

Canadian Delegates Are Barred from U.S.

Immigration officials of the Truman Administration kept most of the Canadian delegates from crossing into the United States to attend the UE convention. No reason was given for refusing entry to them.

The government also has recently barred members of the International Woodworkers, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the Chemical Workers.

Ten Canadian UE members were turned back at the border out of 18 Canadian delegates. C. S. Jackson, UE vicepresident from Canada, was seized by federal agents as he stepped from an airplane at La Guardia Airport Sept. 7. He was arrested and taken to Ellis Island where he was held without bail and without a charge being lodged against him. When it became apparent that habeas corpus proceedings to secure his release would be delayed by a Federal Court judge until the UE convention was over, Jackson dropped the fight temporarily. He was allowed to return to Canada.

Jackson has made many trips to the United States on union business, without challenge.

This year the Canadian delegates had an important report to make to the convention on the growth and gains of the union. For the first time, workers at GE plants in Canada are under a national Canadian GE contract, with a 13-cent an hour wage increase. The increase set the pattern for all Canadian workers for 1948.

Wage Cuts Are Issue In Campbell Strike

For over 7 weeks, 800 UE workers have been on strike at A. S. Campbell Company, East Boston, Mass., to fight a company program of wage cuts.

The company refused to discuss any improvement in conditions unless UE Local 262 agreed to allow the bosses to cut all piece work prices in the shop. The company also demanded complete control over setting piece rates on new work, with the workers having no protection against speed-up. The union refused to make any such agreement.

This is the third time Campbell workers have been forced out on strike by the company. In 1941 they struck when the company refused to negotiate a contract. In 1946 they had to strike to get a decent pay raise.

Ratify West Coast Dock Walkout



San Francisco longshoremen massed outside the capacity-filled Coliseum bowl hear strike call by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO, through loudspeakers. The strike, which came at the expiration of an 80-day Taft-Hartley injunction, involves over 30,000 workers. The Army is doing a strikebreaking job. —Federated Press photo

Balsam Too Popular

Over 1,000 members of Local 301 have asked for Val-Kill Farms Christmas trees.

According to reports made at the Executive Board meeting Monday night, the biggest demand is for balsam. There are not enough balsam trees available, however, to fill all the orders, the union has learned. Rather than give balsam to some and not to others, the union will order only spruce or other varieties.

The union office asked shop stewards this week to contact members who ordered balsam, in case they want to cancel their orders.

HAS EVERYONE IN YOUR SHOP SIGNED THE CHECK-OFF?

Raiders Defeated 2-1 at Anaconda

A six-month campaign by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL, to destroy the UE local at Anaconda Cable and Wire Company, Hastings, N. Y., was defeated by a nearly two-to-one vote of the workers recently.

The workers turned down the IBEW in a Taft-Hartley election by voting 435 for "no union", as against 237 for the AFL raiders. UE Local 404 did not appear on the Taft-Hartley ballot, but campaigned for the "no" vote.

A few days before the election, IBEW goons stormed the UE office and beat up Lou Sardi, UE organizer. Several other UE members were also attacked. The violence was a boomerang as far as the IBEW campaign went. Some former IBEW supporters expressed disgust at such methods and shifted their support to UE.

The recent election was the second time that the Anaconda workers at Hastings rejected IBEW in favor of UE. In 1943, fed up with the failure of IBEW to improve their conditions, the workers voted overwhelmingly to be represented by UE. And despite constant disruption by IBEW, the UE was able to win a 12-cent hourly wage increase for Anaconda in recent months.

GE Asks Inspection In Pensioner's Case

As its latest in fighting the unemployment insurance claim of a pensioner, Frederick Hemboldt, the General Electric Company has asked for a state inspection of Bldg. 19 where Hemboldt did metal spinning. Hemboldt went on a voluntary pension in May at the age of 60 because of bad working conditions. A State Unemployment Insurance Division referee has reserved decision in the case.

