



**FAMOUS PIANIST GETS UNION CARD.** President Truman (center) receives solid gold membership card from President James C. Petrilla (r) of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL). President William Green looks on.

# No cop to help kids across — mothers protest

By Bob Lucas

Death is the silent watchman at the busy intersection of 41st and South Parkway, where hundreds of school kids pass four times a day between their homes and the Felsenthal School.

For the past three weeks there has been no Park District guard at the corner to help grade school children across the boulevard. With the announcement this week by Coroner Brodie that traffic deaths are up 46.6

percent over 1948, anxious mothers report that it is a miracle no child has been injured so far.

Their fears are well-founded since city buses, suburban buses, autos and "jitney" cabs ply South Parkway in droves.

A delegation of mothers, led by Mrs. Edmonia Swanson of the 3rd Ward Progressive Party, visited the Park District headquarters in Washington Park to protest the lack of a guard. Capt. Peter Annen told the group that the woman service

guard had been transferred to 29th and South Parkway to replace an injured guard. There is no traffic light at 29th, he pointed out, while at 41st there is a signal light.

Not satisfied with the make-shift arrangement the mothers suggested that perhaps the lack of an adequate staff was due to the fact that women service guards have been cut to four hours pay per day. Formerly they worked an 8-hour day. "A woman who has to support herself, or a family," Mrs. Swanson said, "could not do so on a 50 percent wage cut."

In a statement to *The Standard*, Capt. Annen denied that the wage-hour cut had reduced his staff to a dangerously low point. "We're in the process of recruiting and within two weeks we'll have new personnel," he said. "Some of these women guards are making an issue of the reduction to four hours. But they make \$1.50 an hour and the Park District realized that it shouldn't pay them for the time they were not actually at the school crossings."

On the 8-hour shift, the guards patrolled areas around the schools during the time the students were in classes. Currently they are on duty only in the morning, at noon and in the evening.

Despite the fact that they must be at home during those hours fixing lunch and breakfast for their children, some of the mothers are considering volunteering for guard duty at 41st and South Parkway. They still feel that "it's fortunate no casualty has occurred so far."

# PROGRESSIVES RAP FOES OF CAREY NO-BIAS BILL

Lashing out at "unprincipled attacks" on the Carey anti-discrimination ordinance, the Progressive Party of Illinois this week took the lead in the fight to keep Jim Crow out of slum clearance housing projects.

The proposed ordinance now being considered by the City Council committee on housing was advanced by Ald. Archibald J. Carey (3rd). It would outlaw racial, and religious discrimination in any project built on land purchased from the Chicago Land Clearance Commission.

Main snipers at the proposed law are Milton C. Mumford, former Chicago housing co-ordinator, and the Citizens' Assn. of Chicago. Their argument is that passage of the anti-bias measure would "virtually kill the slum clearance program."

In a hard-hitting statement by its legislative director, Sidney Ordower, the PP shot holes through the opposition's "flagrant attempt to by-pass the will of the people." Refuting claims that slum clearance projects are private in ownership, Ordower pointed out:

"In the November, 1947, elections, the people of Chicago passed a bond issue to help finance the slum clearance and housing redevelopment pro-

gram. Mumford and the LaSalle Street crowd whom he represents now want to deny certain sections of Chicago's population the very housing which they voted to finance."

Point by point, the Progressive Party statement knocked the props from under arguments advanced by foes of the Carey amendment.

"The charge that insurance companies will not come to Chicago because of the Carey ordinance is so much 'hogwash.' Our investigation proves that insurance companies generally are shying away from slum clearance and housing projects, with or without anti-discrimination ordinances, because the profit return is not 'large enough.'"

"The fantastic charge of the Citizens' Assn. that this ordinance would impose a new kind of 'restrictive covenant' must be labelled for what it is—a blatant and demagogic example of racism, pure and simple."

Tossing the hot potato into

Mayor Kennelly's lap, Ordower asks what he has "to say about this latest effort to throttle democracy? If he means what he says about being the mayor for all the people of Chicago, then let him speak out vigorously for the passage of this ordinance. Otherwise, he will be aiding and abetting the Jim Crow pattern of housing in Chicago."

The PP pledges to "support the Carey measure to the limit in order to fulfill its election pledge that housing in Chicago 'be built on a democratic basis,'" said Ordower.

Meanwhile, a public hearing has been set for Feb. 1 for opponents of the measure and the City Council will vote two weeks later.

