

UE Failed in Louisville Despite Fact It 'Meant the Job of Every 301 Member'

One year ago UE International Representative Ernest Thompson appeared before Local 301 Stewards and told them that "the job security of every Schenectady GE worker rests with the success of UE's organizing campaign in Louisville." UE failed miserably in that campaign. It got only 147 votes.

It was only the solid Local 301 fight that has kept our jobs in Schenectady today. UE has never saved a job for Schenectady; proof of this is the way it has not been able to save the jobs of Erie workers.

Local 301 is responsible for keeping our jobs and it will be in an even stronger position in the future when we are united with 100,000 GE workers in IUE-CIO.

Friday, May 8, 1953

Louisville Drive Seen as Key

Eliminating the southern differential and organizing runaway plants in the South was described this week as the "greatest problem facing UE and all workers in the electrical industry." This estimate was given by Ernest Thompson, UE National FEPC secretary in an address before the UE Local 301 stewards' meeting on Monday.

Thompson, who spoke in Schenectady on the invitation of the local FEPC group, cited the effort of UE to organize the Louisville General Electric plant on a democratic basis, as the number one job of our union. "On the success of the Louisville organizing campaign rests the job security of every Schenectady GE worker," Thompson asserted. He added:

"If GE can carry through its current plan to establish in Louisville a plant with 16,000 unorganized, low-wage workers, then obviously it will be able to turn out jobs in Louisville at lower cost than in Schenectady, Erie or Lynn. And in the company's drive for greater and greater profits, this will spell unemployment, speedup, rate cutting and union-busting in northern centers."

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Unity of 100,000 GE Workers Means Higher Wages and More Job Security

The Following 56 GE Locals Are United in IUE-CIO

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| Alameda, Calif. | Everett, Mass. | Minneapolis, Minn. | Schenectady, N. Y. |
| Anniston, Alabama | Fort Wayne, Ind. | Montreal, Quebec | (Main Plant) |
| Auburn, New York | Holyoke, Mass. | (2 Locals) | Schenectady, N. Y. (Knolls 2) |
| Bridgeport, Conn. | Huntingburg, Ind. | New Kensington, Pa. | Schenectady, N. Y. (Maqua) |
| (2 Locals) | Irrington, N. J. | Newark, N. J. | Seattle, Wash. |
| Bridgeville, Pa. | Johnstown, Pa. | New York, N. Y. | Springfield, N. J. |
| Bucyrus, Ohio | Lachine, Quebec | Oakland, Calif. | Syracuse, N. Y. |
| Cambridge, Mass. | Linton, Ind. | Oakville, Ontario | Tell City, Ind. |
| Charleston, W. Va. | Long Beach, Calif. | Peterborough, Ontario | Toronto, Ontario |
| Cleveland, Ohio | Long Island City, N. Y. | Philadelphia, Pa. (2 Locals) | Trenton, N. J. |
| Clifton, N. J. | Los Angeles, Calif. | Pittsburgh, Pa. | Wabash, Ind. |
| Coburg, Ontario | Louisville, Ky. | Pittsfield, Mass. (2 Locals) | Warren, Ohio |
| DeKalb, Illinois | Lynn, Mass. | Providence, R. I. | Waterford, N. Y. |
| Euclid, Ohio | Milwaukee, Wis. | Quebec City, Quebec | Youngstown, Ohio |

