

## Delegates Condemn Carey-Block Faction

The 12th UE convention at Boston last week condemned the Carey-Block faction, which calls itself "UE Members for Democratic Action", for seeking to disrupt the union and giving "aid and comfort" to the enemies of labor.

By a vote of 3817 to 596, the convention passed the following resolution:

"The factionalist clique calling itself 'UE Members for Democratic Action' was originated, is directed, and receives financial support from outside the union.

"This faction seeks and accepts the help of employers for the furtherance of its factional advantage, and offers itself as a willing tool to employers seeking to meddle in union affairs.

### Aid to Employers

"This faction, by its unprincipled and self-seeking attacks against our union and its leadership, has given aid to employers, company unions, and AFL racketeers in contests with the UE.

"Leaders of this faction have revealed how shallow is their loyalty to UE by concealing the plots of their secessionist supporters.

"Their venomous attacks against their union, carried on outside the union in the public press, national magazines and periodicals and over the radio, gave aid and comfort to the Big Business and politician enemies of labor, and helped them to enact the Taft-Hartley Act.

"Bankrupt and incompetent, this faction has no program other than red-baiting and disruption, and no purpose save to capture for outsiders the control of the union.

### Faction's Bad Record

"In instance after instance, where through the intervention of outside influences these factionalist forces have captured or perpetuated themselves in control of local unions, they have agreed to speed-up. They have helped institute phony profit-sharing plans. They have permitted employers to make a mockery of seniority. They have given up wage increases for their members, and bragged it in the public press.

"For these and other crimes the 12th UE Convention supports the action taken by the GEB calling for the dissolution of the 'UEMDA'. The 12th Convention denounces and condemns the faction called the 'UEMDA' and calls upon it to dissolve.

"The Convention calls upon all UE members, for the protection of their own

## PAC Collections Continue in Shops

Reports made to Executive Board members on PAC collections in the shops show that in general, when shop stewards really push the PAC campaign, members are prompt in donating their dollars.

The Board set the period from Oct. 8 through tomorrow for an intensive drive



Gerald Di Sorbo



Peter Monzo

for registration of voters and for collecting the voluntary \$1 PAC contributions.

The first shop stewards to turn in completed PAC books were: Gerald DiSorbo, Bldg. 68; Lucy Zeppitelli, Bldg. 68; Wilard Kuschel, Bldg. 46; John Rez, Bldg. 42; Peter Monzo, Bldg. 285, and Ralph Pigeon, Bldg. 60.

## Company Will Check On Apron Situation

Louis Male, general superintendent, agreed in a grievance meeting with Business Agent Leo Jandreau last week that the company would survey the works to see if there were any undesirable jobs on which aprons should be supplied to the workers, and where aprons are not being supplied now.

He refused, however, to have the aprons supplied to all who want to use them, as proposed by the Executive Board. Male took the position that where the nature of the work made aprons necessary, they would be supplied, but that where aprons were a matter of choice with the worker, it was up to the worker to supply his own.

personal economic interests, to prevent this faction from using the funds of local treasuries, to refuse all financial or other support to them, to repudiate them and drive them out of leadership, and, if they persist in their disruption, to drive them out of the union."

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## Turbine Offer Put To Vote in Shops

A management offer intended to settle the short shift dispute in the Turbine Division was submitted to the division membership in a poll through the union shop stewards this week (after this paper went to press).

After eight weeks of refusal by the men to work overtime until the dispute was settled, the company backed down on its insistence on a 7½ hour day for the three shifts. James Burnison last Friday offered to put the first and second shifts back on 8 hours. The third shift would be on six nights of 6½ hours each, the sixth at time-and-a-half, with the right to put in another four hours at time-and-a-half.

### What Proposal Means

The 8-hour proposal for the first and second shifts represents what they asked for. The proposal for the third shift was of course unsatisfactory, although a slight improvement over the schedule before the 7½-hour shift was established.

The third shift numbers 249 out of 2500 in the division.

The issue was put to a shop vote because of the practical difficulty of getting a clear vote in shift meetings. The company proposal was opposed by a third shift meeting Tuesday morning, and by a second shift meeting Wednesday. It was approved by an almost unanimous vote of the first shift at a big meeting Tuesday. The vote in the shop will be taken as one group.

### Pledge Continued Fight

In voting to accept, the first shift members declared they would continue the fight to get a full 8-hours' pay per day for all three shifts, and that when the next contract negotiations came up, they would call upon all shifts to fight for an 8-hour guarantee for all shifts as a major contract issue.

The vote on the compromise proposal was scheduled to be completed today.

Burnison made the offer to a union committee including Business Agent Leo Jandreau, and Ray Fredericks, Roy Lash and Ernest Fainelli, named by the Turbine Division committee on the dispute.

## Convention Report Okayed

The Stewards' Council Tuesday approved the report of Leo Jandreau on the 12th national UE convention at Boston. The convention report will also be made to the regular 301 membership meeting Oct. 21.

