola" at Firestone. Look at the new cars in the "Oiling" Department.

Nominations for the offices were too numerous to mention at our April 26 gathering. Suffice to say, the affair came off in fine style and qualified men were nominated.

At some time or other everyone especially those who have been active in the Union for years goes home with that good feeling that they had more friends than they thought. This was your Editor on this date.

Although I was nominated for other more authoritative positions, the vote of confidence you gave me as your Editor was heart-warming and I appreciate it. I have tried to give you what you want and will continue to do so. As you know, I am not a middle of the road politician, I want to be fair and that means criticizing our own people

at time, fair to the employees and fair to the company and anytime anyone thinks I haven't been, I would like to be told.

**IN FACT, I'M SO FAIR** that I'm willing to admit that I am not the "purtiest" Editor at Firestone. That distinction must go to Carol, who is, I might add, "is the very end, man."

Unfortunately for my pride's sake, this feeling is decidedly not mutual, I fear.

As I enter another term of office as Editor, I would like to inject this one thought: From a personal standpoint, I feel that it is a tragic shame that one cannot write or try to write as fairly and impartially as he knows how, to point out flaws and mistakes, to criticize constructively, to kid a little, but try to give all the news without hurting feelings and losing friends.

I guess it is part of the penalty of being a writer, but it does hurt a little. I would be less than human otherwise for you see, I, like everyone else, want and need friends. You cannot live in a shell.

**IN THIS LAMENT**, I am not referring to the fellows for their understand how I write, my kidding with never any harm done.

However, there are those office workers, both sexes, Department heads, etc. whom I have also worked with and respected for years, and whom I have no real desire to humiliate or hurt, who not only take this column's remarks to heart, but seem to bear a grudge. For this, I am sorry

—I would like it otherwise.

Although I have been a little rough, mistaken at times, there has never been anything personal nor a desire to make a cool, reserved or "non-speaking" person out of a fellow employee.

Some of you might find me hard to understand, but although I have neither a superior or inferior complex, I do not think I am quite as bad a fellow as all that.

Is it really too hard to take constructive criticism?

**WHO'S THE GUY** with the ivory Cadillac, the shiny red Crossley and the sleek black mustache who goes to Toledo for a haircut for 75c. How about a ride, Chris?

This year's bowling banquet will be at Sonny Gander's—hope everyone has a good time — sorry, I can't make it.

That incredible, fabulous Grelock has done it again with a new Pontiac—must have a gold mine. Add handsome Phil Poirer also with his Bel-Air.

Well, friends, like I said, you have many choices in the coming election, mostly qualified nominees. Although I must insert this one belief of mine here. That is, no person should ever be considered for the top job of Chairman unless he has served at least one term on the committee.

This is a pretty responsible job and one should have a good working knowledge of the basic fundamentals of collective bargaining to hold it. The job is no joke and needs a clear and experienced man to run it.

Happy Birthday to Tony Czarnek and Walter Peard.

Best regards and aloha!!

## Bowlers Share \$20,000 In UAW Tournament

**DETROIT**—When the pins finally settled in the UAW's eighth annual international bowling tournament, Joe D'Amico of Cleveland, O., and Eunice Roher of Lagonier, Ind., were crowned singles champs in the men's and women's divisions.

They shared in a \$20,000 prize list that went out to the cream of more than 3,000 bowlers from 160 local unions as proven over a gruelling nine-weekends tournament at Detroit's State Fair Recreation.

D'Amico, a member of UAW Local 420, fired a natural 711 to edge out Dick LaBarr of UAW Local 652, Lansing, Mich., and Jim Vaughn of Local 12, Toledo. There were 2,250 vying for the men's crown.

Eunice Roher of UAW Local 441 rolled a 687 to lead 500 gals in search of the women's individual high title.

Close behind were Tess Klann of Detroit's Local 212 and Virginia Robson of Local 292, Kokomo, Ind.

**UAW RECREATION DEPARTMENT** officials reported that 3,125 unionists from both sides of the international border took part in the handicap play.

