

GE Propaganda Still the Same

The propaganda which GE printed 20 years ago to smash 30 craft unions was the same kind of propaganda it is spreading today against UE, Joseph Dermody, UE international representative, reminded the 301 membership meeting Tuesday night.

He quoted from an article in a paper of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL, in 1929, describing the destruction of many craft unions at the Schenectady GE plant. After a disastrous strike of the molders, practically all the unions were wiped out except the pattern makers and steam-fitters. And those two unions, according to the IBEW could simply maintain their gains, not get any improvements.

Dermody also read an advertisement published by the Employers Association of Pittsburgh in 1916 on "What the Eight Hour Day Means." The advertisements said the eight hour day was not practical nor economical. It was condemned as "not in the best interest of the employer or the employee." The workers themselves didn't want such a short day, according to the "ad." It would drive industries away from Pittsburgh. And it would place an additional burden of millions of dollars annually on the public.

Bib Business is using the same technique today to forestall wage increases, Dermody pointed out, and to try to sell the Taft-Hartley Law to workers and the public.

UE Members Cracking Evansville Blacklist

UE Local 813 at Evansville, Ind., has scored a victory in cracking the solid blacklist against Bucyrus-Erie Co. strikers. Seven blacklisted strikers have obtained jobs from other companies.

Hearings conducted by the Hartley Sub-Committee helped create an atmosphere of terror in Evansville last month, and encouraged goon squads, vigilantes, and blacklisting.

District 3 Delegates

Delegates to the UE District 3 Council elected by the 301 membership meeting Tuesday night are President Andrew Peterson, Business Agent Leo Jandreau, Chief Shop Stewart William Mastriani, and William Stewart and James Cognetta, Board members. They will serve for a year.

Additions to Ranks of 301 Shop Stewards



Newly elected shop stewards taking their oath of office Oct. 5 at 301 hall, with George Walker, extreme left, 301 guide, officiating. Front row, left to right, Stanley Ruszczyk, Building 18; Lee Lane, 10 B; John Parisi, 89, and Arthur Shannon, 49. Rear row, Charles Ferris, 101; David Gaffney, 16; Morris Schworm, 11; Berness Lackey, 30, and Richard Slocum, 18.

\$300 for Strike

A \$300 donation to the UE strike of Ray-O-Vac workers at Williamsport, Pa., was voted by the Local 301 membership meeting Tuesday night. About 300 workers, members of Local 614, have been on strike for 16 weeks.

Appeals Day

The 301 Appeals Committee meets at 4 p.m. every Wednesday at the union hall to hear the appeal of any member dissatisfied with the way a grievance has been handled. Second shift workers can be heard at 1 p.m.

Taft-Hartley Rulings Undermine All Strikes

The Taft-Hartley Board ruled last week that employers can replace strikers with non-union strikebreakers and that these scabs can vote in an election as to whether they want a union or not, while the strikers whom they replace cannot vote.

The Board made this decision in upholding a trial examiner's ruling against the International Association of Machinists. Incidentally, the IAM was one of the first unions to rush to file Taft-Hartley affidavits.

Another Taft-Hartley trial examiner ruled a few days ago that mass picketing is illegal, even when it is peaceful and orderly. This decision was handed down in the case of the UE pickets at the Cory Corporation, Chicago.

The two decisions open the door wide to anti-union employers to smash strikes of all unions, everywhere. Yet the GE runs advertisements trying to tell people the Taft-Hartley Law is not anti-union.

Delegates Elected To CIO Council

Local 301 elected the following 17 delegates to the Capital District CIO Council Tuesday night at the membership meeting:

Joseph Sacocio, Joseph Rotundo, John Brauneisen, William Mastriani, Edward J. La Bombard, Gordon Belgrave, Mary McCartin, Anthony Tebano, Thelma Willey, Dewey Brashear, Roy Lash, George Walker, Sidney Friedlander, Allen Townsend, Albert Davis, Joseph Whitbeck and Manuel Fernandez.

