MOTION NIGHT: IDEAL SUCCESS
LATE HOUR AT IUE AUDITORIUM

Union members from the Res.
Lab, Gas Turbine and Gen. Eng.
Lab, attended the IUE Auditorium
last Thursday evening as they held
their Annual Section Night affair.

John Shanbo, President of IUE
Local 501, addressed the group
on the various contract
proposals and other problems facing
the Local in this important year of
contract negotiations.

Executive Board members and
Officers of the Local were also on
hand, mingling with the members and
helping to answer any questions
which were raised during the even-
ing.

Hot-dogs, pizza, clam chowder,
soda and beer flowed freely and
helped put the finishing touches to
an evening of fellowship which will
be long remembered.

The committee and others who
participated are to be commended
for the efficient manner in which
the whole affair was handled.

Everyone went home with the feel-
ing that these social affairs
should be held more often in the
future.

A good time was had by all!

DELEGATES CHosen FOR STATE
AND NATIONAL CONVENTION

At the July 18th Membership
meeting, nominations and elections
were held to send delegates to
both the State AFL-CIO and the
National IUE Conventions this year.

The following delegates were
chosen to represent the Local at the
State AFL-CIO Convention in
New York City on August 29th, 30th
and 31st.

John Shanbo and Joseph Mangin
from the 1st and 3rd shifts, and
Pine Peckall of the 2nd shift. Leo
Jandreau will represent the Central
Labor Council.

Delegates elected to attend
the National IUE Convention in
Miami on Sept. 12th-16th, are as
follows:

Leo Jandreau, John Shanbo from
the 1st and 3rd shifts, and Mike
Santone from the 2nd shift.

In the event of a strike in
October, the delegates to the IUE
Convention have decided not to
attend since their presence will be
needed here at such a time.

BE AMERICAN - BUY AMERICAN
BUY UNION PRODUCTS!

"THINGS TO THINK ABOUT"

by Frank Hietelsson

"THE FOREIGN COMPETITION FOAM:

Is foreign competition really
a threat to your job or is it a
'fear campaign' invented by Big
Business to undermine your sense
of security and force you to accept
a sub-standard living wage?

Big Business, including GE,
keeps hammering away at the theme
that further wage increases
would cost American Companies
money and enable to compete
with foreign manufacturers. I might
point out here that these same
corporations have huge investments
in this "foreign" (?) market. Is it
a foreign market or is it Ameri-
can-controlled? It appears that
Big Business aims to make a profit
both coming and going.

They argue that the difference
in wages is the main factor in com-
peting with this so-called foreign
market. You, yourself, know and
have seen the figures which prove
that we would have lost the VFA jobs
to the British and others if we
had done the work for nothing. If
the American bids had been re-as-
tioned, we would have been awarded
the contract.

Even though American wages are
higher here, the total labor cost
per unit-of-product is usually
lower because of the cost of great
American productivity and "know-how".

Labor costs in Europe and Asia
are actually lower than we are led
to believe. For example, health insurance
and pensions are listed in the U.S.
as labor costs, whereas in Great
Britain and many other countries,
these and other benefits are fin-
anced mostly out of general govern-
ment revenues where these costs are
listed by companies as taxes and
not labor costs.

While Big Business (including
GE) continues to talk about the
higher American wages, they fail
to state that in France non-hourly
wage costs amount to 40% of the
wage bill, whereas in the U.S.
the percentage is 32%. While in
France it stands at only 18%,
and in the U.S.

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Now that negotiations have
started, it is IMPORTANT to you,
your family and your co-workers that
you attend all your future Union
Meetings...an informed membership
is an educated membership.

See you at the next meeting,
August 15th!
Workers Annoyed At LM&G Practices

By Larry Wilkins, LM&G

A growing number of workers see the number of sick and vacation days, as well as the cost of living, as a major problem. The LM&G has been criticized for its practices of filling job openings with temporary service providers, who are sometimes paid lower wages than other workers. The LM&G has also been accused of not providing enough sick leave to employees, which can lead to increased stress and burnout.

Cost-of-Living Ups Wages .02-.03c Per Hour

The recent cost-of-living increase has been significant for many workers, with wages increasing at a rate of .02 to .03 cents per hour. This increase has been welcomed by workers who have been facing higher costs of living, but it remains a small increase compared to the overall cost of living. Some workers have complained that the increase is not enough to cover the rising cost of basic necessities.

“Things to Think About”

By Frank Blumberg

The current economic climate has been challenging for many workers, with rising costs of living and job insecurity. Workers are urged to think about the importance of an organized labor movement and the need for stronger unions to negotiate better wages and benefits. Workers are encouraged to support their unions and to vote in favor of union contracts that provide fair wages and benefits.

Gl Loans for WW II Vets Extended to July 25, 1962

World War II veterans have been eligible for government-issued G.I. loans since 1945, but the deadline for applying for these loans has been extended to July 25, 1962. This extension is intended to help veterans who may have been unable to take advantage of the program earlier. Veterans are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure their eligibility.