

Witnesses...

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vote strike on a phony issue. In our union nobody can call a strike but the people in the shop, and when they have to do that, it's the management's fault, not the union's."

William Mastriani, Chief Steward, Bldg. 73A.

"This hearing is the same as a lot of other attempts that GE has made to break up our Union. After our strike in 1946 C. E. Wilson swore he would get this union. First he hired Boulware to do the job, and then he got hold of Carey to disrupt from within. Then he brought Kersten here to smear us. This McCarthy hearing is part of the same thing.

"These hearings have nothing honest about them. They fire questions at you four at a time to try to mix you up and trap you. When I complained and said I wanted time to answer the questions, McCarthy yelled at me, 'I hate you. I'm going to send you up. I hate you from the pit of my stomach.'

"I said, 'You're trying to make me nervous.'

"He said, 'You ought to be nervous. I'm going to send you up.'

"He was trying to make me say our stewards are a spy system. That's the same lie that Kersten tried to peddle in the Readers Digest. I told him it wasn't so. A drill press is a drill press to me, on any kind of work. What we are interested in is making the company live up to its contract.

"All this time Stevens was sitting there laughing.

"I told him our union has taken a stand against sabotage. He snarled at me like an animal, 'Never mind about that.'

"I am sure what McCarthy is after. He is after the union. He is trying to break down the leadership so the union will fold up. It's my honest opinion that GE brought him here, and Carey helped.

"McCarthy told what the company wants when he said he hoped GE would fire people that won't cooperate with McCarthy. GE wants to be able to fire anybody they want to in the layoffs and break down the union and take away its ability to protect our conditions."

Harold Rollins, Shop Steward, 3rd shift, Bldg. 19.

"A guard pulled me off the job at midnight Thursday night and told me to be there at the hearing in Albany at 10 o'clock the next morning.

"It was a stacked deck. They bring you in like a criminal with about 25 people sitting around staring at you and nobody says a

word. After a while McCarthy comes in and by that time you're pretty nervous.

"They asked me if I was on classified work, which I am not. Where I am it's just plain pound your head off on piecework.

"My objection to the whole thing is—outside the fact that a man's politics is none of their damned business—is that it's a stacked deck. There was McCarthy, a big man, and I am a little man. These elected people are supposed to represent me, but they don't represent me, they represent Big Business.

"This is nothing more than a repetition of the same old thing to bust the union. GE has got a system down there of guards walking around all the time, watching people all the time. There is no question of sabotage. I've been in the union for 10 years and there has never been any indication at any time of any kind of sabotage or spying."

Paul Hacko, Member, 1st shift, Bldg. 273.

"I told McCarthy that this is an attempt to break any strong union that has opposed McCarthyism and McCarranism. At the present time there is legislation in Washington that shows that that is the intention. The purpose of this committee is to silence all those who would fight to defend the democratic principles of America and the labor movement.

"I said, 'Mr. McCarthy, you should have the swastika pinned upon you and you should wear the steel-heeled boots. America has lost prestige all over the world by your type of investigations. You ought to be interested in doing something about the unemployment situation, not trying to break unions.

"If you are interested in espionage, investigate the corporations that made deals with the Nazis and Japanese."

"When he asked me if I was getting money for secret papers I told him, 'If I were getting money for secrets, I would be enjoying myself, like you did at Schine's camp on Caroga Lake last summer when you were up there drinking vodka and advocating that the Korean War be continued.'

"He kept insisting that I was a spy and I got mad and told him 'Yes, I'm a spy. I was a stool-pigeon for the FBI and for pay. All they wanted to know about was our union meetings, and who spoke and whether he was a Jew or a Negro, or an Italian. Mr. McCarthy, you're trying to stir up racial and religious prejudice.'

"In my opinion, this whole scare was cooked up by Boulware in an effort to discredit the union and break it up. If anyone is a spy, he should be prosecuted and tried according to law. I would believe

Sen. McCarthy's Statements On Ft. Monmouth Fake

In a blistering editorial the Herald Tribune (a very conservative newspaper) on November 16, condemned McCarthy for his publicity about espionage at Ft. Monmouth.

