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Office Employees Donate to CLU Fund



Above you see W. Robert Probey, Robert Lester, Frank J. Coleman, Harold Boone, August Terneak, John Locher, and Albert N. Dennis, at the meeting of the Central Labor Union, when Terneak handed Bob Lester a check for \$400 as a contribution to the CLU's Civilian Defense Fund from Office Employees Union 11773.

Our drive for contributions for the Central Labor Union Civilian Defense Fund has been practically completed. We feel that as far as the Office Employees 11773 are concerned, it was a tremendous success. Although the time was short and almost impossible to contact every member personally, the response was splendid. With the exception of one group of workers, wholehearted cooperation was the order of the day.

We pledged to contribute \$400.00 and may yet, when all returns are in. The Central Labor Union was enthusiastic about the contribution though it is a small part of the \$130,000 pledged to C. L. U. to date. The officers of 11773 take this opportunity to express their thanks to Mozelle Crozier and Mary McLaughlin, Machinists; Al Baer, of the AFL; Antoinette Hudson, Electrical Workers;

Mrs. Florence Groves, Labor News; Gertrude Koenigsberger, Ransdell; Miss Olson, Post Office Clerks; Bertha Nemoy, Zionists; Stella Wilson, Sheet Metal Workers; Ernest Hinkins, American Ice, for the time and effort expended in making this campaign a success. The following is an incomplete balance sheet of collections:

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| Machinists Building | \$135.10 |
| Electrical Workers | 79.00 |
| American Fed. of Labor | |
| Bldg. and miscellaneous | 58.75 |
| Zionists | 27.50 |
| Ransdell | 20.00 |
| Carpenters Bldg. | 16.75 |
| Sheet Metal Workers | 15.50 |
| Post Office Clerks | 9.00 |
| Labor News | 8.50 |
| American Ice | 6.00 |
| Total | \$376.10 |

OFFICE WORKERS ARE NAMED ON C. L. U. COMMITTEES

Terneak, Hutchings, Dennis and Probey, delegates to the Central Labor Union, have been named to serve on C. L. U. committees for the new term. These brothers will serve on the Label, Law, and Public Utilities committees.

HEURICH UNFAIR PETITION SUBMITTED

At the March 16 meeting of the C. L. U. Brother Probey submitted a petition requesting that the Heurich Brewing Co. be placed on the "Unfair List." The petition was signed by our five shop committeemen from Heurich Brewing, Business Agent Probey and President Hutchings.

In presenting our petition to the C. L. U. Probey pointed out the details of our attempts to bargain with this company since last June, and the company's utter failure to bargain in good faith. He explained to the meeting that our local had invoked the services of the U. S. Conciliation Service and the National Labor Relations Board but that the company still would not bargain in good faith.

In filing this petition, Probey acted on advice of Attorney Herbert Thatcher from the office of A. F. of L. General Counsel Joseph E. Padvay.

This petition was read at the C. L. U. meeting and incorporated in the proceedings. Brother Probey then contacted the members of the adjustment committee in an attempt to expedite the investigation. Chairman Botts, Brothers Spangler, Preller, Wells, McClosky, Meyers and Lester, assured him of their cooperation.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, Apr. 7, 1942

8:00 P. M.

Chantilly Room

HAMILTON HOTEL

Auditors' Report & Movies!

★ Buy DEFENSE BONDS for VICTORY ★

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LABOR NEWS GIVES COST OF LIVING WAGE INCREASE

"Labor" adds its name to the growing list of employers who have shown their recognition of the increased living costs now being felt by all workers in the nation's capital, by giving a blanket wage increase to all of its office workers. Since January the American Federation of Labor, Machinists, Fire Fighters, Bookbinders and Label Trades have granted blanket wage increases to help meet increased living costs.

BUY BONDS

President William Green, in his radio speech on Sunday, February 22, appealed to all AFL members to buy Defense Bonds. That date, an anniversary of our first President, added particular significance to the "Buy Bonds" appeal.

For, during the life of Washington our country faced overwhelming difficulties. Our country's past trials have been crowned with triumph and increased strength. What we have come to consider "our American way of life" is threatened by the dictator forces of hate, viciousness, and gangsterism. We must all fight now to insure Our Country's future. Buying Bonds is one way to help in the struggle to preserve our freedom.

