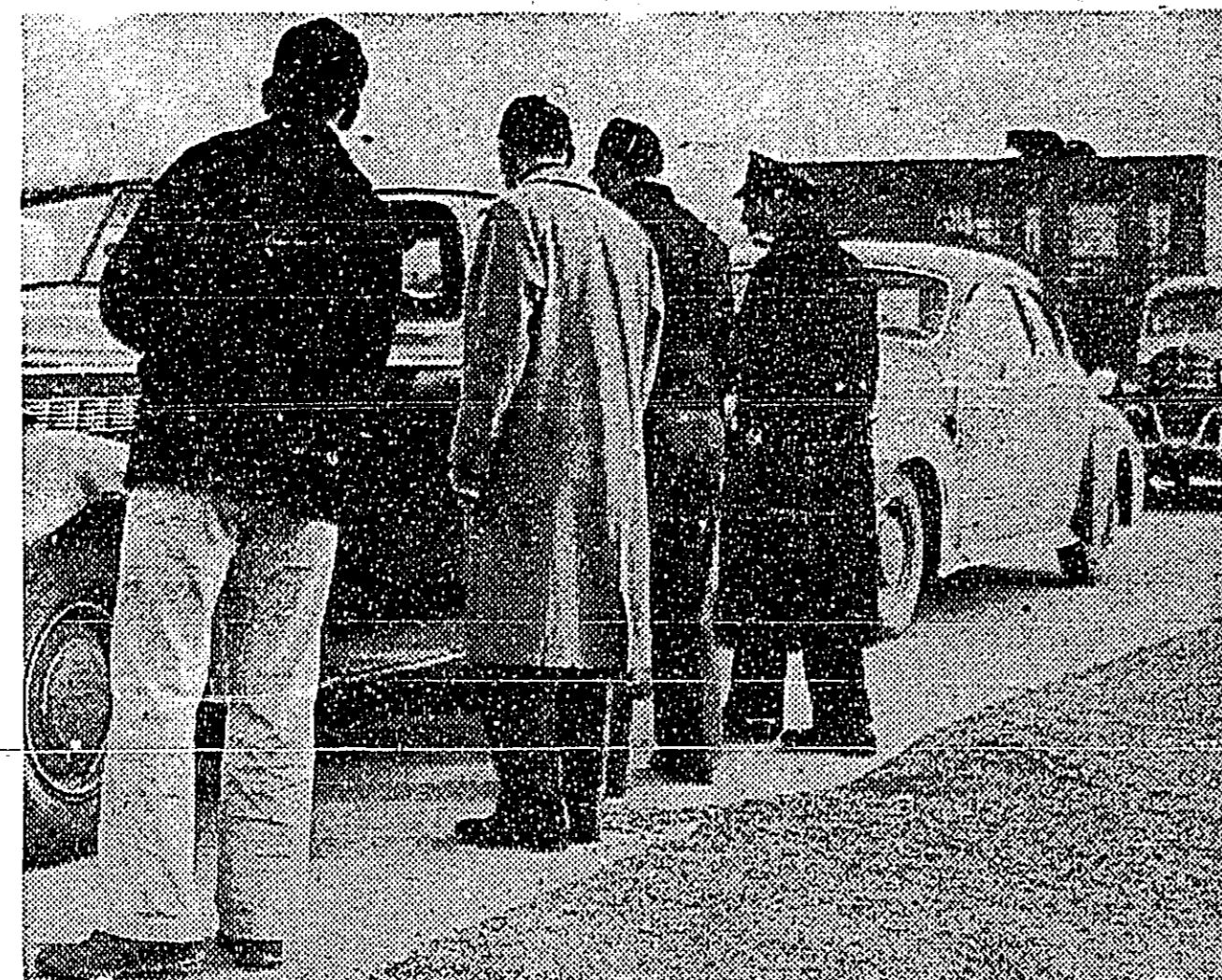




UNION INSPECTORS and company guards jointly checked the identification of all salaried workers during the past week, to make sure that only those outside the striking unit entered. An office worker above shows his badge to Gabriel Martino, of Bldg. 60, and to a company guard.



