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THERE IS
STRENGTH"

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IUE-CIO WINS 9-CENTS HOURLY RAISE

Last Sunday there came out of Washington the official Bureau of Labor Statistics figures on the cost of living. The announcement of these figures for the period ending March 15, 1951 meant a nine-cent an hour wage increase for 65,000 GE workers under IUE-CIO contract.

The IUE-CIO contract with GE contains an escalator clause, which provides for an increase as of March 15, based on cost of living figures for the six months from September 15, 1950 to March 15, 1951.

All the other GE workers, including the 35,000 under UE-GE agreement, stand a chance of getting the nine cent increase, even though the wage freeze is in affect.

According to government rules, no general wage increases may be granted above 10 per cent of the average wage in the plant in January, 1950. This ruling would have limited GE workers to a four or five-cent per hour increase. But since the government was forced to allow cost of living raises, and since IUE-CIO had the foresight to write such a clause into its contract with GE, GE workers under IUE-CIO contract get a nine-cent per hour increase, retroactive to March 15.

IUE-CIO, at its last GE Conference Board meeting, pledged itself to try to win the cost of living increase for ALL GE workers. GE workers under IUE-CIO contract will receive the increase automatically, but in the case of other GE workers, including those in Schenectady under UE contract, the interested parties will have to petition the Wage Stabilization Board and request that the board grant the company the right to grant such an increase.

IUE-CIO has had a constant battle since last September to win this increase. First of all, it was written into the contract in the face of violent company opposition. Then, when the wage freeze was put into affect, it appeared that cost of living clauses would be declared illegal. Through the combined efforts of all the bona fide labor unions, the government was forced to

allow cost of living increases, if they were provided for in union contracts. The General Electric Co. and Defense Mobilizer Charles Wilson fought this move viciously, but labor won out. Another union in the GE chain, the UE, also fought escalator clauses, using the same propaganda that the company used.

Despite all this opposition, IUE-CIO safeguarded its contract, and through that contract has won a substantial increase for GE workers.

WHAT HAPPENED IN OAKLAND, CAL.

A five-and-a-half-month strike by UE Local 1412 at the GE Transformer Plant in Oakland, California, has been settled.

The Daily Worker claimed the settlement was a real victory for the union, and, of course, so did UE.

The strike was called in protest against a new incentive plan which the company had installed. UE claimed the system was both a speedup and a cut in pay. Surprisingly enough, the very same system rejected by UE in Oakland was accepted in another GE plant in San Jose, only 50 miles away.

During the course of the strike, UE put out an advertisement in Oakland newspapers calling for a boycott of all GE products.

Then, after five and a half months, the General Electric Co. announced that it was closing the Transformer Works at Oakland. Less than two weeks later, UE settled with GE. And the strikers went back to work. UE accepted the same offer management had made repeatedly during the strike.

UE had claimed that management was offering a pay cut to the employees during that time. And that's exactly what the employees got - thanks to UE.

SHOP TALK

Rumors are flying about the most recent meeting of the UE Executive Board. One Board member told us this much about the meeting. David Scribner, UE's lawyer, was present, and had some instructions for the Board. He told them that they could answer all questions asked when the Congressional Committee comes to investigate Communism in Schenectady, EXCEPT one. Scribner instructed them to refuse to answer the \$64 dollar question: "Are you or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

Now why should the UE instruct its officers and Board members in such fashion? Why should any true American refuse to answer that question?

Last Saturday one of the welders from 273 saw a worker from Knolls 2, a member of IUE-CIO. He went up to the IUE-CIO man and said he wanted to thank IUE-CIO for getting him his raise.

The Atomic Workers Local, IUE-CIO, just won a grievance by which all the welders at the Knolls will receive substantial increases, retroactive to Feb. 15. Because IUE-CIO won this grievance at the Knolls, quite a few welders in the main plant will receive increases, too, just as many did when IUE-CIO won the skilled trade adjustment for welders.

Maybe UE can't win that kind of grievance, but IUE-CIO can!

We've been told that there is one big difference between a foreman and a UE steward. It seems that the foreman is the one who issues orders, and the UE steward is the one who sees that they are fulfilled.

Some outstanding exceptions to this general rule exist, we are sure, but they haven't as yet been brought to the attention of this column.