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VOTE NEXT TUESDAY

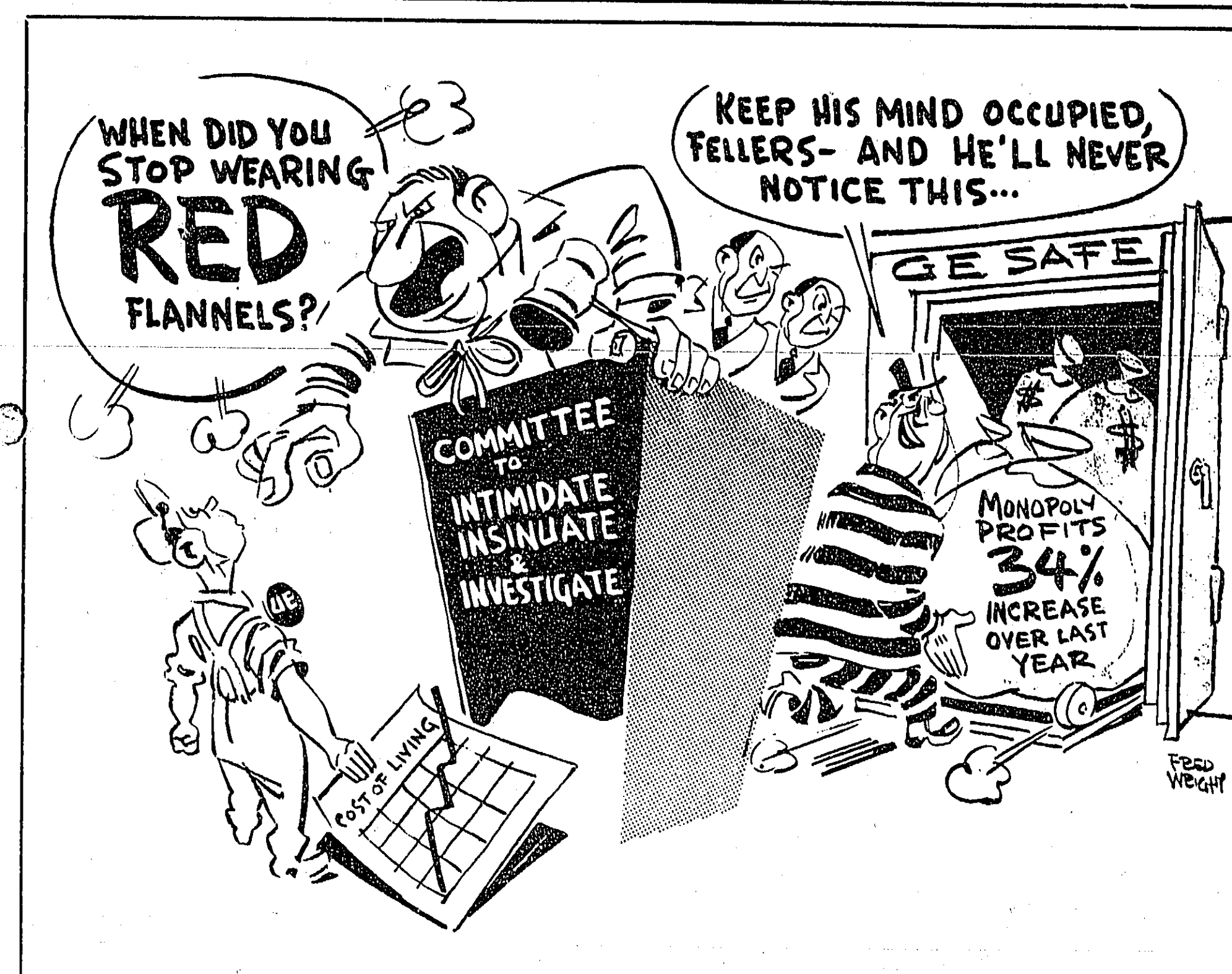
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UE Sues GE, Atomic Board For \$1 Million

The national UE filed a \$1,000,000 damage suit Tuesday in Federal Court, Washington, D. C., against members of the Atomic Energy Commission and the General Electric Company. The union asked for a court order restraining the Commission and the company from barring the union from representing workers on atomic projects, in violation of the UE-GE contract.

UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald at the same time sent a letter to Chairman David E. Lilienthal of the Commission, accusing him of conspiring with GE against the union.

The Federal Court suit against GE and the Commission members was filed by UE, by President Fitzgerald and Leo Jandreau, as president of UE District 3, and others.

Letter from 301 Board

The Local 301 Executive Board Monday night unanimously approved a letter to Lilienthal charging that the Commission acted "in furtherance of the aim of the General Electric Company to turn this union into a company union, or smash it if that fails." (See separate statement on page 2).

The Atomic Energy Commission, without notice to the union, sent a letter to GE several weeks ago directing the company not to recognize UE as the representative of workers at the unbuilt Knolls II laboratory. Lilienthal sent a letter to Fitzgerald Oct. 22 threatening to bar UE from representing workers on any atomic work being done by GE, unless UE officers "satisfactorily" answer questions of the commission. The Lilienthal letter demanded the UE officers provide "full and complete statements as to their associations and affiliations", and other personal data. Lilienthal ordered GE to dis-

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GE Profits Hit All-Time High

General Electric's 1948 profits are setting a new all-time record, the total for the first nine months of 1948 being 34 percent above the same months in 1947. The profits for 1947 had already set an all-time record. The figures are, of course, after all taxes.

Last Friday's newspapers carried the story of GE's new profit figures. On the same day the Works News came out with the whole of L. R. Boulware's propaganda page devoted to the subject of GE profits.

It was a truly wonderful page, with the cutest little drawings, all kinds of percentages, and even explanations from the Latin. It all went to prove that bigger and bigger profits are just for the benefit of the workingman.

But left out of this wonderful propaganda page was the

simple fact of the nine-months' profit and the comparison with 1947.

The average GE worker today knows a few very simple facts:

Big business profits are going higher and higher all the time, prices go up with profits and wages, in purchasing power, have been going down.

Prices of manufactured goods increased 2½ times more than labor costs since the end of OPA.

GE in 1948 increased dividends by 25 percent. The wage increase was 8 percent.

It all seems to add up to profiteering at the people's expense.

But Boulware's page tells the workers that "GE is an association of 200,000 employees and of 250,000 owners," and high GE profits are all for the worker's good. You figure it out.

ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS

Basketball Players Needed for 301 Team

Local 301 will have a men's basketball team this winter in the Schenectady City League.

The Executive Board voted Monday night to spend up to \$100 on organizing and equipping the team. Some players have already signed up. Others interested should contact the union office at once.

Helen Quirini is again organizing a 301 women's basketball team to play in the Women's City League.

Attorney's Hours

Members of Local 301 can consult the union's lawyer, Marshall Perlin, at the union office every Monday through Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. He will be available at other times by appointment.

WEAR YOUR UNION BUTTON

301 Board Writes Letter to Lillenthal

The Local 301 Executive Board voted unanimously Monday night to send the following letter to Chairman David E. Lillenthal of the Atomic Energy Commission:

We have received a copy of your letter of October 22 to Albert J. Fitzgerald, general president of our union. This local is the bargaining representative of 18,000 GE workers in Schenectady, including several hundred at the Peek Street plant, whose collective bargaining rights you threaten to abolish. Under our contract, this local also will be the representative of the workers at the future Knolls II Atomic Laboratory.

Interference With Union

Your letter boils down to a declaration that this union may not represent its members in atomic projects unless its officers are approved by your commission.

Your standards of judgment are strange indeed. You cast suspicion upon a union with a long and honorable record of devotion to the highest interests of the country, but you turn over the entire control of atomic projects to the General Electric Company, a company charged eleven separate times with serious violations of the law, including a conviction of criminal conspiracy with a Nazi firm to the great detriment of the American war effort.

It comes as a shock that you, who were once the victim of attacks by the peddlers of lies, hysteria and terror instead of fact, now resort to the same methods in an effort to discredit this union.

Proud of Union Record

With regard to the security of our country, the record of our union and its officers is clear and beyond question. It is a record which can be compared with the best in the country.