Arthur I. Strang, attorney who represented GE at the hearing before the referee, last week asked the referee to have a Labor Department inspector look over the building. Strang said it would be all right for Hemboldt to be present at the inspection.

Marshall Perlin, Local 301 attorney, immediately served notice that he would expect to be present at any such inspection. He said that with advance notice of an inspection it is easy for the company to put on a good front and impress an inspector. The important thing in this case, Perlin declared, is the testimony of Hemboldt and fellow workers about the objectionable conditions.

301 Delegates On Committees

Business Agent Leo Jandreau of 301, a vicepresident of the national UE, was again chairman of the resolutions committee at the UE convention last week in New York City.

President Andrew Peterson was on the constitution committee and Chief Shop Steward William Mastriani served on the credentials committee. Only three delegates from one local could be on committees.

Lobbyist DeLuxe

The highest paid lobbyist in Washington is Purcell L. Smith, representing the National Association of Electric Companies. He gets \$65,000 a year for doing what he can to keep your electric light bills as high as possible. Smith helped kill the four million dollar appropriation for a new TVA steam generator.

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State Checking On GE Pay Day

Local 301 has filed with the State Department of Labor a charge that the General Electric Company would be violating the state labor law if it changes pay days in the manner announced by the company.

The Labor Department has notified Marshall Perlin, 301 attorney, that it is investigating the complaint.

Business Agent Leo Jandreau has been in consultation with the national UE office on this new GE pay day plan and on proposed revision of the continuous process operations schedule. The company claims the changes are necessary because of a Supreme Court decision on overtime pay in an AFL case. Management announced it would make pay days Friday and Monday instead of Thursday and Friday.

The 301 Executive Board was to discuss both proposals Wednesday. Jandreau has informed the company that the court decision required no such change and protested the proposals. The pay day change would be inconvenient for

GE Officer Named To Advise British

The General Electric Company, which tells its own workers to produce more and eat less, will have a voice in deciding what the conditions of British workers will be.

Philip D. Reed, chairman of the Board of GE, heads the four American industrialists named by the United States government to serve on a United States-British Council on Productivity. The establishment of the Council is an outgrowth of the Marshall Plan.

Gains in Wages

Wage gains of \$104,000,000 were recorded during 1948 by UE, and negotiations are now in progress for \$33,000,000 more.

UE Radio Program

The Arthur Gaeth broadcast, sponsored by the national UE, is at 10 p.m. every Monday on WXXW, Albany (850 on your dial).

The workers, he said, and the continuous process operations should not be changed without consultation with the union to guard against any loss in pay.

Evansville Activities Of Hartley Committee

Facts about the reign of terror directed against union members at Evansville, Ind., were reported to the 301 membership and stewards' meeting this week with warnings that the Hartley sub-committee wants to do the same kind of job in Schenectady.

Leo Jandreau, 301 business agent, declared that the House sub-committee made the opening moves of "red-baiting investigation" of 301 last week. He charged that the committee plans to hold hearings in Schenectady next month.

"They're out to destroy this union," he said.

Marshall Perlin, 301 attorney, described the part of the Hartley sub-committee in spreading "anti-Red" hysteria in UE and UAW shops in Evansville, and aiding the employers in their anti-union drives.

Dangerous Pattern

Developments at Evansville show the pattern that may be used in introducing lynch rule, mob violence, vigilantes and terrorism other places, Perlin declared.

After a UE strike at the Bucyrus-Erie Company ended Aug. 31, the Hartley sub-committee went to Evansville to "investigate" the union. Aided by anti-labor newspapers, the "investigators" whipped up a tremendous "Red scare" in the community. They subpoenaed 30 people to appear before them.

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Remember to Register

Registration for the Nov. 2 elections will start next week.

In upstate cities and villages with over 5,000 population voters must register personally, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, Saturday, Oct. 2, and Friday, Oct. 8, and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9. In this section those hours cover Schenectady, Scotia, Albany, Watervliet, Cohoes, Gloversville, Johnstown, Amsterdam, Oneonta, Rensselaer, Troy, Mechanicville and Saratoga Springs.

