



Allied Contd.

Trades Council. This reflects the growing geographical area covered by the Allied as a result of the mergers of Canton and Akron locals into Local 546M. A new label with the Northeast Ohio designation has been issued to all Allied shops. This will also help us identify counterfeit bugs that some non-union companies try to use.

- Last month, DC 3 representatives **Steve Nobles, Jim Elkins** and **Chris Farrand** met with representatives of the State Printing Services in Columbus to encourage the State of Ohio to use union printers. The State Printing is the central printing procurer for the State of Ohio and purchases over \$29 million in printing each year. As a result of the meeting, State Printing Services has been regularly notifying union printers by email of all state printing bids.

- Also, at its annual meeting in Columbus, April 14, the Ohio Allied Printing Trades Council delegates decided to print a statewide Directory of Union Printers. A similar one has been produced in Michigan for the last 4 years with considerable success. Up until now, only local directories have been available. The new state directory will be more informative and of higher quality. We expect to cover the cost of production of the directory through the sale of advertising. The new state directory should come out later this fall.

Members can help us strengthen the use of the Allied Label by contacting political candidates, public officials and businesses that you deal with and telling them you want them to see the Allied Label on their printed material.

Also members can help protect the legitimate use of the Allied Label by notifying the Local office whenever you see a questionable Allied Label. Be sure to send us a copy of the original printed piece. We will investigate it.

TRANSITIONS

New Members

Michael P. Brown - *Oak Printing*
Ronnell Cunningham - *Hotcards*
Glen Infante - *Hotcards*
Joseph P. Lewis - *Legal News*
Daryl A. Wheeler - *Hotcards*

Members Retiring

Louis Capasso - *Best Printing*
George Davies - *Davis Printing*
Michael Galeski - *Avery*
Rudy Harsany - *Associate*

Health Care Developments

The growth of support for single-payer health care is steadily increasing. Recently, the AFL-CIO came out in support of single-payer health care and favourable editorials are popping up across the country.

Michael Lightly, the Director of Public Policy for the California Nurses Association told the annual conference of SPAN Ohio that the momentum is now in favour of single-payer and that real possibilities exist. The insurance industry is becoming concerned and is backing "reforms" such as the plan in Massachusetts and the one pushed by Gov. Schwarzenegger in California after he vetoed a single-payer plan passed by the legislature. These plans would force all citizens to buy health care (whether or not they can afford it) or be fined. Of course they would have to buy coverage from insurance companies.

In Ohio, State Rep Mike Skindell (D-Lakewood) is reintroducing the Ohio Health Care Act in the General Assembly as HB 186. The Ohio Health Care Act is the same as the Health Care for All Ohioans Act promoted by SPAN. It appears that this year, with the changes in the last election, that there may finally be a hearing on the bill. Other area representatives who are co-sponsors include Jennifer Brady (D-

Westlake), Michael DeBose (D-Cleveland), Lorraine Fende (D-Willowick), Joseph Koziura (D-Lorain), Eugene Miller (D-Cleveland) and Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland). If your state rep isn't a co-sponsor, give them a call or write them and ask them to become one.

SPAN is continuing its petition campaign and in a major step has decided to hire a full-time staff person to coordinate the campaign. SPAN is a grassroots organization, but the insurance industry is already raised over \$50,000 to challenge it.

GCC/IBT Midwest Conference

This fall, Local 546M will be hosting the 61st Midwestern States Regional Conference of the GCC/IBT. The semiannual conference brings together locals from across the midwest to share information and discuss developments in the industry and about employers.

The 60th Conference was held April 27-28 in Indianapolis and brought together 50 local representatives plus guests and representatives of the GCC/IBT Conference who reported on developments and activities at the Conference level.

The Local will be looking for volunteers to help out with the preparations and assist during the conference.

NOTIFY THE UNION WHEN....

- A member goes out on medical leave and/or when he/she returns.
- A member is laid off or returns from layoff.
- A member quits employment.
- There is a job opening or potential job opening in your shop.
- The company hires a new employee in the bargaining unit.
- A member changes address and/or phone number.