



Chicago—The new postoffice policy of requiring carriers to deliver no-address advertising matter along with the regular mail is a nuisance to the public and a threat to the jobs of 70,000 mailers, says Pres. Thomas Peth of Intl. Mailers Local 2.

Washington—"In this country if someone dislikes you . . . he can't assassinate you or your character from behind without suffering the penalties an outraged citizenry will inflict,"—at least that's what President Eisenhower said Nov. 23.

Washington—Six announcers and nine engineers locked out by WOL, Washington, appealed to the FCC Nov. 24 for equal time to answer charges the station boardcast against them.

Salt Lake City—U. S. judge Willis W. Ritter Nov. 23 awarded \$100,000 in damages to a Navajo Indian tribe whose horses and burros were wantonly killed by the U. S. bureau of land management because whites wanted the land.

Washington—The bureau of labor statistics consumer price index hit an alltime high in October at 115.4% of the 1947-49 average taken as 100.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—University of Michigan students told the academic heads not to fire any student just because he stood on his constitutional rights if summoned before the prospective House un-American hearings in Detroit.

Detroit—The newly granted permit for a UAW-TV station in Detroit on Channel 62 will enable the union to start programs within 6 months.

Longmont, Colo.—13 AFL canner workers are fighting loss of 4 weeks unemployment benefits in their strike, imposed because they refused nonunion jobs 22 miles away at 20c an hour less pay.

New York—Leaving 4 children and 2 grandchildren behind, Chas. Doyle, former CIO chemical workers vice president, left with his wife for Scotland Nov. 23 under threat of deportation. He had lived in the U. S. almost 30 years and was an ace union organizer.

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## Curtis Committee And C. of C. Gang Up On Social Security

Washington—As the much delayed hearings on social security by a House sub-committee under Carl T. Curtis (R, Neb.) finally got ready to roll Nov. 23, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce issued a new anti-social security pamphlet and organized labor warned against an assault on the whole system.

The C of C pamphlet was a rehash of its propaganda seeking drastic reductions in social security payments to save taxes for the wealthy corporations.

AFL legislative Rep. Andrew J. Biemiller, in a nationwide radio broadcast, announced that though the AFL had written months ago asking an opportunity to testify before the Curtis subcommittee, it still has received no answer.

AFL social security Dir. Nelson Cruikshank said: "Curtis is against the whole idea of social security and plans to use the committee hearings to discredit the system with the American people."

"In preparing for the hearings, Curtis wrote to other congressmen, not asking for constructive ideas, but asking what is wrong with social security."

"You can find laws with any legislation and if you put enough little flaws together you create the impression the whole program is wrong."

Cruikshank said Curtis tipped off his stand on social security in 1949 when he voted against a ways and means committee report recommending extension of coverage.

"If they are successful in their present campaign," Cruikshank said, the enemies of the system will be able to "reduce payments to a new low level flat sum and make recipients submit to means tests before getting their payments."

## New Machine-Rate Increased

Turbine Division has put into use a new Vertical Boring Machine. The rate established after job evaluation, according to supervision, was to be 2.34 A.E.R. Shop Steward F. Newkirk did not feel this rate was adequate and, therefore, filed a written docket to this effect. Management agreed to a joint investigation as a result of which they agreed to increase the rate to 2.48 A.E.R.

This case is a typical example of UEs superior grievance procedure under Article XV-1-(b)-(3) whereby highly qualified and experienced Union representatives can make an inspection of the job under question so that they may be better able to argue the case. We might point out for Senator

## McLeish Issues Warning Against Substitution of Hatred for Patriotism

Washington—"Patriotism which measures itself not by its love of America but by cold passion against the Soviet Union" is an evil thing that will disastrously divide the U. S., Archibald MacLeish, poet, former librarian of Congress and now a Harvard professor, warned the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