The paper stated he pictured this place as a nest of spies, promoting doubts and confusion in the American public. The article pointed out that McCarthy did this to further his own ambitions at the expense of innocent individuals. McCarthy, in order to get his usual headlines of finding fertile fields where crops of Communist spies are hiding, claimed the case of Ft. Monmouth was "One of the most serious we have undertaken" . . . it has "All the earmarks of extremely serious espionage". McCarthy indicated that important papers were missing. Everything was going in grand McCarthy style; 33 scientists, engineers and technicians were suspended from work for security reasons. Then the Army stepped in after an investigation and through the Secretary of the Army, Robert T. Stevens, stated that their investigations had not revealed anything relating to espionage. The suspended employees were reinstated. The damage had been done; innocent individuals were subjected to false charges by McCarthy.

McCarthy held closed hearings and the only information given to the newspapers came slanted from McCarthy without any possible verification from the public. It required the honest statement of the employer, the Army in this instance, to prove the lie McCarthy made. Secretary of the Army Stevens had the honesty and the courage to show up McCarthy's fake charges.

From Ft. Monmouth McCarthy comes to Schenectady to continue his investigations on espionage; his tactics and methods are the same as he used before, closed hearings and his version of the facts given to the newspapers for public consumption. In the Schenectady case we cannot expect an honest report on espionage from the employer; the Schenectady Mr. Stevens, who is G.E. Works Manager, has praised McCarthy and is considering what can be done to get rid of some Union representatives. McCarthy advises him to fire them but also points out the Schenectady Stevens must contend with a Union. We say that is the first honest advice you have given anybody, Joe.

John Sardella, Member, 1st shift, Bldg. 273.

"I think what these people are after is to break up the union. They wanted to know if I belonged to U.E. How long? How much dues do I pay? You support the U.E, don't you know the U.E is the communist party."

"They asked me if I voted for U.E. or I.U.E. I said the U.E, and they said, 'You are not supposed to vote for the U.E, you are supposed to vote for the I.U.E.'

"The man questioning me brought it out that I was born on the other side. I said I was a citizen on my father's papers and then I took out my own papers.

"I showed him my discharge papers from the Army, where I fought on the other side for two years. He said, 'That doesn't mean a thing.' He meant it didn't mean anything that I was in the service.

"I said, 'If that doesn't mean a thing, in the next war you can go yourself.'

"They go after you hot and heavy and try to get you all mixed up by asking you three questions at once and trying to hurry you along. They didn't hurry themselves when they kept me waiting outside the hearing from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 10:30 at night."

Robert Northrop, Shop Steward, 2nd shift, Bldg. 17.

"McCarthy and his assistant asked me all about my duties as steward. They were trying to make it seem that stewards are spies. They asked me if I didn't come in contact with secret work. I told them there is no secret work in my department. But they were not satisfied with that. They tried to draw out of me that I knew all about secret work from grievances. 'What they are after here is to pave the way for the Butler Bill. They are trying to create fear and hysteria to destroy the union. Stevens' statement that he would like to fire people shows that GE is behind the hearings. They would like to see the union broken up and they are using McCarthy to

ASK YOUR SHOP STEWARD ABOUT U.E. LOCAL 301 COMPENSATION SERVICE

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VOTE TODAY AND TOMORROW - 30 CONTINUOUS HOURS

Important Facts On Union Elections

VOTING HOURS:
From 12 noon Thursday, Dec. 3rd to 6 P.M. Friday, Dec. 4th. 30 hours of continuous voting.

LOCATION OF POLLS:
UE Local 301 Hall, Erie Blvd. and Liberty Street.

ELIGIBILITY:
All UE Local 301 members who have paid their union dues through November can vote.

METHOD OF VOTING:
By secret ballot on voting machines borrowed from the City of Schenectady.

CANDIDATES:
All persons who were nominated at the November membership meeting, and who accepted the nomination, are candidates, with their names appearing on the voting machines.

Second Shift Women Meet

Women from the second shift held a meeting at Union Hall after work last November 20th. The group elected Julia Mitchell as Chairman and Gina Hunt as Secretary. Helen Quirini made a report to the group on the coming election at Lynn, Mass., and told of the important role the women at Lynn are taking in this election. The next meeting will be held at Union Hall December 18th and will include a Christmas party complete with grab bag. Those women interested in attending this Christmas party should contact either their shop steward or call the Union office for full details.

U.E. Election to Decide Local Leadership for Next Year

UE Local 301 members will go to the polls today and tomorrow, to select their leadership for 1954. The Polls will be open at 12 noon today, and balloting will continue without interruption until 6 P.M. tomorrow.

