



The boss liked your story Velie . . . Was there any truth in it?

Mag Old Hand in Smearing UE For Big Corporations

The Saturday Evening Post's smear of UE Local 301 this week isn't the first attack made by the anti-labor weekly on our union. Several years ago, when Jim Carey was still in UE, the Post published a similar smear article.

One key to the magazine's continual attacks on labor can be found in looking over the list of its top management. It includes big corporation executives from all over the country. The chairman of the board of Curtis Publications, which puts out the Post, is a former President of the National Association of Manufacturers.

GE pours millions of dollars a year in advertising into the Post's treasury.

Westing's Boss Says Thanks to IUE Conclave

Any opportunity to debate issues at the IUE-CIO convention was made impossible by the parade of distinguished speakers Jim Carey brought into Pittsburgh, but none was more distinguished than Gwilym Price, President of Westinghouse.

If Price, one of the nation's leading union busters, felt at all ill at ease at the IUE gathering he didn't show it. He thanked the CIO union for its fine cooperation with the company.

This thanks must have been heartfelt since Westinghouse saved \$5-million by signing a sub-par contract with the IUE. Of course the money came out of the pockets of the union membership.

Post Smear Article a Rehash Of Old Carey Lies About UE

A fantastic concoction of often used, often discredited lies in this week's Saturday Evening Post passes an "expose" of UE. The smear article, by Lester Velie, one of the best-paid big business feature writers in the country, deals largely with Local 301. Its pitch is an obvious one—launching a campaign for the Carey-Humphrey proposals for government control of unions.

From first to last, Velie throws out one lie after another, repeating almost word for word the IUE-CIO propaganda line which was rejected by Schenectady workers last year, 11,000 to 4,000. But he is a careful (or is it a cowardly) liar, one who takes great pains to phrase his smears so that he can't be held responsible in a court of law.

Thus, he doesn't charge UE leaders with being Communists. He says that they are, and then tags on some qualifying phrase like "according to testimony before congressional hearings." Since the original smear testimony was protected by congressional immunity, Velie is in the clear and free to tell one lie after another. He does.

Some of the lies are so fantastic that they would be funny if they didn't appear in a national magazine with huge circulation. For example, Velie implies that every stoppage in the Schenectady works over a grievance is part of a "communist plot."

Others are just childish. "Bill Mastriani, as chief shop steward, presides over that (the executive) board," says Velie. Of course, had he made even the slightest effort to study our union, he would have learned that all executive board meetings are presided over, not by the chief shop steward, but by President James Cagnetta. Velie didn't learn this because his visit to Schenectady was an IUE guided tour.

Cable Strike Continues

UE's strike against the General Cable Corp. continued through its 20th week with no definite indications of a settlement being in sight.

Almost continuous negotiations were carried on in New York City but the company had not abandoned its attempts to destroy union conditions by the middle of the week.

The more than 2,000 strikers in Rome, Los Angeles and Emeryville, Calif. remained solid in their determination to win a decent contract from the profit-swollen company.

Paper Exposed Post Writer in May

Saturday Evening Post smear artist Lester Velie's prejudices against UE and his close connection with the IUE-CIO splitters were so obvious when he visited Schenectady this spring that the EU News was able to forecast his vicious article months before it appeared in print.

On his brief visit to UE hall, Velie gave himself away several times. So much so that the May 2 issue of the 301 paper commented, "Now they (the GE workers) are wondering whether the Saturday Evening Post will print what it heard—or what some of its million dollar advertisers, like GE, would like to hear . . ."

The May 9 EU News revealed that Velie was closely linked with both the IUE-CIO and the Humphrey Committee which has been scheming for a year to come up with a plan for government control of unions.

The May papers also showed up Velie's anti-UE bias when they noted that he repeatedly discounted the democratic UE election triumph last year, attributing it all to a "machine."

This week's Saturday Evening Post shows that the UE's predictions were correct and that Velie was strictly a man out to do a job for which he has been well paid by big business.

Velie's biggest problem is explaining away the overwhelming UE victory over his IUE friends last year. To do this, he has to really earn his big business pay. He admits in one paragraph that the strength of UE lies in the fact it has "shop stewards, 600 strong in Local 301, who keep their jobs only as long as they deliver for the men."

In another passage the smear artist is forced to concede that UE negotiators "know every nook and cranny of labor relations . . . They're aggressive and tireless and can match the best negotiator you can put up."

But he says that all of this too is part of the big plot. In fact it becomes clear that what Velie and his bosses really fear is a union which does a job for its membership. All of the talk about "security risks" and communism is just a coverup for the big corporations' desire to destroy the entire labor movement, starting with militant, democratic unions like UE.