MacLeish's warning, coming in the midst of the political war over

### Motor Generator Quality on a Budget

Several weeks ago Shop Steward Lloyd Perue of Bldg. 16 pointed out the need to fill a recently created opening on Class "A" Inspection. At that time other Class "A" Inspectors were being worked overtime to cover the job so that Foreman Zautner agreed the opening should be filled, in fact said he was going to hire another man. Three days later Foreman Zautner was back to deliver his message—that it was now decided not to fill the job. His reason—they couldn't hire another Inspector because of the "budget". As a result a good deal of the work now goes through, on foremen's instructions, without being inspected. Apparently management in Bldg. 41 is powerless to correct the situation, showing one of the effects of the new "decentralization" policy. Regardless of GE's claims in regard to quality products, Motor Generator is allowed to put "quality on a budget."

the Truman administration's relation to the late Harry Dexter White, was interpreted as a sharp counterattack on the witchhunters. It was the highlight of a 3-day convention of the league which closed Nov. 23.

"A man who lives not by what he loves," MacLeish said, "but by what he hates is a sick man and so, too, for a nation. It is tragedy that hatred is more real with us than devotion."

Negative patriotism, MacLeish said, has led to bitterness between those in this country who measure loyalty by hatred of Russia and those who measure it by devotion to America.

"Not in our lifetime," he said, "and I think not since the war between the states, has the American mind been so divided by such bitterness. It is an evil and destructive thing."

The poet said the only way to overcome the evil is through a revival of "the American dream, the love of man—the love of the human possibility—the love of which Lincoln's life was the great American expression."

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said: "When you have prejudice and a low hatred to come into your head against any one group, it grows. Hatred of Russia has almost changed to hatred of America by Americans."

Sen. James H. Duff (R, Pa.) told the meeting American civil liberties must not be sacrificed in the "war against communism." His speech was taken as a veering-away from the Brownell-Jenner-McCarthy drive toward hysteria.

Though he did not mention the congressional committees, Duff's words were interpreted as an attack on chairman William E. Jenner (R, Ind.) of the Senate internal security subcommittee and chairman Joseph R. McCarthy (R, Wis.) of the Senate permanent investigations subcommittee.

"At all hazards," Duff said, "we must be sure that the weapons aimed at the destruction of communism must not have even the appearance of destroying any of our civil liberties or interfering with the equal protection of our citizens before the law."

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very important to all GE workers. If the Lynn GE workers vote to come back to UE, the BIG THREE—Schenectady, Lynn and Erie, united in UE, can be very effective in the coming contract negotiations with the company next spring.

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Friday, December 11, 1953

## Jandreau Tells Cordiner

*'You will not destroy the security of GE Workers'*

Mr. Ralph J. Cordiner, President  
570 Lexington Avenue  
General Electric Company  
New York, N. Y.

December 10, 1953

Dear Mr. Cordiner:

As a former G.E. employee and as an elected representative of G.E. Schenectady workers for 17 years, I am shocked at the un-American and anti-labor stand you have just announced through the newspapers.

Your one-man order calls for the suspension and discharge of any G.E. worker who stands up against McCarthy and his kind and who seeks the protection of the Bill of Rights against persecution and frame-ups. It is no accident that you timed the release of your statement on the very day before the Labor Board election of G.E. workers at Lynn, Mass.

It was McCarthy who demanded this policy from you, and now you agree to place in the hands of McCarthy and any other anti-Union politician the power to cause the firing of G.E. employees.

For 17 years the job security, wages and working conditions of G.E. workers at Schenectady have been determined through collective bargaining between G.E. and U.E. I can remember before this Union was former G.E. fired workers at Lynn and without any just cause. G.E. now wants to return to those days. Schenectady workers have fought too hard to win their contractual gains from the Company to permit you with one stroke of the pen to destroy their job security.

Your one-man order aims to scrap the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as well as the Company's obligations under the contract between G.E. and this Union.

