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LOCAL 301 HOSTS TO DIST. #3 DELEGATES

The 3rd quarterly meeting of District #3 was held in Schenectady last Friday and Saturday.

The District represents all IUE Local Unions in New York State excluding the New York City Area.

Leo Jandreau, as President of the AFL-CIO Area Council, opened the meeting greeting the delegates on behalf of Local 301 and Organized Labor in the Schenectady Area.

International President James B. Carey and International Secretary Al Hartnett were the principal speakers.

Nominations for Officers of the District were a special order of business. The elections will take place at the October meeting of the District.

Dave Gunn, a Local 301 member and District Legislative Chairman, was elected a delegate to attend the National IUE Convention representing the District. Larry Gebo, a member of Local 301, was elected a delegate to attend the State AFL-CIO Convention. Another member of Local 301, John Vager, was elected a member of the Election Committee that will supervise the District's election of officers.

According to reports from the Local 301 delegates, the representatives from the cut of town IUE Locals enjoyed their two-day visit to Schenectady and were very much impressed with the Local 301 Auditorium and our Office Building.

UNION MEMBERS' VOTES COULD BUST COALITION

A look at the record of the 87th Congress is all it takes to become impressed with the importance of the elections coming up in November.

Despite constant presidential providing, and despite the obvious public support for many of Fess, Kennedy's key legislative proposals, the 87th Congress has written a sorry record.

Even with the President's party in control of Congress, most liberal legislation has traveled a rocky road to nowhere. The reason for this is clear: the President's control of Congress exists only on paper.

Most of the committees are in the firm grasp of Dixiecrat leadership. The few good bills which survive the hacking away process in committee butt their heads (cont'd. reverse side).

FACTS FOR PENSIONERS

By Allen E. Thomson

Due to the fact that the Schenectady G.B. Plant is composed mostly of people of advanced years, many of whom will be retiring soon, it seems appropriate to go over a few facts of which our members should be aware.

I would advise a person going on pension to contact the Social Security Office about a month before retiring at the age of 65, which is the age at which a G.B. worker must retire under the rules of the Company. He should take with him to the Social Security Office his birth certificate or other proof of age and his withholding receipts showing his earnings for each of the 10 years prior to retirement.

Due to the fact that he has no choice but to retire at age 65, he should also ask application for unemployment insurance during the first week of his retirement. He should (cont'd. reverse side)
against the stone wall of the COP-Dixiecrat coalition of conservat-

ives.

The Coalition's Record--1961

In the first session of the 87th Congress, 1961, the coalition scored some major victories, in the Senate, on seven votes to weak-

en proposed civil rights legisla-

tion, it scored a clean sweep. It

won on two votes to reduce the

effectiveness of temporary unem-

ployment compensation legislation; one vote on school aid; three votes on

housing.

In the House, among other vic-

tories, the coalition triumphed on

two votes on minimum wage; two on

Mexican farm labor; three on public

power; one on school aid (a big

one it killed the general aid to

education bill).

Voting separately, neither the

Dixiecrats nor conservative Repub-

licans can muster a majority in

Senate or House. But when they get

together, they can throttle any bill.

At full potential, the coalition con-

sisted of votes of 59 of the 100 Senate

votes; 282, or 65 percent, of House

votes. Translate these figures into con-

gressional achievement, and the

reason for the dumb record of the

87th Congress is no mystery.

Need is Great for More Liberals

As long as the coalition re-

tains its power, just so long will

good legislation be endangered. No

number of presidential messages,

proposals or pressures -- and seem-

ingly no amount of public outcry --

will alter this basic fact of con-

gressional life.

The only way to alter the fact is to alter the makeup of the Con-

gress, enough to assure true control

by the administration. That means

at least 20-30 additional liberals

must be propelled into office on

the strength of the November elec-

tions, and if they are to make it, their

vehicle must be the votes of

working people.

The deepest pitfall facing

labor's efforts to elect more liberal

Congressmen is the same one that

always crops up in non-presidential

election years -- voter apathy.

Failure to elect a liberal Con-

gress this year will mean two more

years of legislative frustration, two

years the country can ill afford.

The working man and woman have

the opportunity on Election Day to

help determine their future and the

future of our Nation. Your vote

can do it.

UNION MEMBERS' VOTES (Cont'd.)

FACTS FOR PENSIONERS (Cont'd.)

do this even though he draws vaca-

tion pay in his final check. Vac-

tion pay received at the time of re-

tirement would have no bearing on

his eligibility for unemployment in-

surance for which he could qualify

at once. Remember that to qualify

for unemployment insurance you must

be actively engaged in looking for

work.

Finally, if a pensioner becomes

sick after retirement within the 28-

day period following retirement, he

can qualify for the $5 pay sick

benefits for as much as 28 weeks,

providing he is sick for that long

a period.

Your representative at Union

Headquarters is always ready to help

any person going on pension by ans-

swering their questions and giving any

needed advice.

VAST MAJORITY CONDEMN US LEAFLET

"As the Leaders in the Large Machine Section, resent some un-

known characters presenting them-

selves as our spokesmen and stating

that we are being sold down the river

by our Union Officers. The recent

leaflet has distorted the whole pic-

ture and threatens disunity. We have

had the full cooperation of our Union

in meetings and negotiations with the

DOE, with fruitful results in back-

pay and protection to our earnings.

There is still more to be done, but

this will not be accomplished through

diss and disruption.

signed/ /signed/

F. Knepik  P. Raville
J. Love  J. Ahearn
J. Molch  J. Kaszynski
J. Powers  J. Widmer
D. Von Steina  G. Vale
A. Barber  G. Gabriels
J. Smialek  J. Marshall
J. Torgerson  J. Kruek
A. Lankewitch  N. Braun
J. Sebo  J. Lewis
J. Hirtler  J. Niesvik
L. Lewis  J. Lawlor
C. Clute  N. Grueso
J. Montgomery  J. Lloyd
A. Murphy  C. Wheeler
J. Bielawski  T. Carroll

EMPLOYMENT at 5.3% of the labor

force inched upward in June. Non-

farm jobs in the 1,127,000 were 1.2

million over last year. Total

civilian labor forces at 74 million

was 386,000 below last year, in-

dicating that many are dropping out

of the job race. The average work-

week in manufacturing increased by

a tenth of an hour to 46.6 hours but

this was a less than seasonal gain.

The officially unemployed numbered

4.5 million, a seasonal rise of three-

quarters of a million over June.