

TOMPKINS - CORTLAND JOINT LABOR COALITION

Press Release

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The Tompkins-Cortland Joint Labor Coalition met this evening at TC3 and one of the items on the agenda was the election of Coalition officers to serve for the first year. Jim Morrisette from the Cornell Security Employees Union was chosen as Chair and Tom Keane of CSEA-TC3 was named Vice Chair. Also elected were Skye Milliman, Painters Local 178 as Secretary and Jim Nichols, TC3 Faculty Association as Treasurer.

The meeting began with a talk given by local labor attorney J. Anthony Gaenslen who stressed the urgent need for Union solidarity in the face of President Reagan's attacks on organized labor. Gaenslen, who worked for many years with Cesar Chavez, also said that organized labor must lead the fight on a broad range of economic and social issues of immediate concern to progressive and democratic people in the Ithaca community.

At present the young labor Coalition enjoys the participation of over twenty Unions who in turn represent nearly 6000 workers in Tompkins and Cortland County. A political action committee has been formed to explore appropriate ways to involve union members in local and national politics. The Coalition also hopes to put on a tremendous Labor Day bash for workers in all the surrounding Counties.

All Local Unions are urged to join the Coalition. The meetings are open to all members of the labor community.

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