

### Building No. 37 Reporting

Number One Slacker, Don Hartman, ex-cracker salesman, who is the sissy looking baby face who wears the white shirt while pushing the wheel barrow around No. 37 for the past five and one-half months, now has a desk. Oh, yes, school children have desks, those to whom he sold those animal crackers. He is so cheap he yells "to H— with the Union, why pay dues". I got my 10c an hour too. You Union people are holding up the Defense Program.

Hartman never did a day's work to produce anything. All his jobs so far have kept my great grandfather out of a job. He yells, "back up our Government".

Why doesn't he join the Army and help out at his age instead of mouthing around. His mouth doesn't help the Government nor himself, as he has found out in our Union Shop, and we promise you plenty more, Hartman.

### Vacuum Tube Dept. Bldg. 37

by Wm. S. Kouray

The latest report from our Dues Collector, John Hicks, indicates that the Vacuum Tube Department is 100 per cent on the paid up side.

Glancing at the G. E. Works News recently, we noticed that the Vacuum Tube Department is being written up by the Inspection department. We are most honored at this rare pleasure; however, we of this section insist that Mr. Adams would make a much better inspector than he would a reporter, or is he an inspector.

Sacandaga Lake will shortly be humming again as soon as Vic Granger and Bob Robinson put their Johnson out boards into action.

A golfer by heart, Stanley Magilnicki, is pouring his heart into golf instructions for that certain young lady.

Considering a recent operation, Bob Winnie, is dashing around like a youngster. We're all proud of you, Bob.

Fred Schoeffler informs us that the Andrew sisters haven't got a thing on Agnes Ryder and Helen Crouse. He claims they can really warble, especially during working hours.

Andrew McNally of Building No. 1 and George Lindsey of Building No. 2, recently dropped in to say "hello" to the boys and girls. We were glad to see our former Union mates.

— Join Local No. 301 Today —

### RADIO TRANSMITTER — BUILDINGS 81 and 89

Hereafter, the Radio-Transmitter Dept. will have a column in every issue of this Electrical Union News. We urge every Committeeman in the section to compile news items for the column.

Many new members are joining the Union in this department, but we still have a big job ahead of us to make it a genuine 100 per cent Union Shop.

Every good Union Member should be on his toes and sign up the new employees the minute they hit the section.

There is much talk about a large Transmitter Social. If you want it, see your Committeeman, and let's make plans.

Make sure and wear your Union Button every day, be proud of your Union affiliation.

Everyone not wearing a button will be tagged as a non-member and we are sure you don't want to be in that class.

Who are the inspectors in Buildings 81 and 89 who took the increase won by the Union, with no complaint, and insist on riding free on the backs of their fellow workers?

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### Business Not "Crushed By Taxation"

Is it true, as Wall Street propagandists claim, that Federal taxes are so heavy that they "discourage business" by taking too large a share of profits? Complete figures answering that question are provided in a study published by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney's Temporary National Economic Committee.

The last year for which complete tax and profit figures were available was 1937. In that year, according to the study, the profits of American corporations totaled \$9,076,000,000, and were divided as follows:

Uncle Sam took \$1,276,000,000, or 14 cents of each \$1, in Federal income, excess-profits, and undistributed-profits taxes.

Bondholders got \$1,700,000,000, or 19 cents of each \$1, in interest.

The immense sum of \$6,100,000,000, or 67 cents of each \$1, was left for dividends to stockholders.

Remember, that was 1937 — a year when propagandists told us business was being "starved" and "overtaxed" and when profits were not nearly so big as they are today.

— Are You Doing Your Part? —

### Echoes from Bldg. 10

by Charles White

The leaders in Building No. 10 are proud of the spirit of their membership. Now that they are 100 per cent organized, there seems to be a feeling of confidence and sociability that we have not observed before. And now that they are getting a little extra change, they are getting a little ahead in their dues payments. That is not a bad idea either.