Shop Stewards Meeting Scheduled for Dec. 7th has been POSTPONED
There will be a combined Shop Stewards and Membership Meeting December 21st.

Annual Shop Stewards Elections

The Election Committee has set Monday and Tuesday, December 14th and 15th as the dates to conduct the annual election for shop stewards. These elections will be conducted in the plant, as per custom, during lunch periods. Only members of UE Local 301 are eligible to participate. The elections will be by secret ballot. The number of shop stewards to be elected will be in accordance with the Constitution of UE Local 301, to provide adequate representation for the membership. At present there are more than 600 shop stewards. The Election of the Executive Board will follow the election of shop stewards. The Executive Board members are elected from sections in the plant by the shop stewards in the respective section.

The date for the Executive Board elections is Wednesday, January 6th.

The number of machines will be sufficient so that no one will need more than a few minutes to vote. Plans were reported under way in some departments, to organize car pools to transport the members to Union Headquarters at noon time on either of the two days.

All candidates have made an appeal to the members, to COME TO UNION HALL, AND VOTE.

YOUR BALLOT

Below is a facsimile of the ballot which will be on all election machines, in the Local Union voting today and tomorrow. The candidates, and the offices they are running for, are indicated. Study the ballot and become familiar with it, it will help expedite the voting, when you cast your ballot.

ABOVE ALL — DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	RECORDING SECRETARY	ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY	TREASURER	CHIEF SHOP STEWARD	BUSINESS AGENT	TRUSTEES	TRUSTEES	TRUSTEES	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	GUIDE
Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1	Vote for 1
			JULIA M. MITCHELL								
JAMES J. COGNETTA	JOSEPH ALOIS	MILES G. MOON	R. RUDDIPH RISSLAND	JOSEPH WHITBECK	WILLIAM MASTRIANI	LEO JANDREAU	WILLIAM GARRISON	VINCENT PALAZEKE	JOHN M. SMIALEK	JOSEPH SACCOCIO	MARIO BAGNATO

Row A

Row B

Matles Accuses McCarthy Of Bogus Spy Hunt

James J. Matles, National Organizational Director of UE, was summoned before McCarthy, last Wednesday afternoon, in New York City. The Director of Organization demanded immediately that the inquisition be made public, which McCarthy would not agree to. Matles then requested the transcript on the Hearing, which McCarthy also refused.

The Surprise Fink Witness for McCarthy

Then Matles gave McCarthy a sworn deposition, covering all questions that McCarthy has claimed he was interested in. (Copy on opposite page) McCarthy, taken by surprise, tried to evade the sworn affidavit, by asking the National officer his usual tricky type of questions.

Matles met his trick method head-on by asking McCarthy if he was a spy, pointing out it was just as fair for him (Matles) to ask McCarthy, as it was for McCarthy to intimidate innocent GE workers, by asking them the same question.

Matles charged the McCarthy-Cohn Union busters of trying to frame officers of the National Union, on at least two occasions, by Grand Jury investigations on the Taft-Hartley affidavit. The Grand Jury, on both occasions, refused to return an indictment. He charged McCarthy with indecent and lawless aid to General Electric by using lying imputations on a Bogus Spy hunt, smearing unions, in the hope of creating disunity for the purpose of breaking down the conditions of GE workers. Matles took a forthright position on the question of sabotage and espionage, and informed McCarthy his press statements indicating sabotage and espionage by union members and leaders were nothing short of bold face lies.

Matles charged McCarthy with carrying out a program of terrorizing working people, and creating fear, in order to obtain anti-labor legislation, that will curtail the effectiveness of labor unions, such as the proposed Butler Bill.

For once McCarthy realized he was face to face with a man who was wise to the McCarthy-Hitler tactics, that McCarthy and Cohn had used to make ordinary shop people cringe with fear. There was nothing left for him to do but to threaten Matles with his deportation. Matles Deportation case is now pending before the Immigration authorities).

Matles stood up to McCarthy, pointing out that others like him were using other means, to attack this union. Matles pointed out that he had been a citizen of this county 19 years, and he was ready to compare his record with anyone. McCarthy gave up.

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP



"We have to find some spies quick. Now let's see, who was in the White House before Truman?"