STOP AND SEE THE NEW IUE-CIO HEADQUARTERS AT 202 CLINTON STREET

WHERE HAS GE WORKERS' DUES GONE?

On last Sunday's television show, one of the speakers pointed out that GE workers in Schenectady have given UE over two and a half million dollars in dues during the years that that organization has held bargaining rights in this plant.

This is a minimum figure. If the whole truth were known, the amount would probably go far above three million dollars. For if UE has had an average of 10,000 members during the 14 years it has held control, with each member paying \$1.50 dues, the amount would be over two and a half million dollars. UE claims to have had many more than 10,000 members, and now the members are paying two dollars a month dues, so the amount must be even more than that.

But the point is this: UE has misused the members' dues. In 14 long years, the organization hasn't even built a decent union hall. Instead money has been spent paying rent for a place that certainly does no credit to the members.

According to UE's own financial statements, the dues money is spent on salaries and lost time. In the first three months of 1951, UE Local 301 spent of \$25,000 in salaries and lost time alone. Who is on the payroll for UE? Who collects over \$3,500 in salaries each month? Why is it that lost time amounts to as high as \$6,000 in one month?

There seems to be just one explanation for such mismanagement. UE has built a political machine within the plant. Stewards and Board members roam the plant not handling grievances, but intimidating the workers.

That's how the money has been spent. It cost two and a half million dollars to build a political machine to keep UE in control in Schenectady.

But locals throughout the country, many of them much smaller than the local here, have built union halls which are a credit to the members. They are real homes where the members feel proud to take their families.

IUE-CIO Local 801 in Dayton, Ohio, a local about the size of the local here, has built such a union hall. It is a hall that does credit to the city of Dayton, and is an inspiration to every working man in that city.

When IUE-CIO wins the election here in Schenectady, building such a union hall can become one of the first goals of the local.

CHALLENGE TO UE

IUE-CIO was challenged to a bet in a recent issue of UE's newspaper. This organization isn't accustomed to betting - it isn't the best way to use the members' dues.

But IUE-CIO issues this challenge to UE. James B. Carey, IUE-CCIO's president, is ready to face ANY representative of UE in a half hour debate on television. The purpose of the debate will be to clarify all of the issues confronting GE workers in Schenectady. Each speaker will be allowed 10 minutes to present his views, and each will have four minutes for rebuttal. A studio announcer will be engaged to moderate the telecast, and introduce the speakers.

The cost of such a telecast will not be great, and should be borne equally by IUE-CIO and UE.

IUE-CIO is not afraid to have GE workers know both sides of the picture.

**IUE-CIO
ON
TELEVISION
12:45, SUNDAY AFTERNOON
APRIL 29
HEAR AND SEE
GE WORKERS
DISCUSS WHY THEY
NEED THE CIO**

COMMUNIST DAILY WORKER

THE COMMUNIST Daily Worker on April 1, happily devoted a full page of praise to UE's proposed tax program for the U. S. Government.

It's not hard to figure why the Daily Worker finds UE's tax program so similar to the Communist Party's. UE and the Communist Party see so nearly eye to eye—in their opposition to any funds for U. S. national defense or aid to Europe—that they've practically hypnotized each other.

ATOMIC WORKERS
LOCAL 301 IUE-CIO

HAVE YOU BEEN INJURED ON THE JOB?
DO YOU SUFFER FROM AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE?
ARE YOU RECEIVING THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY
THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW IN SUCH CASES?

YOUR UNION WANTS YOU TO RECEIVE ALL THE BENEFITS THAT THE LAW PROVIDE

Please read the following information CAREFULLY.

1. The Compensation Law protects all workers either injured on a job or suffering from a disease caused by their work.

WHEN A WORKER IS INJURED OR IS SUFFERING FROM AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE HE MUST DO THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY:

1. Report the injury or condition to your foreman no matter how slight it is. This must be done not later than thirty (30) days after the accident or the condition is noticed. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SIGN ANY PAPERS FOR YOUR FOREMAN.

2. Obtain medical attention without delay. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE YOUR OWN DOCTOR. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GO TO THE EMPLOYER'S PHYSICIAN IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO. Under no circumstances make any payments to a doctor for treatment.

