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GE Turns Down Veterans' Cases

The company has turned down the union's request that World War II veterans completing the machinists' apprenticeship classes be granted at $15 per hour instead of $12, as was done, instead of having to wait a year to progress to that rate. At present, about 350 apprentices are completing the apprenticeship course at the present C rate, $12.50, and by automatic promotion of 5 cents each six months they reach the top C rate, $15, at the end of a year.

Proctor & Gamble Sells

The company, which has been actively selling certain of its domestic products, has now announced that it will sell its entire stock of Proctor & Gamble stock by the end of the year. The company said it would sell the stock at a price of $25 per share, which is the same price the company paid when it purchased the stock. The company has sold a total of 100,000 shares of Proctor & Gamble stock, which represents about 50% of the company's total holdings.

Local Will Vote On Amendments

Several amendments to the Local 301 constitution will be voted on at the membership meeting of the Union on May 7 and 8. The changes are technical changes, and are not expected to affect the day-to-day operations of the Union. The amendment is intended to provide for the election of shop stewards and to clarify the responsibilities of the Union.

Frank Eisenstadt, veteran of the Second World War, was elected as the Union's first shop steward by the membership meeting on May 7. Eisenstadt, who has been a member of the Union for over 20 years, said he looked forward to working with the membership to improve the Union's operations.

V-J Day Was Signal for Weakening of Price Controls:
It Didn't Take Long to Complete Destruction of OPA

This report of the week by which price control was killed is summarized at an analysis by Max Nieman, U.S. Washington representative.

Immediately after V-J Day, President Truman called for a "swift and orderly transition from war to peace." This speech was entirely on the wrong track. The transition period in production which helped stabilize prices—allocations, pairing, limitation of orders—were still in effect in the industry by making prices and price laws.

Reelections Inside OPA

The Administration promptly got into effect a series of price adjustment measures which drastically weakened price control. The measures included:

1. Recession price increase. The Administration offered to give recession price rises which were to be limited to 5% and 10% of the recession period. The corporations cited their own problems and the President was not sure if he understood the law. Labor was not sure if he understood the law.

2. Industry-wide increases. Price control was further undermined by the rapid spread of industry-wide price increases.

3. Wage-price policy. President Truman announced in August, 1945, that a wage increase without a general price increase would be "inefficient" and would result in higher prices. The increase was limited to 15% in the private industry and to 10% in the government.

4. Revaluation of currency. The Administration announced the revaluation of currency, which resulted in a 40% increase in the price of most goods.

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Job Hunting Tough For Old-timers

Age has been defined to be a significant factor in the unemployment of veterans. According to the survey of M. O. L. L. A. (Veterans of Foreign Wars) a total of 46,000 veterans were unemployed, including 10,000 of them in the government. The Administration announced the decontrol of prices, which resulted in a 40% increase in the price of most goods.

Reelection

The Republicans and Democratic representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers in Congress started their drive in the spring and summer of 1945 to complete the killing of price control. The Republicans, numbering several hundred, were organized to control the country's demand in the upcoming G.I. election.

20 Cent Raise

Wage increases averaging 20 cents an hour have been made by the Canadian Locomotive Company in Welland, Ontario, Canada.