Justice Douglas Hits 'Merchants of Hate'

Philadelphia — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas warned Nov. 24 that the U. S. will not win the peace until it does away with the "witchhunt and the merchants of hate."

Addressing a dinner of the Friends on Natl. Legislation, Douglas said men and women are being condemned in the U. S. today "on the basis of hearsay, innuendo and guilt by association."

"We put a cloak of anonymity over a growing underground of informers," Douglas said. "Men are adjudged on the whispered accusations of faceless people not known to the accused . . . and the privacy of the home is increasingly invaded by wiretappers."

Anyone—including a Communist,

one with leftist tendencies, a Socialist, a liberal or "just a plain Yankee who does not like this business of the witchhunt and who shouts his protest—these are all put in the same classification," Douglas said.

Anxieties and suspicions are aroused until a community does not know what to believe or whom to trust, until even old neighbors suspect one another," he continued. "More and more people conclude that the only safe thing to do is to conform; either to stand silent or to join the hunt."

He said the "decline in our prestige abroad" was directly linked to the growing deprivation of rights at home.

UE ON THE JOB!

Thousands of grievances are handled by UE Local 301 each year at all levels from the steward up to final appeal in New York City. To keep members posted, we shall each week list some of the grievances that have not been settled at the steward-foreman level and have been referred to the executive board-management level.

Bldg. 19: The enamel group under Foreman Ostrander received only \$3.93 for a job run 2 days. They demand proper adjustment of their earnings.

Bldg. 40: Blanche Wincheski, a Connector, was required to perform rework brought back from the dip room and oven. The Union demands foreman to be made to live up to agreement to compensate her.

Bldg. 73A: E. Szostak and A. Palluti are classified as Repair and Adjust Enclosing Cases 2.005 job rate. However, they are being used to do gas and electric hand

welding. The Union demands proper reclassification and retroactive adjustment in rate.

Bldg. 278: The group of Hydro Test Men are protesting their assignment to battery truck to move material all over the building and even outside the building.

Bldg. 278: The piece workers on thread jobs protest the cut in standard prices. They demand correction and retroactive adjustment.

Bldg. 285: Group under Foreman Jansen protest working to day rate because supervision has refused to establish proper piece work prices. The Union demands

proper prices be established to eliminate loss of earnings.

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SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES J. MATLES,
UE Director of Organization

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JAMES J. MATLES, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am Director of Organization of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, known as UE.

The policy of UE is unequivocally opposed to any acts of espionage or sabotage. I have never engaged in espionage or sabotage. Any imputation that the steward system of UE is an instrument for espionage or sabotage is a lie. During the UE's history of more than 18 years, I have not known of a single officer of UE who has ever been legally charged, much less convicted, of spying or sabotage. All employees in our industry, working on secret work, are screened by the Army, Navy or FBI.

In 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952 and as recently as September 1953, I swore to the following in Taft-Hartley Law affidavits:

"I am not a member of the Communist Party or affiliated with such party.

"I do not believe in, and I am not a member of nor do I support any organization that believes in or teaches, the overthrow of the United States Government by force or by any illegal or unconstitutional methods."

Any false statement in such affidavits carried with it a penalty of five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Assistant Attorney General J.M. McInerney testified as follows concerning the UE Officers' affidavits in response to a question by Sen. Joseph McCarthy during the course of hearings on March 7, 1951, by a Senate subcommittee on appropriations:

"I have looked at the UEW cases myself, and I recall statements in the FBI reports which are unusual in FBI reports, such as 'No evidence of Communist Party activities since execution of non-Communist oath.'"

Roy Cohn, the present chief counsel of the McCarthy subcommittee, when serving as Assistant U.S. Attorney, caused me and another UE officer to be summoned before a Federal Grand Jury immediately before an NLRB election in Schenectady, for questioning on our Taft-Hartley non-communist affidavits. After investigation the grand jury refused to indict. Again in 1952 Mr. Cohn caused me to be summoned before a federal grand jury for the same purpose. The grand jury again refused to indict.

After this second failure to secure an indictment, Mr. Cohn caused to be presented an unlawful presentment of the grand jury attacking UE, which action was condemned by a United States District Court. The Court ordered the presentment expunged from the record as unlawful and void.

James J. Matles
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Sworn to before me this
23rd day of November, 1953



Notary Public, State of New York
James J. Matles
Notary Seal with Kings Co. Clerk
Term Expires March 31, 1954