



Blakley delivers joint 2 and 11 message.

Whole year wasted

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The following statement was presented to Joint Council Meeting of Districts 2 and 11. After discussion, a vote was taken in each district of those members of the council present, and was passed by a majority in each district.

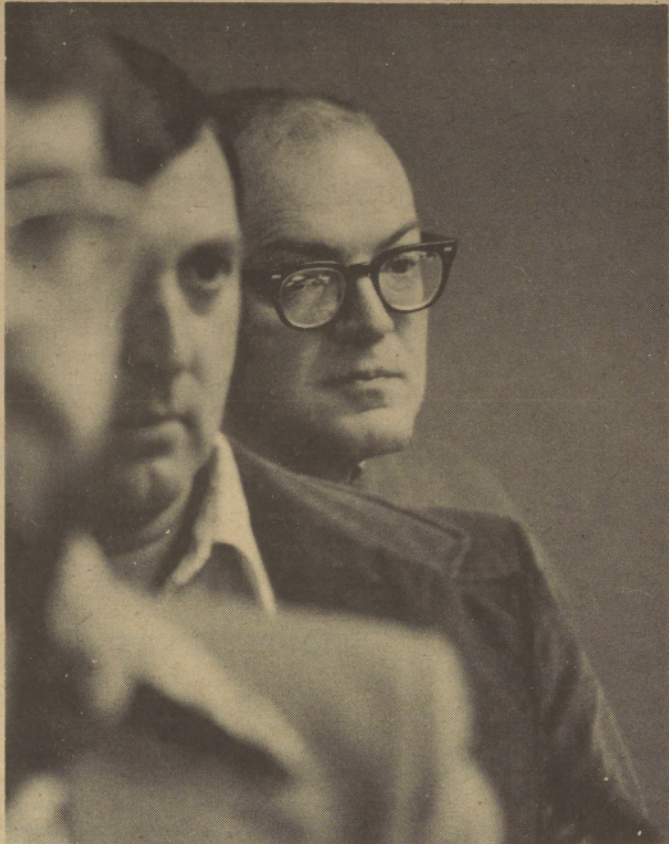
"We, the officers and delegates of Districts 2 and 11, direct our district directors to present the following statements at the January 13, 1979, Board meeting, with the request that these statements be made part of the printed minutes.

WHEREAS 1. It is clear that the basis for the legal action brought against OSEA and its Executive Director are founded in the questionable testimony of a former employee.

WHEREAS 2. The suits filed by fair share payers appear to have been encouraged by certain OSEA chapter officers. Support of such a suit can only be considered as against the best interests of the members of Districts 2 and 11, and all of OSEA.

WHEREAS 3. This Association wasted almost the whole year of 1978 in senseless in-house fighting. We recognize that as we begin in 1979 what may be the most difficult contract negotiations in the history of OSEA, that we need all of our resources available for these negotiations. We can ill afford in 1979 the wastes of time and money which occurred in 1978.

WHEREAS 4. We demand that this definite minority of OSEA officers and members supporting the malicious harrassment of OSEA, OSEA leadership and OSEA's Executive Director, immediately stop pursuing these activities."



Ken Stueve and Richard O. Young listen.

Why are we still fighting?

Why are we still fighting this battle between ourselves over Mort Shapiro? Why continue persecuting this man and destroying ourselves at the same time?

On two separate occasions this problem was resolved -- with great and unnecessary expense to each of us -- once by a committee, the findings of which were acceptable to the majority of the Board of Directors and the second time, by the General Council, which met in October of 1978!

Ours is an organization for the betterment of working conditions. Not the malignings of certain individuals. Once and for all, let us devote our time and energy to the betterment of our organization, NOT to its destruction.

Why should our organization, again and again, be forced to go backward by a few? Progress is impossible, certainly we cannot stand still. This leaves backward motion as the only way left open.

We Jackson County employees are fortunate in that we have a signed contract. Any of our state-wide members who are negotiating this year will find that this whole situation plays right into the hands of management. If you have negotiation problems, something that deals directly with your pocketbook, then rest assured that management has seized this opportunity to drag their feet in the belief that our union is weak and divided, thanks to a few malcontents.

The persons creating all of these very serious problems and dissension have not provided any proof of wrongdoing by Mort Shapiro.

We strongly question their motives.

We, the members of Chapter 210 suggest strongly that these people either work with the majority . . . or GET OUT!!!!

(Signed by 30 members of Jackson County Employees Assoc., Chapt. 210)



View of the gallery.