LINES OF CARS had to stop at the North Road gate during the past week, to let union inspectors verify the identification of the riders as non-production workers entitled to go into the plant. Alongside a company guard in uniform stand three UE inspectors.

Victory Parade Opens PAC

Local 301's general PAC program, adopted as a result of strike experiences, was launched physically on a year-round basis last night, when the Thirteenth Ward UE headquarters were opened at Schenectady and Strong Streets.

Other ward headquarters have been found for the Second Ward, at 1851 Foster Avenue, and the Tenth Ward, at 2337 Turner Avenue. The plan is to open headquarters and form committees promptly in all wards.

The opening last night came after the strikers' colorful auto torchlight parade, which had been planned as a means of rallying community support for the strike, but turned into a victory celebration.

William Kelly, vice-president of Local 301, pointed out that the ward headquarters and organizations would be "a physical and practical means of carrying on community action." He said that the union had planned to use the centers to rally increased strike support in the neighborhoods, and that it would use them immediately to mobilize the people for the maintenance of price control.

Organization of Clerical Imperative

(Continued from Page One) steps of the factory workers, and the office workers in Pittsfield, Lynn, Bridgeport, Erie, and other GE plants. The latter office workers have won such additional benefits as clear-cut job classifications, automatic step-ups within the salary ranges for these jobs, security, etc.

The union and organizing committee are appealing to all the salaried workers, and are concentrating immediately on the production clerical, shop clerical, and payroll groups. When a majority is achieved in any group, a Labor Board election will be requested in order to be able to represent that group in collective bargaining immediately.

Five new picket captains were sworn in by Chairman William Mastriani during the last weeks of the strike. They are Gino Gizzio, Bldg. 68; Julius Weissman, Bldg. 60; Anthony Tabano, Bldg. 52; Sam De Cesare, Campbell Avenue plant; and Clara Benoyer, Bldg. 269.

Independents Canvass Scotia

A house-to-house canvass in support of Independent candidates for village trustees of Scotia, in the election next Tuesday, has been organized by the Steering Committee of the Independent Citizens' group, consisting mainly of UE members living in the village. Kenneth Sheehan, UE committeeman, is chairman of the steering committee. Joseph Thomason, another UE committeeman, is the organizing secretary.

Leaflets in support of John Randall and John Beuchler, the Independent candidates, are being distributed in the canvass.

Formation of the Independent move developed because of the decision of the Republicans to support for re-election Joseph Homer, who crashed the picket lines.

Transport Workers Backed Us — Let's Back Them

Merchants Give Milk, Baked Goods

The small merchants of Schenectady kept up their donations to the strike kitchen to the end. Beginning last Saturday, Ralph Marra, grocer at 965 Strong Street, began a daily donation of two cases of milk daily. During the week there were gifts of doughnuts and other pastries from the Mohawk Valley Bakery and Mohican Market. And again a farmer, a Mr. De Cerbo of Hoffman's Corner, came through with a load of eggs. He is one of many who have donated.

Louis E. Benedict, president of Local 159, Transport Workers' Union CIO, yesterday greeted the victory of the UE in the strike, and called the attention of the strikers to the fact that the membership of his union was about to meet and set a time limit for action on the bus drivers' demands. He said due notice would be given the public before a strike was called.

The bus drivers are seeking a 30 per cent wage increase, a pension and disability plan, and better working conditions, particularly the correction of the bad overloading of buses.

The Transport Workers' Union has been outstanding in its support of the GE strikers. The bus drivers need their raise just like our own members. They are entitled to all support from GE workers and the community.

Support Raise for Teachers

The strike committee on Wednesday rallied to the support of Schenectady public school teachers seeking a raise, and adopted unanimously a resolution calling upon the Board of Education to grant the requested raises.

The resolution then was ordered sent to the Schenectady Federation of Teachers as well as to the school board.

DANCE SCHEDULE
Announced by
JOINT CIO RECREATION COMMITTEE
All at **REDMEN'S HALL**
Liberty and Ferry Streets

Monday, March 18, 9 p.m. Round and Square Dancing. Anthony Mareno's Orchestra.

