ELECTION DATES Set On STewARDS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Sixty-long-service union employees took to the picket lines last Monday morning, Dec. 31st, protesting the tactics of Sayreway Supermarkets.

A week before Sayreway Supermarkets, Inc., suppressed confidence in Schenectady and the GUTS, Inc., program by announcing that the firm had taken over the operation of Original Supermarkets in the area and intended to expand their operations, according to the Schenec. Gazette story Febr., Nov. 17th, 1959.

District Union Local 411, of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, representing 79 employees at the three Original Supermarkets in the area, had a contract which called for continuing their services in the event the company was sold and operated under a new management. The new company was obligated, under the terms of the contract, to recognize the union as the bargaining agent and to accept and maintain the contract provisions now in force.

According to a union spokesman, Sayreway completely ignored the union and refused to negotiate it. 60 of the 79 employees with service up to 17 years were dismissed without notice. The new management then went about hiring new and cheaper help.

The union members immediately called a special meeting and voted to picket the supermarkets in protest. A picket line was set up on Monday morning at all locations to keep counter-publicity out of the Sayreway Supermarkets.

Members of the local union will appear on the radio program, "Labor Looks at the Issues," at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the events leading up to the present situation.

SHARING SPARE TIME PROGRAM "Labor looks at the Issues"

John Knowles, President of Local 301, IUE, will speak to the community and Saturday evening at 8 p.m. on WMJ concerning the union's position and "Labor Looks at the Issues," program on our weekly program, "Labor looks at the Issues".

Send your name and address to

Art Christopher, Public Relations, Union Office.

THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

The following persons were elected to the Election Committee at our 41st Membership Meeting:

2nd Shift
L. Kadro
S. Hrubicek
D. McCall
I. Pacheco
J. Reed
K. Sego
J. Svec
L. Webster
M. Wanta
T. Young

Local Union Members:

The executive board of the local union will hold a members' meeting in Schenectady.

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The Election Committee has announced that the annual election of Shop stewards will take place on Thursday and Friday, December 19 and 20, 1959.

The committee has also announced that the election for Executive Board Members will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22 and 23, 1959.

The union's Constitution requires that Shop stewards' elections take place at least one week prior to the election of Executive Board Members.

A candidate for Shop Steward must have been a member of Local 301 for at least one year in good standing. A candidate for Executive Board Member must be a Shop Steward with a total experience as a Steward of at least six months.

The elections for Shop Stewards will take place in the plant by members in good standing. Each prospective group as a whole shall elect a Shop Steward by secret ballot. The officer of the Local union shall be elected for a two-year term of office. The Officers of the Local union shall be elected for a two-year term of office.

The elections for Executive Board Members will be held at Union Headquarters. The elected Shop Stewards in each respective section shall vote by secret ballot, electing to sit as a Board Member representing that section.

While the Shop Stewards are elected annually, the election of Executive Board Members is for a two-year term of office. The Officers of the Local union shall be elected for a two-year term of office.

The election was held last year and the election for Members will take place again in December of 1959.