

Company Union Flavor to Carey Convention

James B. Carey, who has been shouting about his super-patriotism, used the convention of the "Imitation UE" in Philadelphia last week to sound a call for defiance of American courts and violation of court orders.

Carey's position was that those judges who respect union contracts and the democratic rights of UE members are "irresponsible, confused and ignorant," and should be defied. It was an open call for lawlessness.

Maurice Tobin, secretary of labor, supported Carey's call, but in slightly more veiled language.

Make-Believe Democracy

The convention was made up to a great extent of self-appointed "delegates" of rump groups. It showed its "Imitation UE" character by trying to copy UE in claiming to fight for better wages and working conditions and for democracy, but everything else about the convention showed the phony "ersatz" character of the UE's collective bargaining demands and "democracy."

Red-baiting was the note through the convention, and the reliance of the outfit will be red-baiting and the hope of favors from politicians and employers.

Carey complained that some employers were not giving him enough help, because they are not yet ready to disregard binding contracts and take on fights with the workers. He demanded that the employers show "the same kind of patriotism" as himself in fighting UE members.

Politicians and "Labor Statesmen" in UE conventions, outside speakers are the rare exception and the delegates have the floor. The "Imitation UE" convention listened to four speakers from or close to the federal administration. A fifth, Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Mathews, missed the meeting because fog kept his plane in Washington. There also were several speeches by "labor statesmen," all from unions that have given up any idea of wage increases for either 1949 or 1950.

Emil Rieve, president of the Textile Workers, spoke of the "new radicalism" of CIO. A week earlier he had announced that his union, for the third time since 1948, would not ask for either wage raise or pensions.

Outright company union appeals were made to the convention by Air Force Secretary W. Stuart Symington and William Davis,

New York lawyer and former chairman of the War Labor Board. Symington is the former president of the Emerson Electric Company of St. Louis, Mo. He was made an honorary member of the IUE. Carey asked him personally to tell the Convention what "good negotiators" the Carey leaders were. Symington came across by saying the Carey boys "are good negotiators". Symington said he had worked with Carey to improve working conditions and "the companies themselves."

Symington then added that as company president he used to have a great deal of trouble with UE International Representative Robert B. Logsdon, but when Logsdon got too tough, during the years Carey was UE president, he, Symington, could always call in Carey to clear up the trouble.

Davis urged labor not to make too stiff demands on employers.

Carey in Driver's Seat

Carey ran the convention from the platform with a heavy hand, making concessions once in a while to "delegates" who complained that some of the actions would not look good to the people back home. Carey was backed all-out in a speech by Philip Murray, who virtually demanded that the convention accept Carey's dictation.

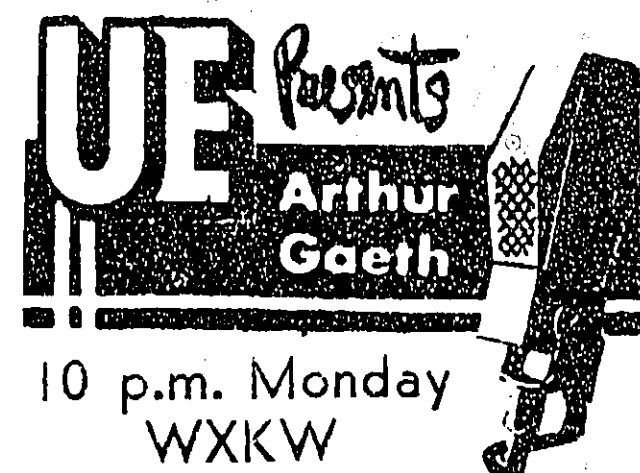
Because of the repeated protests of "delegates" on how things would look back home, a proposed provisional constitution was changed to make it look democratic. It is meaningless because there is to be no election of officers now. Carey and his "administrative committee" are in full control.

Any reference to officers' salaries was left out of the provisional constitution, because "delegates" expressed fear that a proposed \$9,500 salary for president would look bad by comparison with the UE's \$7,500 salary. Carey himself is paid \$10,000 a year as CIO secretary-treasurer.

301 Backs UE

Practically unanimous support of national UE policy was voted by the 301 membership meeting, conducted by sections last week and the preceding week. Acting President William Hodges presided.

The members nominated officers and elected a 25-man Election Committee and a three-man Auditing Committee. (See other stories)



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UE Protests Stalling Of Bargaining by GE

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improvements and the company's continued refusal to turn check-off money over to the union.