The A. F. of L. bookkeeping department has been instructed to withhold any voluntary deduction of \$2 up from the office workers' weekly pay envelope for the purchase of Defense Bonds.

President Hutchings has so warmly endorsed this "Buy Bonds" appeal, and particularly the plan Secretary-Treasurer George Meany has made available to office workers at A. F. of L. headquarters, that he urges all members of Office Employees 11773 to buy bonds.

If you desire to buy bonds through voluntary pay deductions, consult your shop chairman, steward, business representative or your president; and your union will endeavor to arrange a plan with your employer similar to that of the A. F. of L. Don't wait.

MOVIES

At the close of the business meeting April 7, at the Hamilton Hotel, your union has arranged for a series of talkies, to be shown dealing with the Social Security and Old Age Pension programs of the government. This is for your benefit and education so be sure not to miss these as you will not be likely to see these anywhere else.

JACKPOT RULES CHANGED

At the March meeting the membership voted to discontinue the "jackpot" in its present form. Since its adoption there has not been a winner and many felt that the original policy was not satisfactory. Therefore, beginning with the April meeting the "jackpot" winner will be drawn from the names of good standing members present at the meeting.

Members whose dues are paid through the month in which the meeting is held are considered to be in good standing. Each member attending the meeting is requested to fill out a card, the card picked at the close of the meeting to be the winner. The jackpot or door prize will be \$2 in defense stamps, payable after the financial secretary approves the winner as having paid the current month's dues.

CLU INSTITUTE

The committee on education of the Central Labor Union is arranging for an institute on "Labor and the War," which will be held Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, in a location not yet decided upon.

Donald C. Dow, chairman of the committee, reported to the CLU that a tentative program has been mapped out, which includes the subjects: "Labor Fights to Preserve Freedom," which will be discussed by Judge Wiley Rutledge, of the U. S. Court of Appeals, and William Green.

Subjects scheduled for Saturday afternoon include: "How Labor Fights," "The Battle of Production," and "Labor and Defense."

On Saturday evening Marion F. Hedges, chief of the Labor Information Division of the Social Security Board, will discuss "Preserving Our Social Gains."

Officers and members of all affiliated local unions will be invited to attend these sessions, as well as representatives of citizens associations, employer and religious groups.

Mr. Dow promised that more definite announcements will be made at subsequent meetings of the CLU, and that everyone will receive ample notice of the meetings.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARRIED WOMEN

The following resolution was adopted by the membership at our last regular meeting:

"Whereas, it has apparently been the practice of some union officers to refuse to employ married women, and even, in some cases, to require women in their employ to leave their employ if they marry, and

"Whereas, the United States Government does not so discriminate against women workers because of marital status, and

"Whereas, discrimination against married women in employment constitutes undemocratic sex discrimination, and

"Whereas, the Government is urging that all women who are able to work at a useful trade should do so, at the present time, in order to assist the Nation in its war effort, now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the membership of Local Union No. 11773, Office Employees, of the District of Columbia, hereby record themselves as being opposed to the dismissal of women employes for the reason that they have married, and opposed to refusal to employ married women, and be it further

"Resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to employers of all of the members of Local Union No. 11773, and a copy printed in the Union OFFICE LETTER."

NEW OFFICE EMPLOYEES UNION CHARTERED

Lucille M. Hezel is the president of the newly chartered Office employes Union No. 22904 of Memphis, Tenn. She reports "Memphis is a city of 300,000 people with a wide-open field for organization among office workers."

AUDITORS REPORT AT APRIL MEETING

Our Auditing Committee will submit its report at the regular meeting on April 7. The committee consisting of Chairman Martin Joynt, and Brothers "Dutch" Eberts and Bernie Green has completed its regular audit of our local's books and records.

The following applicants were approved at the March meeting and were obligated into membership:

Helene Braum, Abigail Holt, Judith Levinson, Edythe Gros, Ruth Lancaster, Phillis Jean Hill, Dorothy L. Lindstrom, Mildred Knott, Jeannette Aid, Emma O. Klemm, Edna Hudgins and Rose Patricia Dove.