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CIO VICTORY AT GM

The IUE-CIO won a smashing 9 to 1 election victory this week in the third largest electrical manufacturing company, General Motors.

General Motors employs more electrical workers than any other company in the nation except Westinghouse and General Electric.

UE, weakened and stunted by Communists and party liners boring from within, has had one of its three big branches lopped cleanly off.

It was the workers themselves who wielded the axe.

The resounding victory for IUE-CIO and American trade unionism at General Motors leaves no doubt about the outcome in the big two remaining companies.

It means that before many weeks are over, UE's Communist-appointed spokesmen will be revealed for what they are—spokesmen for nobody but themselves and the Daily Worker, and leaders of a few hundred misguided souls in scattered locals.

It means some other things, too.

THE BETRAYAL IS OVER

To the American working man and woman, it means the beginning of the end of the breach which has weakened the whole of the trade union movement.

To electrical workers everywhere, it means the long betrayal will soon be over. The industry, faced again by a strong union, will be forced to grant wages and benefits on a par with those granted in other heavy industries.

To General Motors electrical workers, it means an end to the long series of sell-outs by UE.

Working as a team with the 350,000 other workers in UAW and backed by the entire CIO, they will go on to win pensions, wages equal to the United Auto Workers' and a higher standard of living.

FIRST DEMOCRATIC ELECTION

UE leaders, parroting the Daily Worker, have been telling everybody what a democratic little organization they have and how nothing, not a single thing, is ever done that isn't the will of the membership.

Well, the NLRB election at General Motors was a democratic election.

The important issues weren't decided at the tag end of a
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UE PRESIDENT CROSSES LINE



Clarence Thom, President of UE Local 313, Painted Post, New York, shown leaving the plant where he had worked all day on Thursday, February 23rd, after a union meeting on the previous day had voted unanimously to strike the plant.

Ingersoll-Rand Strike Scabs Include "Leaders"

Wages at Ingersoll-Rand are low. Working conditions at Ingersoll-Rand are terrible. Ingersoll-Rand believes in "collective bargaining" through tyranny. There has never been a strike at Ingersoll-Rand!

The UE has had the bargaining rights at Ingersoll-Rand in Painted Post, New York, for years. In the early part of February 1950, the workers at Ingersoll-Rand voted to disaffiliate from the UE which had been a mill-stone around their neck, and to affiliate with the IUE-CIO. On Tuesday, February 21st, five workers were disciplined unjustly by the Ingersoll-Rand management. They were told to leave the plant and not to return to work for the rest of the week.

had piled up were recognized and acted upon by the company. This decision was arrived at by IUE, UE and even IAM members.

DEMOCRATIC DECISION

Approximately 600 workers left the plant with them. A special membership meeting was called for Wednesday morning at 7:00 o'clock. Thirteen hundred workers attended the meeting and democratically decided by unanimous vote to picket the plant and not to return until all grievances which

Field Representatives of the IUE-CIO offered their services for the duration of the strike. However, the leaders of the UE and IAM called upon the workers to cross the picket lines set up by the workers. The local UE president set the example by crossing the picket line himself,

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GM Elections Scoreboard

	IUE	UE	NO UNION
Local 801	10,860	1,416	583
Local 755	5,098	762	418
Local 717	3,273	215	114
Local 509	1,639	135	119
Local 416	297	0	6
Total	21,167	2,528	1,240

Bridgeport GE Workers Vote to Affiliate with IUE

By an overwhelming vote of 900 to 35, former members of the UE and workers in the GE plant in Bridgeport, Connecticut, decided to disaffiliate from the UE and to affiliate with the IUE-CIO. The staggering vote left no doubt in anyone's mind concerning the determination of these workers to stay within the ranks of the CIO. The meeting was held on Sunday, February 26th, and was attended by approximately one thousand members.

During the discussion, the members affirmed their conviction that they could be best served by a union with "no strings attached", by a union which put their interests first and foremost and which had the full backing of the millions of their fellow members in all of the other great Internationals in the family of the CIO.

"RED BAITING"

Al Smith, International Representative of the UE, and "Brother MacAvoy of the same organization told the assemblage that the IUE-CIO campaign was one of red baiting and disruption. They specifically charged that R. J. Thomas who was present, and one of the principal speakers at the meeting, engaged in red baiting, pure and simple. Brother Thomas told the meeting that the question was not one of red baiting, nor was it one of communism.

"IMPORTANT THING"

"The important thing," said Thomas, "is the question of what flows as a result of communist or party-line leadership in the Labor movement. Hell, anyone has the right to be a communist. That's a privilege we give to all Americans. That's one of the nice things you can say about America which you can't say about a lot of other places. What happens when a communist is your labor leader is the real issue.

DIFFERENT SYSTEM

"A communist isn't happy unless he sees unemployment in America; poverty and misery are the twin evils of his hope for power in this country. Any fool can understand that the communist labor leader is a communist first. So it follows that he speaks about worker security, but does little or nothing about it because he wants that worker to have "democ-

racy" and "security" under a system radically different than ours."

Other speakers at the meeting included Fred Kelley IUE-CIO representative from Lynn, Massachusetts and John Callahan, IUE-CIO representative from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.