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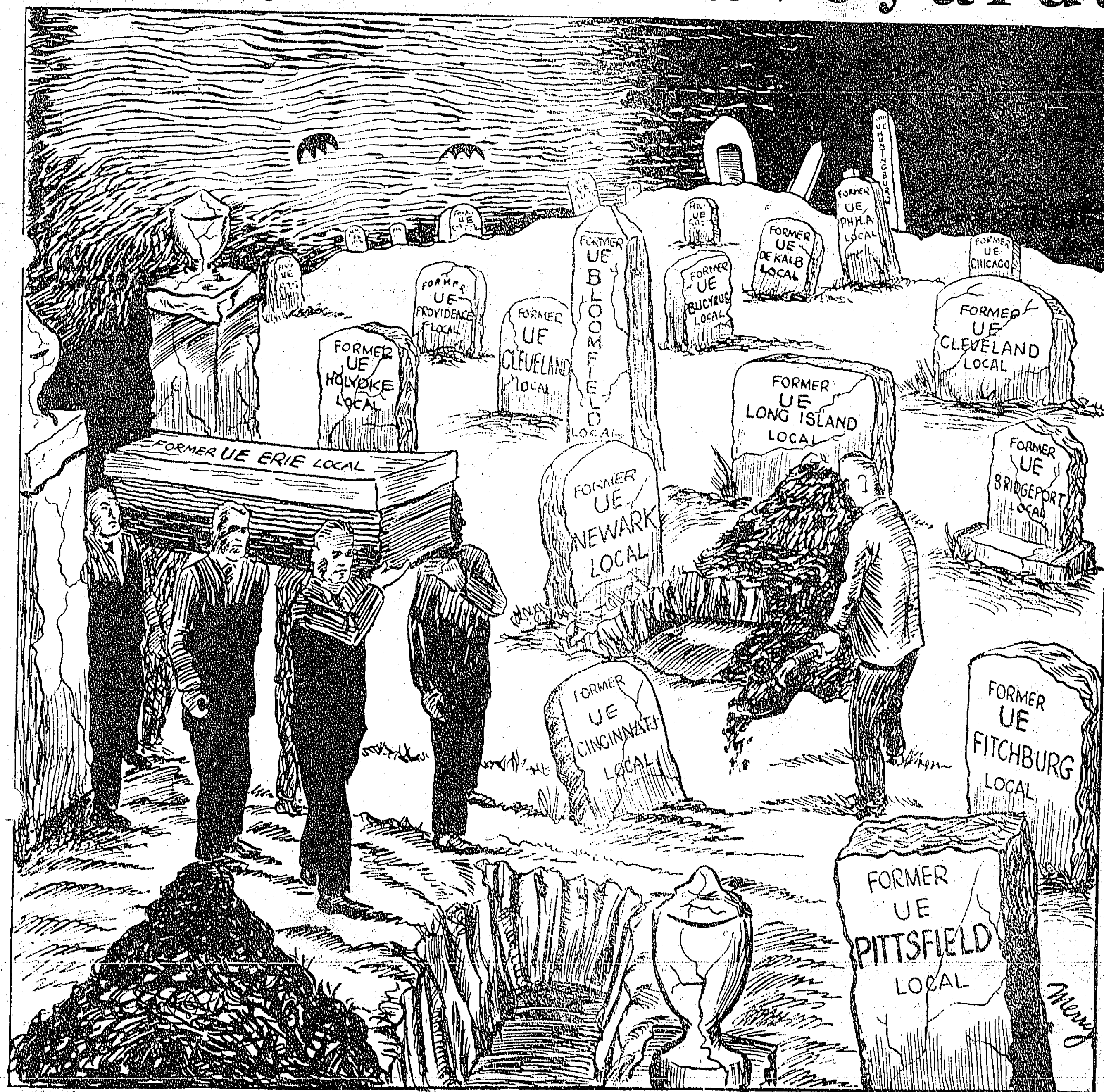
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"Unity" in UE is...

Unity in a Graveyard!



Injured Workers Protected For Life Through Local 301

(First of a Series)

Leon Novak, Local 301 Attorney, reports that the number of injured workers he has helped so far this year to obtain protection for life as permanently handicapped is almost equal to the total number who got such life protection during all of 1953.

301 Wins Where Paper "Local" Fails

S. Klienicki in Bldg. 269 was laid off for lack of work. The company offered only an office service job.

But a check of Local 301 records showed that a short-service employee in another department was working the same job with the same rate. Board Member Gray handled the case and Sister Klienicki gets her proper bump.

This is the department where the alleged "chief steward" for the UE paper local on Broadway — Andy Hmura — works. Despite that title, Hmura made no effort to help enforce seniority rules.