Cognetta Blasts Magazine Smears

UE Local 301 President James Cognetta blasts the Saturday Evening Post and its smear writer, Lester Velie, in a statement made Wednesday.

Cognetta's statement described the Post article as "strictly a propaganda job for the IUE-CIO, trying to sell to Schenectady workers what Carey has been completely unable to peddle for three years."

The local leader recalled the meeting that Velie had with 200 GE workers when he visited Schenectady. He declared:

"In this meeting at the Subway gate, Velie was told why GE workers vote for UE. He was told that they enjoyed more democracy in UE than they could have anywhere else, and a good deal more than they'd have under the IUE dictatorship."

"He was told that they're fed up with IUE and GE red smears and that another election in Schenectady would mean a 10 to 1 victory."

"He was told all of this and lots more, but he chose to print instead all of the old stale lies. He made this choice because he is strictly a tool of the big corporations and of the IUE gang which hate UE because it is an honest, fighting union."

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Contract Enforcement Job of Steward Outlined at Meeting of New Council

More than 400 men and women gathered in the union hall Monday to hear their duties defined as "contract enforcement" during the first meeting of the newly re-established stewards council. The outline of a steward's job was given by Business Agent Leo Jandreau. He declared that the steward was not merely a representative of one group of workers, nor even of this local, but a person who "speaks for 350,000 people in our industry."

Oakes Asks for Aid to Give 30,000 Strikers "KO Punch"

A first-hand report from one of the leaders of the International Harvester strike spurred UE Local 301 stewards to pledge Monday an all-out effort to obtain badly-needed financial support for the 30,000 men and women out on the picket lines.

The report was made by Grant Oakes, former President of the Farm Equipment Workers union and now a UE leader in the Harvester chain. Oakes told of the brutal attacks on the union by the press, the police and the company. He pointed to the arrest and frame-up murder indictment against one of the strike leaders, Harold Ward, as an example of the lengths to which the company is willing to go to break the strike.

However, the farm equipment chain leaders asserted that there was no question of the complete unity of the Harvester strikers, who were forced out by company attempts to cut wages by 50c and more an hour. He described the complete failure of company-directed "back to work" movements as evidence of this solidarity.

Oakes said that the strike would be won if the membership of UE across the country "provided the knockout punch." He made it clear that this "knockout punch" could come only in the form of funds to provide just the minimal emergency needs of the strikers, none of whom will receive any unemployment insurance.

Oakes also said that GE and the other big corporations were watching the Harvester strike closely. "You can be sure that if International Harvester gets away with its wage cutting policies, the same thing will be tried by your company next year," he asserted.

Czaban Aid Nets \$547

Ticket sales by the union to aid Danny Czaban, 18-year-old paralyzed son of a union member, netted \$547, Activities Committee Chairman O. B. Phillips reported to the stewards Monday night.

Stewards Vote to Back Drive Against Diabetes

UE Local 301 stewards voted Monday to support the diabetes detection drive to be staged in Schenectady from Nov. 16-22.