Michael Quill

The following statement was made Wednesday night by Mike Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union, CIO, in a broadcast over WPTR, Albany.

A recently convicted communist is the man who gave the first order to UE and other top communist officials which finally led to their expulsion from the CIO.

Quill claimed that top commie leaders have been giving direct orders to CP union leaders.

CIO Unions Join Hands In Fight Against GM

Two big CIO unions joined hands last week to take on the giant billion-dollar General Motors in coming spring negotiations.

James B. Carey, chairman of the administrative committee of the IUE-CIO, announced following a conference with UAW top officials at Dayton, O., "The International Electrical Workers Union and the United Automobile Workers will work together to promote the welfare of General Motors workers and American labor. We have agreed today on a three-fold program on our bargaining with General Motors."

The Score To Date

Up until the present time, there have been ten elections conducted by the National Labor Relations Board to determine collective bargaining rights between the IUE-CIO and the UE. The score does not speak too well for the future of the so-called left wingers. At the moment, the IUE-CIO has won eight of these elections and the UE has won two.

The joint program calls for:

- Increased wages.
- Pensions and social insurance; (IUE-CIO pension policy insists on severance pay and death benefits as part of an integrated pension program.)
- Reduced prices on GM products.

FULL COOPERATION

Arrangements for the epic-making stand by the CIO unions in the auto and electrical field were made recently in conferences between Jim Carey and Walter P. Reuther, president of the UAW. This marks the first time that full cooperation has been achieved by CIO unions in these fields. UEs past history involved double-crossing the auto workers and even scabbing in dealings with General Motors.

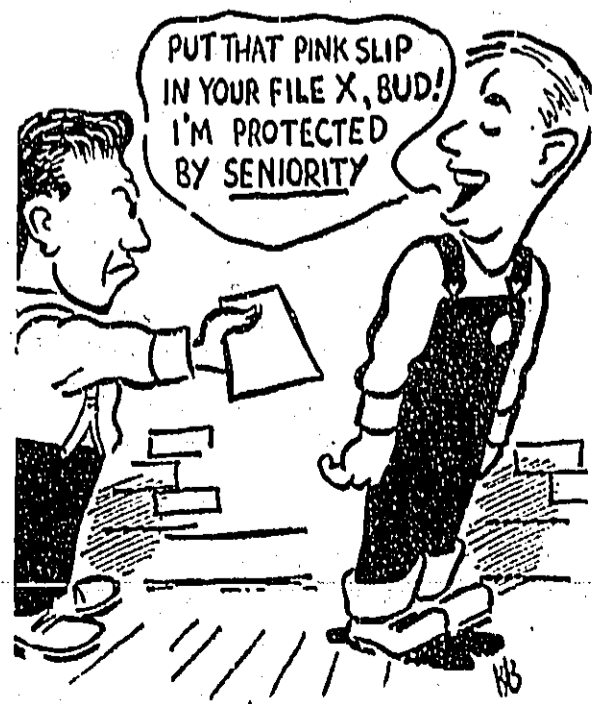
The last of these contests was held at the General Mills plant in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The score—IUE-CIO 507, UE 223.

Let's Go "Acourting"

Next time you hear one of these UE guys tell you about the IUE-CIO going to the courts, just slap him with these figures:

Out of seventy-five law suits filed by the IUE-CIO and the UE, IUE filed seventeen and the UE filed fifty-eight.

Out of twenty-nine restraining orders filed by the two organizations, IUE-CIO filed seven and the UE filed twenty-two. It is significant that the UE filed more of these temporary injunctions in the period between November 15th and February 15th than the anti-Labor Robert Denham of the NLRB filed in the entire first year of the Taft-Hartley law.



THE RIGHT TO DISAFFILIATE UPHOLD IN COURT DECISION

Ruling Also Establishes Members Control Treasury, Not the UE

Two far-reaching court decisions, which may serve as precedents in cases involving other unions expelled from the CIO, were handed down last week in favor of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers-CIO.

The rulings, which were made by courts in Cleveland and Fort Wayne, Ind., were sharp rebuffs to attempts by the United Electrical Workers (independent) to tie up the funds and organization of IUE through legal maneuverings.

PROMOTED "LINE"

In a precedent-making decision in Cleveland, the court declared that it was not only the right of IUE to disaffiliate from the UE but actually a duty and obligation. The court took official notice of the fact that several UE officers and international representatives have actively promoted the Communist Party and its line.

In Fort Wayne, Special Judge Robert Y. Keegan blasted UE with a permanent injunction restraining the Communist-controlled group from interfering in the affairs of IUE Local 901. The ruling found that more than \$100,000 in the local's treasury belonged to the membership rather than to UE.

KEY IS CIO

Both courts held that the compact between the membership and UE was based upon UE's affiliation with the CIO. Once that relationship had been broken by UE's expulsion from CIO, the compact became meaningless, according to the two judges.

Judge Keegan asserted in part that "the essential feature of the contract between Local 901 and the UE is the existence of an industrial trade union and that continues to exist despite the expulsion of the UE from the CIO, but this assumes that the local members were contracting

with reference to any industrial trade union, whereas it seems apparent that it was the political, financial and numerical power and pull of the CIO that the local union wanted rather than the limited equivalents offered by the UE."