Every one of the officers of this union is solemnly pledged to defend the United States and its Constitution. Every one of them is sworn to oppose anyone who

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would overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence. They are sworn also to defend the constitution against those who would subvert it by resort to unconstitutional means, such as those you now use. We do not regard the Constitution of the United States lightly, as you do.

The record of our union in abiding by our no-strike pledge, our war production record, which won the public praise of Secretary of War Patterson and others high in the Roosevelt administration, are proof of our sincerity of purpose. Our officers and members gave their full efforts for the defense of our country. Our policy has not changed.

Must Pick Own Officers

When you propose to pass upon the qualifications of our officers, to decide which ones may represent American workers, you are simply saying that American workers shall no longer be free to pick their representatives in collective bargaining, that a government agency will pick their officers for them.

We reject the idea that the security of our country requires control of our union by a government agency. The selection of our officers

must rest with our membership, and our membership alone. No union can accept government control of its election of officers and remain independent.

Your concluding paragraph brings home the point we have made before, that your rulings were made in obedience to the wishes of the General Electric Company. You help the company by "directing" it to use this letter in its campaign to interfere in the internal affairs of our union.

Help to GE

You state that "the commission's action is in furtherance of its clear duty to the country..." The evidence shows that the commission's action is in furtherance of the aim of the General Electric Company to turn this union into a company union, or smash it if that fails.

A union leadership found suitable by your commission's loyalty standards would obviously also be a leadership in line with the General Electric Company's demand that we accept speed-up, the destruction of seniority, and unfair wage rates, and that we give up the fight for a living wage and better working conditions.

Acting for our membership, our Executive Board challenges your right to take control of this union

Jandreau Reelected UE District 3 Head

Business Agent Leo Jandreau of Local 301 was unanimously reelected president of UE District 3 at its recent annual convention at Rochester. As district president he will automatically serve again as a general vice-president of UE.

After a report by Jandreau on the "investigation" of Local 301 by the Hartley Labor Committee's sub-committee headed by Congressman Charles J. Kersten, the delegates unanimously passed a resolution condemning this effort to break the union. The resolution congratulated Local 301 on its united stand against the Congressional attack.

A resolution was also adopted approving the statement of the GE Conference Board of UE on the Atomic Energy Commission. The statement exposed and denounced the role of the Commission in aiding GE by barring the union from representing workers at the Knolls II laboratory.

General Secretary-Treasurer Julius Emspak declared that the purpose of the Hartley Committee "investigation" and the Atomic Commission order is to split the unity of the union. If the membership can be split, he warned, the union will stop being an effective instrument of the workers.

Gerold Mooney, Local 501, Buffalo, was unanimously reelected secretary-treasurer, and Charles Rivers of Schenectady, a delegate from Local 316, Poughkeepsie, was unanimously reelected executive secretary. A new vice-president, Harold Buck of Local 331, Rome, was also unanimously elected.

The district voted \$100 to the strike of the West Coast Longshoremen's Union, CIO,

or destroy its collective bargaining rights. We shall fight your actions by all lawful means at our command.

The letter was signed by all members of the Executive Board: Andrew Peterson, William Hodges, Marshall White, Helen Quirini, Alfred J. Pelrah, William Mastriani, Leo Jandreau, Albert Davis, Anthony Villano, John P. Braunstein, Willard Kuschel, William Stewart, Raymond D. Flanigan, James Cognetta, Anthony Esposito, Stanley Bishop, Henry Busse, C. E. Groesbeck, Joseph A. Marino, Fred Paelli, A. J. Spears, Frank C. Kries, Dewey Brashear, Edward J. LaBombard, Leland Sisto, Sam Scott, Charles Ferris, Mary McCartin, Albert Eastman and Sidney Friedlander.

Union Workers Win Awards Against GE In 25 More Compensation Court Cases

Workmen's Compensation awards won against the General Electric Company this month in cases handled for union members by the 301 attorney, Marshall Perlin, include:

\$1,747.20 to Ethel Winegard, assembler in Building 60, for 20 per cent loss of the use of her right arm in an accident Mar. 2.