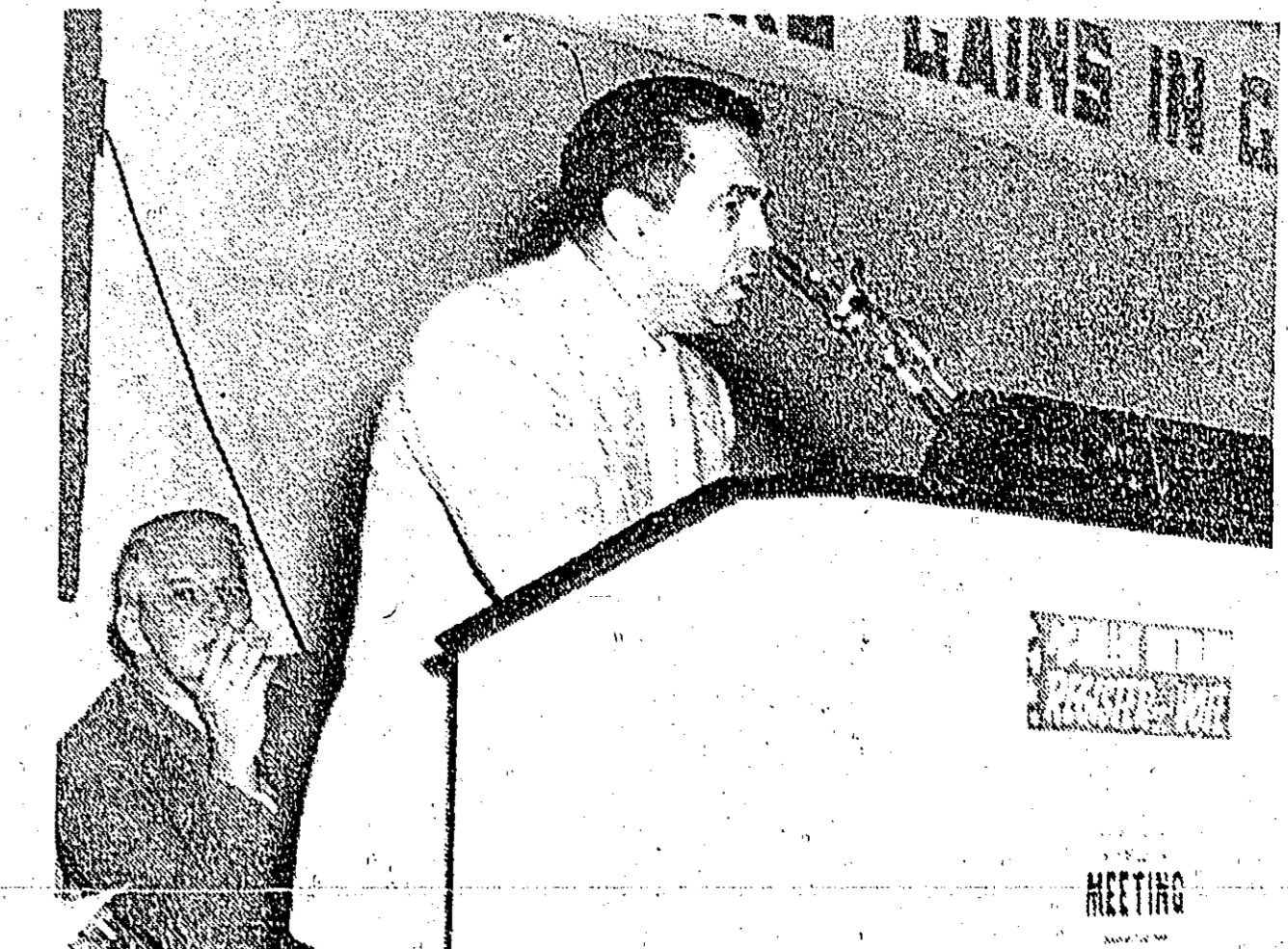
The vote came following a report on the drive by Dr. Joseph Cortesi, one of the physicians leading the campaign aimed at discovering the disease in persons who have it without their knowledge. The doctor estimated that there were one million such persons in the U. S.

He stressed that the campaign was a voluntary one and that all reports would be kept strictly confidential so that no one would risk losing his or her job by submitting to diabetes tests. On the contrary, Dr. Cortesi asserted that discovery of diabetes in time could save many people their jobs.

"At all times, the steward must know the contract under which the union operates with the company," Jandreau said. He added: "When the company violates the contract, it's a steward's job to make sure that that violation is stopped. At the same time, the steward must not allow any violations of contract by the men and women he represents."

The business agent cited a recent case in which a group refused to share overtime with some workers temporarily transferred from

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THE DOCTOR EXPLAINS. Dr. Joseph Cortesi tells this week's Stewards Council meeting about the forthcoming diabetes detection campaign. Listening is Grant Oakes, who earlier had reported on the Harvester strike.

Mine Cut Shows WSB Aids Bosses

Any illusions about the role of the Wage Stabilization Board as anything but an agency of the big corporations disappeared this week when the wage freeze crew clipped 40c of the \$1.50 daily wage boost negotiated by the union for 350,000 soft coal miners.

The miners reacted to the slash by putting down their tools and making it clear that they would work under the contract they achieved through free collective bargaining with management, and not under any government order robbing them of the gains won in that pact.

Mine leader John L. Lewis pointed out that the 40c a day would just about supply the average mine family with milk for its kids. "The mine workers will fight to protect the milk supply of their families," Lewis asserted.

Lewis also charged that both public and industry members of the board were representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers. The Lewis statement came after the miners' spontaneously left the pits to protest the WSB "steal."

Clipped for \$200

The mayor of Richmond, Ind. has appeared on the Harvester picket lines there, not in order to help his fellow citizens on strike against wage cuts, but as an agent of the company urging people to become scabs.

Stewards

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another division where a lack of work situation prevailed. He pointed out that it was the steward's job in a case like that to point out that the contract provided plantwide seniority protections, and provisions for sharing overtime which had been won through a hard fight of all workers. These provisions protected everyone against the old favoritism under which a worker or a group would have to indulge in "apple-polishing" in order to get overtime. Jandreau pointed out:

"No group has the right to endanger these protections, and the steward, as a representative of our union, must see to it that this is fully understood. If he or she can't do it alone, then the union office should be called in to help."