Monday, March 25, 9 p.m. Carman Lawrence's Orchestra.

Thursday, March 28, 9 p.m. Earl Strickland's Orchestra.

Free to CIO members and families.



PERMANENT ORGANIZATION of the wives of CIO members was a by-product of the strike. Wives of GE and Alco strikers joined to help build strike support and fight for maintenance of price control. Mrs. Sally Lohk, (center) wife of Tony Lohk, of Building 73, has been elected chairman of the organization. Mrs. Genevieve Winarski, wife of John Winarski, Alco striker, at the left, is the co-chairman. At the right is Mrs. Evelyn Judway, recording secretary. She is the wife of George Judway, UE committeeman in Bldg. 18 of GE. The wives now meet every other Friday at the UE hall. As one of their first undertakings they are circulating petitions addressed to Congressman Bernard Kearney, asking him to work and vote for price control.

UNION SPEEDS SHIFT TO POLITICAL ACTION

Office Workers Are Organizing

Office workers generally, and particularly those working in close association with the production workers in the shop, are showing greatly increased respect for the union and interest in joining, according to reports from the union committeeman back in the shop.

Application cards have been coming in large numbers. Local 301 leaders who have followed up the matter have had no difficulty signing up shop clerical workers. They are the most natural group to be the first organized for bargaining purposes, because they know from immediate association what the union has done for the production workers.

It is up to ALL production members to talk to the clerical workers whom they see on the job, and get them to sign UE application cards. Events in the strike made it clear that we must organize the office and salaried workers, both for their own protection and for the strength of the production workers' union.

National UE-GE Negotiations

Negotiations for a new national agreement with General Electric are expected to start about the middle of April, after all the GE locals have acted on the various proposals, Business Agent Leo Jandreau said yesterday.

Jandreau is a member of the national committee named by the GE Conference Board of the UE to sift the proposals sent in by the GE locals. The committee has completed its job, and its recommendations soon will be sent to the locals all over the country for action.

A special membership meeting of Local 301 to act on the recommendations probably will be called early in April, and similar meetings will be held by the other 44 plants.

Machine Lead Cut In Scotia

Uneasy rests the head that wears a crown, is an old saying of the days before the people had put most of the kings of the world into the political ashcan. As one Scotia member of Local 301 put it, 'King' Joseph Homer, the newly re-elected trustee of the Village of Scotia "is wearing a crown of thorns."

It certainly took everything the political machine of Bill Dunn, Homer and Company could muster to put King Joe back on his village throne. Scotia residents report that the bear flowed freely in the village bars, with Joe ordering round after round, while his buddies hustled the happy 'faithful' off to the polls.

Still, the machine almost failed to click. A shift of a mere 130 votes would have elected John Randall, the Independent Citizens and Democratic candidate. That really was a close shave, the closest for the machine in a long, long time.

A total of 2,971 votes were cast, the largest in many years. Of these Homer received 1,165 and Randall 906. G. A. Snover, the other Republican candidate, received 1209 votes and John Beuchler, the Democratic and Independent candidate received 861.

The closeness of the vote and the high interest of the voters tell an important story. The machine will have to step fast to maintain their grip on village affairs. The people are catching on to them — and catching up with them. Without much organization and with very little time to carry on an educational campaign, the independent citizens of the village, union members, white collar workers, small business men and other supporters of progressive local government, almost did the trick. Next time they'll do it.

