GE, Westinghouse Unions Plan Community Drives To Win Stabilization

In this broad public campaign to bring an end to the inflation and the corruption of economic stability on this front, efforts by Congress and other bodies of the stabilizing program, US and other labor forces in the various economic areas, labor leaders and the labor movements, state legislatures, and the like, represent groups. Organized labor, employers, labor unions, employers' organizations, labor federations, professional bodies, and the like.

Labor will seek to bring about the fullest representation of all phases of opportunity, for if the right of workers to be taken care of is to be secured, and of all phases of opportunity for the economic life of the community.

In the interest of All Groups

During discussions by both GE and Westinghouse groups of phases for the campaign, representative labor leaders have been brought about for the fact that this campaign has been launched. The President's Council of Economic Advisers has been appointed by the President to give the fullest representation of all phases of opportunity for the economic life of the country.
CIO Shows Cost of Living Up 43.5 Pct!

The American workers' cost of living has risen 43.5 percent from January, 1941, to December, 1943 — nearly twice the 23.4 percent estimated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Statistics.

The 43.5 percent — said to be a "highly conservative" estimate — was determined by a detailed survey conducted by the CIO and AFL.

A report on the survey, submitted to the Presidential Committee on the Cost of Living by labor leaders R. Z. Thomas and George Meany, said:

"To view the fact that the cost of living has actually risen by at least 43.5 percent since January, 1941, whereas the BLS Index shows a rise of only 25.4 percent, we conclude that the BLS Cost of Living Index is unreliable as a basis for wage adjustments during the war period. Sole reliance upon it will result in continued serious injustices to wage earners and lower salaried workers."

Main factors causing the average price rise are discussed in this special CIO NEWS Cost of Living Supplement. Briefly, the lineup of price rises for basic items of the average worker's family are:

- Food has risen 74.8 percent. The BLS estimate is 44.5 percent.
- Clothing has risen 72.8 percent. The BLS estimate is 57.7 percent.
- Rent has risen 15 percent. The BLS estimate is 5 percent.
- House furnishings have risen 62 percent. The BLS estimate is 27.8 percent.

We Have a Hat Among Us!

A persistent patron of local 1998, an AFL CIO Cigar Store, has a unique method of securing his goods. He has a hat for each worker and has them labelled with his girls' names.

Buildings 44—This Bldg. is situated on Fifth Ave. between 43rd and 44th Sts. It contains 12 stories of office space. The rent is $100,000 per year. The building is owned by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. The building is occupied by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

T-S-B Hoosier—This building is situated on Sixth Ave. between 43rd and 44th Sts. It contains 20 stories of office space. The rent is $200,000 per year. The building is owned by the United Artists Corp. The building is occupied by the United Artists Corp.

Fun-Za-Poppin Ready to Pop

Fun-Za-Poppin, the local 1022, Child Beauty Stand, is to be held on the Fourth Floor of the New York City, 1022, 42nd St. and 19th Ave., every Sunday from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. The proceeds will be used to defray the cost of the annual convention of the local.

"Building construction is very plentiful for the unaided man," said the editor of the local's newspaper. "The reason is that the local has been built up to its present height and is being completed during the war."

The address of the building is 222 W. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10036. The address of the convention is 123 W. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10036.

"The building is owned by the Federal Government and the convention will be held under the supervision of the Army and Navy."