In towns and all places of less than 5,000 population there is non-personal registration, but it's wise to look at the books yourself to make sure you are listed. Registration in these small places is Oct. 2, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Oct. 9, from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

301 Approves Record of UE Convention

The report by Business Agent Leo Jandreau on the national UE convention held this month in New York City was approved by vote of the 301 membership and stewards' meeting Tuesday night at the union hall.

The members voted after thorough discussion from the floor and by several other

delegates. The vote put Local 301 on record as supporting the national convention actions and resolutions.

There was controversy at the 301 meeting on only three resolutions, the resolution on foreign policy, the resolution opposing the peacetime draft and the resolution on the 1948 presidential election. The 301 membership in separate votes approved the UE convention action on these subjects.

The majority foreign policy resolution called for a foreign aid program to be administered through the United Nations without interference in the political or economic affairs of the countries receiving aid.

Resolution Approved

The majority resolution on the presidential election (printed in full in the EU News Sept. 10) declared that the national UE would not endorse any candidate for president, but would uphold the right of every individual member to support or work for whatever candidate or party he chooses.

Jandreau reported that the Carney-Block faction at the convention "tried to get an endorsement of Truman".

"There are UE officers who are supporting Wallace," he said, "and there are some who are supporting Truman. I don't expect any of them to have the nerve to go out for Dewey, but they have the right to if they want to."

Vice-president William Hodges (Continued on Page 3)



Leo Jandreau

Compensation Awards Made to 301 Members

Workmen's compensation awards granted recently to Local 301 members, against the General Electric Company, include \$420 to Victor Emspak, \$315 to Luigi Gallucci, and \$265 to Joseph Gabriele.

Emspak, who works in Bldg. 16, suffered 50 per cent loss of the use of his right middle finger as the result of an accident Mar. 2. Gallucci, a crane follower, suffered 45 per cent of the loss of the use of his right ring finger in an accident Feb. 16. Gabriele, Bldg. 50, suffered a facial disfigurement.

The Local 301 attorney, Marshall Perlin, who handled these cases, also obtained awards in the following cases:

Stella Bell, Bldg. 285, for a hernia resulting from an injury Jan. 2, \$25.83 a week from Mar. 30 to May 26.

Freda M. Bessette, Bldg. 53, whose leg and ankle were broken Jan. 5, \$26.38 a week for five and a fifth weeks. The case will be on the calendar again for a final award.

Sonora Blakely, Bldg. 28 maintenance worker, for injuries to her right leg, arm and back May 6, \$14.77 a week from July 23 to Aug. 30.

Steven Califano, punch press operator, for injuries to his shoulder, back, foot and heel Mar. 21, \$25 a week from Aug. 2.

Thomas Donato, sand blaster in Bldg. 25, injury to back Mar. 6, \$28 a week from June 7 to July 8 and \$8 for reduced earnings July 8 to Sept. 2 and beyond.

Guy Flatt, Bldg. 105, double hernia suffered July 1, 1947, \$28 a week from June 7, 1948, to Aug. 17, 1948.

Harold Jahoda, Bldg. 46 oiler, for cutting four fingers of left hand June 18, \$28 a week from June 21 to Aug. 2.

Stanley Kilian, Bldg. 57, for accident, Apr. 30, 1942, \$25 a week from May 12, 1948, to Sept. 1, 1948 and beyond.

Louis Palmiere, Bldg. 76, box

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UE Resolution On Raiding

This resolution was adopted overwhelmingly by the national UE convention.

"Since the UE was organized it has fought consistently for its declared objectives of organizing the unorganized by fighting aggressively to improve the conditions of the workers through industrial organization. The CIO was formed for the express purpose of furthering the idea of organizing workers on the basis of one industry and one union.

CIO Unity Essential

"During these 12 years the UE has been one of the most powerful builders of the CIO. It has organized more than a half million workers into an industrial union. Through the experiences gained in this fight for industrial organization and the organization of the unorganized, the UE has been able to lend great strength to CIO in carrying on a struggle to improve its members' wages and conditions and in developing the policies and program of the CIO.

