

Turbine Division To Meet Tuesday About Speed-Up

The prolonged deadlock over the proposed carbonyl tool speed-up in the Turbine Division will be placed before a special meeting of the membership of the entire division Tuesday, Apr. 22, at the union hall. The meeting will be held in two parts, at 1 p.m. and 4:15 p.m., to make attendance possible for all shifts.

Division committeemen had an emergency session Apr. 11 at which they unanimously agreed on a resolution to recommend to next Tuesday's meeting. This resolution would serve notice that the Turbine Division workers "will refuse to perform any of the disputed work at reduced prices until the price-setting formula is revised satisfactorily." It would pledge "the full backing of the entire force in the Turbine Division to the machine operators in refusing to perform any work at reduced prices until this is settled."

What specific form the support of the Turbine Division workers would take was left for discussion at the special meeting.

Threat to Whole Division
Committeemen, in their session Apr. 11, pointed out that a speed-up without increased earnings would be a threat to all day workers as well as piece workers in the division.

The resolution declares:
"The General Electric Co. proposes to establish a speed-up in the Turbine Division in connection with the use of carbonyl tools on machine operations, and this speed-up will greatly increase production as well as increase the strain of machine operation upon the workers. It also will virtually remove any incentive feature from the work.

Union Proposals
"Local 301, through the Turbine Division representatives, has asked that, as a very moderate and partial compensation for this speed-up and increased production, when carbonyl tool speed-ups are introduced, the company either put the jobs on day work at present average earnings, or restore the incentive by revising the price-setting formula so as to allow the possibility of a reasonable increase in earnings. The company has refused to discuss such a revision, and this case has now been discussed all the way through the grievance procedure of the contract without progress."

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Dancing at First Section Night Party at 301 Hall



There will be a scene like this every Friday night at 301 Hall, during the series of weekly section night programs arranged by the Activities Committee. This picture was taken at the first affair, for members in Bldgs. 18, 18A, 40 and 40B. The parties have been shifted from Wednesday to Friday. Tonight's event will be for workers in Anthony Villano's section, Bldgs. 5 and 7, and in Albert Davis' Bldgs. 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28. The program will include movies and refreshments.

Organizing Drive

New applications for membership handed in during the organizing drive totaled 408 as of Wednesday.

Richard A. Nielson, Bldg. 69, is still No. 1 man in the campaign with 20 memberships to his credit. There's a three-man tie for second place, among George Judway, Bldg. 18, Francis Hiller, Bldg. 285 and Martin J. Stanton, Bldg. 69. Each of the three has signed up 10 persons.

Four committeemen were added to the honor roll for having 100 per cent union membership in the groups they represent: Neilson, Bldg. 69; Peter Nowicki, Bldg. 40; Anthony J. Esposito, Bldg. 53; and Cecil Haskel, Bldg. 73.

Good News

Albert E. Davis, trustee and Board member, has recovered from a serious illness.

Still No Money Talk From GE Company

General Electric Co. has still made no offer on "money" questions, Leo Jandreau's latest report on 1947 GE-UE contract negotiations disclosed.

Because Jandreau had to be in New York City to negotiate, his written report was read to the Tuesday night membership meeting by President Andrew Peterson.

The GE Conference Board, representing all GE locals in the country, will be called into session Wednesday, April 23, in New York while negotiations continue. The group will stay in session through the end of the week to receive daily reports on the contract sessions.

Jandreau reported that GE has made no offer on a general wage increase, paid holidays, extra week's vacation for long service men, or a minimum pension guarantee. Progress has been made in clearing up some lesser points.

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Cancer Drive

The Local 301 committee in charge of the cancer fund drive reported Tuesday night that 90 of the 400 collection cans have been turned over to the Schenectady County campaign group.

301 Campaign Against Hartley Bill Turns To Senate; Wires Sent Ives

The drive of Local 301 and other unions to kill the anti-labor Hartley Bill has shifted from the House of Representatives, which passed this Omnibus Bill by an overwhelming vote last week, to the Senate.

Telegrams, postals and letters are pouring into Washington from Schenectady demanding that U. S. Senator Irving M. Ives (Republican) vote against the Hartley Bill when it comes up in the Senate. The attack is also directed against the Senate Taft Bill, which is ballyhooed as "milder" but has the same underlying purpose as the Hartley Bill — to destroy labor unions.

The third step in the fight against the vicious anti-labor legislation is to urge President Truman to veto these specific bills and all other anti-union measures.

First reports from Board members show that over 1,000 members of Local 301 have already signed their names and addresses to telegrams of protest against the bills, and given a dime toward the cost of having their shop committeemen send the group wires.

Condemn Kearney

The Schenectady CIO Coordinating Committee condemned a statement issued by Representative Bernard Kearney in support of the Hartley Bill. Congressmen Kearney of Gloversville and Dean Taylor of Troy, both Republicans, voted for the bill. Representative William T. Byrne of Albany, Democrat, elected with ALP support, opposed it.

