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Information Please

By WILLIAM S. MASTRIANI
On July 6, the "Works News" inaugurated a column of questions and answers called "More Information." A hasty examination of this column in the issue of September 7th leads us to suspect that the feature is a direct steal from Dorothy Dix.

ANSWER
The General Electric Company is not a company of plants and machinery. It is one big, united family of happy men and women. We can conclusively prove with statistics, charts and outta boards that in the past five years the General Electric Company has made only 1/10 of 1% profit.

Attention War Veterans

If you worked in industry covered by CIO contracts, you are entitled to your old job back with at least the same rate you had. You are also considered a member of the Union in good standing, without any cost to you.

Have you moved?
To Local 301: 301 Liberty Street, Schenectady, N. Y.
Please change my home address as indicated below.

Form for address change with fields for Name, Old Address, and New Address.

IT IS IMPORTANT that you keep the Union office informed of your correct address so that it can be of utmost service to you. If your address is changed send or mail this form to Union headquarters AT ONCE.

Elections

By SIDNEY FRIEDLANDER
You are about to elect your union representatives for the coming year.

The union member elected to be your representative bears a large responsibility. He, or she must not only look after your needs in the shop, negotiate wage increases and piece work prices and look after your general working conditions but he must also be able to take part in the forming of general union policy.

There is no payment for the committeeman's work outside of working hours. The union pays only for such time as the committeeman actually loses off his job.

Very often the committeeman is called on to make disagreeable decisions or is asked to undertake impossible adjustments. Nevertheless, union members who have the real interests of the workers at heart and who would like to work seriously toward the raising of American standards and in improving conditions for all workers should be urged to undertake the responsibility of acting as committeeman in their union.

The elected committeeman in each section in turn elects the executive board member from that section. The board member is the head of the union for that section. He presents grievances that cannot be settled in the shop to the union business office and helps negotiate them with management.

Serious problems face the workers at this time, questions of employment, wages, reconversion and the postwar world, the question of prosperity or depression. These are every worker's problems. It will take courage, skill and knowledge to face them. Very powerful forces are working to drive down American standards and to lead America in the direction of another war. It is up to you as a worker to decide on the kind of a postwar America we will have.

Crawley Resigns
Thomas Crawley, executive board member of Local 301 who has been active in union programs for the past three years tendered his resignation which was accepted by the board at its October 1st meeting.

Cases Pending Before Management

The following is a list of cases pending before management at the present time. As a service to the membership, the Electrical Union News in co-operation with the Business Agent's Office will publish in each issue the list of cases pending. When a case no longer appears in this list, it may be assumed that settlement has been made.

Table with columns: Dec. No., Bldg., Case, Committeeman, Date. Lists various cases and committee members.

JOINT INVESTIGATION

Table with columns: Dec. No., Bldg., Case, Committeeman, Date. Lists joint investigation cases.

Cases in Advanced Stages Of Collective Bargaining

CASES PENDING BEFORE MR. HOWELL, WORKS MGR.

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CASES BEFORE MR. SPICER, VICE-PRESIDENT

Table with columns: Dec. No., Bldg., Case, Committeeman, Date. Lists cases before Mr. Spicer.

(Cases before the War Labor Board appear on page 4)

Story of Labor

Comic strip panels with dialogue about labor issues, including references to Samuel Gompers and the American Federation of Labor.

Women Study Job Problems

One of the results of the increasingly serious problems of reconversion, of layoffs, down grading and reduction of hours, is increased interest in 301's Education Program, particularly among women members.

- 1. Increased wages required to compensate for reduction of hours to 40 per week—and to keep purchasing power up.
2. The Full Employment bill, now before Congress.
3. One average wage earner can no longer support a large family.
4. The need for increased unemployment compensation.
5. What Congress should do and isn't doing about it.

301 Sailor Survives Sea Disaster—Back on Duty

ABOARD THE USS PRESIDENT HAYES IN THE PACIFIC—Lewis D. Valentino, radarman, third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Valentino of 2009 Avenue B, Schenectady, N. Y., has returned to sea duty aboard this transport.

Still \$650 Short!

\$1,950 is the figure set by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as the minimum annual maintenance budget for the average city family of two or more persons.

Advertisement for Social Security Card with text: 'hold on to your SOCIAL SECURITY CARD don't lose it BECAUSE Replacing 1,061,871 last cards, last year cost Uncle Sam the price of 550 leppes.'

News Discussion Groups Start at Headquarters

At the October 2 Committeeman's meeting Fay Marvin, Chairman of the Educational Committee, reported that the first of the weekly discussions on the "News of the Week" would be held at union headquarters on Wednesday, October 10th.

Marvin said in part that our urgent need is a knowledge of what is actually going on at City Hall, in Albany and Washington and the world at large. We need understanding of backgrounds and underlying motives and this understanding cannot usually be gained from the daily press or the weekly and monthly magazines.

OPA Payoff
Price control through OPA, even with all its weaknesses, has saved taxpayers about \$80 billion they would otherwise have paid in inflated war costs.

Labor Legion Plans 200 Posts

CHICAGO—Plans to prevent the American Legion from becoming the union-busting outfit it was after World War I and to make it truly representative of the interests of the working men who constitute its majority membership were revealed here last week by the National Conference of Labor Legionnaires.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

COMMITTEEMEN (1st SHIFTS)
Five Tuesdays of each month following 1st Monday—7:30 P.M.
COMMITTEEMEN (2nd SHIFTS)
Same as above except at 1 P.M.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
3rd Tuesday of each month

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