**IUE Brought It Up—So Here’s Information About Financial Set-up of Steel Union at ALCO**

Well, we didn’t intend to discuss steel frames at ALCO, but we’ve always been inclined to do so. Last week we checked into the IUE Local 354’s financial records and found that the union has a significant amount of cash on hand, which could be used to support local job creation initiatives.

**Universal Wage Record**

Government wage figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that wages in America have increased by 3.4% over the past year. This is a significant increase, and it has positive implications for workers across the country.

**IUE Talks Pay Raises, But Look at Syracuse**

The IUE’s largest bargaining unit, the Syracuse IUE Local 354, has announced a new contract that includes significant pay raises for its members.

**Here’s Real Story About Bridgeport**

Despite newspaper headlines, the IUE has a strong bargaining position in Bridgeport, Conn., and Local 354 has been able to secure significant wage and benefit increases.

**300 Gide Swears in Another Group of Shop Stewards**

A group of 300 IUE members has sworn in as shop stewards, adding to the union’s bargaining power.

**$3,488 Awarded for Injury to Arm**

The General Electric Company has agreed to pay a $3,488 award to an IUE member who was injured on the job. This is a significant victory for the union and its members.

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