You well know that G.E. employees do not engage in espionage or sabotage. You also know that the policy of our Union is opposed to any acts of espionage or sabotage by anyone. In the 18 years of the existence of our Union not a single officer or member has ever been legally charged, much less tried or convicted of any such illegal conduct. Moreover, our membership resents any suggestion that our Union is dominated by the Communist Party or any other party or group since our members alone determine the policies of the Union and our Union will fight any attempts at such domination.

Your eagerness to use congressional anti-labor committees and agencies to do your bidding in order to destroy the job security of G.E. workers is in sharp contrast with your contempt of an order of the War Labor Board — an agency of the U. S. Government — directing G.E. to increase the wages of maintenance workers and electricians by 10c an hour. It was not until 10,000 Schenectady workers engaged in a determined protest, that the Company agreed to comply with that Government order.

The Company and its officials on their part have in the past relied on all legal and Constitutional defenses against Government indictments charging them with illegal conspiracies. Even after the Company and some of its officials were found guilty and convicted on such charges, the record does not show any instance where the Company fired any such officials.

On the other hand, you would now order the discharge of G.E. workers who are neither legally charged nor tried or convicted but who may merely look to the Constitution of the United States to protect them against unfounded persecution.

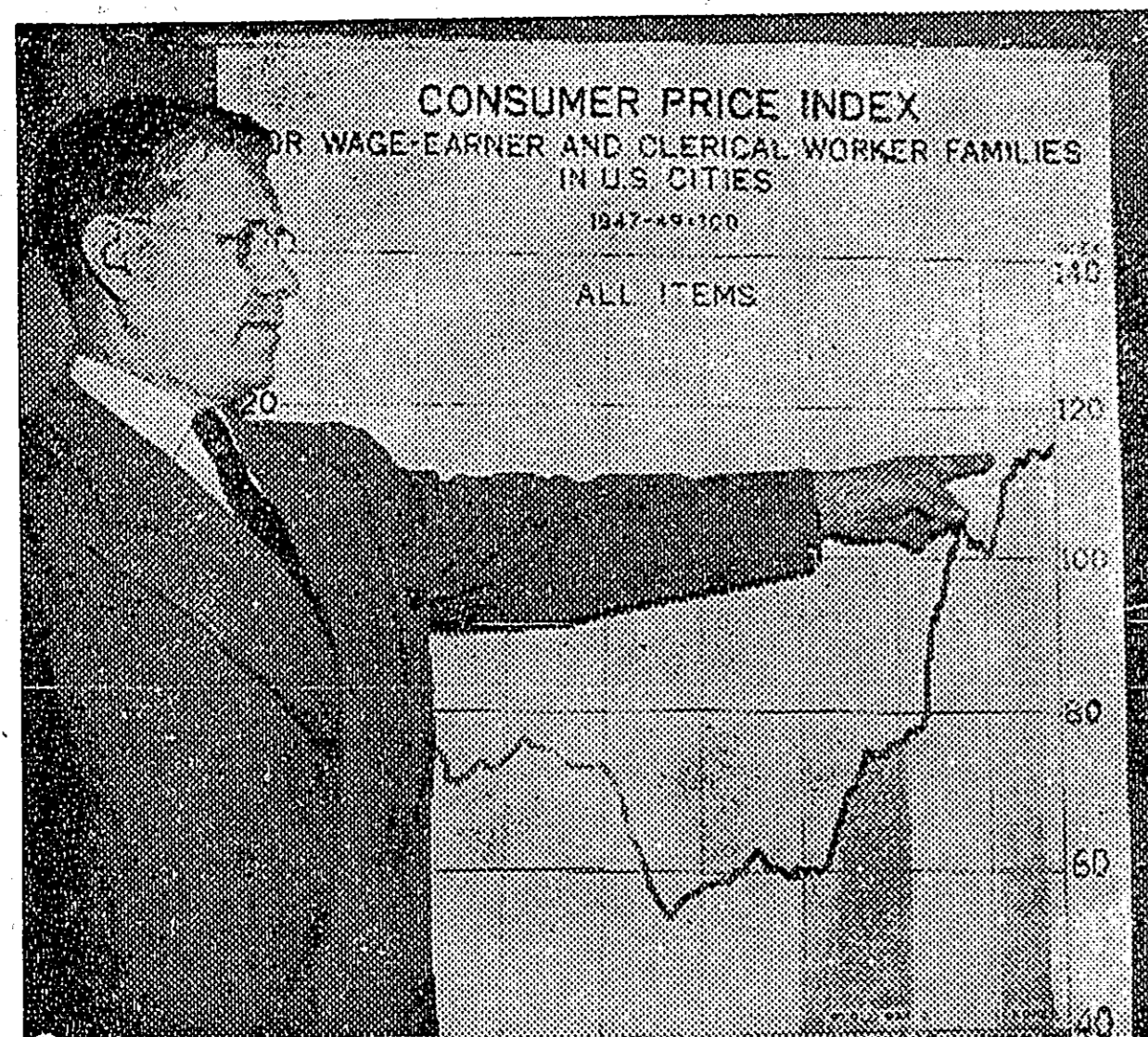
Your order if permitted to go in effect would give G.E. workers, who may be named by professional and discredited informers, no alternative but to subject themselves to frame-ups or to be fired. Either alternative is completely un-American.