Most revealing of all, is the vote in Joe Homer's own district, the 13th. The 1945 enrollment, 13th district: Republican 194
Democratic 51
American Labor Party 6
Not enrolled 24
Total 275
The vote yesterday in the 13th district:
Beuchler, (Dem., and Independent) 166
Randall (Dem. and Independent) 142
Snover (Repub.) 142
Homer (Repub.) 137
Here, in his own district, Joe Homer was defeated. This seems to show that the closer the people get to these machine candidates, and the better they are understood, the less chance they have of being elected.
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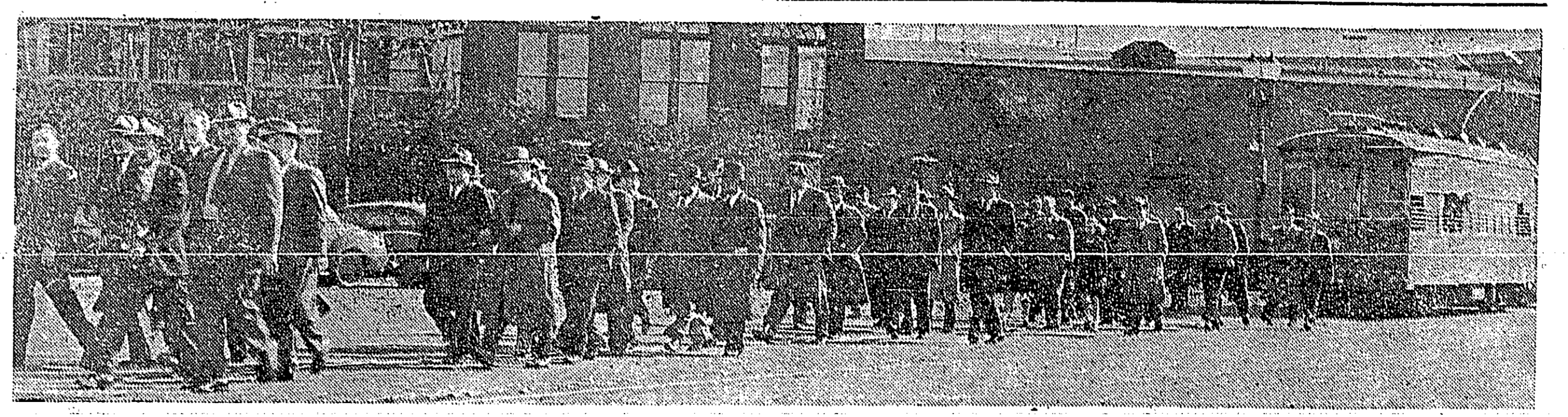
CIO Broadcast To Continue

Local 301's radio program, conducted on WSNY by Milo Lathrop, educational director, who built up a large audience with his discussion of strike issues and the many related issues, is being continued for the present, pending a decision by the local as to its permanent form.

Members of the union, and the community generally, on the union's political action program and on the negotiations for a new GE contract. The radio program brings such news daily.

There will be an announcement later as to how the program will be conducted in the future.

Listen to the CIO Program WSNY (1240 on your dial) MONDAY through FRIDAY at 7:15 P. M.



A HISTORIC TROLLEY CAR writes "finis" to one of the biggest chapters in the history of Schenectady. As the final act of the strike here, over one thousand strikers went from the membership meeting at the Armory Saturday afternoon, after voting to accept the agreement, to the main gate to escort the street car from the gate where it had stood during the strike to the McClellan Street barns of the Schenectady Railway Co. Louis A. Benedict, president of Transport Workers' Union Local 159, drove the car. Many erstwhile pickets, who had gotten temporary warmth in the car on sub-zero days on the picket line, got aboard for the last ride. Several hundred strikers escorted it as far as Crescent park, and traffic was tied up for a while on State Street during the march. The picture shows the strikers leading the street car up Washington Avenue from the main gate. This will probably prove to be the last time that a street car ran on the streets of Schenectady.

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Short Topics

A move to launch a Veterans' Council of Schenectady, to coordinate the work of veterans' committees in all unions, AFL as well as CIO, was voted at the meeting of Local 301 veterans last Friday night. The Local 301 veterans' committee will approach other unions on the plan.

The veterans' meeting also adopted a resolution condemning talk of a military alliance, and calling for the submission of any dispute among countries to the United Nations Organization.

The 301 group decided to meet jointly with the veterans of Local 2054, Steelworkers, once a month.