NO DOUBTS

The court also found that "The overwhelming majority of those active in the local's affairs desire and intend to disaffiliate themselves from the UE cannot be seriously doubted."

This was an obvious reference to the fact that the membership of Local 901 voted to disaffiliate from UE and remain in CIO by a margin of 2036 to 117.

The Fort Wayne decision was even stronger in its repudiation of UE's attempts to fasten a restraining order on IUE Local 707 to prevent it from holding meetings and disbursing funds. The court pointed out that for many years the UE has boasted of its affiliation with CIO and the fact that this affiliation gave it additional economic strength and prestige.

INDEPENDENT UNION

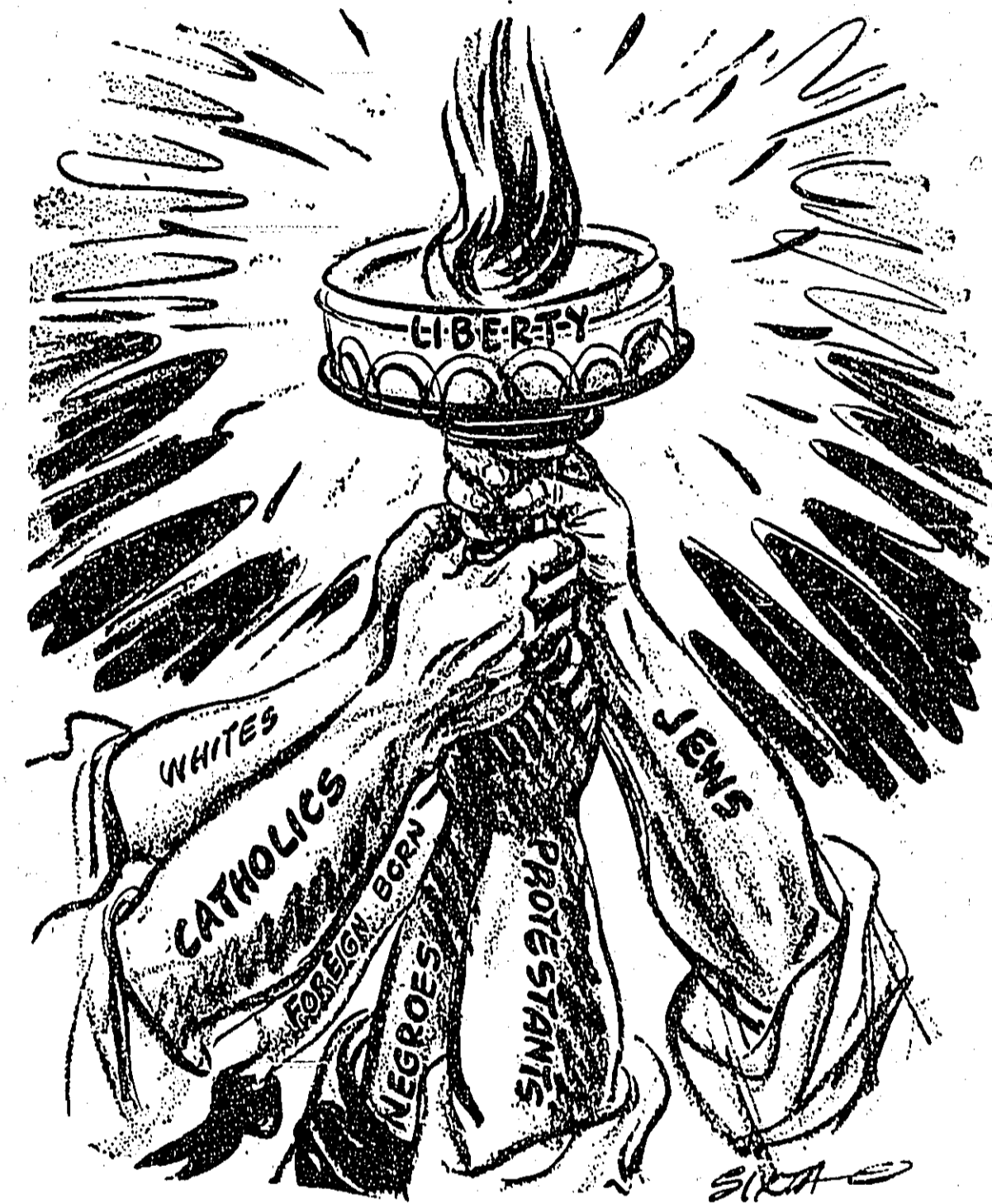
The UE's relationship with CIO was an essential one to the welfare of union members, the court said, and the basic reason for Local 707 to affiliate with UE was the understanding that UE was a member of the family of CIO and would continue in that family.

In effect, the court laid the blame for UE's expulsion from the CIO squarely at the door of the UE, adding that at least one section of the UE constitution was rendered void by the expulsion. He agreed with the local's membership that continued affiliation with UE was meaningless once UE had become an "independent" union.

LEGAL AND VALID

The Cleveland court ruled that the Local's secession from UE was legal and valid as was the removal of its funds from UE control.

HOLD IT HIGH—TOGETHER!