Howard Clark's "Pickups," a five-man squad from UAW Local 612, Elkhart, Ind., captured the top spot in the men's team competition with a 3-176 score. Edged out were Chicagoans from UAW Local 1101 captained by Raymond Welch (3,138) and John Burk's Local 902 team from Springfield, O. (3,052). Jane Kroboth led Allentown,

Pa., Local 677's entry to first place, running over 99 other women's teams with a 2,938 score. Close behind Peggy Cook's Local 658 (Springfield, O.) entry with 2,904 and Mary Hewett's hot Local 227 (Detroit) team which placed third with 2,886 but couldn't overcome the opposition's higher handicaps.

**FOLLOWING ARE THE** top three in men's doubles: Leo Stenback and Bernard Cevera, Local 737, Ashtabula, O., with 1,317, Wayne Donaldson and Walter Woods, Local 402, Springfield, O., with 1,282; and Lou Fenzel and Stanley Solhlik, Local 32, Cleveland, O., with 1,278.

**Women's doubles division** leaders: Betty Gardner and Vera VanAlstine, Local 602, Lansing, Mich., with 1,268; Clara Miller and Ruby Payne, Local 196, Battle Creek, Mich., with 1,224; and Barbara Hoffman and Joyce Pinkerton, Local 941, South Bend, Ind., with 1,188.

Post-tournament figuring of prize monies showed the following minimum scores, including handicaps, meant money-winners: (Men) team 2,874; doubles, 1,185; singles, 610; (Women) team, 2,778; doubles, 1,121; singles, 584.

### Unnecessary

Polio caused 39 deaths and 550 cases of paralysis in Michigan last year. This tragedy wouldn't have occurred if these people had been immunized. If anyone in your family hasn't had polio shots yet, arrange with your doctor to have the shots started immediately.

**LYON, INC.**

## Local and Plant Elections Set for Thursday, June 11th

By A. DELLA PELLA

Elections for the officers of local 174 and Lyon Division will be held at Lyon Inc. in June of this year. The date set for the elections will most likely be Thursday, June 11, 1959 in the cafeteria. The hours are 7 A.M. until 6 P.M.

All union members who are laid-off at the time of the elections may still vote for the union bargaining committee, you will be permitted to enter the plant to cast your ballot. It is still your duty to vote, don't sit back and leave the voting to someone else. Vote the way you will, but VOTE.

### THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

is doing a fine job lining things up for the balloting. Brother C. Harper has informed your writer that the June date mentioned above will most likely be the time for the elections here, for at the time of this writing a certain date is not sure.

Candidates for the bargaining committee are as follows: for chairman, Milton Brooks and J. Brems, for vice chairman, Earl Hedge, for delegate at large, Jack Guest and George Cunningham, Frank Vargo. For recording secretary Orin Marsee and Erwin Stronski, for financial secretary James D. Mix and L. Kelly. The above are the candidates the laid-off and retired employees are eligible to vote for.

For chief steward on the day shift Wally Prough against William Jones, afternoon shift

Stephan Vargo, Jr. against Whitey Trosin.

**THE ELECTION FOR** the committees of refreshment, P. A. C., recreation, plant editor, etc. will take place at our plant meeting in the union hall at the June meeting. For information in regards to absentee ballots, please contact brothers H. Shelton or C. Harper (election committee) they will be glad to help.

The plant is still operating two shifts. We can hope that some will be called back to fill in for those who will be taking their vacations. Let's hope a number are called back permanently due to an increase of production.

Off on sick leave are S. Clifford, J. Dee, E. Cressman, S. Boka, C. Darden, J. Demeter, H. Jones, A. Holbrook, A. Lawler, G. Livingstone, J. Meinschein, B. Nickerson, W. Shelley, A. Someroski, D. Vanmeter, I. Wilson, E. Lesperance.

Brother F. Ostrowski is totally disabled and will retire June 30th. J. Kos of the ding department passed away, he will be missed by all his friends at Lyons.

**CAN IT BE TRUE?** That Jack Guest has employed the services of "inky" as his campaign manager, that J. Bonk will soon take up lobster fishing, (he is preparing his disguise now), that Carl Guest is a professional wrestler, that F. Chiesa was approached by a certain girdle manufacturer to model their product, that F. Bock's wife keeps him in the basement and that money king has been jilted by his harem????

