PETITION CIRCULATED TO ENSURE RETIREMENT AGE

In light of the growing unemployment and some of its contributory causes, such as new methods of production, new machining and automation, along with the young people entering the labor market, we of Local 301 are of the opinion that a means for earlier retirement would help to alleviate this critical situation.

In support of this opinion, petitions (addressed to our representatives in Congress) are being circulated throughout our Union by the Shop Stewards to introduce and urge passage of a bill which would amend the Social Security Act to provide full pensions at the age of 60.

If the opportunity were provided to retire at age 60, many employees would take the option that is provided in many plans for optional retirement between the ages of 60 and 65 years.

If you have not already seen the petition, we urge that you contact your steward immediately.

REMINSTON-RAND MOVES TO EUROPE

Elmira, N.Y., which has already been listed as a chronically depressed area, is now facing a future of even more uncertainty as a community unless something drastic is done in the very near future.

Remington-Rand, which employs a large section of the population in Elmira, has made public its intention to move much of its typesetter manufacturing to Europe.

Elmira has a population of 45,000.

The big problem is how to find work for the men and women who have already been laid off by a variety of local industries and the workers who will lose their jobs because of this move to Europe.

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In accordance with Article II of the GE-IUE (AFL-CIO) National Agreement, we are notifying the local management that beginning with the February 1961 check-off of Union dues for members of IUE-AL-CIO, Local 301, the amount of dues shall increase seventy-five cents (75c) a month. This will make the monthly dues $4.89 a month.

The IUE National Convention of last September adopted an Amendment to the National Constitution, which was subsequently approved by a majority of the IUE Locals, to make it mandatory for those locals with monthly dues of less than $5.00 to increase dues by 75c.

Therefore, the legal requirement under the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act has been adhered to.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you enjoy helping others? Would you like to take an active part in your community affairs? Do you have any hobbies?

The Volunteer Bureau of Schenectady, a branch of the Community Chest, is dedicating the week of January 30th, to volunteers for Schenectady. It marks their annual drive to obtain people with various sorts of skills and talents to help carry on many community projects.

In many cases it requires just a few hours of your time and that time is used in helping others who need attention and aid of one sort or another.

The Volunteer Bureau covers such work as helping those who are ill, taking part in children's programs, such as activities at the "4-H" the Scout Movement, Little League baseball, helping our senior citizens and in many other ways.

If you are interested, you can contact Mrs. Rice or the Volunteer Bureau, Express 9-1343.
PRIORITY IS URGED
FOR 8 KEY ACTIONS

Warning that the nation stands on the threshold of the gravest economic crisis since the great depression of the 30's, the AFL-CIO has called on the 87th Congress to act now to restore the nation's economic growth. The AFL-CIO called for "priority" on eight key actions.

The AFL-CIO called for the following eight-point program:
1. Presidential authority to in-
   crease $35 a week cut in personal income taxes for 10 weeks when un-
   employment exceeds 7 percent.
2. Emergency supplementary unem-
   ployment insurance, which would cost about $205 million a month, in-
   cluding payments to jobless per-
   sons with substantial earnings records now not insured.
3. An immediate 10 percent hike in
   Social Security benefits, amounting to $100 million a month.
4. Federal incentive grants of
   $100 million to stimulate action on
   state and local public works pro-
   grams already approved but tempo-
   rarily shelved.
5. Tax relief for small business
   so normal tax would be 22 percent
   and surtax 20 percent. Revenue is
   now law.
6. Easing terms on FHA and VA mort-
   gages to stimulate home building.
   contracts for construction and
   purchase of supplies.
8. Revision of Federal Reserve
   Board policy to provide for pur-
   chase of securities of varying
   maturities, with a view toward
   lowering long-term interest rates.

KENNEDY INCREASES SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN FIRST 100 DAYS

The first major action taken by President Kennedy to aid depress-

ed areas was an executive order to increase the amount and types of "Surplus Food" for needy families. The action was taken the very first day of his inauguration.

Secretary of Agriculture

Orrville Freeman followed up this week by issuing an order for fed-

eral purchase of pork, beans and dried eggs for the needy.

Freeman stated that shipments of canned pork and gravy, dried

peas and dried whole egg solids

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REMINGTON-RAEV N MOVES (Cont'd.)

In mid-October, the unemploy-

ment rate in Elfin was 4.7% The

month before that the Federal Govt.
listed the city as one of the

depressed areas in N.Y. State.

In a few months, the layoffs
caused by a transfer of work to
Europe will make it worse, unless
someone provides a quick solution
to this problem of runaway plants
to low wage areas.

In addition to passage of a

depressed areas bill, a concerted

effort must be made to discourage
American industry from moving
American jobs to foreign countries
while our population suffers from
unemployment.

While West Berlin enjoys full
employment made possible by our
American dollars, cities like
Schneectady, Elmira, Detroit and
others suffer from chronic unem-
ployment, and because of investments
at the rate of $2 billion a year
in foreign countries, our gold
supply keeps dwindling away.

SEVERANCE PAY EXPLAINED

by Allen L. Townsend

Under the new contract, when

an employee is put on lack of work,

there are several ways in which he
can qualify for Severance Pay.

The least known of these is

that if he goes to work for another

company and is on lack of work from

the U.S. for a period of one year

without applying for or collecting
Severance Pay, a lump sum payment
of his whole Severance Pay will be
remitted to him. This will not
have to be repaid to the company
and would in no way affect his
recall rights and his service
credits when he is recalled.

If he collects only part of
his Severance Pay during his first
year of layoff, the end of one
year any balance of his severance
pay remaining would be remitted
to him.

will be available to states for
distribution by late February or
early March of this year.

He further stated that "we
are providing essential food for
those who need it and at the same
time assisting American farmers
by action that will help to
decr ease our agricultural surplus."