IUE-CIO Victory at GM

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long, drowsy night session after nearly everybody had gone home. They weren't decided by an executive board which was elected by persons elected by somebody else, as in the third-hand democracy practiced in UE's local 301.

There were no UE stooges standing behind the voters with threats of loss of pay or of contract or seniority or security for themselves and their wives and children.

SPOKE IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS

The important issues were decided by secret ballot or voting machine in an election supervised by an outside and impartial body—the National Labor Board.

The workers had their say, for a change, and they spoke in no uncertain terms.

We wonder what Jandreau, Emspak and Matles, of the "Democratic" UE will say now.

There won't be any more sellouts, in GM, either. James B. Carey, administrative chairman of the IUE, and Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, have agreed to work as a unit in the coming GM contract negotiations.

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CIO ASKS GREATER BENEFITS

The CIO's Committee on Social Security today called for further improvements in the nation's social security law. It advocated sweeping increases in benefit rates and methods of computing benefits which would, for example, give \$162 monthly payments to an aged couple whose monthly earnings in their "best five years" averaged \$300.

Under the CIO proposals, benefits would be far higher than under present law and considerably above the levels contained in the House-passed H.R. 6000, which comes up for hearings in the Senate this week.

Who's Who In UE

This is the first of a series of articles on the big shots in the UE. The material for these articles is taken from authentic government information.

LEO E. JANDREAU

Leo E. Jandreau joined the Communist Party in Dec. 1936. His party name from 1936 to 1944 was Hummel. The person who signed him into the Communist Party was Dorothy Loeb, who is now a reporter for the Community Daily Worker. From the start he has been a secret member of the Party. In 1938, he was on the executive committee of the trade union division of the CP.

In 1944, Jandreau contributed \$50 to the Communist Political Association, which replaced the Communist Party when the Soviet Government "dissolved" the Comintern to prove to us that Russia was finished with world revolution.

In 1948, he induced his executive board to pass a resolution promising support to the 11 Communists who were convicted last year of conspiring against the United States Government. He was also active in the National Wallace for President Committee, which worked diligently to defeat pro-CIO, pro-Marshall Plan candidates.

- Negotiate a seniority provision which will give real protection to GE employees based upon length of service with the company.



R. Flanigan, Labor Leader

Nearly two weeks ago, we were all shocked to learn of the untimely death of brother Raymond Flanigan. Since 1941, the name of Flanigan was identified with militant and intelligent trade union leadership. He had been a fighting, effective right wing leader in the General Electric plant and as such, he had won the respect of all those with whom he came into contact.

In handling the grievances of workers, Ray was second to none. In his last year as assistant business agent, Flanigan handled hundreds of grievances. It is a testament to his unquestioned ability that he won the overwhelming majority of them.

FIGHT GOES ON

Ray is gone; but his fighting, union spirit will live with all of us who knew him well, will live with all of us who knew of his

determination to build a solid, clean union here in Schenectady, a union which will make for the maximum of security for the workers and their kids.

We are going to miss Ray; but we are going to carry on in his spirit. We are going to continue the fight for decency and security for GE workers, and we are going to carve that fight into a monument to the memory of Flanigan.

Ingersoll-Rand Strike . . .

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thus trying to break the first strike in the history of Ingersoll-Rand in Painted Post.

