Organizing Drive Initiated By Board

The Executive Board and Officers have decided to initiate the organizing drive to get immediate action to sign up the non-union members in the Berkshire Unit.

In our Berkshire Unit, as of 11/13/57, there were approximately 1,106 employees who are not members of the Union. It is the intent of the Executive Board and Officers to solicit these non-members and encourage them to join our Union. Each Shop Steward has been instructed to visit every person working under the contract to which he is assigned. The form also provides for obtaining addresses of the present members which will give the Union Office an opportunity to make contacts on the present members.

7,112 Loss Working Last 12 Months

12,859 working men and women were employed in the Berkshire Unit on January 5, 1958, represented by Local 301, IUE-AFL-CIO. The Company reported 11,070 employed in the Berkshire Unit on January 5, 1958, a reduction of 1,789 workers in the last 12 months.

On April 1, 1957, there were 12,579 employed in the Berkshire Unit. In the past 21 months there are 1,500 less employed in the Berkshire Unit.

In 1954, in our Berkshire Unit, approximately 1,500 were employed. Jobs in many industries are still not available for the long term.

1955 - 1,280
1956 - 1,024
1957 - 1,280

Revised Rental Rates For Union Auditorium

After seven years of negotiations, the rental rates for the Union Auditorium are to be revised. The rates are as follows:

- Labor Union: $100.00
- Other Organizations: $110.00
- Meetings, etc.: $120.00
- Other: $140.00
- Skipper's Affair: $150.00

When renting the Auditorium, a $25.00 deposit will be required and the rental fee paid in advance.

Representation To Board Studied

The Executive Board and Officers have reported a committee to investigate the present position of our Berkshire Unit which are represented on the Executive Board. The present Executive Board which is composed of 20 Executive Board Members and 15 Union Stewards is representing our Berkshire Unit was at approximately 11,000, or nearly half of our former size. It becomes obvious that the Executive Board is larger than justified by the size of the membership.

The Constitution of Local 301 provides that there should be approximately 16 Shop Stewards for 1,000 employees. It has been justified by the Executive Board that there should be approximately 16 Shop Stewards for the Berkshire Unit.

Department Placement Committee

Management has decentralized the personnel and placement machinery that was formerly handled in the Personnel Department, in conjunction with the Employment Office. The responsibility for placing employees within our Berkshire Unit will be the responsibility of the Department Placement Committee.

Announces a Union Committee of three and a similar committee from management was responsible for placing employees according to the Union-Corporate Agreement.

The Union is setting up an experienced committee that is necessarily of the membership.

Certificate of Local 301 provides that there should be approximately 16 Shop Stewards for 5,000 employees.

Auto License Tags at Union Auditorium

You can get your 1959 auto license tags at the Union Auditorium on Tuesday, January 20th. From 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Union Auditorium's office.

The County Clerk, Capital (High Street), will have some of the tags available at the Berkshire Unit office on the above date. There is plenty of parking space for those who want to take advantage of this opportunity to renew their license tags.

Auto license tags will be given to those who wish to bring their tags to the Union Auditorium on the above date. There is plenty of parking space for those who want to take advantage of this opportunity to renew their license tags.

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on January 30th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Auditorium.