Partial Victory in Schenectady
The Local 301 membership scored a partial victory in its dealings with GE last week when A. C. Stevens, assistant to the Works Manager, backed down on the company's refusal to recognize changes in union shop stewards and board members in accordance with the contract.

Works Manager Lewis J. Male had ordered supervision to continue to recognize a former board member who had taken a public stand with the "Imitation UE." There was widespread membership protest against this open attempt to establish a company union and Wednesday of last week members met in groups all over the plant at lunch hour and demanded that the company abide by the contract. The next day Stevens notified the union that changes in representation would be recognized as in the past.

Dermody's Charges

After GE tried to scrap further negotiating of contract improvements, International Representative Joseph Dermody, in a letter to the company, charged GE with:

1. Wanting as always "to save money at the expense of its employees, while handing out extra dividends to stockholders of enormous profits."

2. "Hoping to give underhanded assistance to the efforts of the CIO officialdom to capture GE employees in the knowledge that the crew fronting for Murray, Reuther and Rieve would sacrifice the wages, seniority and other conditions of GE workers, as their sponsors sacrificed the interests of the workers in the Steel, Auto and Textile industries."

Copies of the GE's letter to the union and Dermody's reply have been sent to every 301 shop steward by the union, to show to their

Thanks to Carey!

GE Plans Downgrading Of Boring Mill Work

Works Manager Lewis J. Male last week told the 301 Turbine committee that the company intended to go ahead with its plan to downgrade part of the boring mill work. The action came a week after a splitting drive by "Imitation UE" forces among the big boring mill operators on the first shift.

The downgrading plan came up months ago, but had been held up by Male for further study, because of union opposition. The move affects principally the big boring mill group, which has a single timing rate of \$1.45 an hour. The proposal is to set a separate roughing classification on the 12 to 18 foot mills, with a timing rate of \$1.31. There would also be some effect on the small mills, where some jobs would be reduced from a timing rate of \$1.26 to \$1.21.

A shop sub-committee meeting was arranged to hear the details of the proposed set-up. There was scheduled to be another meeting with Male yesterday for final discussion.

Local 301 is planning an early meeting of all Turbine boring mill operators to discuss what to do about the threatened downgrading.

301 Christmas Party Tomorrow and Sunday

Tomorrow and Sunday are the two big days for children of Local 301 members. The union will have its Christmas party at 2 p.m. both afternoons at Mont Pleasant High School, for children 10 years old or less.

Here's the program for each day:

2 to 2:30—Movies: "Christmas Carols," "Night before Christmas" and "Santa Claus with Punch and Judy".

2:30 to 3—Harold Vine, magician.

3 to 3:20—Movies: "Mickey Mouse's Christmas" and "Mickey Mouse No. 1".

3:20—Distribution of gifts by Santa Claus.

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The Schenectady newspaper quoted Carey agents in 301 as hailing the GE's "suspension" of its pensions and insurance offer.

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SPECIAL MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT TO ELECT TRIAL COMMITTEE

Under action taken by the Shop Stewards' council, the Board has called a special membership meeting to elect a trial committee to hear charges against members accused of raiding and secession activities.

The meeting will be held as follows:

First and third shifts

Thursday - December 15 - 7:30 P.M.

Second shift -

Immediately after the Thursday night shift (officially Friday, December 16-12:45 A.M.)

Both parts of the meeting will take place at the Local 301 Hall - 301 Liberty St.

Charges have been preferred by individual 301 members against a small number of members who have been most active in circulating cards for the "Imitation UE".

Copies of the charges are being sent to the accused members today. Under the constitution a trial committee of nine must be elected to hear the charges.

FINAL CALL - CAST YOUR VOTE - SHOW GE

Polls in the Local 301 election of officers close at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday. This is your last chance to register your vote. Many members have said that they don't see why they should vote, because there is no contest for certain important offices, and anyway, for those offices where there is a contest, all the candidates are supporters of UE, so why worry?

That reasoning misses the point. It makes no difference whom you vote for. BUT A VOTE FOR ANY CANDIDATE IS A VOTE TO TELL THE COMPANY YOU SUPPORT UE. THE COMPANY IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENT DISRUPTION BY REFUSING TO SETTLE GRIEVANCES. GE IS ALSO HELPING THE "IMITATION UE" BY WITHHOLDING THE CHECK-OFF MONEY AND PROTECTING THE DISRUPTORS IN THEIR ANTI-UE ACTIVITY.

THE BEST WAY TO CHANGE THIS COMPANY ATTITUDE IS TO CAST YOUR VOTE TODAY. LAST CHANCE BY 1 P.M.

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DEFEND UE-GE CONTRACT AND 13 YEARS' GAINS