UE TREACHERY

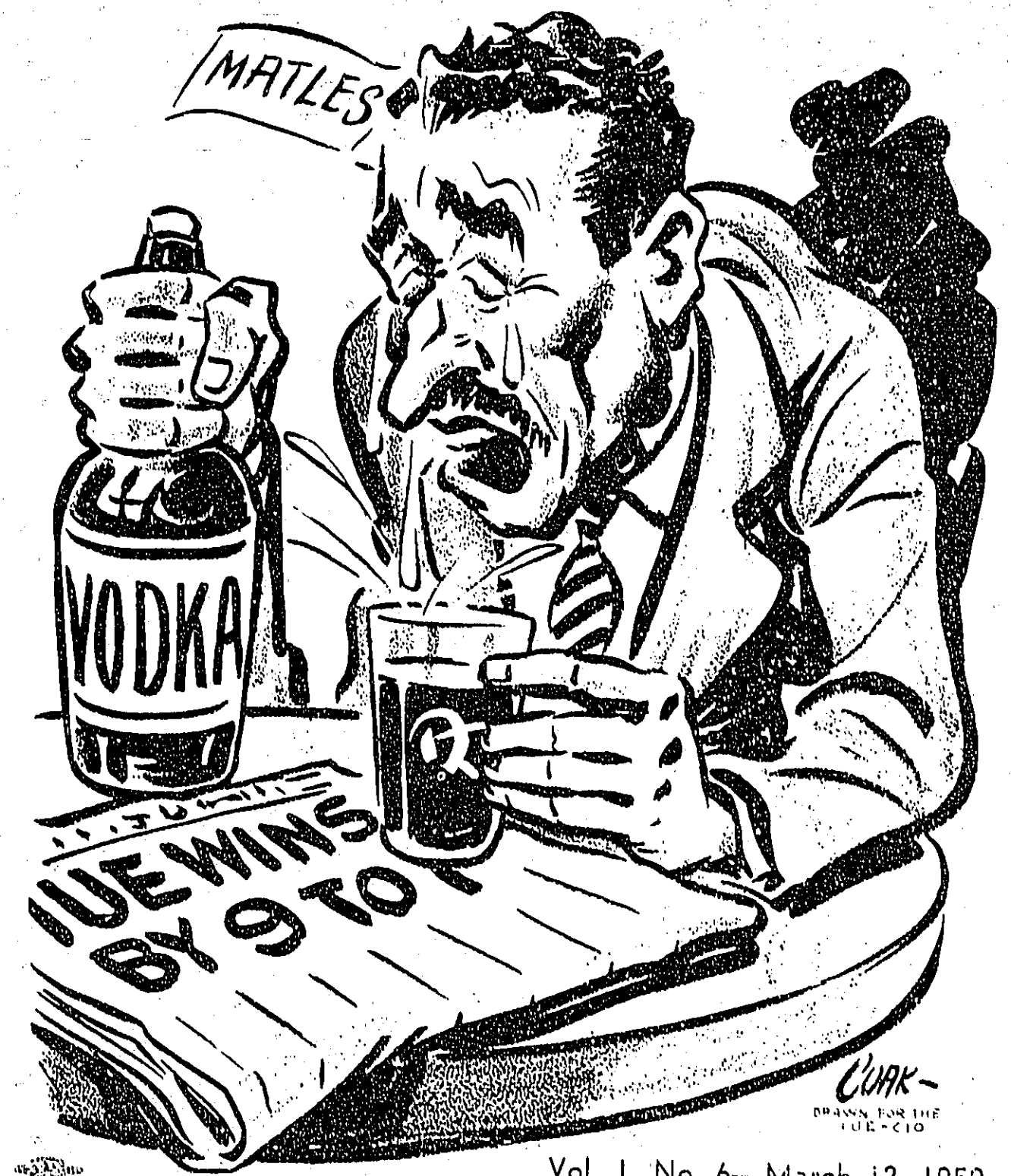
Of the 1,750 workers, only a few UE members followed their president across the picket lines. Because of the treachery and strike-breaking activities of UE and IAM, their members left them in droves and gave full vote of confidence to the IUE-CIO and their field representatives who were going all out in support of the workers and their just demands on Ingersoll-Rand.

There was no doubt after the first day of the strike who rep-

resented the workers at Ingersoll-Rand. It was IUE-CIO. When the company also realized that IUE-CIO was the choice of the workers, it decided to sit down across the bargaining table with them and a committee of the strikers to arrive at a settlement. Ingersoll-Rand for the first time had felt the power of united workers.

Ingersoll-Rand will remember the unity of their workers IUE-CIO when contract negotiations open. There will be no more UE sellouts. They will bargain in good faith or feel again the united wrath of their workers.

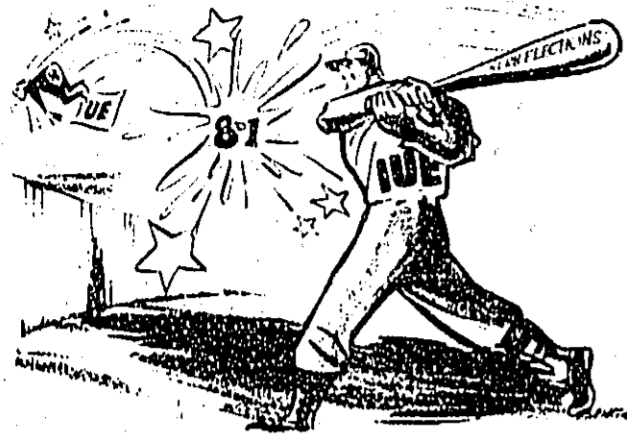
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G.E. CONFERENCE BOARD (Page 4-5)

BASEBALL



It looks like Schenectady is going to have professional baseball this season. The announcement was made last week by A. B. "Happy" Chandler, the proverbial Czar of the Diamond.

IUE Local 301 blushes not at all for the part it played in bringing the nation's sport back to our city. When the proposal was made to leave Schenectady baseball-less, 301's Executive Board shipped off a resolution to Happy.

It said in part:

"We, the members of the Executive Board of Local 301, IUE-CIO, propose that every effort be made to keep organized baseball in the City of Schenectady.

"We, therefore, resolve that every effort be made to reach a satisfactory settlement that will satisfy all concerned, so that our members will be able to enjoy this great American sport in the city of Schenectady during the coming year.

"Be it further resolved that this matter be given immediate attention so that the employees of the General Electric Co. and the citizens of Schenectady can enjoy our national sport."

The Exec's got a letter back in which Happy said he was happy to hear from them, and would give serious consideration to the proposals. And it looks like he did.

The Executive Board is not claiming all the credit for last week's announcement, but then again they're not saying it wasn't due to their efforts.

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James J. Matles

In 1929 Matles attended several closed meetings of the Williamsburg, Brooklyn section of the Communist Party. Matles also was present at the 10th National Convention of the CP in New York City in 1930.

In 1932 Matles served on the District 2 Committee of the CP as a paid official. He was assigned by the party to organize and head (as Secretary) the Metal and Machine Workers Industrial Union, affiliated with the Trade Unity League. The Metals Workers Union was completely a Communist creation and Matles' work in it was strictly on Party assignment.

