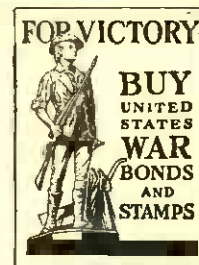


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AGREEMENTS

Business Agent Probey reported at the December meeting that the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance was organized and that during the following month proposals would be submitted covering the office workers employed there.

On Tuesday, December 14, President Probey met with Mr. Williams, secretary and business agent of the local, together with members of the executive committee, relative to the proposal. At this meeting it was decided to present to the members of Local 209 at their next meeting a recommendation calling for the adoption of the executive committee's report which provides for the execution of the proposal, as agreed upon by both union officials.

This slightly amended proposal calls for a substantial adjustment for the administrative clerk in salary, guarantees the customary sick leave, and vacation benefits, provides for the legal holidays, as well as other benefits incorporated in our model arrangements. It, however, calls for the continuation of the customary work week of 39 hours.

Proposals likewise have been submitted to cover office workers at the National Association of Letter Carriers and the Architects, Engineers and Draftsmen's International Union.

An informal meeting was held with Foster J. Pratt, president of the Architects International Union, concerning the proposal, but as of press time no definite understanding had been reached.

With a letter of December 14, Business Agent Probey forwarded the N.A.L.C. proposal to William J. Gorman, National Secretary, covering the office workers at that headquarters office. Our union has not received a reply to this communication as yet. However, Business Agent Probey is confident that negotiations will be completed with the N.A.L.C. officials as well as with the Architects International Union.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Your President and members of the Executive Committee wish to take this opportunity to extend to all of the members of Office Employees Union 11773 best wishes for a very happy Christmas and a New Year filled with the things they most desire. While this is a wartime Christmas, it is true, let us each dedicate ourselves to maintain a spirit of peace and goodwill and hope that by next Christmas our members, relatives and friends who are far away on the battlefields or in production centers will be home again and the country will have established a permanent peace.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

In order to instill Christmas spirit into our membership via the union label, the Entertainment Committee arranged a strictly "Union Label" Christmas party following the December meeting.

When entering the meeting hall, the first sight to greet the eye was a large table decked with refreshments typically Christmas-sy.

Immediately following the meeting the members indulged in community singing of Christmas carols and songs under the leadership of Brother Irving Bucklin and Sister Margaret Schroebel. Sister Anne Marie Burke rendered a solo, "I'll Be Home For Christmas If Only In My Dreams" and played the piano for several hours to the delight of all of the members.

Every person attending received a small bag of candy and a souvenir song sheet decorated by Brother Louie Nielson, with Christmas drawings and a large Santa Claus.

The refreshments were then served. There were large trays of potato chips, pop corn, and pretzels, a cake decorated with holly and reading "Merry Xmas, OEU 11773," and plenty of punch and beer.

BOWLING NEWS

The Victory-Fives have greatly earned their first place position with 24 wins, as the National Federation of Post Office Clerks are only trailing by one game, having 23 wins, and the Firefighters have won a total of 22 games.

The youngest member of our league—Rose Mary Pricci, 12, of the Firefighters squad, recently had a very exciting game of 118 pins. She has great possibilities and we believe will be a big-time bowler in years to come.

Ransdell's, Inc., and National Federation of Post Office Clerks have been trying their best to overcome the 513 pin high team game held by Label Trades, both teams having rolled 512.

However, the struggle is still on and everything is pretty close, so the teams now on top will have much competition and will be challenged for their positions.

SICK-IN MEMBERS REMEMBERED

It was voted at the December meeting to appoint a committee to visit some of our sick members during the Christmas season and to present each of them with a present.

Those especially mentioned were Sisters Irene Boyce, Florence Groves, Shirley Rowland, and Brother E. W. Zeigermann.

Sister Helen Ellis was appointed chairman of this special committee.

BUY MORE BONDS

NEXT
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1944
8:00 P. M.
Chantilly Room
HAMILTON HOTEL
Bring Your Dues Book

To be a good Trades Unionist, a worker must be a good citizen.
To be a good citizen, a worker must be a good Trades Unionist.

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FROM COAST TO COAST

By BORIS SHISHKIN

"How does the Manpower Commission's employment stabilization plan for this area affect me? Is my job frozen?"



SHISHKIN

How can I move to a better paid job offered me elsewhere?" These questions were asked by many office workers in Portland. They looked to their union to give them the right answers.