Your order is part and parcel of the drive of G.E. to push through such legislation as the Butler Bill which would deprive workers of the right to choose their own Union officers and their own Union, and which would establish Government and Company control of Unions.

The above represents my deepest feelings in the matter. I am confident that the thousands of U.E. members in Schenectady, and the U.E. membership and locals throughout the G.E. chain, as well as the National UE-GE Locals Conference Board and our International Union, will take appropriate steps to protect the job security of all G.E. workers.

Very truly yours,  
LEO JANDREAU

LJ/ejl.



Ewan Clague, commissioner of labor statistics, is shown in Washington with a chart illustrating his announcement that the cost of living index has reached an all-time high for the ninth straight month.

## Xmas Schedule Of Work Hours

The Christmas and New Year's work schedule will be the same as last year. Employees must work according to the rules or they may jeopardize their holiday payment.

**Christmas**—1st shift and 2nd shift will shut down 1½ hours prior to regular quitting time on Thursday, December 24, the day before Christmas. However, employees may qualify for the holiday payment if they work up to their lunch period and return to work on the work day following the holiday, Monday, December 28.

The 3rd shift will shut down at the end of their work shift Wednesday, December 23, but must report to work Monday, December 28, to qualify for holiday payment.

**New Year's**—On the day before New Year's, Thursday, December 31, the 1st shift will work their regular shift. The 2nd shift will shut down at 8:00 P.M. The 3rd shift will not be scheduled to work Thursday, December 31, but will be scheduled to work New Year's night, January 1. New Year's Day will be considered the same as any other holiday with regard to qualifying for holiday payment. The exceptions permitted on the day before Christmas will not apply.

These arrangements do not apply to continuous operations.

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, Dec. 14  
7:30 P.M.  
UNION HEADQUARTERS

## California AFL Teachers Oppose Political Firings

Oakland, Calif.—The California Federation of Teachers (AFL) wound up its 2-day convention here after adopting a resolution which said:

"Although we do not condone the employment of totalitarians or anyone whose loyalties are devoted to fascist or communist governments, we deny the dismissal of competent employees solely on the grounds that they avail themselves of their constitutional privileges."

## Children's Christmas Party

The Activities Committee has reported that all lists of names submitted after Monday, December 7, will not receive tickets for either December 19th or 20th, because of maximum capacity already scheduled for the 4 parties to be held on those dates. However, those members getting their request in late have an opportunity on December 22nd from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M. to receive gifts and goodies at Union Headquarters.