Brother Ed Weiss has a couple of good ball players. If you have a baseball team, he would be willing to let them show your team how to play ball.

Any time you are feeling low in spirit just drop in Building No. 10 Annex at noontime and watch a good dart game.

Our boys should be able to harvest some huge crop this fall judging by the large amount of spring planting.

The new June buttons will soon be seen on all members who have their dues paid for June. Have you got yours yet? Your Collector is the only one who can supply you.

A great deal of activity is being shown lately around the Refrigerator Department. Applications are coming in by the dozens. Strange to say, most of them are from those who have had plenty of time to observe the benefits to be derived from membership in the Union.

The Third Shift men are determined not to share their hard won Union Rights with free riders. They are insisting that all the workers pay their way and go along with the majority.

It has been announced that after June 7th, all delinquents may be subjected to embarrassing publicity. Don't let it happen to you. See your Collector at once.

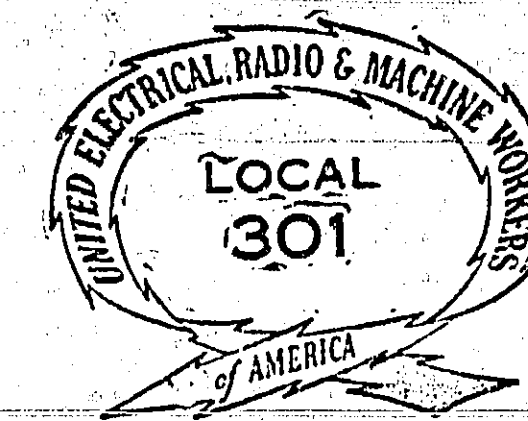
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of every industry is to furnish profitable employment to human beings, not as an ethical obligation but as a wise economic law. Neglect or contempt of human rights are the sole causes of public misfortune.

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"All that harms labor is treason to America. No line can be drawn between these two. If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America yet he fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other." — ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

# ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS

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## All Out Effort For 100% Union Shop

2076 Initiations and Reinstatements came in to Union Headquarters during the month of May.

Dues payments increased 22 per cent over the month of April.

Our Shop Committeemen and Dues Collectors are doing a splendid organizational job — but they can't do it all.

Every Union Member must take part in this Union drive to make the Schenectady G. E. plant a 100 per cent Union shop.

One big push by everybody and over the top we go.

All new employees should be requested to sign an application card the very first day they come on the job. This does not mean they should pay their initiation the first day — but they should sign a card.

### FOR NON-MEMBERS

What are you doing as a good union member to bring the non-member into the union?

What are you doing as a good union member to eliminate the constant menace the non-member is to the union, to your present wages and working conditions?

Don't forget — a non-union member is not one of us, and should not be treated as one of us.

### PRESENT FREE RIDERS

Non-members are not sincere in their reasons for not joining the Union—they are just trying to chisel the \$1.00 a month dues—get something for nothing — or else they are trying to impress their foreman that they are "company-minded" — just plain cheap skates.

### A Front Page Story

One of our representatives turned in a \$5.00 donation into the headquarters from a G. E. Foreman.

The representative reported that the Foreman had insisted that the Union accept the donation because he had received his ten cents an hour increase solely through the effort of the Union.

The foreman further stated that since he couldn't take an active part in the Union, it would make him feel good to know that he had helped to defray some of the expenses incurred in carrying out the negotiations for the 10 cents an hour increase.

How about those employees eligible to belong to the Union, watching their fellow-workers carry the burden and doing nothing about joining the Union!

### Dues First!

At a recent meeting of shop committeemen — President Edward Wallingford pointed out that Local 301 had done more for its members and the employees of the Schenectady G. E. plant than any other Local in the U. E.

He further pointed out that the Local's Executive Board had instructed all Union Representatives that hereafter no individual grievance would be handled unless the member presenting the grievance had his dues paid for the month previous to the month he presented the grievance. For example, a member's dues would have to be paid for the month of May if he wanted a grievance adjusted in June.