John Polak, chairman of the strike welfare committee, announces that the committee will continue to operate to take up special hardship cases arising out of the strike, at least until April 1. The committee will be available late in the afternoon and early evening, in the back of the union hall. Lillian Bliss and Polak will divide the assignment. If a member does not find a member of the committee, he can inquire of the union front office.

The UE-CIO won another victory over the union-busting injunction method last week, in Newark, N. J., when a jury in Chancery Court failed to convict five Westinghouse Elec-

tric Corporation strikers who were accused of contempt of court.

The community support which was an outstanding feature of the GE strike here was expressed in a practical way in the last few days of the strike. All final donations to the strike fund were from local fraternal organizations.

There was a \$25 gift from the Hungarian General Benevolent Society. Other contributions were from the Loyal Order of Moose, Schenectady Lodge 251; Schenectady City Lodge 319, Knights of Pythias; and Lodge Mt. Pleasant No. 316, Czechoslovak Society of America.

Acknowledgement is made by Roy E. Lash, chairman of the Army committee in the preparation of the Town Meeting held March 3, of the following who made contributions to the meeting:

The Fabian Theatre, City Parks and Recreation department, Cluett and Sons, William Richards, and Proctor Theatre.

Gordie Randall and his orchestra, Local 85, American Federation of Musicians, AFL, Rotterdam Democratic Club, American Legion Hall, Danish Lodge, Glock Funeral Parlor, Eagles Club, and Schenectady Sports Club (Simon Etkin, Henry Bozzi, and Julius Noguee).



KEEPING THE KITCHEN going at night was one of the big jobs at the union hall. Dependable to the end were Andy Starr and George Joos, photographed on their last night of duty, Friday.

Food Committee Reports Remarkable Achievements

By IRENE PATTERSON
Chairman, Strike Food Committee

Now that the strike is won, it is time to thank the many strikers and wives who gave so generously of their time and effort to operating the various strike kitchens. And probably the strikers will be interested to know how many doughnuts they ate.

They ate 135,000 doughnuts, in addition to 105,000 sandwiches, 33,000 frankfurters and rolls, 3,360 gallons of stock soup, 3,600 gallons of bouil-

lon, 8,400 gallons of coffee, and also the various special dinners, such as roasts, corned beef and cabbage, spaghetti and meat balls, beef stews, and other specialties cooked in the rear kitchen by our noted chef, Jim Pavolci.

More than one-third of the food was contributed by local merchants, farmers in outlying areas, and other citizens.

The members of the food committee who operated the kitchens included C. Billie Rogers, John Boyle, Sadie Iovinella, Frank Etzel, Harmon Cartwright, Walter Mohyde, George Farrell, Murray Swett, and Roger DeFleppo, assisted by Andy Starr, George Joos, H. J. Phillips, and Luke Durrer. A number of strikers' wives assisted the committee.