Robert P. Gunkel, organizer for the Hamilton County section of the CP, Cincinnati, appeared at a CP meeting held in the offices of Local 766 UE on March 7, 1947, at which time he explained how organizers for the UE were appointed. He said that no organizer was put to work on the UE staff unless he had the approval of the Party. He explained that appointments were made by the following procedure:

The local county chairman of the Party would make his recommendations to the state chairman of the Communist Party. The state chairman would then confer with the international representative of UE in that district. If all agreed that the particular person was suited for the job of organizer, the recommendation would then be passed on to James Matles, head of the Organizational Department for approval.

The best evidence that Matles is a Communist is to be found in the following statement which he signed for release to the press: "Only the Communist Party as the party of the working class represents the interests of the entire working population."

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

THE BRASS

The UE propaganda mill is grinding out some dillies these days to disorganize and scare the Schenectady GE workers. The UE's professional liars work on the same theory as one of their dictatorial compatriots, Adolph Hitler.

Concentration Camp Hitler works on the theory of the BIG LIE. In other words, the bigger the lie, the more often you repeat it, the more likely people are to believe it. So effective were Adolph's propagandists that after awhile he himself began to believe his own lies. (He was still fighting the war with a 30 group air force when the Yanks walked into Berlin.)

To give you an example: UE has been whispering around that IUE is undemocratic because Local 301's "appointed officers" are going to remain in charge after IUE wins the NLRB elections.

This obvious BIG LIE defeats its own purpose because IUE Local 301 officers are just temporary. A full fledged election will determine who will hold what position in the union. And the elections will be held right after IUE is certified as the bargaining agent.

The reason for waiting is that IUE is democratic and will not elect officers until all the membership is able to vote.

And thus another Hitler-UE BIG LIE gets a hole blown through it.

OF DUCKS AND MEN

"If you look like a duck, act like a duck, walk like a duck and quack like a duck, people will call you a duck."

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This is one of the finest descriptions we can find for UE fakers who run

around waving non-Commie affidavits, and saying "we ain't red."

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Maybe they're not red, but when you hear them quack it sounds just like the quacks that flow from the *Daily Worker*. And it's the quackiest sheet in existence!

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All you have to do is quack the same tune as the rest of the party.

Did the editors of the *UE News* have to sit down and intelligently decide the merits of the Marshall Plan? Hell, No. All they had to do was wait for the next edition of the *Daily Worker*.

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It's a wonderful way to live. No decisions to make, no problems to think through, no need to solve controversies. All you have to do to be a Commie is quack when you're told to quack, and keep your mouth shut when you're told to keep your mouth shut.

Anyone interested?

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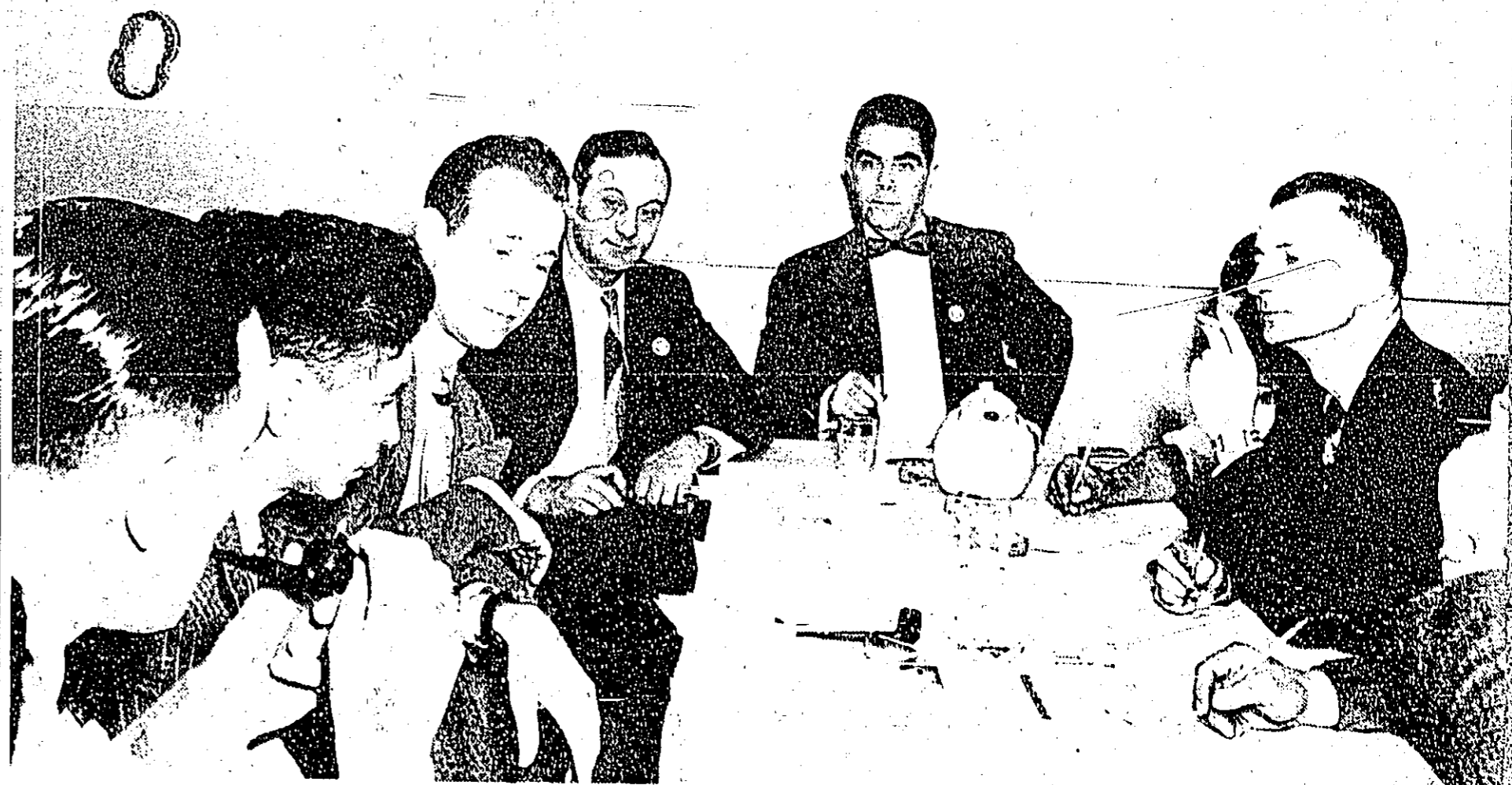
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GE CONFERENCE BOARD OUTLINES DEMANDS



