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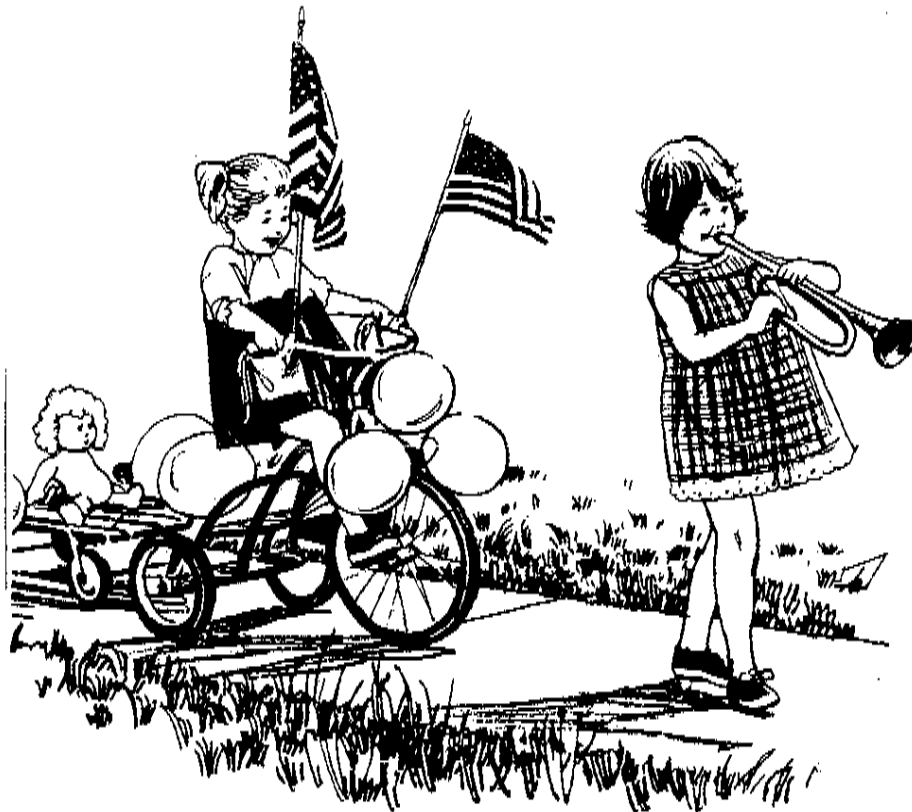
Local meeting

AFGE Local 2505 met Sunday February 12, 1989. The meeting was called to order by President Sy Overturf. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

During the meeting the members present discussed the staffing of the Mega Teleservice Center in Albuquerque; organizing new members, current status of grievances and a litigation report.

There were five members present.

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AFGE LOCAL 2505 HELPS LOCAL EMPLOYEE

A former SSA employee covered by FERS filed for disability retirement. Her last day on the job was 04/07/87. She had annual and sick leave till 05/25/87. Her FERS application was held by the SSA Regional Office until 12/31/88 because the outcome of her Social Security disability application was needed. (WRONG: The FERS requires filing with SSA but no offset until the second year of receipt of benefits under FERS.) The Union was asked for assistance when the employee had heard nothing from OPM and her Local Management made no inquiry for her. The SSA Regional Office sent the claim to OPM in 01/88 but by then the medicals were outdated. The employee was requested to take new physicals and forward to OPM, which she did. They were sent by Federal Express and lost by OPM. (We were able to track them right to OPM's mailroom.) The employee had retained copies, so immediately forwarded those. She was given an allowance in one hour of receipt of the medicals. This employee finally received an initial payment by OPM in 04/88 -- though it was not correct. She got her correct monthly amount and back pay in 11/88.

This employee had not been advised by her local SSA office when she could enroll for health insurance and life insurance when she converted from a temporary to a full time employee. So she was denied her health insurance because she had not had it for five years prior to retirement. We filed an appeal of this decision with the OPM HI branch who gave her the health insurance coverage based on administrative error. The employee was then informed she owed the U.S. Government for back health insurance premiums. We filed waiver which was approved in 12/88. The employee cannot file any health insurance claims because OPM has failed to inform the insurance company of her insurance coverage.

The employee was advised in 01/89 that she does not have any life insurance coverage. We are now filing an appeal of that decision which we feel certain to win. However, the employee will not owe money because OPM has been withholding premiums for the life insurance coverage she does not have. We expect to have this employee receiving the proper annuity amount with correct health insurance and life insurance coverage by 01/90, just two years and eight months after she retired.