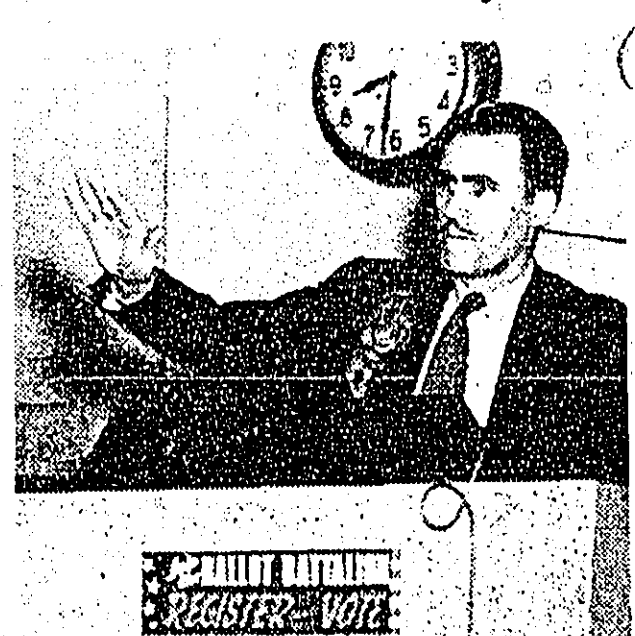
Blast Move to Deport Matles As Vicious Attack on Union

An attempt by the Justice Department to pave the way for deportation of UE Director of Organization James Matles was reported to a shocked stewards council on Monday.

The report was made by Business Agent Leo Jandreau who revealed that a letter had come to Matles' New York home while the organizational director was in Chicago aiding the Harvester strikers. This letter demanded that the UE leader report for an immigration hearing. Investigation by his wife and the UE office revealed that Attorney General James McGranery planned to try to deprive Matles of his citizenship, preparatory to deporting him.

Matles has been an American citizen for the past 18 years, taking out his final papers as soon as it was legally possible. During World War II, he served as a member of the U. S. armed forces.

Throughout his adult life, Jim Matles, who is now 43, has fought in the interests of the American working people. He was one of the organizers of UE, and has led in many fights to improve living standards. His constant struggle has earned him the hatred of the



big corporations, who are now using the government in an attempt to deprive our union of his services.

Following the report to the stewards, the local officers wired the attorney general in Washington demanding that he immediately halt the persecution of an active union leader. The wire made it clear that the action against Matles could only be considered as an attack on our entire union.

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.

vision has taken the position that it must avoid errors to hold business. In line with this, the group has repeatedly asked supervision to correct and improve conditions on the job. Instead of taking such action, supervision has seen fit to make an issue over errors resulting from their failure to correct procedures.

Bldg. 81: C. Hall was given a \$1.21 starting rate based on her previous earnings in the cable section. However, this is a completely unfair basis on which to peg her rate because of the general conditions—including prices and inadequate break-in periods—in this section. Her average earnings for the year were approximately \$1.43, and this together with her 10 years of experience and her performance on the present job justifies a starting rate of at least \$1.40. The union demands this rate.

Bldg. 269: The union demands a change in the barrel plating job from day work to piece work and

further demands that Louis Gentile and Pat Marotta be kept on the job pending disposition of this docket.

Bldg. 269: Jennie Amoroso was recently transferred from Control to Tube. When she was interviewed for the transfer, she requested a day work job and was told that none was available, but she would be given the first opening because of her long service. On this basis she accepted a piece work job. However when a day work job did open up, it was given to another worker who, although she has only two years of service, has repeatedly been given preferential treatment in job opportunities. The union demands that the complainant be given a day work job and that the discriminatory practices prevailing in 269 be stopped.

The 1st shift mechanical inspectors are protesting the manner in which supervision is upgrading and distributing overtime. Recent apprentice graduates are being much better treated than more highly qualified workers with long seniority. Inspector trainees are being used for Saturday work while regular inspectors are not called in. This is outright discrimination and the union demands a more equitable system both in upgrading and in distribution of overtime.

Knolles John Horvack is classified as a B tool maker. He is 1942 apprentice graduate with 10 years as a B tool maker. His present work is strictly in the A category. The union demands upgrading to A with proper rate adjustment.

Bldg. 273: G. Doyle requests upgrading to group leader-assembler orator with proper rate for this job. His duties definitely entitles him to this classification.