"During this period of organization and consolidation the UE neither asked for nor received any organizational or financial assistance from the CIO. The UE did not seek such direct assistance but clearly gave of its own strength and resources to strengthen other CIO unions and the CIO as a whole.

In turn the UE benefitted from the strength and the unity of the CIO based on the idea of organizing the unorganized and improving wages and conditions. The unity of the CIO and its affiliated unions must be preserved on the basis of these original objectives of organizing

maker, for deep lacerations of right hand last Dec. 24, \$8 a week for reduced earnings from Dec. 25 to Jan. 15.

Victor E. Smith, varnish dipper in Bldg. 40, for severed right wrist, tendon and arteries in accident July 3, \$32 a week from July 5 to Aug. 12.

Peter L. Snare, hernia, Apr. 22, 1946, \$28 from June 22, 1948 to Aug. 31, 1948 and for additional month.

James Vernacchio, welder in Bldg. 60, injured Mar. 15, \$28 a week from June 21 to June 24 and from June 28 to July 6.

Joseph Verrigni, crane follower, Bldg. 60, amputation of right index finger to first joint in accident June 23, \$28 a week from June 23 to July 20.

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP

BY YOMEN



"... AND I PROMISE YOU, AS A TRUE FRIEND OF LABOR..."

the unorganized and fighting for the membership.

"With these considerations in mind, the thirteenth convention of the UE states that the CIO must take steps at once to halt the raiding of one CIO union by another. This convention urges:

Five Steps Necessary

"1. That the CIO condemn the policy of raiding that some unions have adopted. That it direct these unions which are following this policy to discontinue that policy and practice and that such unions be required to report back to the CIO that their policy of raiding has been abandoned.

"2. That the CIO condemns the use by a raiding union of the Taft-Hartley Board and the Taft-Hartley Act and denounces this use of the Taft-Hartley Act and Board as lending support to the continuation of the Taft-Hartley Act rather than helping the organized labor movement in its fight to repeal this employers' law.

"3. That the CIO give no financial support or other assistance to any raiding union until that union stops its practice of raiding.

"4. That the CIO give to the fullest extent possible maximum financial and other support to CIO unions that are raided by other CIO unions.

"5. All CIO staff representatives be directed by CIO not to participate in raiding activities against other CIO unions but to come to the assistance of all CIO unions that may be so raided.

"This convention directs the general officers and general Executive Board to take all steps necessary to protect the integrity of the UE and to defend it against attacks from other CIO unions or from whatever other source such attacks may come."

GE Raises Prices

The General Electric Company this week announced price increases on a number of its home appliances. The average jump on each line was reported as 2.3 per cent to 8.8 per cent.

Articles affected include some refrigerator models, ranges, water heaters and the automatic washer and dryer.

Union Advertisement

The Executive Board voted to take a half-page advertisement in the handbook of the League of Women Voters. The rate is \$75 a page.

ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS

Evansville Activities Of Hartley Committee

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and refused the request of union members to postpone their hearing until David Scribner, UE attorney, could get to Evansville from the UE convention.

Goon squads were organized in the shops, in collusion with employers, to throw out workers who wouldn't testify against their union. The Ku Klux Klan openly fanned the hysteria. Soon there were goon squads all over the city, demanding that people sign affidavits stating that they were anti-Communist, believed in God and attended church regularly. Storekeepers had to sign such affidavits or be boycotted. Workers thrown out of the shops found themselves blacklisted when they applied for jobs in other parts of Indiana.

Helps Employers

The Hartley sub-committee was a big factor in developing this Fascist pattern in Evansville, Perlin pointed out. The "investigators" helped the employers by bringing the phony "Red" issue into prominence and shifting people's attention from the real issue, wages and hours.

Perlin urged the union members to stand up for their constitutional rights.

"You can say to the FBI or Congressional investigators 'You go away' if they try to make you go somewhere without a subpoena or warrant.