Standing, left to right, are: Wotocheck, Thomas, Perillo, Carey, Martin, Steinhilber, Akers. Seated, left to right: Kriss, Fiorillo, Kelly, Houchins, Smith. Representatives of seven key GE locals attended.



Left to right: Callahan, Carey, Kriss, Fiorillo, Kelly, Smith. Conference Board discusses contract demands to be presented to GE.

IUE-CIO leaders from General Electric plants in seven key cities met here last week with James B. Carey, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of IUE-CIO, to discuss the economic program that will be presented to GE when the present contract expires.

The group adopted a program that calls for:

1. Substantial wage increases.
2. An improved pension plan.
3. Death and sick benefits.
4. Other contract improvements.

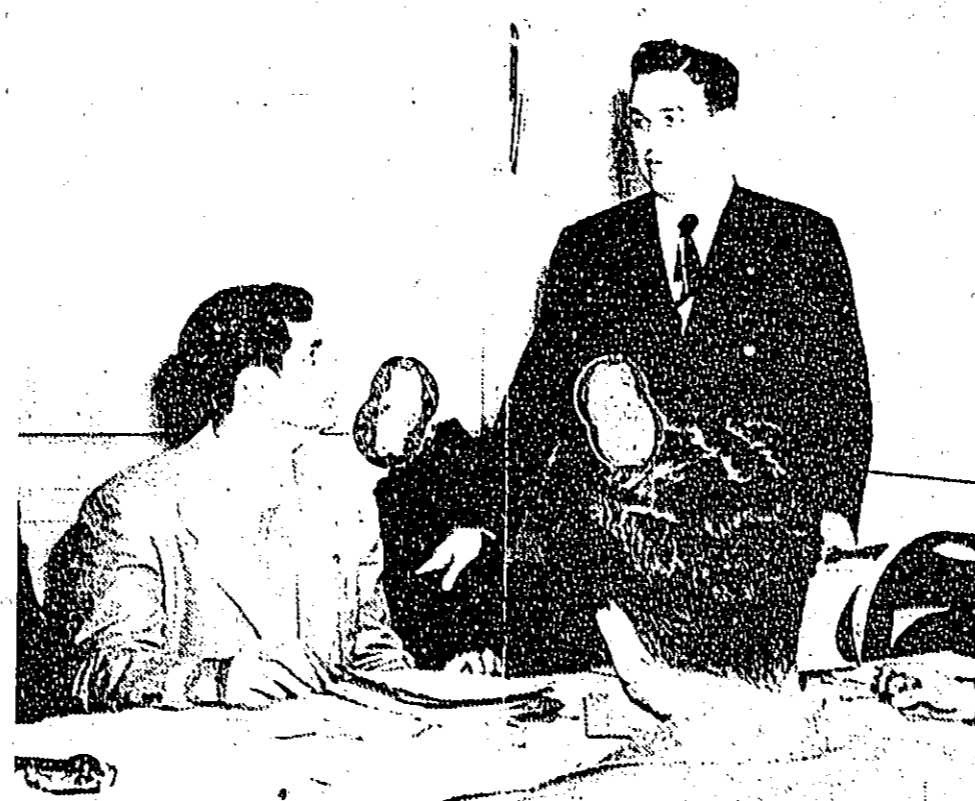
The proposals will be taken back to the membership of each local union for discussion and ratification. Later this month a full meeting of IUE's General Electric Conference Board will adopt specific demands.

Chairman of the meeting was Fred Kelley, Business Agent of Local 201, Lynn, Mass. He told the group that IUE-CIO must strive for the kind of contract

which the defunct UE has failed to get its membership in GE plants.

"The UE has failed miserably in its obligations to the workers," Kelly said. "It did not secure a pension program in last year's negotiations, such as was won in steel, auto and rubber. It is the job of IUE-CIO to see that these wrongs are righted in negotiations with GE."

