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### U.E. EXPLOITS MICA WORKERS AS TOOL OF MISREPRESENTATION

The U.E. has started to use the Mica workers as a mouth-piece to propagandize G.E. workers in a leaflet distributed at our gates last Tuesday.

The U.E. promised the Mica workers that they, the U.E., had the formula to bring back jobs and win full employment.

### FOUNDRY EXPLOSION DISCUSSED by Allen E. Townsend

Last week's explosion in the Foundry which resulted in serious injuries to several workers points out the need for stricter safety rules to avoid a recurrence of accidents of this nature.

Within a few minutes of the explosion, Union officers were on the scene investigating and trying to find out what caused this unfortunate occurrence. In addition to this, Union Headquarters has been in constant touch with management trying to get some answers. Management informs us that as soon as the job cools enough, there will be a team of experts examining the site, trying to find out why the accident happened.

Our own Union representatives have a theory as to what happened. They tell us that this job is cooled by using compressed air and water hoses connected to the cooling equipment. The job of installing these hoses is done by an Engineering Technician. If all of these hoses are not installed properly, an explosion could result. Our Union representative tells us that an air hose was found to be disconnected after the explosion and that this lack of air probably caused the accident.

As we go to press, the various Union representatives are engaged in compiling a list of safety proposals which they think should go a long way in avoiding accidents of this nature in the future. It would seem that a system similar to the one used in checking out planes such as is used in the Alplaus Flight Test Laboratory where after a plane is checked out by one Mechanic, another one checks out his work to make sure nothing has been left out. (cont'd. Reverse Side)

After winning the N.L.R.B. vote from the I.A.M. by 29 votes, U.E. was on the spot to produce some propositions for the Mica workers that would cover up the promises of getting more jobs...so they single out the only one improvement in the new contract - 4 weeks for 20 years of service.

They indicate in their leaflet that U.E. could do the same in G.E; however, they do not tell you or the Mica workers that they tried to get G.E. to do this last October, and failed.

The leaflet is dripping with olive branches and fig leaves, pointing out that they are anxious to help you out on your picket line; however, U.E. did not dare to strike G.E. last October to win the 4 weeks vacation for 20 years because of weakness.

The Erie G.E. workers had to accept the same contract gains won by I.U.E. in the majority of G.E. plants. The same held true in Westinghouse negotiations.

The Mica workers are presently all alone insofar as the rest of the Labor Movement is concerned. They will be used by U.E. officials as a tool of disruption in other organized plants; such is the role of U.E. all over the country. The U.E. does not spend its time on organizing the unorganized.

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### NOTICE

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

Officers will meet at 6 p.m.

Union Headquarters  
121 Erie Boulevard

## FOUNDRY EXPLOSION (Cont'd.)

This could very easily be done in the Foundry by having another worker check out the various factors controlling safety after they have been set up by the Engineering Technician.

We extend to the victims and their families our heartfelt concern and our wish for a speedy recovery.

FLASH: Management just called Union Headquarters and stated that they have investigated and found the cause of the explosion. They confirmed the earlier opinion of our Union representative that a disconnected air hose caused the explosion. Management also assured us that they were in the process of setting up proper safety rules to avoid any repetition of this unfortunate accident.

## REPORT SHOWS INCREASE IN BARGAINING UNIT

Management's monthly report dated 6/5/61, submitted to the Union Office, shows that as of this date, 8,243 employees were employed within Local 301's Bargaining Unit.

This figure represents an increase of 102 employees since the 5/5/61 report. The employment then stood at 8,141.

The present figure compares favorably with the one reported on 2/3/61, which was 8,248.

This is the first time in many years that a substantial increase has been noted in our Bargaining Unit.

## TEST MEN REHIRED - M.A.C.

Last Friday, in the Atomic Motor Dept., Bldg. 50, the supervision proposed that the Test Men start working overtime due to an emergency situation.

The Shop Steward was requested to urge the foreman to rehire some Test Men who were laid off. The Steward, not satisfied with the foreman's answer, filed a grievance and a second level meeting was arranged immediately.

After a lengthy discussion, the Union representatives convinced the management that the overtime was not an emergency of short duration but due to an increase in production. Three Test Men will be re-hired to do the extra work. The Union representatives involved were: Steward Hayes, Board Member Wager and Coordinator Christman.

## U.E. EXPLOITS MICA WORKERS (Cont'd.)

Insofar as matching standards between Mica and Schenectady G.E. is concerned, the G.E. workers have by far:

1. Higher Wages
2. Better Hospital Benefits
3. Better Sick Benefits
4. Better Life Insurance
5. Better Pensions
6. A More Adequate Grievance Procedure
7. More Adequate Steward Representation

If you have a friend working at Mica, compare the above for facts.

## WORK OUTLOOK IN L.M.&G.

Union officials and Board Members of the LM&G Dept. have met with the managers of the Horizontal and Vertical Subsections to get the work outlook as far ahead as could be predicted. At the Vertical (Welded Prod.) Subsection meeting, the following estimates of future work were given:

Form E - Slight increase in 3rd and 4th quarters if expected orders are received. Standard A.C. and D.C. should stay about the same for 3rd and 4th quarters.

### Turbine Stator Frames

14 - 1st half) 27 - 1961  
13 - 2nd half)  
34 Frames (27 already ordered)  
for 1962 - 25% increase.

### Hoods

58 - 1st half) 110 - 1961  
52 - 2nd half)  
125 to 130 - 25% increase - 1962  
also Hoods are running larger than before.

### #60 Water Wheels - Hydro

Slight decrease due to smaller size units.

### #60 - Supervisor Kuzia

Sheet Metal should hold as is.  
(added 2 employees)

Machining Area should hold as is.  
(added 14 employees)

Stacking Area should hold if we get expected Form E orders.

Assem. & Erect will hold-1961  
20% or 5 direct labor less-1962

### #60 - Supervisor Carhidi

Entire area should hold including Rim Punch Machine.

### #66

Slight decrease in 3rd and 4th quarters due to Gas Turbine cutback 1962 - slight increase.

(LM&G work outlook report to be continued in future issue of News.)