### Local 301 Field Day

The Activities Committee of Local 301 is now busy putting the finishing touches on plans for the Annual Union Field Day.

Place: Columbian Park.

Time: Sunday, July 20th, All Day.

Tickets: A book of tickets will be mailed to every Union member. Tickets will sell for ten cents each or \$1.00 for a book of twelve tickets.

Prize: A 1941 — four door Plymouth Sedan will be given away as a ticket prize. The drawing will take place on the Field and the prize will be given to the owner of the first ticket drawn — whether he is on the Field or not.

### UNION CLAMBAKE

The Activities Committee has announced plans for the Annual Local 301 Clambake; to be held at Columbian Park, Sunday, August 24th.

The above Union Affairs are being held on Sundays in order not to interfere with the Defense Program, and give everyone a chance to attend.

### What Is Un-American?

As a follow-up to "I am an American Day," how about an "I am un-American Day," so that the other crowd can stand up and be counted?

What is it, to be un-American?

It is to deny to Americans their freedom to speak freely, to meet freely and to organize freely.

It is to break American laws by refusing to bargain collectively with the workers' freely chosen representatives.

It is to spy and snoop upon Americans, to curtail their civil liberties, and to use improper power over their right to earn a living, to intimidate them and coerce them.

It is to advocate legislation like the Vinson bill to condemn Americans to involuntary servitude by destroying the right to strike.

It is to profiteer upon the nation's needs by hogging huge profit increases while refusing to grant American workers a fair wage and a decent standard of living.

It is to lie about and slander Americans who demand their rights as Americans.

It is to stir up intolerance, division and dissension by Jew-baiting, Negro-baiting, red-baiting, alien-baiting, labor-baiting, and by turning Americans of different races, creeds and beliefs against each other.

It is to advocate inequality by cutting relief, increasing the tax burden on the poor, and permitting the rich to buy unfair privileges and exemptions.

It is all these things and a lot more that violates American ideals of liberty, justice, democracy and equality of opportunity.

If an "I am un-American Day" is proclaimed, it will give quite a string of anti-union employers, exploiters, petty tyrants, labor-baiting politicians, profiteers, propagandists and other enemies of true Americanism a chance to have their day and to stand exposed for what they really are.

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## Investing In Democracy

Local 301 has purchased 25,000 dollars of the U. S. Government Defense Bonds.

Our membership knows that the American Way is the Union Way — and defending the American Way of Life is the best way of defending our Union.

Defending the American Way of Life and investing the Unions Funds in Defense Bonds — should not be construed as an indorsement of war. The C. I. O. both Nationally and Locally has gone on record over and over again opposed to war.

## NON-MEMBERS — POTENTIAL DISRUPTERS

The small minority of non-members are a constant source of irritation to the good union members — thus these non-members are potential disrupters to the smooth flow of production of Defense material.

These non-members who yell about democracy do not know the meaning of true democracy.

**True Democracy.** In any democratic institution, be it a union, political or otherwise — when the majority pass on some measure — the minority must go along. Suppose the majority of the taxpayers in the city of Schenectady voted to build a new school and new assessments were levied to take care of cost of the school building — according to the non-members, the minority of taxpayers who voted against building a new school would be excluded from paying taxes. This does not make sense. By the same token, the small minority of non-members who got the ten cents an hour increase through the efforts of their fellow-workers — should join the union — and pay their way.

## So-Called Public Opinion Polls

One of the latest refinements in the racket of manufacturing public opinion for private profit is quite whimsical. It consists of an attempt to prove, through so-called public opinion polls, that American labor is anti-labor.

It's all just too cute for words — if your sense of humor runs to knocking crutches from cripples, putting "help yourself" signs on blind-beggars-cups, and the like.

## GALLUP POLL

The Gallup poll weekly advances "evidence" of public belief that labor is more to blame for stoppages than anti-union profiteering employers; that strikes are caused by Communists; that labor, not big business, has too much power; that wages should be kept down and hours lengthened; that union activity should be curbed by law; that new taxation should fall chiefly on the poor.