3. Make out a claim for compensation and send it to the Department of Labor, Workmen's Compensation Bureau. Failure to file a claim may deprive you of all of your rights under the Workmen's Compensation Law. DO NOT RELY UPON YOUR EMPLOYER TO FILE YOUR CLAIM FOR YOU. DO IT YOURSELF.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

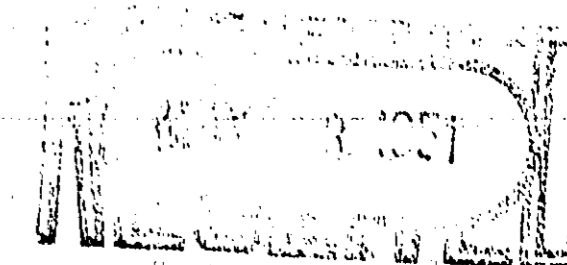
1. File a claim for Workmen's Compensation benefits, it does not endanger your job in any way.
2. You are entitled to compensation for loss of time also for any permanent injury to eyes, hands, arms or legs, for facial scars and for occupational disease.
3. Remember that even though you may not lose any time, you may still be entitled to benefits under the law.
4. You are entitled to be paid for drugs, crutches or any apparatus such as a belt, etc., carfares and other necessary expenses laid out in connection with your claim.

FORMS FOR FILING OF CLAIMS ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE UNION OFFICE
YOUR UNION WANTS TO HELP YOU

The Union attorney will be at the Union office every second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., to give advise and assistance in connection with your compensation claim.

Please turn in "Raffle" money as soon as possible. There are more Raffle Books available.

IUE-CIO LOCAL 301, 202 CLINTON ST.



A. C. STEVENS

IUE-CIO
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

202 Clinton St. Schenectady, N. Y.
Phone: 2-4140

May 3, 1951

Dear GE Worker:

These are critical times for all of us who work at the General Electric Schenectady Works. The union which is bargaining for us, the UE, has failed again in negotiating, and we who are covered by UE contract stand to get little or nothing in the way of a wage increase through this defunct organization.

This present failure on the part of UE is just another in the long list of failures of which that organization has been guilty ever since it broke with national CIO by supporting Henry Wallace for president in 1948. The UE was at one time a respected organization, but now it is completely discredited, and its small membership is dropping by the hundreds every week.

Enclosed is information which is important to every one of us. It tells, in part, why UE is no longer considered a part of the bona fide labor movement in this country. It shows how UE and its leaders have become so involved in following the Communist Party line that it pays little or no attention to the welfare of its members.

That's the reason UE can't get a decent contract or a wage increase. Last September, UE didn't negotiate with GE, but merely took the benefits IUE-CIO won, and ran. Among the gains won by IUE-CIO last September was a wage re-opening clause in six months. It was the first time in the history of GE that a union won a wage increase along with the right to negotiate another wage increase in just six months. So, in just one short year, IUE-CIO was able to win a 20-cent an hour increase for its 65,000 members in the GE chain. The nine-cent cost of living increase will be in the pay envelopes of IUE-CIO's members tomorrow, May 4, at the latest.

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All of us at GE can be sure we will get the nine-cent increase by signing our IUE-CIO card and sending it in today. That way, IUE-CIO can petition for another election, and we will get the nine-cent increase immediately. Let's unite in CIO!

Fraternally yours,

(union mimeo)

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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ELECTRICAL, RADIO
AND MACHINE WORKERS

(Affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations)

I hereby request and accept membership in the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, and hereby authorize the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, its agents and representatives, to act for me as my collective bargaining representative in all matters pertaining to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, or other conditions of employment, and to negotiate and enter into contracts with my employer covering all such matters.
This authorization supersedes any and all other authorizations of prior date.

Date..... Signature.....

Address

Employed by:..... Social Security No.....
Company.....

Plant..... Department.....

Telephone..... Initiation fee \$..... paid.

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FORM 2-B



THE TRAITORS EXPOSED

During the recent trial of the members of the Atomic Spy Ring, David Greenglass, convicted and confessed spy, a man who had been an organizer for UE, testified under oath that Rosenberg, head of the spy ring, was receiving information from Schenectady regularly.