No wonder! Hmura hasn't been around Local 301 long enough to know a case when he sees one. He didn't even start work in the plant until March of 1952!

Forceful Action Wins in Bldg. 68

The morning of May 11, Local 301 Shop Steward Anna Mae Sullivan presented a written grievance to Foreman Range demanding a reduction in force in Shipping and Packing, Bldg. 68.

At 3 p.m. that day Range refused. Further, he said he would make vacations mandatory.

Steward Sullivan demanded that the company comply with the Contract and that the foreman should give her a written answer. Later that afternoon Range returned. He agreed to the reduction.

T-V Tuesday

IUE-CIO Local 301 continues its series of Television programs presenting the facts on the issues in the campaign next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. over WRGB.

Results Are What Counts, And Local 301 Gets Them!

During the past week Local 301 has continued to enforce Seniority and Contract conditions in the shop—thereby proving that results are what counts. The phony talk by the outsiders doesn't mean a thing.

Some of the victories for the Union were:

In Bldg. 69, Board Member DiLorenzo saw to it that Warren Braumiester was placed on a lathe job at \$1.86 an hour after the company tried to make him take a shipping job at 13c an hour less.

In Bldg. 81, Wm. Durand, a wash room attendant, succeeded in keeping his job on a full-time basis after the company tried to make him sweep in a stockroom after the attendant there had been laid off. Board Member Lupi was designated and handled the case.

In Bldg. 24, Board Member Dube won placement on a drill press job at \$1.96 an hour for Vincent Suto, Jr. after Suto was laid off for lack of work and offered only a crane follower job at considerable reduction in rate.

In Bldg. 11, George Volintine, stator connector, was also offered only crane follow-

er at reduced rate after being laid off for lack of work. Board Member Pacelli handled his case and won placement on a punch press job at \$1.85 AER.

Board Endorses Children's Home

The campaign of the Children's Home of Schenectady to build a new home was unanimously endorsed by the Local 301 Executive Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The Schenectady Children's Home has served the community for many years without regard to race, color or creed. In this way it is helping to advance principles our Union has always stood for.

Plans call for the new home to be located at Consaul Road and Park Avenue, adjacent to the Golf Course.

301 On the Job

Bldg. 60: H. Osolveck has been bumped on his job and offered only Maint.—Mach. 1.86 job rate. Board Member D'Amico will process the case in Bldg. 41 for proper placement.

Bldg. 273: L. Phillips has been absent from work for over one year. Jim Cognetta has been selected to take case up with management to arrange for a loan on the pension fund according to Contract.

Bldg. 73: J. Greco is protesting the unequal distribution of overtime among the group under Foreman Doyle. William Mastriani will process case with management to correct this violation of Contract.

Bldg. 273: Foreman E. Wallingford, contrary to an agreement reached in Docket 2196-54, has assigned B. Di Donna, layout helper, to work as drill press helper. Board Member McColl has been chosen to take case up in Bldg. 41 and correct this violation of agreement.

Bldg. 53: Elizabeth Santo was laid off on assembly job although shorter service employees remained on the job. Joe Whitbeck will process case with management to correct this violation of Contract.

Bldg. 273: N. Di Cesare was compelled to take a job at a rate much lower than his present rate.

Board Member Vitallo will take case to Bldg. 41 for proper offers.

Bldg. 60: Supervision has attempted to reduce the job rate on Assembly and Connect EM Pump job. D. De Forge has chosen Board Member D'Amico to process this case with management to maintain the job rate since there has been no change in job content.

Bldg. 273: K. Imbody was transferred to 2nd shift for convenience of the Company. Board Member Vitallo will take case to Bldg. 41 for premium payment he is entitled to.

Bldg. 14: Supervision has attempted to assign S. Prehoda work outside his classification. Board Member Williams will take case up with management to correct this situation.

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All the Way from California—

BILL ELCONIN — World Champion — At Losing Elections!

From all over the country the outsiders have poured into Schenectady. From Pittsburgh, Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Rome, Philadelphia, and as far away as California they have come.