## FORTUNE MAGAZINE

Now comes the Fortune magazine "survey of public opinion," with similar evidence of public demand for anti-strike legislation and compulsory arbitration; greater sympathy for anti-union employers than the union pickets; brickbats for union leaders and bouquets for the labor policies of Henry Ford and Bethlehem Steel.

## TOOTSIE-WOOTSIE TID BITS

So far, it would seem, the polls are trying to prove to the big business publishers which finance them that the public are suckers for their anti-labor propaganda.

It is something like a radio station trying to prove statistically to a sponsor that the radio public is crazy for his Tootsie-Wootsie Tid-Bits. If such a survey showed the public would sooner take its poison straight than with a Tootsie-Wootsie sugar-coating, it just wouldn't be made.

But no Tootsie-Wootsie poll has ever gone quite so far as to "prove" that parents love it when their children get sick from Tootsie-Wootsies; that the kids think candy prices should be raised; and that anyone who hates Tootsie-Wootsies is a communist.

It has been left for the Gallup, Fortune and other similar polls to offer their big business sponsors such super-super-service.

With all sorts of statistical mumbo-jumbo, they now purport to show that the workers themselves want to have their wages "frozen," their hours lengthened, and the possibility of improving their conditions averted through anti-labor legislation.

## HERE IS A CUTE ONE

Perhaps the cutest one of the month was the Gallup tax poll. At a time when war profiteers are lobbying to have the poor pay

## THE UPPER CRUST



"I know it's late, Miss Santos, but these hairpin orders have to get out — national defense, you know."

for their swollen hoodle through wage-cutting taxation, a poll is announced that delicately avoids the issue of putting the tax burden on wealth.

Instead, it asserts that "the public" by a big majority favors the heavy taxation of low incomes.

And then — deffest touch of all — the poll announces that even the poorest, with incomes at near-starvation levels, favor paying additional taxes equivalent to two weeks' wages.

That was such a hot number, that many profiteer lobbyists chuckled themselves into hiccoughs.

## HOW ARE ALL THESE AMAZING RESULTS ACHIEVED?

Ah, that, my friends, is a secret. Even if the publisher's statisticians told, we wouldn't understand.

The atmosphere of higher mathematics, statistical controversy and academic bluff is so rarefied that the ordinary mortal gasps for breath and is glad to escape with his life.

But we can at least think these thoughts:

(1) The method of selection of the few thousand human guinea-pigs, who are supposed to represent public opinion, undoubtedly determines poll results.

(2) The phrasing of the questions obviously determines the kind of answers that may be expected.

(3) When you're barely getting by on a low-wage job, and just want to be left alone, and when an official sort of person visits you and starts snooping into your private opinions — wouldn't your first thought be to get rid of him speedily without incriminating yourself?

When the press constantly proclaims that strikes are un-American, that labor must be curbed in the national interest, that patriotism demands sacrifices from the poorest, how many are going to lay themselves open before a snooping stranger even to such phoney charges of being unpatriotic, selfish, etc.

But be all this as it may, we make this offer: Give us the wealth, power and facilities available to the interests that manufacture public opinion — and we will soon offer similar evidence of public belief that not labor, but the domestic cockroach, is responsible for all evil.

With press and radio blaring out daily against the cockroach menace, with intimations of Congressional, FBI and other investigations of anyone who is sceptical on the cockroach question — we guarantee to find enough suckers, milquetoasts and cockroach-powder salesmen to support even the most extreme crusade against the unfortunate insect.