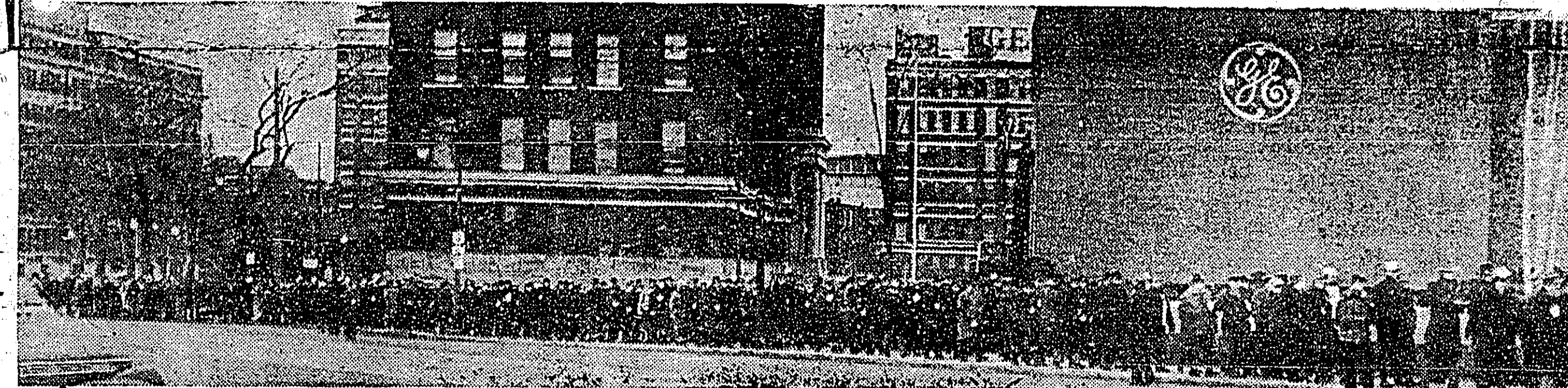
Transport Workers Win Pension

Negotiations and, if necessary, arbitration, will settle the wage dispute of the bus drivers. The Transport Workers' Union, Local 159, called off the strike Monday night after negotiations with the assistance of the State Mediation Board.

The company agreed to an acceptable pension and disability plan, and to negotiate further this week on wages and other issues. If negotiations fail to settle the dispute, an arbitrator to be named by Arthur S. Meyer, chairman of the State Mediation Board, will make a binding decision.

The members voted to accept the proposal and call off the strike. Earlier that day the executive board of UE Local 301 had voted unanimously to authorize the officers of 301 to take any action to assist the bus drivers in winning their demands.

From Picket Lines To Political Action



THE MASS PICKETING activity which was the principal factor in winning the strike and an 18 1/2-cent-an-hour raise was quickly translated into neighborhood political action work when the strike ended. Above is the mass picket line which formed at the main gate on February 26, less than 48 hours after Supreme Court Justice John Alexander granted the injunction intended to break the picket lines. Below is the gathering of 13th ward UE committeemen and other members at the opening of the 13th ward headquarters of the union, at Schenectady and Strong Streets, Thursday of last week. Local 301 Vice-President William Kelly presided over the affair and told of plans to use these headquarters for community action.



Two More Dances At Redmen's Hall

Two more free dances for CIO members next week will wind up the series arranged by the Local 301 Recreation Committee as a part of the round of strike activities. The committee, in cooperation with the recreation committee of Local 2054, Steelworkers, arranged a total of fourteen such free dances.

The dances next week, to be held as usual at Redmen's Hall, Liberty and Ferry Streets, will be on Monday, March 25, and Thursday, March 28. They will start at 9 o'clock. On Monday the Green Lantern orchestra will make a return engagement. On Thursday, Earl Strickland and his orchestra will play.

Orchestra leaders who furnished music during the strike included Pat Formicelli, Fredie Gray, Gordie Randall, Armand Riccio, Carmen Lawrence, Helen Knapik, Joe Hance, Joe Barry, Earl Strickland, Larry Audette, and Phil Lawrence. All the orchestras were furnished through the courtesy of Local 85, American Federation of Musicians, AFL.

The committee thanks the bands and their leaders, and Lawrence McGovern, president of Local 85, for their assistance in the strike.

Government Opens Suit Against GE Company

The trial of the government's anti-trust suit against General Electric over the alleged lamp monopoly opened last week in Federal Court in Trenton, N. J. The government prosecutor declared:

