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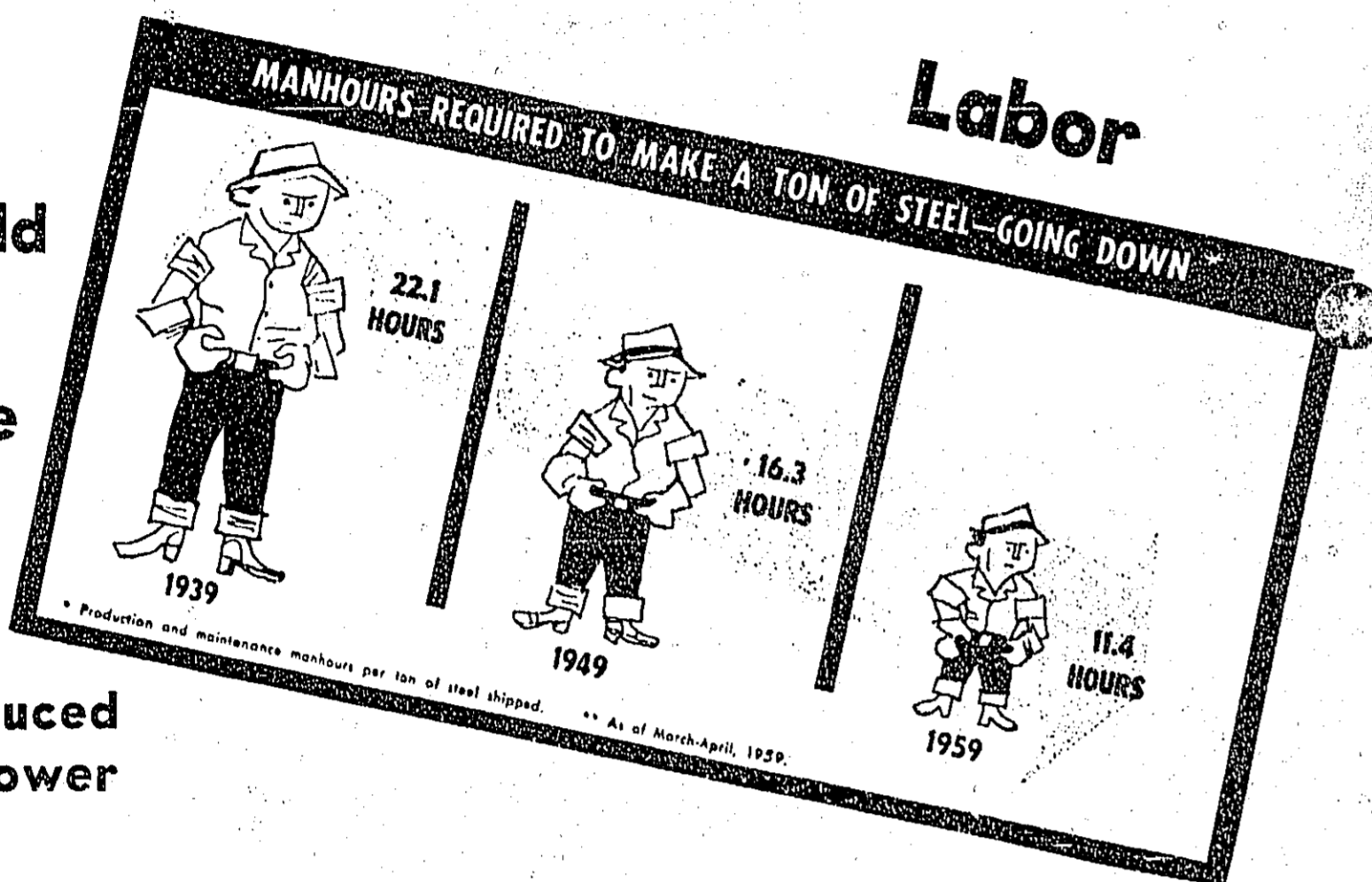
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ON - SIGN UP THAT NON-MEMBER!

The Three TRUTHS . . .

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what you should
KNOW About
the Steel Strike

- More Steel Produced with Less Manpower
- Steel Prices Soar as Production Costs Drop
- Increased Profits Causes Inflation