—SO LONG FOR NOW

### YOUR WIFE

Your wife gives up so much more, Than you the man that she adores, Housework really isn't fun, But you will find she gets it done, Cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing, All in time grow very tiring, Through trouble and pain, good times or bad, She is your wife and you should be glad, She will be there when you are old and gray, She will be there until her last day, She is faithful and true, loving and kind, No other like her, will you ever find.



480. "You're too late, Mister! My husband got paid yesterday!"

### Aspirin for Rheumatoid Arthritis

Aspirin is just as effective as cortisone in the long-term treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, a team of British research scientists reported recently.

A three-year controlled study that involved 100 rheumatoid arthritics under treatment in medical centers in Great Britain showed:

1. No striking difference between the aspirin and cortisone patients in their progress against the crippling disease.
2. Similar biochemical and physical reactions in both groups.
3. A basic routine of general medical care is essential no matter which drug is used.

The report compiled by the Empire Rheumatism Council was read before the Ninth International Congress on Rheumatic Diseases at Toronto.

The aspirin-cortisone study report was delivered by Dr. Frank D. Hart, London, England, medical officer of the Rheumatism Unit at Westminster Hospital and Dr. E. G. L. Bywaters, head of the special study group that designed and carried out the project.

"In regard to all these modes of analysis," Dr. Hart said, "the only respect in which there was a real difference between the two groups was in the patient's own assessment of well being. Even here the difference was slight and in most instances, the two groups were remarkably similar.

"Over the course of three years, the two groups of patients, one treated with aspirin and the other with cortisone, fared remarkably similarly. In some criteria there was a slight relative advantage shown in one group or the other.

"However, no striking difference was seen between the two groups of patients as a whole at any point in the three-year period. We concluded that a basic regime of general care together with either aspirin or cortisone produces very similar results."



AVON TUBE

# Joe Fournier Retires; Plans to Go Fishing

By "SPUD" WAGNER  
the Common-tater

Mort Neff is the guy that started it. Joe Fournier watched Mort tell about fishing on TV and got the fishing bug so bad he got out his fishing gear, oiled and fondled it for awhile and with a wistful look in his eye said, "To hell with it, I'm going to retire and go fishing." Being a man of few words and much action, he did just that.

Joe hired into McAleer the 29th of June, 1942. Remember those days—the man that hired him was named Woods—"Woody" to everybody. Fred Weihe was the big brass at that time. Omer Alverson was Maintenance boss and don't forget Larry Ragsdale, Walt LeLong, Ed Swanson, Simon LtGree, and Felix Hamelback.

Along about July, 1952, Joe, along with many, many other good people, was transferred to Avon Tube—where he labored long and hard for another seven years—retiring on May 1, 1959.

We all wish you lots of luck, Joe!

**THE LOCAL BALL FANS** were going to go down to see a ball game this year—bus and all, but the way the Tigers are going, well, we just can't seem to get a bus load. I guess we'll have to send Bob Walton down to straighten them out. They spend too much time standing on bases and not enough running home.

Joe is now a full time fisherman but our amateurs are doing fine. Ed Siewert and Red Blumerich are dipping smelt and chasing perch all over the place. Carl Wibley has been getting his share from Tawas. Chuck Younger and his new boat have been chasing them too. I've been plannig on going and as soon as my wife plans the same way—I'll go too.

"Well," said Linc, as he cast his roving eye at a passing girl,

"I fixed up Orville and Bill with A.V.O.'s for reading on the job". "What's the matter with reading?" asked Ray Ballard, "isn't it supposed to make you smarter?" "That's the trouble," replied Linc, "We don't want the men smarter than the foremen." "If you fired all the men that are—there would be very few of us left," remarked Hank Liniewski.

AVON TUBE has one of the handsomest Personnel men in the business—if you don't believe me, ask Fraley's friend.

Wilbur Smith quit midnites. "I don't mind staying up all nite," said Smitty, "I just couldn't get used to going home sober after being up all nite."

Mel Rattie, the boy that wants to be Recording Secretary if he can beat Juanita out, shares the ride with Ray Ballard. That is—when he remembers to ride. Sometimes he walks two miles before he remembers. He can't work very hard on the straightener or he would be too tired to walk. Or perhaps he's thinking of new grievances to write; he wrote four (yes, 4) in one day. He may be trying to break Red Burnham's old record—207 grievances in one month.

