21 Per Cent Rise In Pay Justified

CIO unions have data and figures to back their claim for substantial wage increases without any price increases.

The report of Robert N. Allen, a firm retained by the national CIO, shows an isolated analysis of wages, overtime, profits and cost of living, showing last year that a 21 per cent boost of wages can be granted in the manufacturing industries without any price rise.

The report emphasized that real earnings have dropped sharply and that profits (after the payment of taxes) have risen to new all-time highs just at the end of the war and the downturn of prices.

"Without an immediate increase in wages or a sharp drop in prices, we are facing with, collapse," the research firm warned.

"Long-term prosperity must be based on expanding wage buying power."

21 Percent Increase Needed

Here are some of the highlights of the report:

- In manufacturing, an increase of about 21 per cent in wages could be granted without any increase in prices.
- In construction, an increase of about 21 per cent in wages would be required to offset the increase in the cost of living, just at the end of 1946, to bring real weekly earnings back to the January, 1945, level.
- By the end of 1946, with the present trend of prices, an increase of about 21 per cent would be required to offset inflation.
- From January, 1945, to October, 1946, wages rose 10.9 per cent. From January, 1945, to May, 1946, the rise was only 5.4 per cent, but since the beginning of the year, the rise has been 16.1 per cent.
- In terms of January, 1945, prices almost everything has risen about 15.0 per cent in October, 1946.
- Thus, to the union officials, an increase of 21 per cent would be required to offset the increase in the cost of living.

Pay Raises Are Won

For Building Trades

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There was one brief stoppage, in the final days of the building strikes, in the course of the negotiations, over the immediate question of larger shops.

The committee which handled the negotiations included Albert Speyer, national chairman; Charles Perry, William Temple, David Duff, Louis Perlman, George Dunn, Frederick W. Nimmo, John Roper, and Philip Fulp, steelworkers; B. A. Goeser, Smith and Hook, carpenters; and Charles Dunn, stonemasons.

One Appeal Granted; Two Appeals Denied

Rejection of compulsory retirement until May 1 by the union and the company was another point of view, but also for the benefit of the workers, a further substantial wage increase without a general price increase would be possible, justified, and essential.

New Equipment

Locomotives are going to get some new equipment to make it easier and quicker to inspect, including, passenger, public safety and fire-tender equipment. The device will permit an inspection of the engine, cab, and tender.

1947 Contract Negotiations with Company Will Be Opened in January on New Basis

Wage negotiations with General Electric each year will be open to a different topic this year. Instead of starting in with a definite wage proposal, the company's general executive board is reviewing the GE books to see how prices have gone up since the last year's negotiations.

Clergymen Want Another Meeting

CIO Roll-Over

Five Local 301 rolls-overs attended the monthly meeting of the Capital District CIO Council last week at the A.B. House. They were William W. Allen, general president; Dewey E. O'Donnell, Albert H. Davis, Sam DeLaner and Fred Pollard.

The labor force is 177,000 and five alternates.

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Local 301 has been asked by the union to arrange another meeting with the government's union to discuss wage-price ratios and related problems.

Several clergymen who attended the meeting at the A.B. House last week suggested another meeting, and several who were present at the time said they wanted the chance to discuss the union's problems.

Tune In

Don't miss the Local 301 broadcast, "It's at 7:30 p.m. every Monday over WNTY, with LaTourne before and usually after the speaker."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE SQUEEZE IS ON

December 19, 1946
1947 Negotiations To Be on New Basis

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"Winning control back on the Nation's report on a semblance of argument," Waddell said. "Mr. Nathan is not a labor specialist, but a man who was high up in his profession, and has a recognized standing in business circles.

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Local 301, IUE, which has been involved in a dispute with Schenectady Railway, has contributed $450 to the IUE's Crippled Children's Fund.

GE Plans to Turn Down 12mm Small Electric Motor

The GE plant in Schenectady plans to turn down 12mm small electric motors, a move that will affect 10 employees and 800 workers.

New Jersey Justice--
Pheps-Dodge Brand

New Jersey auto workers have not had the experience of being laid off, even during the recent Pheps-Dodge strike. They were told that the union had received a contract that included a provision for workers to be laid off.

Local 301 Goes to New Basis

Local 301, which has been in dispute with Schenectady Railway, presented the Railway with a proposal that includes a new basis for negotiations.

Newspaper Attack Nathan for Report

"The whole issue is over Robert Nathan. It is not the report, but rather Nathan's insistence on a new basis for negotiations," the Railway's spokesman said. "We cannot accept a new basis for negotiations that would weaken our position in the talks."
Younger Generation Takes Over 301 Hall at Big Christmas Party

Here's a happy guest at the local 301 children's party. Swarms crowded him at the upper right are a few men of the pop-drinkers. The union's party, held since pre-war days, featured games, singing, refreshments, gifts from Santa Claus and dancing by pupils of Miss Belle Baxter. The Activelism Committee had charged.

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Pressure Is Reported In Retirement Cases

The union has received complaints from members, who objected to being forced to retire at 60 on pensions that are too low, that certain company executives put pressure on them to accept retirement and told them there was no way to obtain extensions. Members who are entitled to retire against their wishes and need should keep in mind that they have the right to contest the case to contest the retirement order and to present their case through the union.

Member’s Child Dies

Our sympathy to John B. Epling, Building 301, whose 11-month-old daughter, Laura Lee, died last week.

Tells Office Workers About Bank Contract

Joseph H. Stahl, former GE office worker, spoke at a recent dinner meeting of the Office Workers Organizing Committee at the Club Rendezvous. A member of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, Mr. Stahl described the contract which his union signed with the National Savings Bank of Albany, where he works.