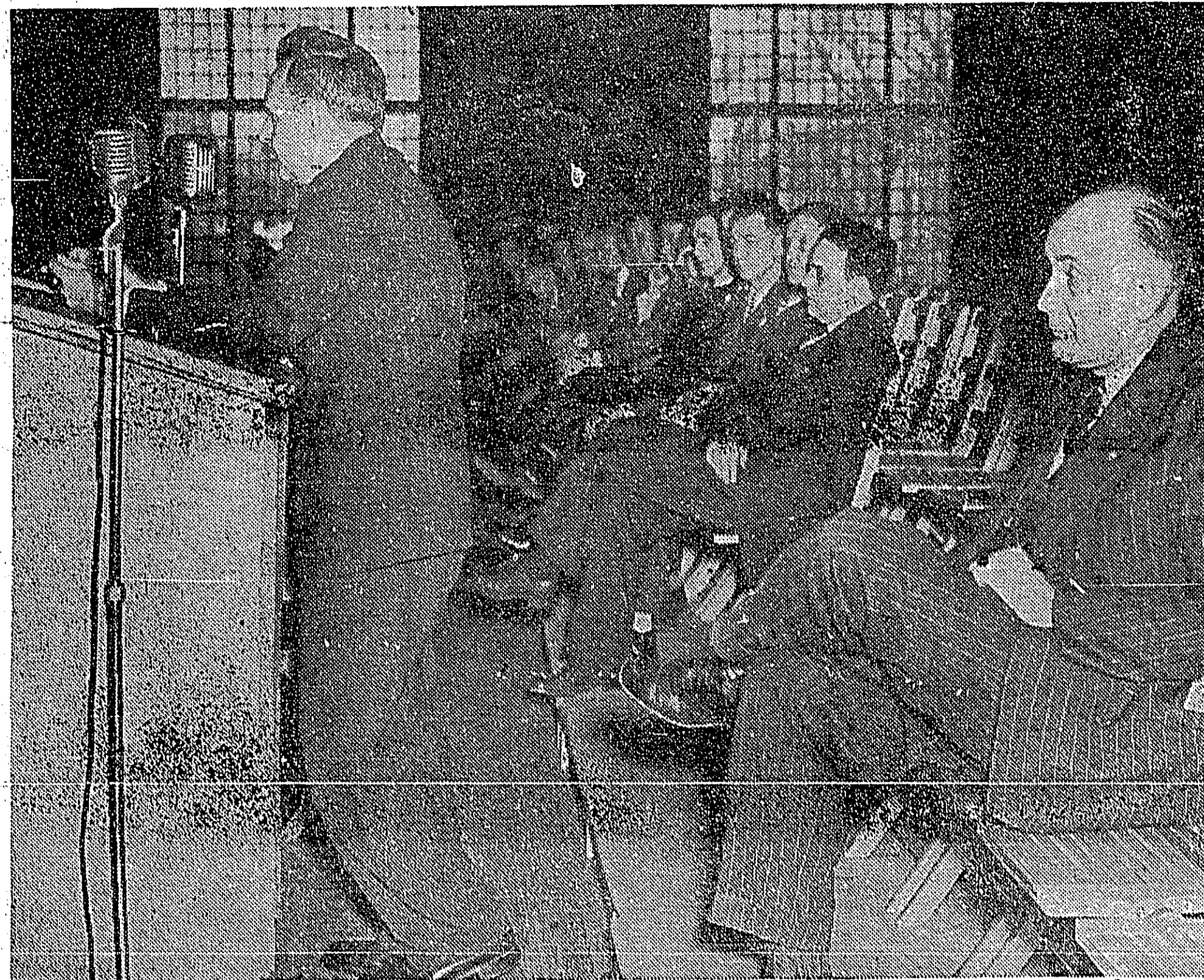
"No case in the history of the

Sherman act has involved a greater and more serious body of charges and activity. The government charges GE with purposefully acquiring and exercising an enveloping monopoly of the incandescent lamp industry. That defendant is charged also with

... supporting this monopoly structure by international cartel arrangements and numerous illegal restraints of trade."

This is another item to keep in mind when someone hands you the old phony about higher wages.

Empsak Addresses Armory Victory Rally



THE STRIKE VICTORY CAME because of the courage and determination of the production workers, Julius Empsak, national secretary-treasurer of the UE, told the special membership meeting Saturday which ratified the strike settlement. He declared that over and above the 18 1/2-cent raise which was won, the big gain was the experience in struggle earned by the strikers, making a strong union. Seated directly behind Empsak is Local 301 President Andrew Peterson, while other board members and union officials are seated in a single row behind Empsak.

PICKETS on night duty or waiting around headquarters broke into cheers Wednesday night, March 13, when Leo Jandreau telephoned from New York that General Electric had offered an 18 1/2-cent raise and that an acceptable strike settlement had been negotiated. Billie Mastriani, picket chairman, was hoisted to strikers' shoulders.



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