Well, that's all for this time folks. I didn't want to get an A.V.O. for writing on the company time—so I had Orville Pagel write it for me.

## Congratulations . . . You're Laid Off

Farmingdale, N.Y. — Andrew Macaroff, a member of the Machinists employed at Republic Aviation Corp., received three extra items in his pay envelope last week:

- A letter from the company president congratulating him on completing five years' service.
- A five-year service pin.
- A layoff notice.

# Quinn Mfg. New Unit of Local 174

Quinn Manufacturing Company is a new unit of Local 174. The new unit was organized in a drive conducted by Woodrow W. Ferguson, Representative of Local 174, UAW.

A consent election was conducted by the State Mediation Board on April 28, 1959. The



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vote was as follows:

Eight for the UAW; four against; 1 not voting.

A meeting was held to select a committee and Joseph Novak was selected as plant chairman and William Nobles as Recording and Financial Secretary.

The Committee and Ferguson expect to enter contract negotiations in the near future with the company.

All employees covered by the union have joined the union since the election and paid their initiation fee, making a 100% membership.

The Quinn Manufacturing Company is located at 4780 Williams Street, Detroit 8, Michigan. They manufacture screw machine parts for the automobile and truck industry.

# 175 Workers to Collect \$27,600 in Back Pay

WASHINGTON, D. C. — One hundred seventy-five employees of the Jones Finishing Co., which operates greeting card processing plants at Cleveland, Ohio, and Olive Hill, Ky., will receive \$27,600 in back wages as a result of court actions by the Department of Labor, Secretary James P. Mitchell disclosed.

The firm, owned by Fred Jones of Cleveland, was charged in companion actions in the Federal district courts in Catlettsburg, Ky., and Cleveland

with underpaying the workers since May 1957.

The charges were made in a complaint by Secretary Mitchell that the firm had violated provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act requiring a minimum wage of \$1 an hour and payment of time and a half for work over 40 hours a week. Temporary restraining orders were signed by judges of the two courts in April, at the request of Solicitor of Labor Stuart Rothman, enjoining the shipment in interstate commerce of about \$800,000 worth of greeting cards which the company had processed under contract to the American Greeting Card Co. of Cleveland.

These orders were subsequently lifted by the courts when American Greeting Card Co. officials, who said they had been unaware of the alleged violations, tendered a cashier's check for the \$27,600 to release the goods for interstate shipment and a letter committing the firm to the payment of any additional back wages that might be found due.

The back wages will be distributed to the employees by the Labor Department.



Ever unwrap the cellophane package of a cake, only to remove all the icing in the process? If you let cold water from the faucet run over the package, then the cellophane will be easy to remove without removing any icing.



To remove musty clothing odors from closets, place a pan of water, to which household ammonia has been added, on closet floor or shelf.

For bee and wasp stings or bad mosquito bites, use witch hazel. Another suggestion is to hold a piece of ice or a small slice of raw onion to the sore spot to ease the pain.

To clean garbage pails more easily and get rid of bad odors, use a solution of Pine-Sol and water. Leaving a little solution in each pail will keep insects away.

Freeze leftover gravy in plastic ice cube trays. Then you can thaw it out for individual sandwiches without wasting any.

To keep your coffee or tea service from scratching the silver tray, put adhesive bandages along the bottom of the serving dishes. They hold securely and give permanent protection.

# New York Extends Jobless Coverage

Albany, N.Y.—A bill extending unemployment insurance coverage to an additional 150,000 workers has been signed by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller (R.)

Effective next Jan. 1, coverage will be extended to firms employing one or more persons. Benefits now are available only to employees of businesses with two or more workers.

Rockefeller also signed legislation extending coverage of workmen's compensation and disability insurance programs.

You can buy four or five packs of cigarettes for a buck. And that's all it costs to join COPE for a full year.