Plans are underway for a community rally as a demonstration against the anti-labor bills. The special planning committee, named by Local 301 for the current legislative emergency, and the CIO Coordinating Committee have discussed arrangements for the meeting with AFL and railway union officials and with citizen's groups. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at PNA Hall, 747 Crane St.

United Labor Action

A request has been made of Station WGY by CIO, AFL and railway union officials for free time to present labor's point of view in a joint program.

The letter was signed by Robert Northrop, secretary-treasurer of the Capital District CIO Council; Joseph Keefe, president of Albany Central Federation of Labor, and Frank Columbus, legislative director of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

At least 200 GE pensioners attended a special meeting of the UE-CIO 301 Pension Organization Monday to map a

Organizing Drive

William Stewart, chairman of the Local 301 organizing drive, addressed several section committeemen's meetings recently on the need of continuing the membership campaign past May 1. He pointed out that complete, plantwide organization is vital if grievances are to be settled satisfactorily and wage adjustments made.

Membership applications up to Tuesday night totaled 441. Richard A. Nielson, Bldg. 69, still had the outstanding individual record for signing up workers, with 21 cards to his credit. George Judway, Bldg. 18, was second with 15 and Francis Hiller, Bldg. 285, and Martin J. Stanton, Bldg. 69, were tied for third place with 10 each.

F. C. Kriss, Bldgs. 98 and 97, is the latest addition to the honor roll for 100% union membership in the groups he represents.

Section Night May 16

The next section night program at 301 Hall will be May 16 for members in R.I.M., I.C., Tube and Welded Products. The Activities Committee has planned dancing, refreshments, movies of Joe Louis' championship fights and other entertainment.

campaign to fight the anti-labor legislation. They are concerned about the threat to their pension rights and claims. The meeting sent telegrams to Washington on the bills.

William Mastriani and Milo Lathrop, representing UE District 3, went to Washington Tuesday to take part in a national CIO legislative campaign.

GE Contract Talks Still In Progress

As GE contract negotiations were resumed this week in New York City, James M. Matles, UE director of organization, declared the union's recent settlements with Westinghouse Electric Corp and the electrical division of General Motors Corp. set the pattern for the country.

These agreements won wage increases of 15 cents an hour for UE workers. In both cases, there is a general increase of 11½ cents and the remainder is used to cover six paid holidays and other gains. The Westinghouse agreement covering 75,000 employes, is retroactive to April 1. Westinghouse workers will get a third week of vacation after 20 years service.

U. S. Steel, which like GE is part of the Morgan financial set-up, this week reached a settlement with the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, on the same 15 cent an hour basis. There is a flat raise of 12½ cents and the 2½ cents remaining is spread over various other items.

The General Electric Conference Board of UE was summoned to New York Wednesday to remain in session throughout the rest of the week. President Andrew Peterson and Treasurer Marshall White went from Schenectady. Leo Jandreau, the third 301 representative, was already in New York as a member of the national UE negotiating committee.

GE President Charles E. Wilson, in addressing a stockholders meeting recently, overlooked the company's record of trailing behind other employers.

He said that "as a by-product of our traditional policy of paying equal or better wages on the average for a given classification of work in any community in which we have a plant, we necessarily become subject to a national wage pattern."

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Paraplegic Fund Drive Collects Over \$1,237

Local 301 had collected \$1,237.91 by Wednesday for the Schenectady Paraplegic Fund.

The largest amount turned in by any section was \$272.85 by Alfred Pelrah's. Sections of the following Board members contributed as follows: Willard Kuschel, \$202; James Cognetta, \$199; Leland Sisto, \$145.30; Eugene LeMoine, \$137.25; Henry Busse, \$129.16; William Stewart, \$141.10, and Albert Davis, \$11.25.

Some sections had made no report yet and several of those listed have many committeemen still to report.

Third Shift Grievance Heads Toward New York

The deadlocked dispute over working hours of the third shift in the Turbine Division will be sent to the New York level, along with the carboly-tool speed-up controversy.

Workers of the Turbine Division voted in favor of this action Tuesday and passed a resolution supporting the complaint of the third shift about having to work five hours Saturday mornings beyond their usual quitting time.

Leland Stowe Program To Be Heard on WSNY

Local 301 has arranged for Station WSNY to carry the Leland Stowe broadcast sponsored by national UE and scheduled for 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Otherwise many thousands of Schenectady listeners, who don't get WABY clearly on their radios, would miss out on the famous liberal commentator's news analysis. The first broadcast was to be Wednesday, after this week's issue of EU News went to press.

Thursday Payday

All second shift switchboard operators in Bldg. 13F and all other second shift workers under Foreman Eckert now get their pay checks Thursday instead of Friday. The change was made as the result of a grievance case brought by the union.

To Represent 301

President Andrew Peterson has appointed Lorna Engst, Bldg. 24, to represent Local 301 on the board of the Schenectady Family Service Bureau.