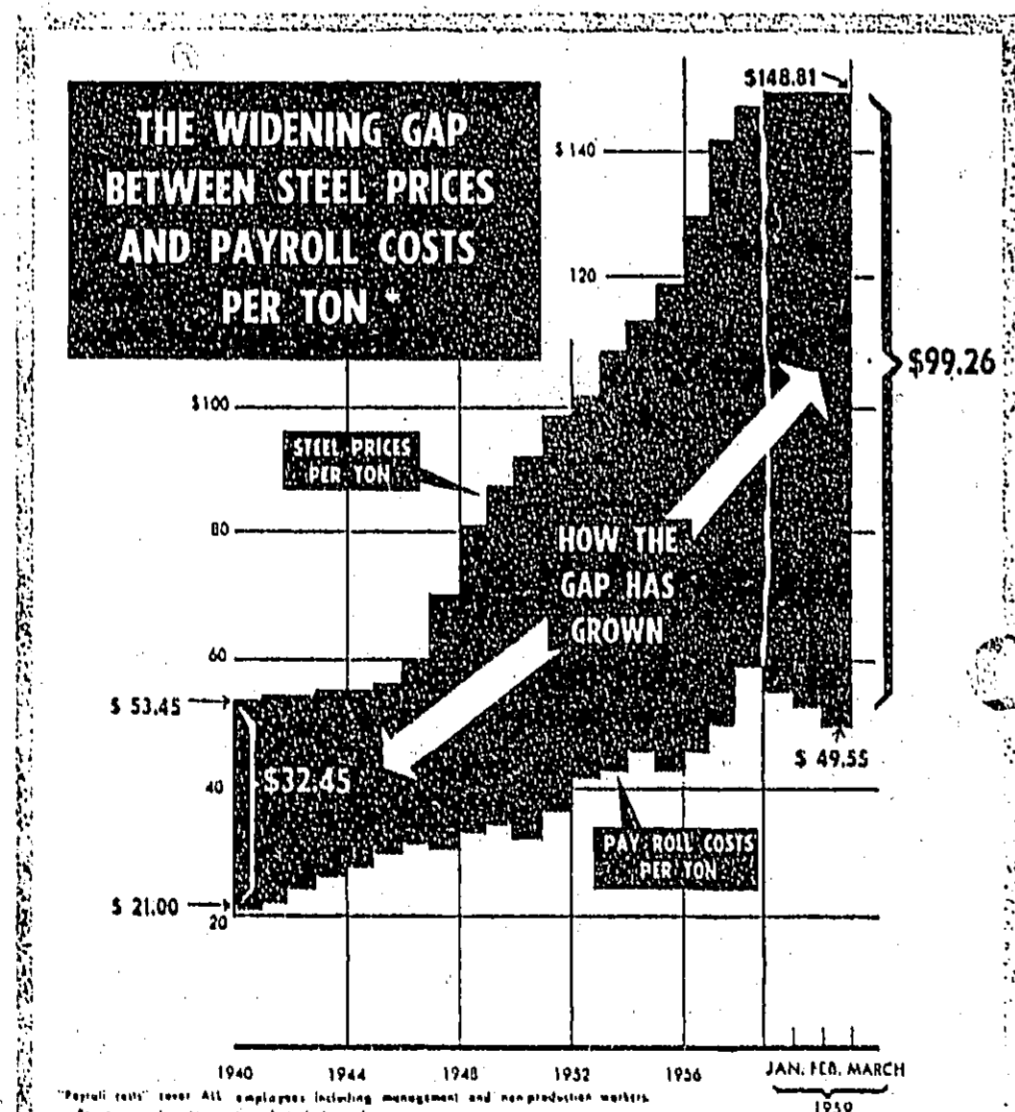


Lowered Costs

PROFITS OF THE U. S. STEEL CORPORATION, AFTER TAXES

Year	TOTAL	PER MANHOUR
1959 *	\$426.3 Million	96.7 cents
1955	370.1 Million	69.4 cents
1951	184.4 Million	30.3 cents
1947	127.1 Million	22.1 cents
1943	62.6 Million	8.4 cents
1939	41.1 Million	10.0 cents

* Annual rate, based on stated 1st Quarter profits, after tax



Ever Increasing Profits

SENATE UNEMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE INVITED

Local 301, IUE-AFL-CIO, last Monday seconded Rep. Samuel Stratton's invitation to the McCarthy subcommittee on unemployment to make an "on-the-spot" investigation in Schenectady.

John Shambo, president of Local 301, urged the investigation by Senator Eugene J. McCarthy (D, Minn.), chairman of the subcommittee, "in the interest of the health and economic welfare of our community."

In a letter to McCarthy, Shambo pointed out that in 1954, Local 301 had 20,000 members, "today that membership has dropped to a mere 9,000 due to unemployment at the G.E. plant in Schenectady.

"In 1954, the total number of people employed at the G.E. Company here (including salaried workers) was over 40,000 - today that total has diminished to approximately 20,000," the IUE president explained.

Stratton, in extending the invitation, pointed out that the Amsterdam and Gloversville-Johnstown areas are currently listed as "chronic unemployment areas".

He said Schenectady has been listed as having the greatest decline in factory-type jobs in the entire country.

The McCarthy subcommittee held hearings in Washington last week and is scheduled to open a series of on-the-spot investigations in labor distressed areas of Pennsylvania.

A chain-wide membership drive to organize the "unorganized" in GE got off the ground last Monday as IUE members everywhere proudly wore their union buttons in a show of solidarity.

During the membership drive, initiations will be waived for those signing up in October 1959. Every member owes it to himself and his fellow employee to sign up as many non-union workers as he can in an effort to better strengthen his Local for the coming months ahead.

IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH...and strength is the only thing that GE understands when it comes to collective bargaining.

The purpose for the drive is to fortify our ranks by organizing the unorganized and thus better strengthen our ranks for the coming negotiations in 1960. From observations being made on current contract negotiations coupled with the G.E. Co. official attitudes, we will need all the strength and support we can muster in order to make some economic progress for all General Electric workers in October 1960.

IUE Local 301 has always enjoyed a high percentage of Union members in our Bargaining Unit. As of August, 90% of the eligible employees were members of the Union. This leaves approximately 900 non-members, 200 of whom have resigned from the IUE and who are subject to all back dues and initiations to be paid before they can rejoin the Union.

Let's all get behind this Membership Drive and make Local 301 a 100% UNION MEMBERSHIP Local among the eligible GE employees.

DUES INCREASE VOTE OCT. 19TH

At the October 19th, 1959 membership meeting a vote will be taken to put into effect the present provisions of our constitution for an increase in dues which will amount to fourteen cents (14¢) per month retroactive to Oct. 1, 1959. Article XXIII, Section B, provides:

"Whenever the members of this local union receive a general wage increase, the monthly dues shall be increased in the month following, the same percentage increase as was the average percentage increase of the weekly wage".
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The new increase in dues amounts to 14¢ per month averaging only a half-a-cent a day, or a mere \$1.68 per year. The minimum wage increase received this year under our 5 year agreement was 7¢ per hour or a total of \$145.60 per year.

Automatic increases in dues were waived during the past two years.