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## **GREETINGS!**

Welcome to the 18th Triennial Convention of the Office and Professional Employees International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC



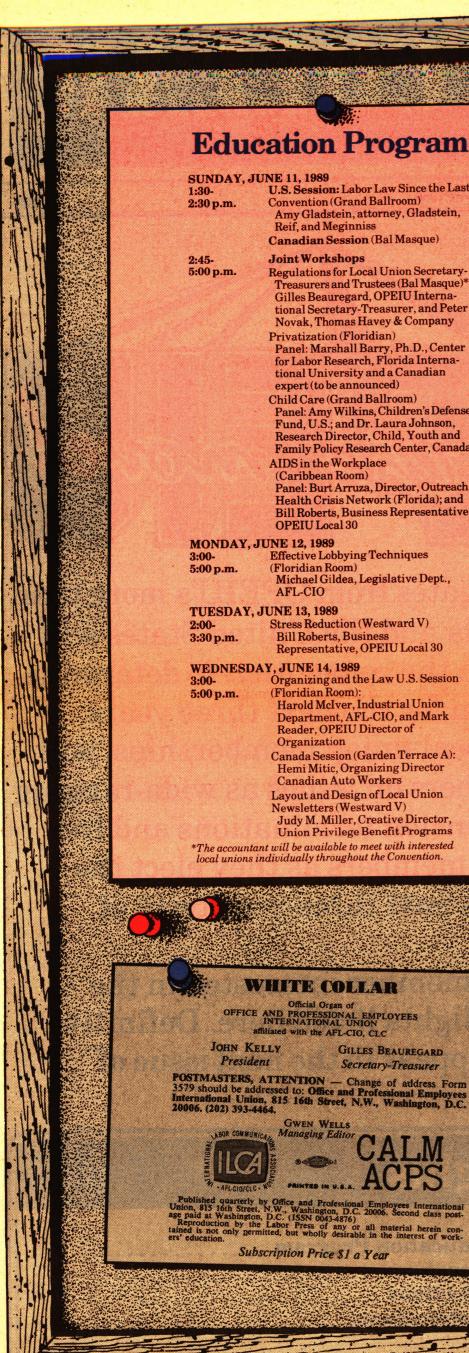
rom June 10 to 16, 1989, delegates from OPEIU's more than 250 local unions across Canada and the United States will meet together in committees and in the convention to determine the union's policies and its direction for the next three years.

The delegates, elected by their local union memberships, will represent the interests of the members on issues as wide-ranging as child care and family leave to pension terminations and free trade. They will also represent the members as they elect the International Union officers for the next three-year term of office.

Whether you are a delegate or a member interested in the proceedings, you will find the highlights listed here. Definitive action taken by the delegates will appear in the next issue of *White Collar*.

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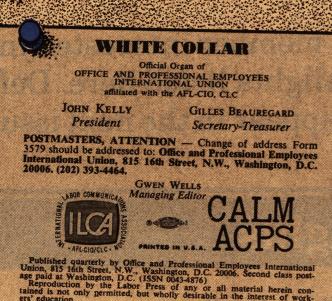
# OPDIU Convention Highlights O

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1989 1:30-U.S. Session: Labor Law Since the Last Convention (Grand Ballroom) Amy Gladstein, attorney, Gladstein, **Reif**, and Meginniss Canadian Session (Bal Masque) **Joint Workshops** Regulations for Local Union Secretary-Treasurers and Trustees (Bal Masque)\* Gilles Beauregard, OPEIU International Secretary-Treasurer, and Peter Novak, Thomas Havey & Company Privatization (Floridian Panel: Marshall Barry, Ph.D., Center for Labor Research, Florida International University and a Canadian expert (to be announced Child Care (Grand Ballroom) Panel: Amy Wilkins, Children's Defense Fund, U.S.; and Dr. Laura Johnson, Research Director, Child, Youth and Family Policy Research Center, Canada AIDS in the Workplace (Caribbean Room) Panel: Burt Arruza, Director, Outreach Health Crisis Network (Florida); and **Bill Roberts**, Business Representative **OPEIU** Local 30 **MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1989 Effective Lobbying Techniques** (Floridian Room) Michael Gildea, Legislative Dept., AFL-CIO **TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1989** Stress Reduction (Westward V) **Bill Roberts**, Business Representative, OPEIU Local 30 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1989 Organizing and the Law U.S. Session (Floridian Room) Harold McIver, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO, and Mark Reader, OPEIU Director of Organization

Canada Session (Garden Terrace A): Hemi Mitic, Organizing Director Canadian Auto Workers Layout and Design of Local Union

Newsletters (Westward V) Judy M. Miller, Creative Director Union Privilege Benefit Programs

\*The accountant will be available to meet with interested local unions individually throughout the Convention.



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**Committees** 

s usual OPEIU delegates meet in Committees prior to and during the Convention to prepare policy statements, resolutions, constitutional amendments, proposed legislation, and much more for presentation and vote on the convention floor.

All committees meet Saturday, June 10 and frequently Sunday June 11 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The following are the official committees and their meeting locations.

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Westward IV—Mezzanine

## Insurance Conference

hose delegates from local unions representing members who work for insurance companies will meet Saturday, June 10 to discuss mutual problems and goals.

What had traditionally been the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Conference was expanded in 1988 to include all insurance company representatives. The first meeting for the expanded group occurred prior to the 1988 Full-Time Staff Conference in New York. The nationwide Blue Cross union-busting campaign was discussed in-depth, as well as corporate campaigns, the "task force" concept, and other local union concerns.

Prior to this convention the delegates will meet again to exchange contracts and ideas. They will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Pan Am Room (main lobby level). Coffee, tea and rolls will be provided.

## HEADLINERS

Several nationally and internationally renowned speakers will headline the various mornings of the **OPEIU** International Convention. For your general information on these important addresses is the following schedule:

#### Monday, June 12

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- Gordon Wilson, President, Ontario Federation of Labour
- John Bowers, President, International Longshoremen's Association

#### **Tuesday**, June 13

- Mary Barry, President, TWU Local 553 **Eastern Air Lines**
- Thomas Donahue, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO
- Wednesday, June 14 Joyce Miller, President, Coalition of Labor Union Women
- Cesar Chavez, President, United Farm Workers (tentative)
- Romeo Corbeil, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus, **OPEIU**

## **Elections**

hursday morning, June 15, OPEIU delegates will nominate the International Officers to represent them internationally, nationally, and regionally. International offices open for election include President, Secretary-Treasurer, four Canadian Vice Presidents and eleven United States Vice Presidents. Canadians will elect a Canadian Director.

If offices are contested, a secret ballot vote will be conducted. Delegates will vote their representation, and a majority of votes cast will determine the winners.

If a secret ballot election is required, it will take place Thursday afternoon.

# **Registration and International Office**

The International Union will have the Medallion Room as its headquarters throughout the Convention. Anyone needing assistance can find it there. Registration will occur at the following times and locations:

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### WATCH FOR

**OPEIU's new publi**cations, presented for the first time at this Convention:

**The OPEIU Organizing Manual** 

Welcome to **OPEIU!** (the new members' brochure)

