

McCarthy Back To Enforce G. E. Policy

As we go to press subpoenas were being issued to a number of G.E. employees to appear before McCarthy in Albany on February 19 and 20.

After holding closed hearings in Albany last November, McCarthy called upon the G.E. to fire any person who refused to be an informer and used his Constitutional rights to protect himself against McCarthy's insulting inquisitions. One thing McCarthy seems to have accomplished and that is to drive fear into the hearts of the American people, whereby they are afraid to speak out against his Hitler-like tactics.

With the exception of few courageous citizens and a few newspapers in this country, McCarthy seems to have things his own way. He makes no bones about calling anyone who disagrees with him a Communist or a conspirator. He has gone so far as to claim publicly that the last 20 years of administration by government has been tyranny and, by innuendo, indicated the Democratic Party has been following the C.P. Line, but, according to the Feb. 1st, 1954 issue of the "Las Vegas Sun," McCarthy was a former Democrat and made speeches promoting the New Deal under the leadership of the late President Roosevelt. The "Sun" says: "It is no secret that McCarthy as a youth was a radical left-winger. For the record he was a New Deal Democrat. He was in charge of ticket sales for President Roosevelt's Birthday Ball in Wauwanesa, Wisconsin, on January 30, 1936. Seven months later he was elected president of the Young Democratic Clubs of Wisconsin's Seventh District. He also ran as the Democratic candidate for Shawano County prosecutor. Behind the Democratic Front, however, McCarthy had the reputation of a 'Pinko'. He was quick to take the stump and deliver speeches about the 'Hoover Depression.'

The publisher of this newspaper, H. M. Greenspan, claims McCarthy is a secret Communist. He refers to an August 11, 1951 closed hearing by the Senate Internal Security Committee when a witness by the name of Albert Levitt, an ex-Communist, testified that he had seen McCarthy at Communist meetings. The same Joe McCarthy who is now pretending to lead the fight against Communism. Levitt's testimony was never made public. The publisher goes far beyond this by making claims concerning McCarthy's character and morals and challenges McCarthy to take him to court for libel if the charges are not true. The Union has a copy of the "Las Vegas Sun" and we have been informed that the publisher is writing a series of articles on McCarthy.

G.E. is not particular whom they employ these days, and from where we sit, we wonder who is the security risk.

Transfer to Lower Rate Temporary

Members of UE Local 301, who were transferred to lower rated jobs because of lack of work, are entitled to be transferred to higher rated jobs when openings occur, before those hired through the employment office, with shorter service.

The Union notified the company that constant reviews should be made of those employees who were obliged to take lower rated jobs. The company has agreed to review these people when openings on higher rated jobs occur. They expect such upgrading will start in March.

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Union Analysis of Census Figures Shows 4 Million Unemployed Jan. 1

A careful analysis of Census Bureau figures by union economists revealed Feb. 4 that 4,071,000 Americans, able and willing to work, were unemployed in January 1954, instead of the 2,359,000 reported by the bureau.

The analysis, made by economists for the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers, revealed three major statistical tricks used in compiling the official figures on unemployment:

1. Including temporarily laid-off workers as employed.
2. Including workers who are employed as little as one hour a week but want full-time jobs among the employed.
3. Exclusion from the labor force of more than a million persons, many of them women and youth who really want jobs.



Ford Motor Official Tells of Company Spy System; Pays Witness in Cash

Detroit—The Ford Motor Co.'s smoothly running espionage system pays its spies in cash and not by check, nor does it keep records of who they are, it was testified in federal court.

The witness was Manager Wm. H. Corrigan of the security and communication department of the Ford Motor Co.

Ford gave cash regularly to Stephen J. Schemanske, confessed spy on Ford workers, who was a government witness in the trial

Dec. 17. Schemanske then paid his fellow spies, one of whom was Milton J. Santwire. Santwire perjured himself on the stand by concealing the fact that Schemanske paid him \$75 a month for his espionage among fellow workers.

In return for the cash Ford merely required Schemanske to sign a voucher that he had received so much, without listing to whom the money was paid or any other data on the payments. The company kept no books on who was on this cash payroll.

Corrigan has been on the spy-bossing job only since Jan. 1. His predecessor, he said, was Gordon L. Walker and the supervisor of the department's investigative division is Harold P. Woertink, with whom Schemanske was in direct contact.

Motor Department Helps Co-Worker

Charles Nelson and family send their thanks to his fellow workers in the Small Motor Dept. for the gift of money they sent him.

Charles and his wife and their two children met with a serious auto accident last December that required hospitalization for the entire family. Charles expects to leave the hospital soon; however, his wife who has more serious trouble is expected to be confined there for some time yet.

Charles worked in Bldg. 42 Stockroom.