"You can insist on being allowed to consult a lawyer."

Jandreau said two armed men were at the Van Curler Hotel last week, questioning and intimidating union members and threatening them with arrest if they didn't talk.

"They didn't say they were FBI men," he said, "but they showed their guns."

Jandreau urged members to stand up for their rights and not appear before anyone unless properly subpoenaed.

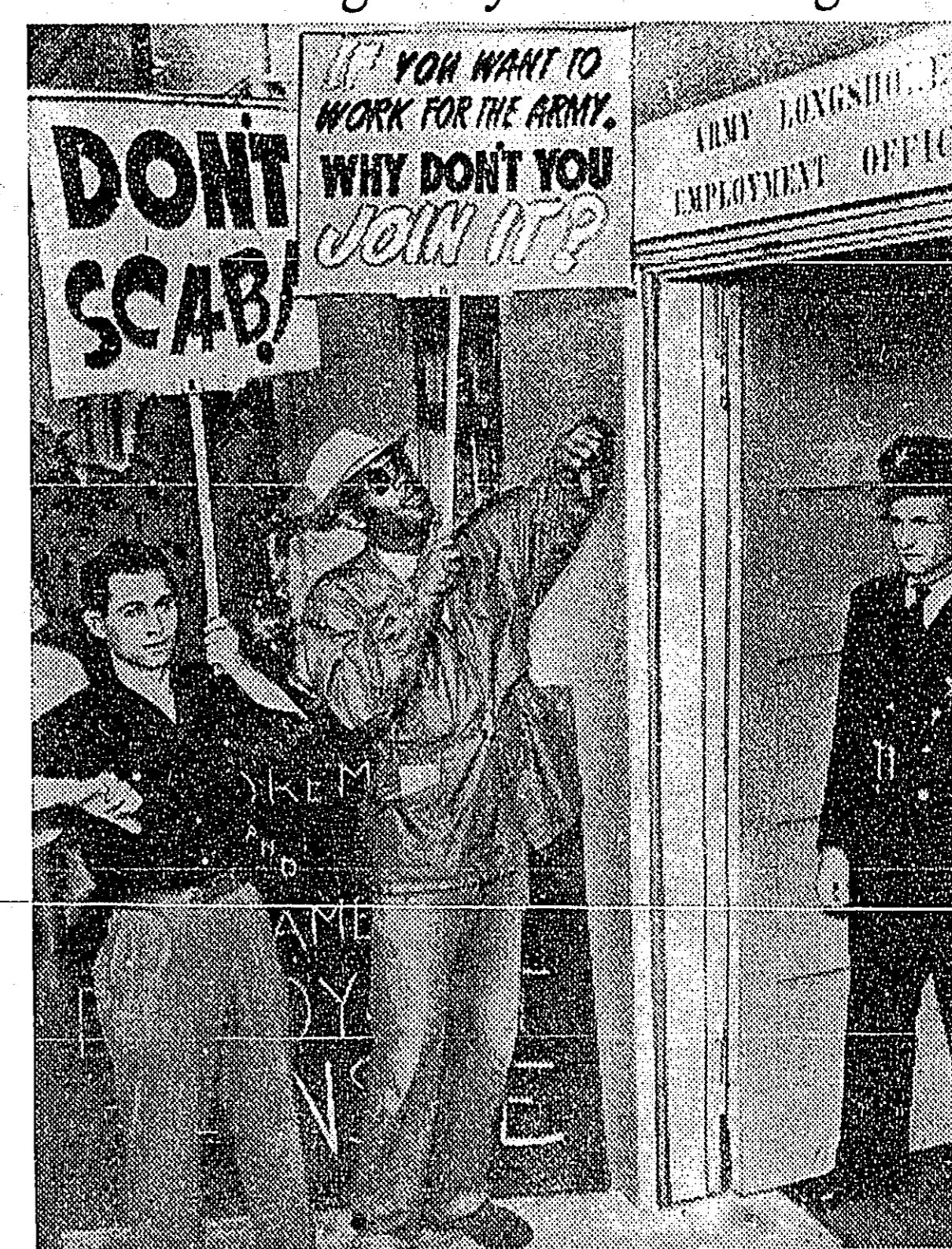
"And they can't send a policeman to get you," he added, "or they'll have a sweet case of false arrest."