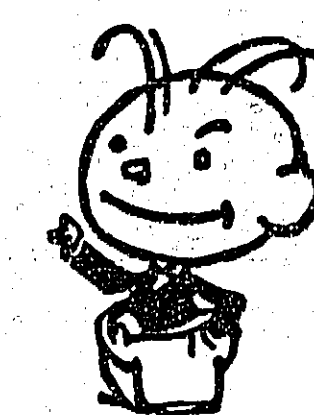
## Union Dress Pins and Union Car Emblems

Hundreds of Union Dress Pins and Car Emblems have been purchased by our members during the past week.

Union Dress Pins cost 15 cents.

Car Emblems cost 10 cents.

See your Dues Collector for the above items.

Here and  
There in  
Bldg. 12

BY BERNARD GEERSEN

A recent visitor to Building 12 was our former shop-mate, Frank Moran, whom everyone was pleased to see. Frank is now out on pension, and for all appearances he must be having a good time. Frank, "Pop", has a raft of friends in the refrigerator dept., among whom he was outstanding for his rare personality and kindness.

One of our boys says, "I've been married 21 years and have heard nothing but permanent wave, but the only one I am interested in today is the one referring to the American Flag."

In our last news item we mentioned that the test department under our able committeeman, John Neimec, was 99 and 44-100 per cent organized, but we are happy to announce at this time that the one hold out has at last seen the light. Fine work test dept.

Why not try to do as good a job on the test third shift? This group has gained more from the Union than the other shifts, yet there are a few in the test third shift who haven't yet realized that the 10 per cent extra for shift work and the ten cent an hour raise was won solely by the efforts of their union co-workers.

"Al" says his wife reads the fashion magazine to see what's going on, but he reads it to see what's being pulled off.

Deep expressions of sympathy are extended to our brother, Oakley Hogan, whose mother, Mrs. Marvin Hogan, passed away on May 19, 1941. Burial was in Bramanville.

Brother Hogan is employed on C F Line, second shift, under committeeman Mike Phillips. This group sent a floral tribute.

Strange how some drivers need a hundred acre lot to park a car in. One of our popular day shift workers, in trying to park his car in the G. E. field, came in contact with a pole last Saturday. Several people who were riding with our Joe say it's hard to park a car unless one has both hands on the wheel. Why not put in a suggestion and have the G. E. build a larger parking field?

We have proof that the office force is now becoming Union minded. One of the "Big Shots" recently went out with eight or ten buttons pinned to his lapel — every button an ad for Local 301. Funny part, he didn't know they were there until his favorite waitress in the Van Curler pointed them out to him. Now she calls him John L. Lewis.

Although there is still a lot of gossip and rumors about job-buying scandal, most of the older boys are only interested in "Geo. White's Scandals."

## New Foreman "Making Good"

We have with us some newly appointed G. E. Foremen who are trying to make good at the expense of the men under their supervision — through un-called for speed-ups and drives.

In Building No. 46 — Marine Aircraft — there is a foreman on the third floor, second shift, who is rapidly gaining the reputation of a slave-driver among his former fellow workers.

In one instance he stepped up the speed on a profiler beyond the safety limit, and when the operator protested he said that he was assuming full responsibility. We wonder if he was "big enough to assume" full responsibility for the operator's life.

Newly appointed foremen should remember that they must have the confidence of the men under them if they really want to make good — drivers never make good.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HYSTERIA RULES

The difficulty of keeping an investigation of subversive activities from becoming a "witch hunt" is illustrated by the experience of Washingtonians who, for one reason or another, have come under official scrutiny.

A careful and restrained newspaper reporter declares that the fact that a government employee may read a liberal publication is sufficient cause to bring him under suspicion and start G-men on his trail.

An investigator who recently was sent to the Labor Department to inquire into the background of an employee discovered a copy of the "Bill of Rights" on the wall and condemned that sacred document as "definitely subversive."

Stories of the same sort are declared to be endless and equally absurd. The situation would be hilarious were it not fraught with real danger to the rights of the citizen.

If this is what we get from men who are receiving good salaries as trained investigators, God help us all when an army of volunteer "snoopers" is turned loose in the land.

## JUNE DUES BUTTONS!

The June Dues Buttons are now on hand and every member paid for the month of June is entitled to the button.