Protest Is Renewed On Farmed Out Work

During a grievance meeting with General Superintendent Louis Male, President Andrew Peterson of Local 301 last Friday renewed his protest against GE farming out work normally done in Schenectady to other plants. Male had not answered a letter Peterson wrote him on the subject.

GE lets out work if room is not available in Schenectady or necessary material is not here, Male told the grievance committee, headed by Peterson.

Male insisted that GE doesn't send work elsewhere unless management feels there is enough work for the Schenectady employes to do.

Lost time is sometimes necessary because of lack of materials, according to Male, but such a situation has "nothing to do" with sending work out of Schenectady. Male said he could not give the assurance Peterson asked that present practices of farming out work would be ended.

Peterson warned Male that when workers are sent home because of lack of work, and they know work has been sent out of Schenectady, a bad condition exists and the company must expect protests. He declared that the company has sent home workers and at the same time farmed out the type work these employes are in the habit of doing.

Disruptive Faction Ordered to Disband

The General Executive Board of UE recently went on record as condemning the "disruptive activity" of the so-called "UE Committee for Democratic Action" and calling on the group to dissolve.

The GEB called the "Committee for Democratic Action" a "dual movement organized by people outside of the UE for the purpose of carrying on disruptive activity within the UE." The GEB pointed out that the group ignores local union district and international UE constitutions and "defies decisions of the international convention."

Workers Okay Offer In Machinists' Case

Machinists and toolmakers in a big meeting last week voted to accept the company's offer in the machinists' wage case. The raises will take effect as soon as the company completes the details.

Covered in the case are the machinists in Machine Repair and the machine operators and machinists in tool rooms.

Appeals Committee Hears Complaints on Handling of Grievances



Here's a picture snapped at a weekly session of the Local 301 Grievance Committee, the union's court for hearing the complaint of any member dissatisfied with the way a grievance has been handled. A member with a complaint is standing in front of the group, while two others await their turn. Serving on the committee are, left to right, Board Member Albert Davis, President Andrew Peterson, Chief Shop Steward Wil-

liam Mastriani and Board Member Alfred Pelrah. The president, chief shop steward and recording secretary are permanent members of the committee and two other Board members are named each week. Helen Quirin, recording secretary, was unable to be present for this picture. The committee hears appeals at 4 p.m. every Friday and if a second shift worker is involved, at 1 p.m.

First to Report Sending Wires

Here is an incomplete list of committeemen who have sent group telegrams for the workers they represent to oppose the Hartley Bill. The names were the first handed in by Board members. Next week's EU News will carry others.

Catherine Van Wert and Anthony Esposito, Bldg. 53, both reported by Board Member Esposito.

Henry Busse's section: Busse, Arthur Bertini and Gerald DiSorbo, Bldg. 68; William Hodges, Bldg. 72; H. Kaminski, Bldg. 76 and Woodrow J. Elting, Bldg. 84.

Willard Kuschel's section: Frank Emspak, Bldg. 46 and most committeemen of Bldgs. 42 and 46.

William Stewart's section: Stewart, Fred Setcovic, Ralph Pigeon, Roy Rychiek, Roy Lash, A. McNally and Robert Schulenburg, Bldg. 60, and Leland Belling, W. Spellman, J. Hay and Ernest Fainelli, Bldg. 49.

Albert Davis' section: Davis, Bldg. 28, and Vincent Iovinella, Bldg. 10.

Leland Sisto's section: Sisto, Stanley

Dewey Gives Millions To Largest Employers

Governor Dewey last week signed the Young-Demo bill handing 118 million dollars from the Unemployment Insurance Fund to large companies as tax rebates.

Big Business has tried for years to get its fingers on the fund through a "merit-rating" bill like the one Dewey okayed.

Southern Drive

There are now 14 full-time and part-time representatives of UE organizing in the south. Their work is an important part of the whole CIO Operation Dixie.

Aldous, Norman Fink and Manuel Fernandez, Bldg. 269.

A. J. Spears' section: Fred Pacelli, Bldg. 101.

Alfred Pelrah's section: William Mastriani, Bldg. 73.

James Cognetta's section: Cognetta, and Hugh Mackey, Bldg. 52, and Henry

Fazzone, Bldg. 66.

Stanley Bishop's section: Joseph Whitbeck, Bldg. 69.

GE Profits High In First Quarter

General Electric Co. has reported \$16,703,650 net profit for the three months ending Mar. 31. This figure is unusually high, far above all estimates published in advance by the company.

President Charles E. Wilson of GE told stockholders the company's performance in the first quarter of 1947 is evidence "of the dynamic pattern for the year." In other words, he expects the profits to keep mounting.

He said that in January and February the sales of products made in the company's largest manufacturing department were two and three-quarter times those for the same two months in 1940. Turbine sales for those two months were more than twice those for other transportation equipment were nearly three times as large.

Only in refrigerators does GE lack "a few percentage points of equalling the pre-war figure," according to Wilson. He blamed the steel shortage for keeping down production of refrigerators.