KEATING, JAVITS ACKNOWLEDGE PETITIONS

On March 2nd, the Union Office submitted 4,000 signatures to
Senators Keating, Javits and Congressman Stratton, urging them to support
the King-Anderson Bill.

The King-Anderson Bill would provide medical care for the aged
under the Social Security System.

The following comments were made by Senator Keating in a letter
to our members: "I deeply appreciate your getting in touch with me and
assure you that the views of Union members in the Capital District area
will receive my most careful consideration when the King-Anderson Bill
comes up for a vote in the Senate." He also wants to assure our members
that he is deeply interested in the health care needs of our nation's
senior citizens.

NOTICE
MEMBERSHIP-RECEIVERS MEETING
Monday, March 19, 1962
2nd shift........11:30 p.m.
1st & 3rd........7:30 p.m.

Regular Order of Business
Reports of Committees
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Union Auditorium
121 Erie Boulevard

G.E. SLOGAN SAYS AN EGG
by Allen E. Townsend

Recently Union Headquarters
was contacted by a former worker in
the local plant. He wanted to find
out what his chances were for re-
hiring. Union Headquarters' records
indicated that he had been on lack
of work for slightly over two years
and had left the plant with 1950
service.

A call was made by the Ass't.
Business Agent to Plant Labor
Relations asking them to rehire
this man. The answer was as
follows: "Not now, we have better
candidates." This answer was given
even though it is a known fact that
the local G.E. has been hiring many
people with no service at all in the
past two weeks.

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KEATING, JAVITS (Cont’d.)

On March 13th, our Union Office submitted 1,500 additional signatures to our representatives in Congress.

Our office is awaiting return of petitions from the Local’s Pensioners’ Club and Armisten in Schenectady Area Central Labor Council.

MUNIER CANDIDATE FOR TRUSTEE

Charles Munier, Bldg. 66, has announced his candidacy for the office of Trustee in the Village of Ballston Spa.

Bro. Munier was appointed to this office last year to fill one of two vacancies which existed on the Board of Trustees.

It is requested that union members residing in Ballston Spa give Bro. Munier consideration when they go to the polls next Tuesday, March 20th.

The AFL-CIO advocates and encourages members of organized labor to seek public office.

Bro. Munier has been active in Local 301 for many years. He has held the position of Shop Steward for 12 years. He is also Secretary of the Welded Products Benefit Association.

SIRB ISSUES COMPLAINT AGAINST RICE ROths

The above heading caps an article which appears in the Feb-Mar. issue of the Local 471 “Banner”, a publication printed for the benefit of members of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union of the Capital District.

The article states that in Jan., Michael Roth’s Restaurant, doing business on upper Union St., in Schenec-
tady, has been ordered by the Min-
imum Wage Division of the N.Y. State Labor Dept. to pay a kitchen worker over $600 in overtime pay to which he was entitled. On Feb. 11, 1962, the N.Y. State Labor Relations Board issued a complaint against Roth’s on upper Union St., alleging that the firm is guilty of unfair labor prac-
tices.

Roth’s troubles do not end there. The firing of a waitress and a cook has resulted in the filing of another complaint which alleges that the two workers were fired for reasons that they joined or assisted the Union and engaged in concerted activ-
ities for the purpose of collective bargaining and other mutual aid and protection.

PLANT OVERTIME REDUCED

Overtime worked in the plant from the beginning of 1962 to the end of February was reduced approxi-
mately 4 hours per man.

At the start of this year the average hours worked per week were 44.6. The figures at the end of February showed the week down to 40.6 hours, a reduction of 3.9 hours. The downward trend in over-
time has affected the total work force in the plant. It has greatly curtailed the number of layoffs which had been anticipated and has also resulted in the hiring of addi-
tional employees in some depart-
ments.

A spot check made of the various departments indicates that approximately 500 additional employees have been reengaged. The MAC and Gas Turbine Depts. have each employed about 100 additional employees in the process of hiring more, SAC Dept. figures show an increase of 40 additional employees. The gen-
eral overall employment outlook appears much brighter now than it did one year ago. The consensus of opinion is that the trend will con-
tinue well into 1962 barring unfore-
seen developments.

D.E. SLOGAN (Cont’d.)

If this man was rehired now, his service would adjust to 1902.

Upon further questioning, we could get no admission from the Company that this man had a bad record. However, due to the fact that he has been out past his recall date, the Company has no legal responsibility to give him a job.

We as a Union strongly suspect that the Company is discriminating against this man for the following reasons: If rehired, he would qualify for severance pay if sub-
sequently laid off. His pension
ights would be immediately reen-
isted. He would qualify for vac-
ation after being back for one month.

In view of the above facts, we strongly feel that the Company has forgotten their moral obliga-
tions to this worker who faithfully worked for them for nine years.

We seriously doubt if actions such as this will prove the slogan “PROGRESS IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT”.

We feel that a slogan more befitting would be “PROFIT IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT”.

O. B. PETERSON

TREASURER

Local 471