Make the PAC \$1 drive 100%

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## More Food Bargains Offered Today



301 FOOD CENTER attracts a steady stream of union members anxious to buy eggs, vegetables and fruit at cost. Albert Davis, left, and Stanley Bishop, right, are behind the counter in this picture. They are both members of the Food Price Committee which opened the store at 106 South Church St.

## 301 Continues Sale of Produce

Local 301's first experiment at selling food at cost to its members last Friday and Saturday was so popular that the Food Price Committee has increased both the amount and the variety of food for this week's sale, today and tomorrow.

Instead of having to go to the union hall first to pay for their purchases and get vouchers, union members can go direct to the 301 food store at 106 South Church St. A cashier from the union office will be on duty there. The store will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow. You have to show your union card in order to buy the food.

A report on the union's food project will be made at the Local 301 membership meeting (Continued on Page 2)

## Y Is Mr. X? Here's the Answer

Have you been wondering about Mr. X, the mystery man who has been looking at machines in Bldg. 17 and watching to see how fast people work? At least one worker was reprimanded by his foreman because Mr. X thought he was too slow.

The union checked with the company and learned that Mr. X is a man from the general office inspecting equipment and facilities to see if improvements are needed. He has nothing to do with personnel, according to management. He has no authority over any of the workers in the shop, or their way of working. Mr. X is expected to visit other buildings soon.

## 301 Broadcast

The weekly radio broadcast of Local 301 is now at 7:30 p.m. every Monday over WSNY.

## Requests for Voting Time Presented to GE Foremen

Many cards have been handed to foremen stating that union members have registered and want two hours off with pay Election Day, Nov. 4, to vote. The cards are provided by the union, to assist members in getting the voting time which the law allows them.

The Schenectady GE management has announced it will close the first shift at noon Election Day. The company admits that the workers are still entitled to two hours off with pay, in addition to the time the shops are closed without pay.

One foreman in Bldg. 10 refused to take these notice cards. When the union complained to management, the foreman was ordered to accept the cards.

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## Membership Meeting To Be in Two Parts

The regular monthly 301 membership meeting next week will be in two parts. First and third shift workers will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the union hall and second shift workers will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the hall. This arrangement was made to give the second shift workers the same opportunity as other members to take part in the union's business. Votes taken at the two parts of the meeting will be totaled.

Business scheduled includes election of delegates to the UE District 3 Council, election of delegates to the Capital District CIO Council, the report of the Trial Committee and the report of delegates to the national UE convention. The 301 Food Price Committee will report on the sale of food to members at cost.

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ship meeting next week. Members will decide then on future plans.

James Cognetta, chairman of the committee, has asked for volunteers to assist the committee at the store. William Johnson, second shift worker in Bldg. 49, worked there both days last week.

About 750 individuals bought food last week. As many of them brought friends or relatives along with them, over 1,000 people visited the store. The money taken in amounted to over \$1700.

### What You Can Buy

Food on sale today and tomorrow will include eggs, apples, potatoes, oranges, celery, cider, grapefruit and spinach. There may be some surprise items too, if the committee can complete arrangements in time.

Last week the apples, potatoes and oranges were cleaned out quickly. 48 bunches of celery, obtained in time for Saturday's sale, "went like hotcakes."

There were 384 dozen eggs left from the 1500 dozen supply, Cognetta reported.

"That's because at first we limited purchases to two dozen eggs a member," he said. "Lots of people wanted more than two dozen. This week there won't be any limit on the amount of food any member can buy."

### 2100 Dozen Eggs

The committee has ordered 2100 dozen eggs, strictly fresh, for sale at 65 cents a dozen, and also expects to sell those left from last week.

Other food items going on sale today are: 200 bushels of handpicked, McIntosh and Cortland apples at \$1.85 a bushel.

Large Maine potatoes at \$1.85 a bushel, in contrast to \$2.25 and \$2.50 in Schenectady stores. It is hoped that 100 bushels will be available. In addition, the committee will again get smaller potatoes, if possible.

Five crates of seedless Florida grapefruit at 10 cents a grapefruit. There

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also are a few grapefruit left over from a shipment received unexpectedly last week.

Spinach in cellophane bags, at 20 cents a bag. The current price in Schenectady stores is 29 cents.

Cider in half gallon jars. The price was not announced when this paper went to press.

A crate of Pascal celery from California, selling at 20 cents a bunch. The same celery sells at 29 and 31 cents elsewhere in Schenectady. There also will be other celery, two bunches for 15 cents.

20 crates of California oranges at 25 cents a dozen.

The committee is trying to buy cakes of soap and soap flakes. The members are still investigating the possibilities of getting canned goods at a substantial saving.

One of the last-minute shipments received last week consisted of 32 bushels of pears. All but four bushels were sold.

If you haven't your check-off card, drop it at the union office, 301 Liberty, to get it before you go to the store. Because addresses were lacking, many of the cards could not be mailed.

## Community Support Needed In Fight Against T-H Law

In a resolution calling for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, the UE convention said:

"We must rally our communities to our support in our fight to maintain and improve our working conditions and against the efforts of employers to use the Taft-Hartley Law as a club against our membership. We must bring to the entire community a realization that the welfare of the workers in the community is inseparable from the interests of all the people in the community.