\$1,708 to Albert Maslanka, Bldg. 105, for 25 per cent loss of the use of his left hand in an accident Mar. 22.

\$1,288 to John Sheppard, bus bar man in Bldg. 73, for 100 per cent loss of the right index finger in an accident Jan. 22.

\$420 to Charles Mueller, woodworker in Bldg. 72, for 20 per cent loss of his left thumb through a cut last Dec. 19.

\$245 to Harold Egnell, Bldg. 273 machinist, for 35 per cent loss of the use of his left ring finger when a tendon was severed Mar. 26.

\$126 to Ara Vangundy, painter in Bldg. 60, for 30 per cent loss of his right small finger which was fractured June 27, 1947.

Alexander J. Parker, inspector in Bldg. 60, who suffered a broken ankle Aug. 7, received \$32 a week from Aug. 9 to Sept. 3 and the case was adjourned for six months.

Robert Sobieski, who suffered an injury to an intervertebral disc Oct. 12, 1947, received lost time from Oct. 23, 1947 to Apr. 19 at \$26.50 a week and 1 2/5 weeks lost time later.

Mary Brown, cleaner in Bldg. 23, whose right ankle was sprained Feb. 3, received over two weeks lost time at \$23.42 a week.

Mary Catalano, Bldg. 73, who suffered a low back sprain Jan. 20, 1947, received \$25 a week total disability from Sept. 9, 1948.

Peter L. Snare, who suffered a hernia Apr. 22, 1946, \$28 a week from Aug. 31 to Sept. 25.

