Committee Tackle Price and Wage Problems

301 Groups Discuss Issues Labor Faces

Grave and other problems facing the grant membership were explained in meetings of the 301 committee, held in eight groups last week.

While most of the time was taken up in discussion of grievances, there was also considerable exchange of views between the officers and committees on the current problems of wages and prices.

Reports from most of the committees revealed a picture of the company actively fighting the union in the shop, withstanding all efforts to raise the prices of wages and working conditions.

The company's representatives were brought up in the discussion, backed by the daily newspapers and other local labor agencies. The wages and prices of goods and services were discussed in detail.

The Wage-Price Question

Leading discussion centered around the question of wages and prices. Company observers reported that workers were being paid for the goods, as carefully taken care of by the Massachusetts Association of Employers and the daily newspapers, that the wages and prices were not being charged by the 301 committee, and that the present wage increased was at the present time. It was also reported that Big Business was not the one that ordered the price increase.

President Andrew Peterson and Business Agent Sonny Jones pointed to the experience of World War I to show the

Wages in that time. After World War I, the business of the American Federation of Labor adopted a policy of not fighting for wage increases, but now the increase in prices has become a part of the present wage increase.

Political Action the Answer

The question for lower prices brought about the need for labor political action. There was general agreement that the Congressmen who have indicated support of lower prices must be defeated, and that a Congress must be elected which will support and enforce the laws of Big Business for inflationary prices.

The meetings will be followed by subsequent meetings of the 301 committee, and further group meetings of the 301 committee.

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Remember, Only Two More Days to Register

Union Endorses All Candidates On PAC Slate

The full slate of candidates recommended by the PAC Advisory Committee was overwhelmingly endorsed at a recent meeting and committee's meeting of Local 301 Oct. 1 in the union hall.

The candidates were approved early in the fall, with balloting in the Executive Council. Candidate for the 301 Executive Board.

Volunteers stepped forward at the end of the meeting to sign up for bell ringing and other work, planning to set up a big registration of voters from union families.

Local 601 backed its "registration vote" campaign with enthusiasm, by distributing the candidates' flyer and registration cards to members.

Candidates Endorsed

The list of candidates endorsed by Local 601 includes the slate of candidates, as well as the slate of candidates endorsed by the Executive Council.

Quill to Speak To CIO Unions

All members of Local 601, and all other CIO unions in this section are invited to hear Michael J. Quill, international president of the Transport Workers Union, speak at the meeting of the Capital District Industrial Union Council at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 801 Hall. He will talk on wages, prices and political action.

William Montalto, 601, Council president, has urged officers, board members and all members of all unions to make a special effort to attend.

Brother Quill is a City Councilman in New York.

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Albany Vote

WON BY UE

UE won the first election in Albany Tuesday when three out of four voting districts, the Theydewood Corp., voted for the union in the National Labor Relations Board election. The other five votes went to the company.

The company survives the Albany and Schenectady area, but Marvin handled the organizing campaign for UE District 1.

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Pension Figures Expected

From GE Early Next Year

Statement to all workers on the Addi- tional Pension Plan, the amount held for them in the plan, will be made available to them by the company early in 1947, the management advised Veteran President William Kelly of Local 601 recently.

Another worker was the information being distributed that the plan is to be continued in 1947, the management advised several union officers at a meeting in late August.
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Gardiner, sheriff, William Sherry; City Council, Lewis Benedict, president of Local 391, Transport Workers Union; district attorney, Ernest Reinholtz; assessor, Owen Bigley; state senator, Thomas Fyfe; secretary-treasurer of Local 391, United Brotherhood of Carpenters; county treasurer, Era Green, and assessor, Morrie Reid, Local 391.

Opposing the PAC report, John Scariano read a statement which he said represented the feelings of Board Member John Skibniewski, who also represents the PAC. The statement charged that the PAC is "Communist controlled."

The only other person who spoke against the PAC was Joseph Siewert.

PAC Salaries Non-Parnsian

Local 391 representatives on the PAC Committee took the floor to describe the careful interviewing of candidates and the non-partisan approach used. They pointed out that Alderman Volpe, a Republican whom they considered a true member of the organization, had been appointed by the PAC, which is non-partisan in its approach. The Republican candidates in the last election received an average of $20,000, while the Democrats received an average of $25,000.

The Republican candidates, according to the PAC, were not supported by the Democratic Party, which received an average of $30,000. The PAC, they said, was only concerned with the candidates' qualifications and their ability to serve the community effectively.

GE Always Ignores Facts Like These

Brief facts about wages, prices, and company profits from the government report last week by John L. Stackhouse, U.S. Representative from New York City.

Business profits—reduced an all time record of $1,000,000,000 a year, after taxes.

Prices to consumers in the last three months (since June 1945) have been reduced by $1,000,000,000, according to the report.

Wages—$600,000,000 decrease in the last three months (since June 1945), while prices to consumers have been reduced by $1,000,000,000.

The report shows that the price of manufactured goods has been reduced by $1,000,000,000, while wages have also been reduced by $1,000,000,000.

Union Wins Strike—(AP Please Copy)

A brief statement about the recent strike of GE workers in New York City.

A group of shop committees from the night shift at one of the large factories hold meetings at 391 headquarters to study ideas on grievances, working conditions, wages, prices and political action. Right foreground, left to right, Ray Florence, assistant to the business agent, and William Kelly, 391 steward and assistant to the business agent.

Nixon to Speak

Bob Nixon, Republican candidate for Governor, will speak tonight at the 391 headquarters.

Meetings with GE

Negotiations requested by Local 391 of the AFL-CIO for the GE workers have been held. The GE workers have been working for the past few weeks. Local 391 has filed a grievance against the company. The meeting with GE is expected to occur later this week.

GE's proposed wage cuts and other conditions were sent to the company last week. A C. Strohman, assistant to the GE general superintendent, said the proposal raised $1000 a week in savings, and that the company wanted to have a meeting with the workers.

Chairmen of the local GE committee, including the 391, have been working together on the problem. The 391 has filed a grievance against the company. The meeting with GE is expected to occur later this week.