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1000 Increase Shown In Union Membership

Although the number of workers employed at the Standard Oil refinery increased over the amount, Local 889 had about 1,000 more union members as of the close of 1946 than it did a year ago.

The total included about 1,000 new members, in addition to the increase in the number of members, "the number of members as of the close of 1946 has increased by about 1,000 over the number of members as of the close of 1945," he said.

A total of about 1,000 additional members in the last week or 10 days from workers who have not belonged to the union before, took part in the membership increase.

"Our preliminary membership drive was successful because of the number of members," he said.

The office received about 20 applications for membership in the last week or 10 days from workers who have not belonged to the union before, Ross reported.

"As our membership drive hasn't been successful yet as the evidence shows," he said, "these new applications show the organizing committee is helping for 1946. The new members come from all parts of the shop."
Asks Raises at Once
For Local Teachers
President Andrew Peterson has written
to Mrs. Fannie Fuller, president of the
Vanderbilt Normal, to urge that teachers
at the normal school be paid more.

The letter states that the school
commissions should be increased by
the state to support the higher wages.

"It is high time that this group of
working people be relieved of poorer
conditions for their services rendered to
the community," he said.

Copies of the letter were sent to the
Supervisors and teachers, Speaker
Carmen Dr. and Secretary of the
Assembly House.

Although many teachers have
pressed the legislature for more
months and the state legislature has
voted to increase teachers' salaries,
the American Federation of Teachers,
AFS, opposes the teachers' wage
increase at the state legislature in
Congress.

The letter states that the teachers
are in need of more money and must
be given the necessary support to
continue teaching.

"AFS supports the teachers' wage
increase and will continue to fight for
better working conditions and higher
salaries," the letter states.

Stewards Urged to Attend
CIO Conference in Albany
The Local 501 Committee's meeting
was held on April 12, 1947, in the
American Federation of Teachers' Hall.

The meeting's purpose was to discuss
the workers' demands for better working
conditions and higher salaries.

The workers discussed their
requests for better pay, hours, and
benefits and their desire for more
representation in the decision-making
process.

The meeting was attended by a large
crowd of workers who shared their
experiences and concerns.

Grievance Appeals
The workers' demands for better
working conditions and higher
salaries were presented to the
union's grievance committee.

The committee heard the workers'
complaints and discussed solutions
for improving their working conditions.

The committee members expressed
their support for the workers' demands
and vowed to work towards
improvements.

US Conference
On Legislation
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Legislation, the workers discussed
their demands for better working
conditions and higher salaries.

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a large crowd of workers who shared
their experiences and concerns.

The workers' demands were
presented to the conference's
leadership, and the committee
vowed to work towards improvements.

USDE Appeals
In Hardship Cases
Carrying out its previous
announcement, the workers'
demand to be heard and
represented was met.

The committee members heard
the workers' demands and
vowed to work towards
improvements.

Stewards Approve
1947 Committees
Standing committees of Local 501
for 1947 were voted by the
Executive Board on April 11.

The following committees were
approved:

- Labor Committee
- Health and Welfare
- Education
- Retirees' Board

Members of the new committees
are as follows:

Labor Committee:
- Frank Wilkins, Chair
- Edward James
- John Johnson

Health and Welfare:
- Albert Brown, Chair
- William Smith
- James Jones

Education:
- William Anderson, Chair
- Elizabeth Green
- Robert Johnson

Retirees' Board:
- James Wilson, Chair
- Edward Lee
- William Smith

Veterans' Committee:
- Joseph Price, Chair
- Edward Brown
- John Johnson

Organizations:
- William Brown, Chair
- Edward Lee
- John Johnson

Speaks at Senate Hearing
State Sen. Wilford Whipple,
representative for the Walden
Assembly District, addressed the
Senate Committee on Education.

Whipple spoke in favor of
proposing bills which would
increase pay for teachers in the
state.

"We have a duty to our
students and our teachers," he said.
"We must ensure that they are
provided with the best possible
educational opportunities."