Local Union of B&P Employees Called Largest of Its Type in New England

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Boasting three hundred members, the Technology section of Local 254 Building Service Employees Union has become, since its founding in 1965, the largest of some thirty affiliated union groups which have been organized in such institutions as Tufts, Radcliffe, Simmons, and Boston College. Though it does not include office or academic personnel, the group does represent a wide cross-section of Institute employees, including building and power workers, porters, janitors, electricians, and carpenters, to mention a few.

Affiliated with A.F. of L., Chairman at the five annual section meetings of the Technology group is John Manning, and chief of operations for the two thousand members of the A-F. of L. affiliated local is Business Manager Joseph L. McCarthy, rated as one of the top union representatives in New England.

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