# Voting Dates and Places Up To Press Time

## Monday, June 8

- CONN MFG. In the plant—11:30 to 12:30 p.m.
- CHRISTOPHER INDUSTRIES In the plant—11:30-12:30 p.m.
- PRESTYLE MFG. In the plant—11:30-12:30 p.m.
- ROBERTS TUBE In the plant—11:30-12:30 p.m.
- BOND STEEL & STORAGE In the plant—2:30-4:30 p.m.
- FRANK H. WILSON In the plant—2:30-3:45 p.m.
- SUPERIOR SEAL AND STAMP In the plant—3:30-4:30 p.m.
- TOWNE ROBINSON NUT In the plant S.R.—6:30-8:30 a.m. 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- FEDERAL SCREW In the plant—7:00-9:00 a.m. 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- TITAN PUMP At the Local—5:00-6:00 p.m.
- GUARDIAN BENT GLASS In the plant—3:00-4:30 p.m.
- MAYSON MFG. In the plant—12:15-12:30
- ROCKWELL OFFICE Stewards Hall—4308 W. Fort St.—7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## MOTOR CITY PAPER TUBE

In plant—4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, June 9

- AUTO CITY SHEET METAL In the plant—12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.
- CLEVELAND CONTAINER In plant—3:30-4:30 p.m.
- GENERAL BOX In plant—3:00-4:00 p.m.
- AMINCO REFRIGERATION In plant—12:00-12:30 p.m.
- REVERE COPPER & BRASS In plant—5:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- AMERICAN BRASS In plant—6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- DETROIT BRASS & MALLEABLE Gate House — 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- AVON TUBE In plant—2:00-5:00 p.m.
- SCOTT VALVE In plant—11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- DETROIT CONTROLS OFFICE & PLANT Hall at Trumbull and Marquette—6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- WOLVERINE TUBE (Tuesday and Wednesday) Company Garage—6:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## MASSEY FERGUSON FAC.

In plant—6:00-7:00 a.m. 3:00-5:00 p.m.

## AUTOMATIC PRODUCTS

In plant—2:30-4:30 p.m.

## DETROIT STAMPING

12:30-4:30 p.m.

## McLAREN SCREW

In plant—6:00-8:00 a.m. 2:45-3:15 p.m.

## LINCOLN BRASS

In plant—1:45-4:30 p.m.

## PRESSWORK INC.

In plant—3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

## Wed., June 10

- GUARDIAN GLASS PLANT 1 In plant—3:00-4:00 p.m.
- ROCKWELL STANDARD PLANT (Wednesday and Thursday) Stewards Hall—4308 W. Fort St.—6:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- HANCOCK STEEL Local Hall—3:00-5:00 p.m.
- PRECISION SPRING In plant—7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- LETT'S DROP FORGE 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- WINTER SEAL In plant—8:30-9:00 a.m. 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- In plant 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## WISCO

In plant 2:00-3:30 p.m.

## VULCAN FORGE

6:00-7:00 a.m.-2:00-3:00 p.m.

## MOTOR AND MACHINERY

In plant—3:30-9:00 p.m.

## DETROIT UNIVERSAL

6:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## H&H TUBE

In plant—7:00-8:00 a.m. 3:00-4:30 p.m.

## BRADFORD PRODUCTION

In plant—7:00-8:30 a.m. 3:00-5:00 p.m.

## SKANNER CORP.

(Davis) 2:30-3:30 p.m.

## Thurs., June 11

- MASSEY FERGUSON EXP. In plant—7:30-8:00 a.m. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- FRUEHAUF TRAILER In plant—4:00-5:00 p.m.
- TERNSTEDT MFG. (Plant) 6:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- TERNSTEDT (Timekeepers) 6:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- DITZLER COLOR 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- METAL MOULDINGS In plant—2:00-4:00 p.m.
- HURON FORGE & MACH. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

## LYON, INC.

In plant—7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

## MIDWEST CHROME

In plant—2:30-3:00 p.m.

## DIAMOND SCREW

2:00-4:00 p.m.

## BARCY NICHOLSON

In plant—12:00-12:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- AMERICAN METAL Front gate on Epworth and back gate at parking lot—6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- FIRESTONE STEEL PROD. 6:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- MICHIGAN FORGING 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- DAVIS STAMPING In plant—2:30-3:30 p.m.
- NATIONAL COLD FORGE In plant—3:30-4:30 p.m.
- F. B. STEVENS 18 and 22 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- SHATTERPROOF GLASS & CABOT BUILDING In plant—6:30-7:00 a.m.; 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- ATLAS FOUNDRY In plant—2:00-5:00 p.m.
- NOTE: The election schedule is subject to change so be sure to watch your bulletin boards for date, time and place.