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## AFGE APPLAUDS SENATE INTRODUCTION OF HATCH ACT REFORM

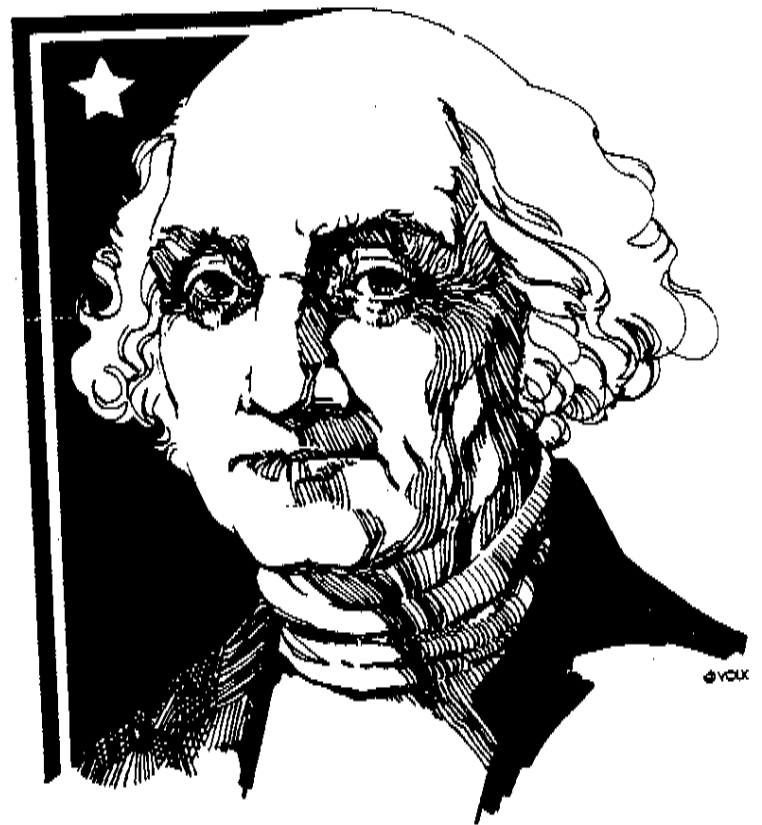
Saying he is "excited and optimistic" about the prospects for Hatch Act reform, union president John N. Sturdivant applauded the efforts of Senators Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ), John Glenn (D-OH), and David Pryor (D-AR) in introducing legislation to clarify the confusing and outdated Hatch Act.

"Legislation to release the political binds on government workers would go far toward improving the morale of a workforce that has withstood eight years of paltry pay raises, humiliating random drug testing, and slashed benefits," Sturdivant said.

Pledging the support of AFGE's entire membership, Sturdivant reaffirmed his union's commitment to remove the yoke of second-class citizenship from all federal workers imposed by the Hatch Act and urges President George Bush to "reassess the Reagan Administration's extreme and unreasonable opposition to this legislation."

"AFGE believe the time is right for this legislation to move swiftly through Congress," stated Sturdivant, "since a similare measure last year received overwhelming support when passed by the House of Representatives and had the support of a majority of the Senate."

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## THE UNION LABEL SHOPPER

The latest edition of The Union Label Shopper -- a discount mail order catalog containing ONLY union made goods -- is now available.

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Attached with this issue of the LOCAL UPDATE is the current national boycott list sanctioned by the AFL-CIO Executive Council. Our fellow brothers and sisters in affiliated unions throughout the United States need our help and support.

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**National Boycotts Sanctioned by the AFL-CIO Executive Council**

## **ACE DRILL CORPORATION**

Wire, jobber & letter drills, routers and steel bars  
*United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America International Union*

## **ARMOUR PROCESSED MEATS CO.**

Armour Hams, Armour Bacon, Armour Hot Dogs. This UFCW boycott does not include processed meat products made by Armour-Dial.  
*United Food & Commercial Workers International Union*

## **BASF A.G. CORP., Geismar, Louisiana**

Video, audio and computer tapes and discs, Zerex and other brands of anti-freeze advertising Alugard 340-2 protectant.  
*Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union*

## **BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF MEMPHIS, TN**

Carrier of union health plans  
*AFL-CIO*

## **BROWN & SHARPE MFG. CO.**

Measuring, cutting and machine tools and pumps  
*International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers*