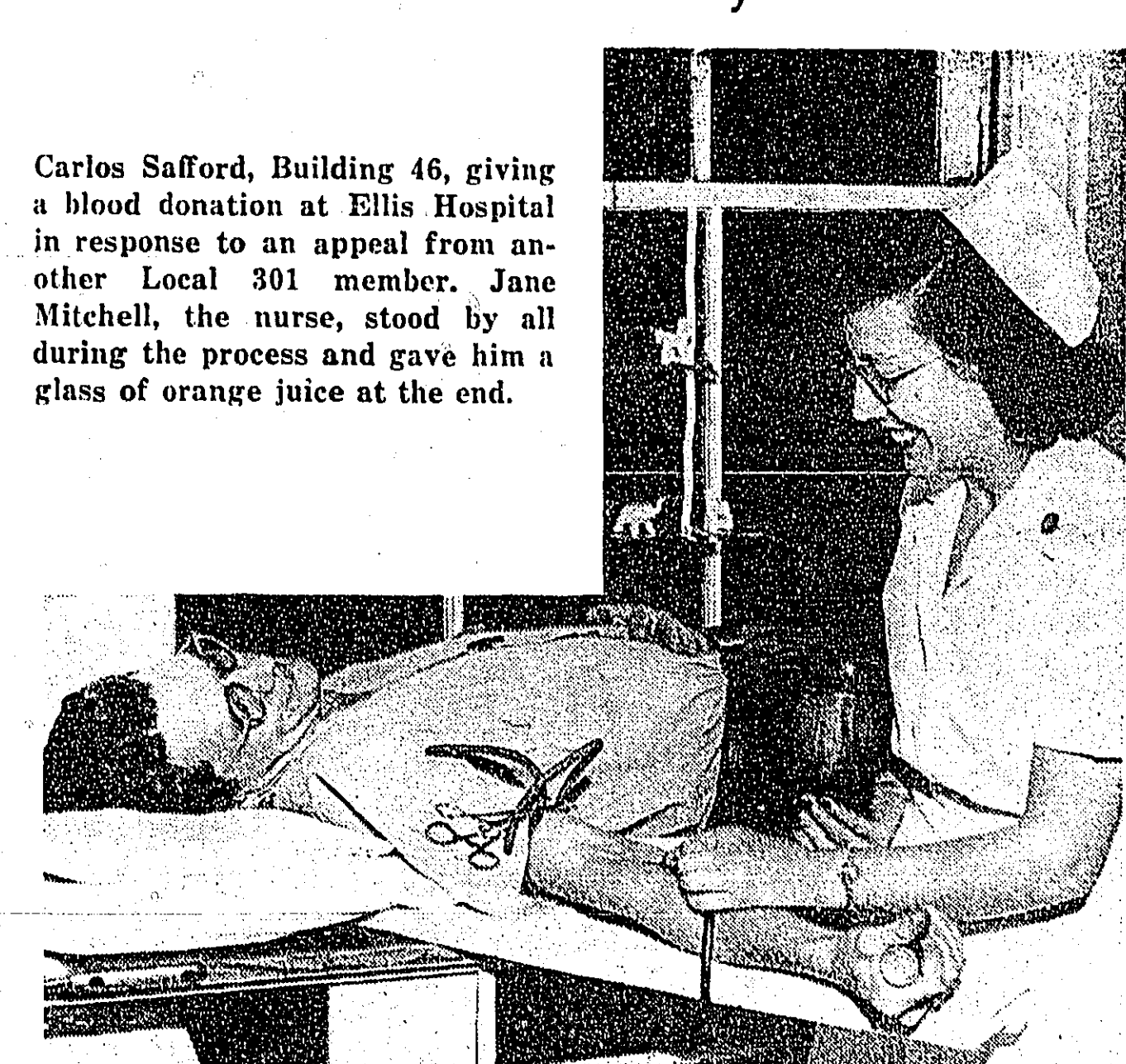
Antonio Di Leva, Bldg. 95 crane

301 Stewards' Meeting Postponed to Nov. 16

Because next Tuesday is Election Day, the 301 Executive Board has decided to postpone the shop stewards' meeting from that night until Nov. 16, when it will be combined with the 301 membership meeting.

Nominations for 301 officers for the coming year will be made from the floor and an Election Committee will be elected. Business also will include election of delegates to the State CIO convention in Syracuse and the annual election of an Auditing Committee.

Union Member Answers Call for Blood Donor



Carlos Safford, Building 46, giving a blood donation at Ellis Hospital in response to an appeal from another Local 301 member. Jane Mitchell, the nurse, stood by all during the process and gave him a glass of orange juice at the end.

Give Day's Notice To Get Voting Time

In order to get two hours off with pay Tuesday, Election Day, to vote at the polls, workers must make their requests in writing Monday to their foremen.

This paid time-off, provided by state law, applies chiefly to second shift workers, as GE has announced the plant will be closed for the full first shift. Second and third shifts will operate as usual.

18-Cent Increase

Workers at Groov-Pin Corporation, Union City, N. J., this month won a wage package totaling 18 cents an hour through UE Local 448.

To Get Jobs Back

An arbitrator has ordered the Univis Lens Company at Dayton, Ohio, to reinstate with back pay six employees fired for participating in the UE strike and for mass picketing.

Donation for Children

The 301 Executive Board Monday voted to buy \$22 worth of tickets for a child welfare benefit of the American Legion.

Gaeth Broadcast

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

GE Denies Knowledge Of Mystery Pamphlet

The General Electric Company has denied any knowledge regarding the preparation or distribution of a mimeographed sheet Oct. 6 at the plant purporting to list names of Communist Party members.

In a letter to the union Oct. 22, A. C. Stevens, assistant to the works manager, replied to a request by 301 officers that the company investigate the circumstances surrounding distribution of this leaflet. He said the company has referred the matter to the FBI.

"Your letter insinuates that preparation and distribution of these lists was sanctioned or promoted by the company," Stevens wrote. He added that "nothing could be further from the truth."

Replying to Stevens, Business Agent Leo Jandreau said: "There is no question of 'insinuation'. We pointed out the simple fact that the distribution of the leaflet was open and general throughout the works. It is difficult to see how this could happen unless there was at least tacit approval by supervision."

"On the other hand, during the previous week our shop stewards were circulating petitions during their lunch hours in opposition to the Hartley sub-committee's interference. In a number of places they were told by foremen that they could not do so."

"The contrast between supervision's attitude in one case and in the other is obvious."