LOCAL PROGRAM

In Schenectady and Schenectady County, it means:

1. Reduce the outrageously high assessments and taxes on small home-owners by placing the proper tax load on big industry, such as the General Electric, American Locomotive, etc.

2. Join with other municipalities in insisting that the State Legislature assist the municipalities out of the State surplus — and that means, specifically, for education and teachers’ salaries.

3. Approach all civic improvements — including the Town of Tomorrow — with the view that they must not increase the tax load on home-owners, but that on the contrary, the tax load on home-owners must be reduced.

4. Repeal the anti-sound truck ordinance and guard against any other infringement of civil liberties.

5. Increase the pay of city and county employees to meet the rise in cost of living and also to meet the union standards established throughout the area in private industry.

6. Develop immediate self-supporting municipal housing programs in Schenectady.

7. Establish a working program to unite the many races, creeds and national groups of our city, through a city ordinance forbidding discrimination in private and public employment or otherwise by reason of sex, age, creed, race, color or national origin, and to make sure that all municipal and county appointments are made on the basis of merit rather than political influence.

8. Protect our children through increased parks and playgrounds and child care centers — so that mothers who find it necessary to work may have their children under proper care and guidance.

9. Use the influence of municipal government to fight anti-labor legislation in Albany and Washington and to advance the cause of working people in their efforts to raise their living standards, whenever the occasion arises.

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Preparing to Report on Job Rates

Stewards Urge Special Session
For GE Locals

The meeting of the Stewards’ Council Thursday vowed to urge the national UE officers to call a special conference of UE locals “in a genuine effort to meet the company across the line and to the company.”

The recommendation for the national conference was part of a resolution adopted containing the General Electric Company for driving these workers to the East Boston Labor Plant and holding the threat of firing some of others “because of their inability to work under conditions of inhuman heat and humidity.”

Schenectady workers also have felt the company’s “vicious attitude toward its employees and their union,” the resolution said.

In reference to the East Boston affair, the stewards said:

“General Electric’s attitude seems to be a violation of the letter of the law. The company has taken the position that it is not bound by the law and that it is entitled to do whatever it wants, regardless of the law. We are going to fight this attitude with every means at our disposal.”
Officers Broadcast Labor Day Message

Labor Day Message

President Andrew Petkas, Vice-President William Hazard and Recording Secretary Harold Street took part in the Labor Day broadcast of Locals 301, 302 and 304 in the Hotel New York.

The broadcast consisted of three speeches from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The three unions have been actively engaged in the labor movement for many years and have a long tradition of fighting for the rights of workers.

Petkas addressed the importance of unity among workers and the need for solidarity in the face of challenges. He emphasized the role of the labor movement in advancing the interests of workers and called for continued support of the labor movement.

Hazard discussed the achievements of the labor movement in recent years, including the hard-fought battles for better wages and working conditions. He highlighted the importance of collective bargaining and the need for workers to stand together.

Street ended his speech by urging workers to continue to fight for their rights and to support one another in the struggle for a better future. He emphasized the importance of education and training for workers to be able to compete in the global economy.

The broadcast was a resounding success, and the unions received a warm reception from their members.

Union Representatives Attend Meeting of Traffic Committee

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Representatives of the unions were present at the meeting of the city-wide traffic committee held at the headquarters of the union. The meeting was attended by representatives from all the major labor organizations.

The main topic of discussion was the situation of the workers who are employed in the traffic industry. The union representatives highlighted the issues faced by the workers, including low wages, long hours, and hazardous working conditions.

The committee members expressed concern over the working conditions of the workers and agreed to take further steps to address the issues. The union representatives promised to continue their fight for better working conditions and urged the committee to take action to improve the situation.

The meeting was adjourned with a commitment to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

Next Membership Session Will Elect Trial Body

The next membership session will elect a trial body to handle the cases of members who are charged with violations of the union's by-laws. The trial body will consist of three members, one appointed by the president, one by the board of directors, and one by the membership.

The purpose of the trial body is to ensure that the members are treated fairly and that the union's by-laws are enforced. The members will be given the opportunity to present their cases and to contest any action taken against them.

The trial body will be responsible for hearing the cases and making a decision on whether the members are guilty of any violation. The decision of the trial body will be final, and the members will have no further appeal.

The election of the trial body members will take place during the next membership session, which is scheduled for next month. The union representatives encouraged all members to participate in the election and to ensure that the trial body is representative of the membership.

Carey-Block Clique Vote Fraud Exposed

Despite an effort to elect Camp-Block followers as delegates to the national U. I. C. convention by a fraudulent vote, nine pre-U. I. C. delegates have been chosen by the big camp-Battani, Locals 301, 302, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

The delegates committee consisted of nine members of whom five were members of the Camp-Block clique or sympathizers to it. The first count was announced after five-191 and four Camp-Block delegates elected. It was later revealed that Harvey Sexton, chairman of the committee, a member of the Camp-Block group, had called the members from the ballots for two years during the week without anyone knowing it.

Chairman Sexton was deposed as chairman and dean at a meeting in the control of the local. Sexton was sentenced to three months in jail for his actions. The union representatives emphasized the importance of fair elections and the need for a transparent and accountable process.

Peterson Hits GE Grievance Policy

The General Electric Company is alleged to be using its grievance procedure to harass workers who are protesting against the company's practices. The union representatives pointed out that the company's grievance process is designed to intimidate workers and to discourage them from filing grievances.

The representatives called for a transparent and fair grievance process that is based on the principles of justice and equality. They encouraged workers to file grievances and to stand up for their rights.

Peterson also addressed the issue of workplace safety and the need for better training and resources to prevent accidents. The representatives emphasized the importance of a safe working environment and the need for the company to take responsible action to prevent accidents.

Written Grievance Did It

When one of the workers at the Electric Department of the Company in Volta, 14, left work without filing a written grievance, his dismissal was reversed. The union representatives highlighted the importance of filing a written grievance when faced with a disciplinary action.

The grievance process provides workers with the opportunity to appeal a disciplinary action and to present their case. The union representatives encouraged workers to file a written grievance and to stand up for their rights.

Appointed for Chief Drive

The Executive Board has named William Street to represent Local 301 in the Brotherhood Committee on the next portfolio. Street will work with the union representatives to ensure that the company's practices are aligned with the interests of the workers.