Central Labor Council Opposes Two Bills

Turbine News Reports 'Half-Facts' On Settlement of Steel Strike

"Shop Talk"

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EDUCATIONAL CLASSES PLANNED ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR 1960

TOWSEND SPEAKS AT ROTARY LUNCHEON

Allen Townsend, IUE's Business Agent of Local 301, was invited to speak before the Middleburg, N.Y. Rotary Club at a luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 4th, of last week.

Townsend spoke on the history and inner workings of Local 301 before the record turnout of 38 members. (The usual number in attendance at these dinners is about 20.) After the 17 minute talk, a lively question and answer period which followed showed that the group was primarily concerned with:

a) AUTOMATION - and whether it would result in mass unemployment of the people who are presently working in factories, offices, etc.

b) THE LOSS OF TURBINE orders to foreign manufacturers in last year's bidding on TVA contracts. Incidentally, it was pointed out to (at their request) that if the labor was furnished free of charge, the bids would still be too high to get the orders, and concerning

c) EDUCATION - they wanted to know if there wasn't some alternative on the part of union members to the use of the strike weapon, Townsend related that the strike was the only final economic weapon in the members' disposal which could be used to force management to give in to their just demands. He also pointed out that Local 301 has only struck once in the past 21 years, which proves that our local doesn't use the strike weapon "irrationally".

Allen received a warm reception from the members of the Middleburg Rotary Club and was asked to come back sometime in the near future by Julius Weechersman, Pres. Rev. Joeshiplay acted as Master of Ceremonies.

“Collective Bargaining” and now how it is applied in negotiations will be the main topic of discussion at the next Educational Session which is being planned for April of this year.

Ben Segal, Educational Director of the International IUE, will conduct the classes in cooperation with Local 301's Educational Committee headed by James R. Gay, Chairman.

This will be a continuation of the sessions which started last summer and is designed to prepare the Executive Board Members, Stewards and the membership for the coming negotiations this year which are scheduled for our 5-year contract expires.

Last summer a total of 220 Board Members and Stewards attended classes in July and Sept. which covered "The Union Progress", Communications", "Public Speaking", "Economic Trends" and a variety of other subjects.

This is just one of the many planned programs for 1960 in an effort to instill a strike spirit and the General Electric Company, "FIREABLY RESIGNED" will be our most important asset...

EARLY RISERS' CLUB - WHTY

February 15 Registration Night for WHTY's All New "Early Risers' Club"!

The "Early Risers' Club" includes all the "guns and girls" who work in the shop, and their families... "FIREABLY RESIGNED" who has to get up early in the morning.

European Trips, Color Television Sets, Radios, Toasters... Hundreds of valuable gifts are yours! All these may be won with the WHTY Triple-S Raffle, which will be given away between 6:00 and 7:30 A.M. on the "Early Risers' portion of WHTY's Morning Music Program . . . During this period, Steve Pitts, Don Veckes and Bill Duffy starting Monday, March 7th...

Vote on Constitutional Changes

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