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HUGE PLANT MEETINGS SCORE GE - MCCARTHY

The largest membership meetings in the history of UE Local 301 were held yesterday at the Schenectady GE Works to condemn GE-McCarthy attacks upon the union. The meetings held during the lunch period, unanimously



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Business Agent



WILLIAM MASTRIANI
Chief Shop Steward

In a dramatic move to show that the issue in the GE-McCarthy hearings is not communism but union-busting, Jandreau and Chief Shop Steward William Mastriani made public affidavits giving the lie to McCarthy charges against the union and against them as officers. As the only officers to be subpoenaed, Jandreau and Mastriani are alone required by Taft-Hartley law to issue affidavits. (see pages 2 & 3)

adopted motions assailing the McCarthy smear sessions scheduled to be held in Albany today and tomorrow for the purpose of breaking down union conditions in GE.

The largest meeting was held in front of Building 40 and was addressed by UE Local 301 President, James Cognetta. Security Officer C. A. LaForge and Paul Lathrop, Superintendent of Motor Generator, heard Cognetta explain to the massed workers the union busting purpose behind the Company and McCarthy attacks upon UE.

An estimated 2,000 GE workers gathered across from Building 60 on Works Avenue to hear Chief Steward, William Mastriani, who is one of

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Aroused UE Stewards Meet On GE's McCarthy Tactics

More than 600 stewards punched out of the GE Schenectady Works last Wednesday and Thursday to attend special meetings at union headquarters. The meetings called to meet the latest company attacks on the

and is moving to fire them as "subversives." GE, with the help of McCarthy, has already begun to fire militant members of several unions in Lynn and Erie, he pointed out.

Tracing the GE-McCarthy conspiracy, Jandreau recalled that Manager A. C. Stevens and Security Officer C. A. LaForge sat with McCarthy in closed sessions last November. The company's Lynn officials also were closeted with the Wisconsin politician before the public smear session.

The Business Agent bared the GE-McCarthy conspiracy against the workers.

The company, he told the stewards, is selecting union people who fought for gains enjoyed by all GE workers

unprecedented" by GE spokesmen. But Business Agent Leo Jandreau, one of two union officers scheduled to clash with Joe McCarthy in Albany today, retorted that "the company is lying like hell."

Stewards are called out for briefing whenever substantial interests of the members are involved, Jandreau pointed out.

Noting that McCarthy who has the worst anti-labor record in the Senate is making his latest attack on UE on the

eve of 1954 contract negotiations, Jandreau expressed the union's determination to make further progress this year.

"Our union has been able to add \$1 an hour to the pay envelope of every GE worker, \$40 a week," he told the stewards. "That's why the company is attacking our union and fingering people for McCarthy."

"The company wants to get rid of our piece work safeguards, automatic progression, seniority regulations," he added. "And that's why it is trying to get legislation branding unions who fight back 'subversive.'"

Washington—The U. S. Dept. of Commerce admitted that it underestimated unemployment for January nearly 1,000,000. The new estimate brings the roll of jobless above 3,000,000 and causes the New York Times to observe the "slump is sharper than foreseen."

Milwaukee — While McCarthy tears around the country on witch hunts, 54,000 are officially jobless in his home state.

Detroit—CIO Auto Locals are adopting resolutions opposing the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings scheduled to be held here Feb. 22. One of those subpoenaed, James Cichocki, president of Chrysler Body UAW Local 742, said that the committee could better spend its time investigating growing unemployment in Michigan.

Miami Beach — Growing unemployment in the auto industry is leading the entire U. S. toward a serious depression, Pres. Dave Beck of the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) told a press conference here Feb. 4.

New York—Pres. Morris Pizer of United Furniture Workers (CIO) Feb. 16 described an attack on his union by the Upholsterers Intl. Union (AFL) as "another instance of already shopworn smear tactics" and a "crude attempt to evade moral obligations imposed by the AFL-CIO no-raiding agreement."

The UIU's executive board at a Ami Beach meeting said it would sign the AFL-CIO raiding pact but would feel free to continue raiding the CIO union, which it described as "Communist-dominated."

Washington—The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that two million persons suffered disabling work accidents in 1953.

**ASK YOUR SHOP
STEWARDS ABOUT
U.E. LOCAL 301
COMPENSATION SERVICE**

Here Is PROOF the Issue Is Union-Busting, Not Communism

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WILLIAM MASTRIANI, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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"I am not a member of the Communist Party or affiliated with such party.

"I do not believe in, and I am not a member of nor do I support any organization that believes in or teaches, the overthrow of the United States Government by force or by any illegal or unconstitutional methods."

Any false statement in such affidavits carried with it a penalty of ten years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

These non-Communist affidavits are true and I am not one now.

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In 1952 I was summoned before a Federal Grand Jury for questioning on my non-Communist Taft-Hartley affidavits. After investigation, the Grand Jury refused to indict.

The above factual statements should be sufficient answer to the avowed purpose of the Senate Sub-committee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations.

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