Have you got your button — has your fellow worker got his button.

## Transmitter Department

BUILDINGS  
81 and 89

By A. Boss

**TRANSMITTER SOCIAL** — If you don't save the evening of Friday, June 6th, for the Social you will miss a good time. All you can eat and all the FREE beer you can hold, plus dancing.

Besides prizes for the best waltz and jitterbug dance — so make a date with one of the boys or girls. It is going to be a gay night.

And to that fussy Miss who puts up the nicest wrapped box lunch will go a 5 lb. box of Fanny Farmer Candy.

For your information, the girls are putting up box lunches that will be auctioned off. Bid for a box lunch and take the girl with it, for a partner.

Besides a free buffet lunch will be yours for the asking. — FREE — don't forget it is Friday, June 6th, at 7:30 P. M. at the C. I. O. Hall, all for 50 cents and the ladies free.

**HELP WANTED:** Four more bartenders wanted for one night. Apply to any of the Committeemen in Building 81 or 89.

Who said we had air conditioning in 81? Last week it was all a lot of hot air to the gang. You would think a little consideration would be shown for the workers, what with all the hours we are putting in because of the Defense Program. Is it asking too much of the Company to make it a fit place in which to work? Let's hope the next hot spell we won't have to get hot around the collar about it.

Says we: How about a little efficiency, "Mister Efficiency Man."

The saw room gang in the Crystal department are 100 per cent Union now. Five weeks ago they were 100 per cent non-union, and all June dues are paid too. Good work, boys. And what harmony among themselves, that is how a 100 per cent group works, none of this rugged individualism for them.

So — some of the inspectors didn't like the little job we gave them last week, well, that is just too bad. We don't like "Free Riders". So what — with apologies to the bunch that signed up last week.

Those buttons sure are thick around the Department. Wear yours.

We have heard a lot of requests for a cafeteria in Transmitter. How do you feel about it?

If you ask us, those few that are not signed up in the Dept. are just to cheap to pay a dollar a month dues. Just stop a second and look around you. Aren't they usually the ones that are sucking around the bosses.

And how they bellyache when you ask them to Join. How they lament for that one dollar.

100 per cent Union in Transmitter by July 1st.

Don't forget the social on Friday, June 6th. If you are smart you will get your ticket at once, there will be only 500 sold, no more. Your Committeeman has them.

Funny, how a guy who is handed a pencil to work with, gets a bloated head. They all get to think they are headed for the top, but when they go home and tell the family about it and are asked, did you get a raise? What is the usual reply—No. So have your better jobs? We'll take the dough.

## Blitzing The "Little Man"

World conditions have forced upon the American people a gigantic defense program which will entail a heavy increase in taxation. The people in general are willing to pay such taxes, providing they are equitably apportioned. They know that generous sacrifices must be made if the traditional American way of life which they cherish above life itself, is to prevail on this continent.

However, the rich and the powerful, the influential, organized minorities, as usual, are trying to pass on the heaviest part of this added tax burden upon the already bowed shoulders of the workers and producers of this land, upon the little man, the people least able to bear them.

It may be that additional income and sales taxes will have to be levied, but if so, start with income taxes at the top of the social ladder and reduce the "take" on the way down. Sales taxes, of course, always extract the heaviest toll from the poor.

The cost of living has risen steadily, due to hidden taxes and uncontrolled speculation, and a ceiling for such commodities which we need to exist, is nowhere in sight.

The little man is patriotic, loyal. He knows that it will cost astronomical sums to defend the democratic way of life. He knows that this and future generations will have to pay heavily for enjoying that privilege. But he wants everyone who enjoys these privileges and benefits, to assume their responsibilities in accordance with their ability to pay. Unless the law makers who create our tax legislation seek to distribute our heavy tax burden equitably and fairly, they cannot expect true national unity, from our masses of wage earners, (from the little man), so essential to national welfare.

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