Insist on Your Rights

"You don't have to talk to them. You don't have to cooperate with an anti-union outfit. You have some rights in this country yet."

"They'll be here next month," he predicted, "and we ought to be prepared for them. They'll come here right before the nomination of union officers, and right before the Congressional election." UE and Local 301 are special

Protesting Army Scab-Herding



The U. S. Army is staging a new kind of recruiting drive on the west coast, calling for scabs to sign up for strikebreaking service. Striking members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO) picket the Army's San Francisco fink office. (Federated Pictures)

UE Convention Acts Approved

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reported that he had voted for all majority convention resolutions except foreign policy and opposition to the peacetime draft. He defended the operations of the Marshall Plan and declared the draft is necessary and a safeguard against war. Jandreau pointed out that the national CIO, the AFL, leading targets of red-baiting "investigators", Jandreau said.

"They're against us not because we're Red but because we're a union with a consistent record of doing a good job for our membership."

Jandreau said that Sol Vottis, former 301 officer who attacked the union last year before the Thomas Committee, has already been contacted by the Hartley "investigators" and can be expected to testify again against the union.

The 301 meeting voted unanimously to send a message of support to the UE members still fighting to keep their union in the face of the anti-labor campaign at Evansville, and to authorize the Executive Board to send money to them.

educators and many religious groups opposed the peacetime draft.

Hodges declared that "Nobody at the convention came near me to ask me to vote any way on any question."

"I supported the national officers," he said. "I feel they have done a good job. I can differ with them sometimes on policy, but that's democracy."

Carey Denounced

Jandreau devoted a considerable part of his report to the convention's action in denouncing James Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer and former UE president, for his attack on the union in testimony before the Hartley sub-committee of the House. (The full text of the convention resolution was printed in the Sept. 17 EU News.)

"Carey went into that anti-labor outfit and practically told employers not to deal with this union," Jandreau charged. "His testimony was a pretty vicious piece of business,—vicious against the membership of the union."

Hodges declared that "Carey has made an ass of himself."

Meeting with Pfief On Rates for Crafts

A Local 301 committee of the skilled crafts, headed by Leo Jandreau, was scheduled to meet here yesterday with George Pfief, of the top GE management, in the dispute over wage rates for the crafts. Joseph Dermody, UE international representative, also was to take part.

The broad joint steering committee of the crafts met yesterday to name the negotiating sub-committee and later to consider the results of the meeting with Pfief.

The crafts have been refusing overtime as a protest against the company's refusal to correct the rates. After Works Manager J. M. Howell flatly refused any wage adjustment, the steering committee called in a federal conciliator, who arranged the meeting with Pfief.

Conference Report

Yesterday's meeting of the steering committee also received a report on the national meeting of GE locals on the craft rate issue, which was held in New York the day after the end of the UE convention. Delegates from 22 GE plants, including all the largest, attended the conference.

The national conference brought agreement in principle that each GE local should independently press for adjustment of craft rates on a local basis, and tie it to a broad program of local negotiations. Such a program would include also the correction of inequities in the lower end of the wage scale (with particular reference to discrimination against women), and the reduction of existing geographical differentials. This program is generally in line with the wage structure proposal started last year by Local 301.

Plan Local Negotiations

The delegates to the conference in New York will bring this proposal back to their locals for action, and seek to develop local negotiations on these and other local demands, such as sick benefits, hospitalization, insurance and pension plans.

Discussion in the conference emphasized that there must be strong membership support for such local bargaining programs, because the company not only is resisting demands for wage adjustments, but is carrying on its own campaign for a speed-up and piece price cuts.

Local 301 was represented at the New York Conference by Jandreau and Board Members James Cognetta and Charles Ferris.