The color of ticket identifies your time schedule. No other colored tickets will be accepted; only in accordance with the following schedule:

BLUE—Saturday, December 19—1:00 P.M.

WHITE—Saturday, December 19—4:00 P.M.

ORANGE—Sunday, December 20—1:00 P.M.

YELLOW—Sunday, December 20—4:00 P.M.

Late tickets — Union Headquarters:

GREEN—Tuesday, December 22—12:00 to 9:00 P.M.

## MICA INSULATOR SIGNS CONTRACT

Six-hundred employees, members of U.E. Local 333, working at Mica Insulator ratified a new contract covering wage increases ranging from 8c to 20c an hour. Negotiations dragged out 3 months following an N.L.R.B. election last August.

## Officers Reelected

The officers of U.E. Local 301 were reelected for another year. While the voting was light as compared to other years, the reelection of the officers and the absence of competition symbolizes the solidarity and unity among the members of U.E. Local 301. Also, it confirmed the members' confidence in the Local's leadership; particularly in the face of the attack made on the Union by McCarthy and his allies.

The year of 1954 is looked upon by labor as a crucial year with unemployment increasing throughout the country and the overtime, which has supplemented the pay checks of many thousands of workers, gradually declining and going out of the picture. In the face of this, the G.E. workers are scheduled to meet the Company next April to negotiate wage increases and contract improvements. Every indication points towards the hope of G.E. and other large corporations to have as aid to them repressive anti-labor legislation next year, which will make the labor unions ineffective in winning economic gains for their members.

The new agreement runs for 16 months with a reopening on all economic issues on Sept. 1, 1954.

## Savings for U. E. Members

Arrangements have been made with the Hills Jewelry Company, located at 467 State St., to give U.E. members a substantial discount on the purchase of any of the various items they carry. U.E. members who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity can do so by contacting their shop steward and making a request for an introductory card which will entitle them to the discount.

The Hills Jewelry Company carries various items, such as watches, rings, silverware, clocks, jewelry of all kinds, pens, electrical appliances, shavers, etc. The items include all of the standard brands.

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Washington—Briefs on file with the U. S. Supreme Court in the school segregation case reveal that Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell is represented on both sides of the case—for and against segregation.

Washington—The National Lawyers Guild has filed in district court a petition for an injunction against Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell to prevent him from placing the guild on his list of so-called subversive organizations.

New York—For the first time in this city's publishing history, all the major daily newspapers were shut down by a strike in which 20,000 workers, AFL and CIO, were ranged against the publishers' bloc.

New York—Here's another harbingers of depression: Help wanted ads are falling off, Editor & Publisher reports.

Pittsburgh—"We must cherish the ideal that all men are innocent until proven guilty," Pres. David J. McDonald of United Steelworkers (CIO) told 3,000 persons at a testimonial dinner for him here.

Chicago—The council of the Federation of American Scientists charged here that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's investigation at the Fort Monmouth, N. J., radar laboratory is threatening "the research which supports our national defense."

Washington—The fight to save the social security system from Republican wreckers showed signs of rousing, militant action by Democrats, organized labor and consumers after Reps. Herman P. Eberharter (D, Pa.) and John Dingell (D, Mich.) launched a bitter attack on their GOP colleagues.

Rochester, N. Y.—Opening a 1-man speaking tour against "injunctionists", Pres. James L. Burke of the Rochester Central Trades & Labor Council, warned a labor meeting here of the growing threat of court actions against legitimate union objectives.

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## Statement of Candidates Who Declined to Run

We were nominated at the November membership meeting for various offices in U.E. Local 301. Every member in good standing had the same opportunity.

We declined the nomination later because we think at a time when our Union and its leaders are under attack by anti-labor people such as McCarthy, we must support our leaders and show the fullest solidarity and unity among our members.

We have had competition for all offices in our Union for years and we will have it again; we encourage it. Our Constitution and By-laws requires democratic procedures governing our elections.