"We must intensify our political activity to ensure the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law and to elect a Congress that will represent the interest of the people."

The convention supported the General Executive Board's statement of policy that the UE shall not submit on its own initiative any issue "to the employer agency known as the Taft-Hartley Board."

Make the PAC collection 100%

## Mastriani and Ferris Leaders in PAC Drive

William Mastriani, Bldg. 78A, and Charles Ferris, Bldg. 63, are leading the 301 shop stewards in collecting dollar donations for PAC in their shops. Mastriani has turned in \$42 and Ferris, \$35.

Others who completed PAC collection books this week are Eugene F. Szepepanik, Bldg. 69; Morton L. Milkins, Bldg.



Charles Ferris

Wm. Mastriani

42; Roy Lash, Bldg. 60; Robert Weston, Bldg. 17, and William Hodges, Bldg. 72. Each book has receipt stubs for \$25.

The PAC drive for voluntary contributions is continuing throughout the shops. Board members have urged the stewards in their sections to make a thorough canvass of the members they represent. Some stewards have been slow in starting. In general when they start out with their collection books, however, they find a good response from rank-and-file members. The drive picked up speed this week.

## Board Urges Support For Community Chest

The Executive Board of 301 has gone on record urging generous support of the Community Chest drive which starts Oct. 24.

In a letter to Community Chest officials, the Board expressed approval that the chest "is giving consideration to the needs of the hard-pressed child care centers which have been in our opinion, unfairly deprived of supporting funds from the state and the city. Few needs are greater than those of the children of working mothers."

The Board pointed out that the year ahead "with the lowered standards brought about by the high prices and the dangerous housing shortage, will be a critical one for many Schenectady families."

Vice-president William Hodges, representing 301 on the campaign committee, addressed a meeting of all GE Works Community Chest solicitors recently.

## Convention Resolution on Foreign Policy

Here are quotations from the foreign policy resolution passed overwhelmingly by the UE convention at Boston recently.

"Since the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the government of the United States has fallen under the control of Big Business. . . .

"Wall Street's domination has laid a grievous burden upon the American people. The food is robbed from our tables by extortionate profiteering; we do not know how long we may keep the roofs over our heads. . . .

"Big Business directs our country's relations with other lands. It is not strange that the common people of other nations look at our country with growing distrust and fear. It is not strange that peace is insecure.

"Do the men of Big Business who have set out to squeeze the American people dry have any other purpose toward the people of other lands? Do men who would suppress the liberties of America work for freedom abroad? . . .

### Wall Street in Control

"As Americans our responsibility is for the actions of our own government, now in the grip of Wall Street. . . . We must drive Wall Street out of Washington as an essential first step in re-directing the foreign policy of our country toward building a peace which is stable and secure because it rests upon the common interests of common people in every nation."

"At the same time we owe it to ourselves as citizens and workers to declare to the common people of other lands that the policy of the American trusts is not the policy of the American people.

"We urge that the full economic strength of our country be mobilized so that we can send food and other non-military equipment to needy lands, not as an instrument of political and economic domination, but because men, women and children are hungry and war devastated nations need rebuilding. It was Herbert Hoover, not the American people, who invented the use of starvation as a political club against the hungry.

"It is not the people's policy, but the policy of the trusts, to re-establish a reactionary Germany as economic dictator over Europe.

### People Want Peace

"Finally, we declare to the people of the world that we will not make war upon them, nor burn them alive with atom bombs to enforce the re-establishment of international monopolies.

"We know that the common people of the world wish to live in peace. We know that there is no conflict in the interests of the common people, wherever they may live. We know that when the policy

of the United States, under the New Deal, was to raise the people's standard of living at home and abroad, there was friendship among the liberty-loving peoples.

"The history of Germany provides us with a terrible example of the fate that awaits the people whose greedy masters drive them into war to rule the world.

"We demand that our relations with the rest of the world be taken out of the hands of the trusts. We demand this in the interests of the people of America, for our own people—not the people of other lands—stand in the gravest danger from the Wall Street drive to suppress and exploit the people of the world.

"We call upon our countrymen to join us in the fight to take our government out of the hands of Wall Street and re-direct it to the interests of the people. That is the road to peace."

## Delegates Press For Labor Unity

Delegates to the UE convention adopted a resolution favoring establishment of organic unity of the American labor movement at the earliest possible date.

"To achieve its purpose of uniting the people against reaction," the resolution said, "organic unity must preserve the integrity, the industrial structure and the self-government of the CIO industrial unions in the mass production industries."

The UE pledged itself to joint legislative action with AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods. In addition, the resolution declared "UE will willingly enter into a mutual agreement with any legitimate trade union to respect each other's organizational status."

## Jandreau at Convention

Leo Jandreau, 301 business agent, is attending the national CIO convention at Boston this week as a national UE delegate. He is a national UE vice-president.

GIVEN YOUR PAC DOLLAR?