This story takes one of the guys who came all the way from California. He is Bill Elconin, from Hollywood, a professional performer with a Communist background as long as your arm, and no record of having worked in a plant.

Elconin is "great" in all the Hollywood sense of the term. He is without a doubt the "greatest" election-loser in history. He is also a champion sell-out artist.

So that GE workers will not be taken in by his Hollywood techniques, here is the record on Elconin:

● Elconin took GE workers out on strike in the Oakland Transformer plant on Oct. 12, 1950. Six months later, in April 1951, the workers returned to work completely whipped.

When they went back they were forced to take pay cuts of between 10c and 30c an hour, which Elconin had "negotiated" for them.

In the beginning, Elconin



ELCONIN

Big Mouth from California

told the people the strike was to "prevent" a speed-up. But six months later they went back to work on the same company speed-up terms, and with pay cuts of 30c an hour!

● Elconin's record of losing elections is unmatched. He has managed to lose more UE shops than anybody in history.

For the past four years he has been National UE's "wheel" on the West Coast. In that time here are the shops that have quit UE in the Los Angeles area alone while Elconin was "running" things:

1. RCA
2. GE Supply Co.
3. Clary Multiplier
4. Grayson Control Co.
5. Capitol Records
6. Allied Records
7. Mullenbach Electric
8. Sterling Electric
9. Zinsco Electric
10. U. S. Motors
11. Minneapolis Honeywell
12. Pryne & Co.
13. Square D.
14. Cannon Electric
15. Altec Langsing
16. Westinghouse Co.
17. Jensen Industries

That is only a partial list of shops that have quit UE under Elconin's "leadership". As a result, UE has only three locals left in Southern California, and the total membership is less than 1200.

But that is to be expected from a guy who never worked in a plant. Elconin's specialty is as a performer—master of ceremonies—with special attention given to Communist Front affairs.

His Communist record is more than 14 years long. As early as 1940 Elconin was a Charter Member of the American Peace Mobilization, one of the most notorious Com-

munist Fronts in history. Elconin served as a delegate to the National Conference of the APM.

After that Elconin devoted his time to collecting funds for Communist Party affairs. He made a special speech asking for funds for the West Coast edition of the Daily Worker—"Peoples World"—at a mass meeting in the Embassy Auditorium in L.A.

From then on Elconin rose fast in the Communist Party. In 1947 he became Chairman of a special Section of the Communist Party in Los Angeles. By 1949 he was considered one of the most important Communist functionaries on the West Coast.

After that Elconin continued to devote lots of time to raising money for Communist Fronts, such as the Civil Rights Congress. In fact, workers in former UE plants figure Elconin spent more time working for the Communist Party than for UE.

No wonder UE hasn't any plants left on the West Coast! Or anywhere in the country for that matter — what with Communist Creeps like Elconin wasting the member's dues money!

Workers Denounce UE for Unauthorized "Statements"

The propaganda sheets put out by the paper local of UE on Broadway carried stories about how GE workers "support UE." Each "statement of support" carries pretty little sentences apparently written by the workers involved.



PANDORI DeGENOVA

These statements are fraudulent, and use of them by UE is a hoax on GE workers. The statements were never made by the people whose names were used and the people don't even authorize use of their names.

Last week's UE rag carried statements from workers at

the Campbell Avenue Racetrack. Immediately after the paper was distributed at the racetrack, the workers involved came to the IUE-CIO office and denounced UE for using their names without permission.

Two of the people were Fred Pandori and Hank DeGenova. Both members denounced UE and the repudiated UE supporter at the racetrack — Lou Passikoff — who gave their names to the Broadway office.

In a statement to Local 301, they said:

"We resent the tactics used by Passikoff and the outsiders. Passikoff doesn't represent anybody, because the people in his department threw him out as a Steward because he couldn't do the job for them.

"Furthermore, we are solidly supporting the move of the entire Officers, Executive Board



and 90% of the Shop Stewards obviously is about the way the workers in Passikoff's gang signed a petition kicking him out as their steward.