Happy New Year

As IUE-CIO Local 301 Served Over 7,000 Kiddies

Merry Christmas...

Santa Claus took over the Mostzpleasant High School auditorium last Sunday, distributins over three thousand candy and gifts for the kids. Pictured on this page are some of the excited group of over 7,000 children in attendance. Santa and his helpers at 301's Activities Center served over 100 food lines starting at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to carry out the official gift-giving. Many members expressed their pride that Local 301 took this time spreading Christmas cheer, while enjoyed all year in the job of improving the living conditions of Schenectady workers and their families.

National U.E. Plans Campaign Of Disruption

U.E. announced last week that they will start a campaign of disruption by causing the delays at any point that affects U.E. work in general, at the start of the holiday season. The union has advised the G.E. workers to follow the plan to stop transfer of jobs that are destined to the A.H.R. Baby Racer plant in Brooklyn, N.Y. They may adopt a similar plan until the real strike is called over.

“A SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT”

The article was very defensive and tried to show the community that the G.E. was content to have Schenectady a prosperous town, because they plan to spend over a million dollars on improvements during the next five years in the industry. No expansion of their laboratories that will give very little, if any, wages to local people. However, during the next two years, they will not tell the community the following:

1. Pouring of foundations and erection of steel has begun for the Industry Control's largest new plant at Lakeview, Virginia. (This means another 300 jobs leaving Schenectady or another 30,000 man-hours lost each year)

2. At Waynesboro, Virginia, Specialty Control Department plant construction progress is ahead of schedule. Both office and factory were substantially one month ahead of schedule to be completed December. This means 300 jobs leaving Schenectady or another 20,000 man-hours lost each year.

3. Work is well under way for general grading and foundations for the new plant on the state and department headquarters of the Industrial Heating Department at Sheboygan, Wisconsin. (This means 300 jobs leaving Schenectady or another 30,000 man-hours lost each year)

4. In Bloomington, Illinois, the buildings are completed to house the General Purpose Control Department. (This means another 300 jobs leaving Schenectady or another 30,000 man-hours lost each year).

The Works News polled about spending 80 million dollars over a period of five years in improving the drainage system as an outstanding contribution to our community. The real problem of drainage at this time is in terms of a question of the law of purchasing power in our community, 1,000 jobs equal a weekly payroll of approximately $280,000 or a yearly payroll of $15 million.

In fact the millions of lost payroll and purchasing power to many communities can be measured by the General Electric's 1,000,000 people statement made by a General Electric contractor, W. F. White, Vice-President of Muni.

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These Boy Scouts Were Prepared

This story is based on an actual incident occurring in the organization.

In front of a crowd of scouts, the leader announced that they would be tested on their preparedness. As the test began, the scouts demonstrated their ability to respond quickly and effectively.

Motor Generator Contract Violation

On this 1st day of May, 1955, the plaintiff, a manufacturer of motor generators, filed a suit against the defendant, a large corporation, alleging violation of a contract made between the parties. The case is currently pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

IUE Organizes The Unorganized

In its persistent drive to gain ground in the electrical industry, the IUE has recently initiated organizing drives in small shops within a ten-week period this month. These shops include the Hamphries Manufacturing Co. in Chicago and the United States Pipe and Casing Co. in Detroit. The organizing drive has been met with resistance from management, but the union's efforts are gaining momentum.

National U.E. Plans Campaign of Disruption

On May 15th, the National U.E. announced the start of a nationwide campaign of disruption aimed at small electrical manufacturers. The campaign is expected to target 200 shops in the next six months, with the goal of organizing these workers and improving their working conditions.

retroactive Adjustment Won

On June 10th, a group of electrical workers won a retroactive adjustment for a period of 27 years. The adjustment, which had been recommended by the National U.E. earlier this year, covers wages and benefits that were not previously paid.

Alabama Paper Refuses CIO Ad

In a move that indicates a growing resistance to the CIO's attempts to organize the newspaper industry, the Alabama Daily News refused to publish a CIO ad that was expected to appear in the July 10th issue.

SCENE AT CHRISTMAS:
Part of the crowd that made a success of IUE Local 901's annual membership Christmas Party. Dominick Griffo and Alba Tiamoan collected the door prizes.

IUE-CIO 301 On the Job

Local 301 CUE shop stewards will be meeting on Monday, January 3, 1955, at 1:00 P.M. to discuss recent developments. The agenda will include a report on the introduction of new equipment, as well as a discussion of wages and working conditions.

Greedy NAM Plans to Seek More Tax Cuts—For the Rich

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) is planning a new campaign to pressure Congress for even more tax cuts for the wealthy. The organization claims that these cuts will stimulate economic growth, but many critics argue that they will only benefit the wealthy and exacerbate the wealth gap.

Plastic Consumers

Discussing the incredible volume of plastic items on the market, one observer noted that the plastic industry has become a juggernaut, fueling the growth of disposable culture. The observer expressed concern about the environmental impact of this trend.

Your Letter Received...
Executive Board Election Jan. 5th

Notice went out in the mail this week to all members of the Executive Board concerning the next election for Executive Board members on January 5th. The election will be held at Union Hall at 8th and Liberty St., under the auspices of the IBEW Local 3rd Election Committee. The IBEW Local 3rd Election Committee will hold a meeting at the time the election will be held for Board Nominations of all sections.

Candidates for Board Members must be a shop steward with a total experience of one year as a shop steward with a successful union, being a shop steward for at least six months. The successful union will be a shop steward for a one-year term and January 1, 1990, and January 1, 1991. The successful union will be the only one allowed to vote for the Union Hall at 8th and Liberty St. The successful union must be at Union Hall at 8th and Liberty St. The Board of Directors does not permit the raising or lowering of the Board of Directors to its benefit.

Support Strikes, Cardinal Tells Wives

When a worker is on strike, the wife's place is to back him up. Cardinal Bernardin told a group of Catholic women last week that the wife's support is essential in combating the opposition to the strike. He said that the wife's support is crucial in maintaining the morale of the striking workers.

Balloting in Shops Elects Stewards

John Stewart, Chairman of the BLS Local 30's Election Committee, reported to the Executive Board last Monday night on the results of the Shop Steward elections held in the plant December 13 and 14.

Approximately 90% of the shop stewards were re-elected, as indicated at the membership meetings, indicating their support for the stewardship of their plant stewards this year. Both members of the Shop Stewards were re-elected by vote at the meeting of the membership.

The Steward Election Committee with a few exceptions, reviewed the current status of the stewardship and the stewardship of the shop stewards. Preparations are already underway to implement the Executive Board resolution to hold the Executive Board resolution on January 5th.