## **BRUCE CHURCH, INC.**

Iceberg Lettuce: Red Coach, Friendly, Green Valley Farms, Lucky  
*United Farm Workers of America*

## **CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPES**

Table grapes that do not bear the UFW union label on the carton or crate  
*United Farm Workers of America*

## **CITY OF HOPE**

National medical research facility  
*Office & Professional Employees International Union*

## **CLARK GRAVE VAULT COMPANY**

Copper and steel burial vaults  
*United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America International Union*

## **COLT FIREARMS COMPANY**

Manufacturers of handguns and rifles  
*United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America International Union*

## **FABERGE, INC.**

Personal care products: Aphrodite, Aqua Net Hair Spray, Babe, Cavale, Brut, Ceramic Nail Glaze, Flambeau, Great Skin, Grande Finale, Just Wonderful, Macho, Kiku, Parfage, Tip Top Accessories, Tigress, Woodhug, Xanadu, Caryl Richards, Farrah Fawcett and Faberge Organics  
*Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union*

## **FORT HOWARD PAPER CO.**

Green Bay, Wisconsin and Muskogee, Oklahoma  
Mardi-Gras, Page, Soft-Knit tissues and napkins, Antique towels, Pom-ettes, Edon and Dolly Madison tissues  
*United Paperworkers International Union*

## **HOLIDAY PAPER CUPS, Div. of Imperial Cup Corporation**

Holiday Paper Cups brand name  
*United Paperworkers International Union*

## **INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY**

Producer International and Hammermill bond, offset and writing paper and related products  
*United Paperworkers International Union*

## **JOHN MORRELL & COMPANY**

Meat products: John Morrell, Rath Blackhawk, Nathan's Famous, Tobins First Prize, Hunter, Tom Sawyer, Krey, Partridge, Rodeo, Scott Petersen, Bob Ostrow, E-Z Cut, Table Trim, Golden Smoked, Carson Ribs  
*United Food and Commercial Workers International Union*

## **LOUISIANA-PACIFIC CORP.**

Brand name wood products: L-P Volmanized, Gedartone, Waterwood, Fibropine, Oro-Bond, Redox, Sidex, Ketchikan, Pabco, Xonolite  
*United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and International Woodworkers of America*

## **MARSHALLTOWN TROWEL COMPANY**

Brand name trowels  
*United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America International Union*

## **MOHAWK LIQUEUR CORPORATION**

Brand name products: Chaska and Vodstok Vodka, Arandas Tequila, Canadian Can-Am Whiskey, Mohawk labeled Gin, Rum, Peppermint Schnapps, Cordials, and Sambuca  
*Distillery, Wine and Allied Workers International Union*

## **NAPA VALLEY CO-OP**

Bergfeld 1895 (Sauvignon Blanc) wine  
*Distillery, Wine and Allied Workers International Union*

## **PATRICK CUDAHY**

Processed meat products: Patrick Cudahy, Dail-Fresh, Gwaltney, Milano's, Smithfield, Tameda, Dell Fresh; Canned hams: Agar, Apple Blossom, A&P, Circle A, Country Club, DAK, IGA, Jewel, Lancaster, Pathmark, Plymouth Rock, Safeway, Shur-Fine, Smoke-A-Roams, Windmill  
*United Food and Commercial Workers International Union*

## **PLYMOUTH RUBBER COMPANY**

Insulating material, rubber bands and vinyl products  
*United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America*

## **R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.**

Cigarettes: Camel, Winston, Salem, Doral, Vantage, More, Now, Real, Bright, Century, Sterling, YSL/Ritz; Smoking Tobaccos: Prince Albert, George Washington, Carter Hall, Apple, Madeira Mixture, Royal Comfort, Top, Our Advertiser, Little Cigars; Winchester  
*Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers International Union*

## **ROME CABLE CORPORATION**

Cables used in mining and construction industry  
*International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers*

## **SEATTLE-FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

Withdraw funds  
*United Food and Commercial Workers International Union*

## **SHELL OIL COMPANY**

Subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell (parent company of Shell South Africa); Gasoline, petroleum and natural gas products  
*AFL-CIO*

## **STERLING RADIATOR**

Baseboard heaters for the home  
*United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America International Union*

## **UNITED STATES PLAYING CARD CO.**

Brand names: Bee, Bicycle, Tally Ho, Aviator and Congress  
*Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union*

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