McCarthy tried to cause disunity and suspicion in our Union; our answer to that is to support our present leadership.

We further think that the new year 1954 will be a crucial year for all of organized labor. Our Union, like other unions, will need tried and tested leaders who will not be subjected to the pressures of all types that are sure to be used. We sign this statement in order that any question in the minds of our members as to why we declined to run for office will be cleared up.

Nominated for President, Douglas K. Gray; for Vice-President, Andrew O. Hmurz; for Recording Secretary, Helen Quirini; for Treasurer, Henry Kaminski; for Trustee, Helen Quirini; for Trustee, Edward Luberd; for Trustee, Howard C. McLean.

## Christmas Bureau Collects Toys

The Christmas Bureau, a committee of the Community Welfare Council located at 206 Lafayette St., will operate as a clearing house for agencies that are helping needy families enjoy Christmas.

The Bureau will sponsor a city-wide collection of toys and gifts. The collections may include toys, money, clothing or other gifts for older people. The Bureau will accept new or next-to-new toys and gifts.

The Shell Gas Stations in the city have offered their help by acting as collection points.

In wrapping toys it is important to indicate what is inside so the gift can be given to the right age group.

The collection began December 1st and will end December 24th.

All toys collected by the Bureau will be distributed to various health and social agencies who in turn will distribute them to the needy people with whom they are working.

## NAM '53 Convention Paves Way For Speedup Drive

New York—Get ready for more speedup. That theme wove its way through the glittering plattitudes of corporation statesmen who opened the 1953 National Association of Manufacturers convention here Dec. 1.

The NAM's 58th annual Congress of American Industry brought together an announced total of about 3,000 business representatives at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. The convention sessions were scheduled to last three days.

Keynote address was delivered by NAM managing Director Earl Runting. He chose as the convention theme the idea of "a growing America."

He pointed to the expected growth in American population over the next 25 years and to the need for expansion of industry to keep up with population. He then made it clear that expansion meant increased productivity. The goal of increased productivity cannot be reached, he said, "if we block the road of technological progress or any of the basic factors of production through bad taxes or unsound fiscal policies or unreasonable interference with business."

In the ordinary run of daily business, most "technological progress" of the kind suggested by Bunting has been said by union spokesmen to lead to eliminated jobs, further speedup or both.

The main "fundamental economic fact" to be faced, Brown said, is the idea that "those things which reduce total productivity or interfere with it will not benefit all the people nor will they raise our standard of living."

Brown indicated that labor organizations are a "barrier with which you and I should be greatly concerned" in the way of growth through greater productivity. He devoted the last third of his speech to an attack on what he called "the international labor unions' monopoly over the jobs in this country."

While Brown did not indicate specifically how labor should be removed as "a barrier to a growing America," he suggested as points of attack for the NAM what he called labor's "immunity under the law, special privileges from local law-enforcing agencies permitting violence and lawlessness to be used, the practice of compulsory unionism, the checkoff of union dues and assessments, the practice of industry-wide bargaining."

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A delegation of six key people from U.E. Local 301 has helped during the last three days of the campaign.



A strong defense of the social security system was made at a congressional hearing by Arthur J. Altmeyer (above), former social security administrator who was forced out when the Eisenhower administration took over. Subpoenaed by a House ways and means committee, Altmeyer accused Rep. Carl Curtis (R, Neb.) of staging "a biased hearing" and seeking to scuttle social security.

## Lynn N.L.R.B. Election

The N.L.R.B. election had not taken place when this paper went to press. However, the U.E. Campaign Committee in Lynn were confident that they had done everything necessary to win a victory.

Speaking before the G.E. Conference Board last Saturday, President Albert J. Fitzgerald said we are not over-optimistic on the outcome of the election next Thursday; however, everybody anxious for a U.E. victory in Lynn had made an excellent contribution in helping to win the election.

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