No loyal American citizen would turn information over to a spy ring...and no loyal American citizen would be a member of the Communist Party.

To become a member of the Communist Party, an individual must pledge his or her full allegiance to the Communist Party and its leaders, which means that he or she cannot be loyal to this nation, too.

There are people who live in this area who are deeply enmeshed in the Communist conspiracy. They are men and women who have pledged their lives to furthering Communist principles and aims.

Among these men and women who have pledged their allegiance to a foreign way of thinking are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jandreau. Leo Jandreau is business agent of UE Local 301 in Schenectady. Mrs. Leo Jandreau also known as Ruth Young, was the secretary of District Four of UE until her recent marriage to her present husband.

Leo Jandreau has been a member of the Communist Party for many years. He has never admitted nor has he denied his membership in the Communist Party. But when Leo Jandreau was asked to testify under oath to "any point of disagreement" between his thinking and the Soviet Union propaganda line, he refused to answer.

At the same time, Leo Jandreau flatly refused to answer yes or no to the question of whether he was, or had ever been, a member of the Communist Party.

In 1944 Leo Jandreau gave \$50.00 to the Communist Political Association fund drive. In 1948, he was vice-chairman of the New York State Wallace for President Committee and a member of the National Wallace for President Committee. Henry Wallace was backed by the Communist Party as well as by the UE.

Leo Jandreau has been identified as a Communist by former UE and former Communist Party members.

Mrs. Leo Jandreau, also known as Ruth Young, has served as a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party. In this office, she used the name of her first husband, and was known as Mrs. Irving Velson.

The Communist activities of Mrs. Jandreau have been so extensive over a period of at least 13 years that a complete account of them could easily fill a book.

She was New York State delegate to the national convention of the Communist Political Association in 1945, and she attended the Communist Party National Convention in New York City in 1948.

Mrs. Leo Jandreau, also known as Ruth Young, has been a member of at least 24 Communist front organizations, many of which are on the Attorney General's subversive list.

Among these organizations which she supported are the Schappes Defense Committee, of which she was a sponsor in 1941. Morris U. Schappes was a Communist professor at City College of New York who was convicted and jailed for perjury at that time. He still writes for the Daily Worker, the official Communist Party newspaper.

Among the other Communist fronts in which Mrs. Jandreau took part are the American Committee for the protection of the Foreign Born, American Youth Congress, Civil Rights Congress, Committee to sponsor the Daily Worker and the Worker 1945 Fund Campaign, Congress of American Women, Jefferson School of Social Science, Kings County Committee of Women for Wallace for President Committee, School for Democracy, and World Youth Conference.

Mrs. Jandreau was a supporter of the Citizens Non-Partisan Committee for the Re-Election of Benjamin J. Davis to the New York City Council, and signed a leaflet in his behalf in 1945. Benjamin Davis is one of the 11 top Communists accused of conspiring to overthrow the government of the United States.

Among the more recent Communist activities in which Mrs. Jandreau engaged before her marriage to Leo Jandreau was the Bill of Rights Conference sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress, July 16 and 17, 1949. It was a generally accepted fact that this conference was controlled completely by the Communist Party.

She was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson School of Social Science, the Communist training school, as late as 1949.

In February, 1938, after attending a Communist Party training school, she signed a manifesto in which she pledged herself to help build the Communist Party and to work toward a Communist revolution in America.

These are the plain facts in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jandreau. Can you who work at GE, the plant which is organized by UE, stand by and see people such as these control the union? Help rid the labor movement of any sign of Communism. Remember, if you pay dues into UE Local 301, that dues money goes to support people like Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jandreau. Sign your IUE-CIO card today for an early NLRB election.



THIS IS TREASON!

Reprinted below is a handbill which was distributed in the early morning hours of March 16, 1951, to UE members in Welland, Ontario, Canada. The handbill was sponsored and distributed by IUE. Read it and judge for yourself regarding the tie-up between the UE and the Communist Party.

THE UNITED ELECTRICAL RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS (UE) ARE SPONSORING A

PEACE RALLY

on
SUNDAY MARCH 18th, AT 2.00 P. M.
AT THE UE HALL, 16 STEEL ST., WELLAND.