## Ordower Speaks

Sidney Ordower opened his new radio series, "Chicago Speaks," last Sunday with an open letter to Governor Adlai Stevenson and President Truman. Ordower's weekly commentary is heard Sundays at 1 p.m. over WJJD, 1160 on the dial.

## Radio program offers potent plea for FEPC

"Cry, Our Beloved City" is the title of an unusual broadcast to be carried on Station WJJD next Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3:30 p.m.

The program, sponsored by American Jewish Congress, Chicago Division, will feature Chicago citizens in various walks of life telling about day-to-day discriminatory rebuffs they have met.

Studs Terkel, one of Chicago's top progressive radio writers, is producer for the program on which a state senator, doctor, private secretary, professional model, office supervisor, engineer, housewife, iron worker, and medical student will tell about their experiences in searching jobs, education, medical care and even places to eat.

# Krakow Sinfonietta brings good music to common man

Like the letter carrier who takes a hike on his day off, Chicago's newest musical aggregation is composed of 16 men and one woman who play music when they relax from their regular occupation—playing music.

The result is the Krakow Sinfonietta, organized and conducted by Leo Krakow, former principal violinist with the National Symphony in Washington. The Krakow Sinfonietta approach is away from the "stuffed shirt" idea of classical music, toward greater appreciation among a larger audience.

Krakow, a small, dynamic person, is a musician's musician; he uses no baton when conducting. "You don't control an orchestra with a stick," he says.

### Wants Music for All

When he attended the Edinburgh music festival recently, he found it "deplorable" that the man on the street—the average Scot—regarded the festival as the property of professional musicians and the upper crust. Krakow feels that the Sinfonietta will break down any similar reservations among Chicagoans.

For its bow to music lovers on Feb. 6 at the Eighth Street

Theatre, the Sinfonietta will feature the first Chicago performance of the Haydn Violin Concerto. The Fleisher Library in Philadelphia is lending the manuscript of this recently-discovered Haydn masterpiece. So-



Leo Krakow

loist will be Herman Clebanoff, concertmaster, who holds the same post with the National Broadcasting Company orchestra here.

The only woman in the Krakow Sinfonietta is Margaret Cree, whose talent and experience equal that of her fellow musicians. Miss Cree is principal cellist in the Grant Park Symphony and is the wife of Donald Evans, Chicago Symphony violist.

The Krakow Sinfonietta includes Irving Ilmer, Edward Gradman, Sol Turner, Theodore Silavin, Royall Johnson, Philip Sharf, Leon Brenner, and Frank Feodoroni, violinists with the Chicago Symphony; and David Chausow, first violinist, Great Northern Theatre.

Violas, Harold Klatz, Isadore Zverow, and Samuel Feinzimer, of the Chicago Symphony; Celli, Miss Cree, Karl Fruh, NBC, and Harry Wogman, Guild String Quartet. Nathan Zimmeroff, formerly of the Detroit Symphony, is string bassist.

# Hike jobless, accident pay, UE members urge

A campaign to lift jobless benefits in Illinois to \$40 a week for 52 weeks was launched at an all-day legislative conference of more than 125 United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) held last Sunday at UE Hall, 37 S. Ashland Ave.

Lengthy discussion of the urgent need for hiking unemployment and workmen's compensation benefits highlighted the session, chaired by Pres. Ernest Demaio of District 11.

Delegates agreed that in addition to raising jobless benefits, extending their duration and eliminating the one-week waiting period, the law must be revised to extend protection to all workers, including those in plants employing less than six persons, government workers, agricultural workers and workers in non-profit institutions.

Of particular concern to the rank-and-file UE workers were the detailed case-histories of laid-off workers who the U.S. Employment Service recently tried to force into lower-paying and lower-skilled jobs. This trend, it was emphasized, is especially hard on Negroes and women.

Delegates also agreed to ask the Illinois Assembly to raise weekly benefits for workers disabled from industrial accidents to two-thirds of the worker's previous average weekly earnings, but no less than \$40 a

week, and to increase specific loss rates to at least the level of rates paid in Wisconsin.

The conferees unanimously adopted a detailed program of action, which included a demand that the Illinois legislature adopt a temporary disability law, establish a Fair Employment Practices Committee, and enact a law to guarantee every worker in the state two paid 15-minute rest periods in every eight-hour work day.



DeMaio



**HYSTERICAL Mrs. Bessie Moltz, 39,** is about to collapse in the arms of a Chicago policeman who brought news of her husband's death. Victim of a holdup man, Samuel Moltz, 40, working in his laundry, was shot in the leg and bled to death before aid arrived. (International)