Carey reported to the group on the conference he just completed with the United Auto Workers in Detroit, where contract demands for General Motors



Report on GM elections: Bob Okers, Local 755, Dayton, and standing, Wes Steinhilber, Local 801, Dayton.

were discussed.

Carey pointed out that "there is no reason why General Electric cannot give its workers a pay raise and a decent pension plan. Right now the GE wage scale is 25 cents per hour below the rates in the Auto and Steel industry, which have pension plans. GE sales have increased five-fold in the past ten years, and in 1948 their

profits were more than one-third of the company's net worth. GE is a rich and prosperous corporation and its workers deserve some of its productive surplus."

A comprehensive analysis of various

pension plans was presented to the group by Joseph Swire, IUE pension expert. It included a review of the Philco Pension Plan, recently negotiated by IUE, which includes the first severance pay agreement in big industry.

Also present at the meeting were: Harold Martin, Local 320, Syracuse; Dallas Smith, Local 901, Fort Wayne; Edward Houchins, Local 119, Philadelphia; Frank Fiorillo, Director of IUE-CIO District 3; Frank Kriss, Business Agent, Local 301, Schenectady; John Callahan, Business Agent, Local 255, Pittsfield; Dave Fitzmaurice, President, Local 707, Cleveland; William Wotocheck, Local 506, Erie, Pa.

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SHORT CIRCUITS

(With apologies to L. F.)

WHY, LEO!

The era of the microsefalic (pin-head) labor faker is upon us. The UE brain trust, of which lumpy Leo Jandreau is a shining example, admits to one of the most stupid mistakes a labor leader could make.

In an attempt to smear IUE last week, the *UE News* said, "Important officials of the General Electric Company are on the board of the Schenectady Trust Company," where UE Local 301, if such exists, deposits its money.

That's great stuff Leo, especially if your local were faced with a strike situation. Damn nice of you to leave your money where GE can keep track of it.

Nothing like concealing your strength from the enemy!

Why don't CP labor schools teach their students the simple trick of keeping union funds out of company controlled banks? Thanks for the self incriminating testimonial on UE "smart labor fakers."

UNEMPLOYED

The following telegram, which needs no comment, was sent to UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald the day after General Motors workers were reported to have done some voting:

"In view of your forthcoming unemployment, 25,000 IUE members in General Motors authorized me to offer you a permanent job in our Dayton headquarters requiring you only to hold the bag."

William Snoots, Secretary IUE
Administrative Committee

CAREY COMPLEX

While wading through a copy of *UE News* the other day we had to take off our shoes to tally the number of times Jim Carey's name was used. The count: 44 "Careys" in one issue.

We consulted our psychiatrist about this fixation and he explained that it was probably a "reverse love complex." On checking the editorship of the rag, sure enough, it was a woman.

Wait till Jim hears that UE is backing into love with him!

PROUDLY PRESENT

The ladies of IUE-CIO plans a gala evening to celebrate the overwhelming GM victory at Hans Grell's Grill, 2390 Albany Street, on Saturday evening, Mar. 11, 1950. Dancing from 9 to 1. Free Beer. Floor prizes to be awarded. Donation 50 cents.

DAT PACKAGE



I've looked high and I've looked low,
Where, Oh, where did that package go?
Up the chimney, or down the drain,
It must be just a mental pain.
That 500 bucks was promised me,
By the bosses of the red-UE
All the promises must be lies,
Or a zero is 500 in disguise!
So I guess I'll let the UE blow,
And cast my weight with the CIO.



Shown above, from left to right are Milton Danko, President IUE 301; Lou Benedict, President TWU; Mike Quill, Int. President TWU; Frank C. Kriss, Bus. Agent IUE 301.

Quill Blasts Red Leaders

At a meeting held last week in Schenectady, Mike Quill, International President of the Transport Workers Union, tore the lid off the phoney UE and actually named facts and dates about the misdeeds of the misleaders.

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He also challenged the top three of this unholy red combine to open debate, any time, any place.

Quill recalled that at a meeting held in the offices of the International Workers Order, New York, some of UE's top leadership sat down with the Communist Party bosses to map plans for the Progressive Party.

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Present at the gathering was the CP brain trust: Dennis, Thompson, Stachel and the man who is doing his best today to start another war in Europe, the infamous Gerhardt Eisler.

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Representing the UE were Ernest Demato, William Sentner and the biggest duck of them all, Schenectady's champion

of the working man, fearless fighter for the workers, Leo Jandreau.

"The decision to break with CIO," Quill said, "was made by the Central Committee of the Communist Party in New York City, October, 1947. At the same time and place the Communist Party decided to form the third party, the Progressive Party, behind the leadership of Henry Wallace. Their aim was to split the labor vote, guaranteeing victory for the Republican Party in 1948 and thus delivering the working people into the hands of their bitterest enemies here at home. And to create a foreign policy that would serve to play a delaying action for the Cominform countries behind the Iron Curtain."

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There were many other super-private meetings of this group, and from time to time some of UE's top leadership had the honor of getting their instructions on how to oppose national CIO policy direct from the leading Cominform agent, Gerhardt Eisler.