MAIN SPEAKER:

J. G. ENDICOTT, of Toronto.

Comrade Endicott has just returned from Communist Poland, and other countries behind the Iron Curtain. Comrade Endicott will explain:

- Why he supports Communist aggression in Korea.
- Why Soviet Russia needs 2½ million men under arms.
- Why there should be no conscription in Canada.
- How much happier people are under Communist rule.

OTHER SPEAKERS

Leading UE and Communist members in the Niagara District.

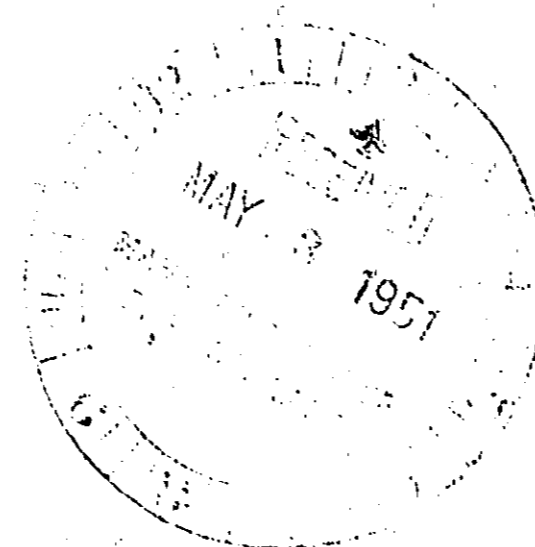
A SPECIAL INVITATION

People who have not yet joined the Communist Party will be particularly welcome at this meeting, where you will have a chance to meet and talk with leading Canadian Communists. The Communist Party seeks the way of peace under the leadership of the great leader Stalin.

COME ONE... COME ALL!!

For further information contact:

- M. Bosnich, UE Business Agent, Phone 4340 Welland
- Doug Campbell, Chairman, Welland Section LPP, Phone 7087



Below is a quotation from the editorial column of the Evening Tribune of Welland, Ontario. The quotation is from the March 17, 1951 issue of the paper.

EDITORIAL

U.E. AND COMMUNISM

Will the large section of UE membership in Welland that deplores the Communist tendencies of the union leadership be content to sit idly by and do nothing about a new and bold admission by the union leadership that they are out to promote the Communist party?

That's the question that is being asked by loyal citizens of the community who have been shocked by the distribution of a pamphlet in which all pretence is cast off and the UE is slavishly tied to the Stalin banner.

The pamphlet publicizes a "peace" rally scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. It bills "Comrade Endicott"

as the main attraction and groups "UE and leading Communist in the Niagara district" under the heading of "other speakers."

But the pamphlet even goes beyond limits to which the Kremlin has ventured by stating that Comrade Endicott will explain why he supports "Communist aggression" in Korea. Hitherto the line had been that the Communist forces never engaged in aggression. The treatment was billed as "liberation."

There is an invitation to join the Communist party contained in the pamphlet, which is signed by the union's business agent. The whole business is under UE sponsorship and cannot help but cause considerable heart-searching among a large number of union members who recognize Communism for the menace it represents.

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ATOMIC WORKERS

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

The investment members of Atomic Workers Local 301, IUE-CIO, make in their union pays off!

Just one years' experience proves this. Members make a \$24.00 annual investment--This is the return in 1951.

A ten-cent per hour increase negotiated by IUE-CIO. This means \$208.00 per year.

An additional 5½-cent per hour adjustment for skilled workers. These workers have a return of \$322.00 on their investment.

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Other gains were made by improving the Pension and Hospitalization Plans and by winning an extra paid holiday.

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The Spring Raffle is now in progress and members are urged to turn in money and raffle stubs to J. Suarez as soon as possible. There are more raffle books available.

The prizes are as follows:

- 2 First) Woman's Benrus Watch Set
- Prizes) Man's Benrus Watch Set

2nd Prize-Ship Electric Clock

3rd Prize-Rhinestone Necklace

Drawing Friday May 18, 1951, 12:00 Noon at K2 Machine Shop.

A membership drive will commence today, the charter has been opened until June 5th, giving the employees that are not members a chance to join without paying the initiation fee of \$4.00. The member signing up the most new members during this drive will receive an award of a \$25.00 War Bond, which will be presented at the regular membership meeting of June 5, 1951.

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