That was one of the reasons why the large, modern-looking auditorium of the Portland Labor Temple was filled one Tuesday night last November. It was the Office Workers' regular meeting day. Because many offices in Portland shipyards and war plants work around the clock, the union meets in two sessions—a day meeting and a night meeting—so that all can attend.

At the night meeting to which I came, the attendance overflowed from the floor into the balcony. From the rostrum, the officers and the business agent took turns in explaining the Manpower Commission's latest rulings. This was no cut-and-dried reading of regulations. The union officials had made a thorough study of the rules and were able to give simple and informative answers which fit the personal problems of many of their fellow members.

The membership listened intently. There were many young people. A few girls wore slacks. On the West Coast slacks are nearly universal among women production workers and now they have been adopted by quite a few girls in war plant offices.

More questions from the floor. And for every one there was an answer from the platform. What impressed me was that the union officers were not only familiar with the very latest developments but in general even better informed about government procedures than some of the gov-

UNFAIR LIST

The following firms are on the
Unfair List of the Central
Labor Union:

Alexandria Gazette.
Bazzuro Engineering Co.
Mr. Creager, distributor for Arnold
Brick Oven Bakery.
Brinkley's Cafe.
Cafritz, Morris, Co., Inc.
Camel Cigarettes, Prince Albert smok-
ing tobacco, Torchlight plug tobac-
co and all other products of R. J.
Reynolds Tobacco Co.
Casey's Chop House.
Cherner Motor Co.
Coca Cola Bottling Co.
Consolidated Terminal Co.
Continental Hotel.
Dime Messenger Service.
Eagle Restaurant.
Elliott Ruling Co.
Gem Theater.
George's Cafe.
Gichner Iron Works.
Goldenberg Dept. Store.
Good Humor Ice Cream Co.
Hechinger Lumber Co.
High Ice Cream Co.
Kavakos Restaurant.
Manhattan Laundry.
Merryland Club Cafe.
Quaker City Linoleum Co.
Q & S Laundry.
Remington Rand.
Rickard & Davis.
Roosevelt Hotel.
Rose Brothers (roofers).
Shoreham Hotel.
Steuart, L. P. & Bro., Inc.
Sun Oil Co.
Tolman Laundry.
Walnut Hill Dairy.
Warfield & Sanford.
Webb & Company.
West Brick Co.
Woodward & Lothrop.

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AT ALL TIMES

JACKPOT WINNER

Sister Betty Dunigon, a newly obli-
gated member, employed by the Hotel and
Restaurant Employes Alliance, was the
lucky winner of the \$2 in War Savings
Stamps at the December meeting.

ernment officials I talked with earlier in
the day.

Then came nominations for office. Nominations from the floor gave everyone a chance to put up a candidate. It was a good meeting. You had the feel of democ-
racy in it and a sense of real accomplish-
ment. In many ways our Portland Office
Workers Union is setting the pace for the
other 175 of our local unions.

More power and a Merry Christmas to
all of them.

UNION LABEL SMOKES

Our local union has taken advantage of
the offer made by the Brown & William-
son Tobacco Corp. to send union label
cigarettes to our armed forces overseas.
This plan was inaugurated by the Union
Label Trades Department, and under this
offer the cigarettes are purchased at a
nominal cost by our unions and are dis-
tributed free to our fighting men overseas.
Each individual package of union label
cigarettes contains a sticker which shows
the name, number and address of the local
union making the donation, and we have
received numerous acknowledgments from
the boys in the service who received the
free union label cigarettes.

The following letter was received from
Maj. Gen. John Marston, U. S. Marine
Corps, Commanding Department of the
Pacific, San Francisco, Calif., one of the
points from which the union label cigar-
ettes are shipped to our fighting men over-
seas:

"Gentlemen:

"I have been informed of the generous
action taken by your members in voting
to donate 1 case (10,000) of Raleigh
cigarettes to United States Marines serv-
ing overseas. Your gift typifies the fine
teamwork between the folks at home and
the boys abroad.

"Please accept my thanks for this tangi-
ble expression of support and good will,
and be assured that your gift will reach
its destination as speedily as available
cargo space permits."

This plan was inaugurated in February,
1943, and since that time our unions in the
American Federation of Labor have sent
over 350 million cigarettes to the boys in
the armed forces overseas. The volume
of cigarettes being sent each day are con-
tinuing at a high level and it is our hope
that our fighting men overseas will con-
tinue to receive union label cigarettes until
they return home.

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