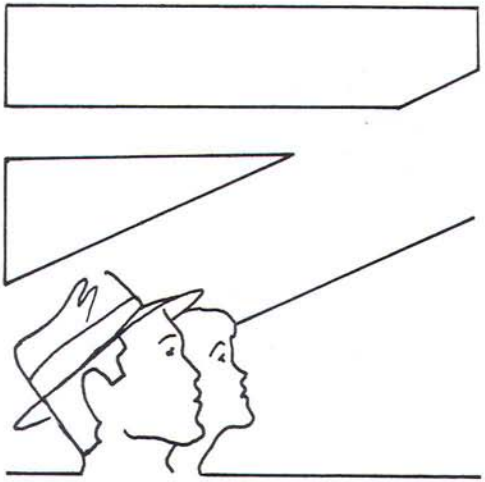
Final Note

From 1913 to the present, SGEU has found that they must grow and change in order to meet the challenges of the times. Failure to do so results in stagnation and defeat. Their organization, whether as a social club or as a trade union, has not been a static thing. It has changed and grown to become a more effective instrument of its members. There are those who undoubtedly would prefer to return to a mythic past where conflict was absent and social action and militancy unnecessary. If nothing else, SGEU's history shows that such illusions hamper rather than lead the struggle of public employees to defend their interests.

It becomes more apparent with each passing day that unions and working people are being targeted by business and their friends in government for an attack on their rights and standard of living. Permanent wage controls and "restraint" on the public sector are becoming a reality. The history of SGEU suggests that while workers may weather such winds, they only move forward if they organize and fight back. What future developments lie in store for SGEU is anyone's guess. That is for members present and future to decide. It is hoped that there are some lessons to be learned from their history that can help them assess what needs to be done to protect and advance their interests in the tough times sure to come.

In 1927, the SCSA boasted that they had achieved for their members a sports ground and coal advances from the government. Today SGEU's goals are broader and more ambitious. Its future history will be made by its members together with other working people to win justice and dignity for all. No small task.



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