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Raiders Use Phony Letters in Trenton

The depths to which raiders will stoop in their desperate attempts to defeat UE were fully revealed in last week's NLRB election for the Trenton Westinghouse plant.

Both the IUE-CIO and the IBEW-AFL, the same union that tried to strikebreak in the Rome General Cable strike, were involved in the raid. On the eve of the vote, more than 300 UE members received letters, supposedly from their union headquarters. These letters allegedly invited the people to join the Communist Party because of their faithful adherence to the UE line.

Naturally the workers immediately reported the obviously phony letters to UE headquarters. The union then notified the FBI, and demanded that it investigate this clear case of use of the mails to defraud.

Strangely enough the FBI, usually so successful in its detective efforts, has been unable to trace the source of these 300 letters. But the important thing was that none of the workers were fooled by the trickery.

The final election count was UE 293; IUE-CIO 136, and the IBEW-AFL 117.

Post Smears of UE Follow Line of Big Corporations

Last week's smear of UE by the Saturday Evening Post was the third attack on the union by the labor-hating big business weekly. All three have been obviously designed to serve the needs of the large corporations.

The first was written in 1939. Interestingly enough, at the time James Carey, then a leader of UE, was one of the big "subversives" to the Post. He was described as the "Charlie McCarthy of . . . the communist 'faction'."

But by 1947, when Carey was giving the job of GE and Westinghouse in splitting the workers in the electrical industry, he had become the big hero to the Post editors. Carey was credited with being the man who single-handedly built UE.

When the 1947 article appeared, James Matles, UE Director of Organization, challenged the Saturday Evening Post to present the union side of the story and submitted an article for publication in the magazine. But the editors weren't interested in facts.

Swear in 13 Men As Shop Stewards

Thirteen persons took the oath of office as shop stewards at Monday's meeting of the UE Local 301 stewards council.

Of the 13, five will function as stewards on the second shift. They are Manuel Fernandez, Bldg. 10; Dennis Mias, 60; Henry Plowde, 273; Albert K. Taylor, 49; and Julius Weissman, 273.

The others took the oath to serve as committeemen for first and third shift workers. They are Charles Dammberg, Bldg. 13; Richard Flis, 57; Merrill Jennings, 49; T. E. Kopyczynski, 273; Bernard Martin, 269; Thomas Meakisz, 273; Bob Penman, 66; and Mike Potente, 60.



STEWARDS PLEDGE. Newly elected shop stewards take the oath of office at Monday's Stewards Council meeting. The stewards join the

Nominations for Next Year's Officers Slated for Nov. 3

Nomination of officers to lead the union in the coming year will be made at the November 3 membership meeting. This meeting will also select a 25-member elections committee

UN Marks Seventh Year Of Its Existence Today

Today is the seventh birthday of the United Nations. On October 24, 1945, the nations which had just completed the job of defeating the fascist powers in World War II formally formed the organization which was designed to end the threat of war in our time.

The United States played an important role in bringing the international organization into existence. Franklin D. Roosevelt was one of the principal architects of the UN, although he died just a few weeks before the San Francisco Conference at which the final plans for the establishment of the United Nations were made.

Despite seven years of international tension and actual conflict, the UN still represents a great potential force for world peace. Through its General Assembly and Security Council, the nations of the world have a forum to air their differences without resorting to warfare.

The United Nations specialized agencies also contribute to the cause of eventual peace through their social and welfare work, and through their efforts to promote greater understanding between nations.

The road to world peace still looms as a long and hard one, but the very existence of the United Nations testifies to the fact that peace can be won for the peoples of the world who so strongly desire it.

to supervise the running of the democratic, secret-ballot elections in which the officers of UE Local 301 will be chosen.

The nominations to be made will be for the seven officers, three trustees, a sergeant-at-arms and a guide. Only members in good standing at the time of the meeting will be eligible to either make nominations or be nominated themselves. Similarly, only members in good standing for this meeting will be able to vote in the December elections.

The offices at stake are the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Shop Steward, Business Agent, Sergeant-at-Arms and Guide. No one is eligible to run for more than one office.

The 25-member elections committee shall be elected from the persons nominated from the floor at the meeting. Candidates for office are not eligible to serve on the committee.

While the elections committee will supervise the elections, the actual voting will be on machines belonging to the City elections authorities. This means a considerable extra expense to the union, but is done in order to insure a completely democratic vote. This is in accord with both local policy and UE national policy, under which the members run the union free from all boss control.



more than 600 men and women who lead the union in its everyday shop efforts. On the left are the new second shift committeemen, and on the right the new first and third shift stewards.