

Top GE Management Agrees To Pay Guard

Rather than defend its high-handed methods of discipline in arbitration, the national GE management last week paid a guard here one week's back pay for a penalty lay-off imposed last April.

The guard was penalized two weeks, but one full week of this was personal time taken in connection with his mother's death. So the week's back pay represented a complete victory for the guard.

The guard at first was fired, on the sole word of Warren McDowell, assistant chief of the GE police, that he had seen the man leave a bus in Rexford when supposedly on duty at the GE airport in Alplaus. Local 301 produced proof from the bus driver and the patrol department's own records that the charge was untrue. Charles G. Marcy, GE supervisor of personnel, backed the firing on the ground that he trusted McDowell, but refused the penalty. UE took the case to New York and demanded arbitration. Recently the top management decided to settle.

Knolls Group Protests Lunch Hour Policy

A group of 93 workers in the Knolls research laboratory left work half an hour early last Friday in protest against the company's failure to give them a half-hour lunch period like the rest of the plant. Instead they get an hour's lunch period and have to work a half hour later than necessary.

The 93 who left work early were part of 124 Knolls workers for whom Local 301 took up the lunch hour grievance with GE. It went to the New York level.

Bids on Television Set

The Activities Committee has announced it will receive bids on a television set for Local 301. The deadline for submitting bids to the union office will be Mar. 4. The committee wants a 16 or 20 inch screen. The 301 membership meeting last week authorized purchase of the television outfit.

HOW MANY MEMBERS
HAVE YOU SIGNED UP
FOR LOCAL 301?

Introducing 301 Girls' Basketball Team



These members of the 301 girls' basketball team, wearing their snappy new uniforms, are, left to right, Toni Nebolini, Helen Porter, Rosemarie Buska, Marge Boeinger, Betty Purcell, Jean Schwartz, Jenny Tescione, Rita Pasquini and Beverly Brennen. Not shown in the picture are Helen Quirini and Laura Montashien.

Improvements Sought In Compensation Law

The conference called by UE at Albany Feb. 16 on improving the Workmen's Compensation Law drew up a program of 19 proposed changes and elected a continuing committee to direct efforts to have them enacted by the legislature. Their job will be not only to work on this year's legislative campaign, but to prepare long in advance for the 1950 legislative session.

More than 100 men and women, including representatives of CIO and AFL locals, doctors, lawyers and social workers, attended the conference. Leo Jandreau, as president of UE District 3, was chairman. Considerable time was spent on discussing the plight of silicosis victims, who can't get compensation now unless they are totally disabled, and of workers exposed to radio-active substances.

Want Payments Increased
The conference voted that the maximum weekly compensation rate should be raised from \$32 to two-thirds of the average earnings of the worker, with a minimum of \$25 a week.

Full benefits should be paid silicosis and other dust disease victims, the conference urged. The law at present treats silicosis victims differently than workers suf-

fering from other occupational diseases. They don't receive compensation benefits if they are partially disabled, that is, physically able to do some other type of light work. A silicosis victim who has to give up his regular job and cannot find a lighter job, or earns less money in another job, does not receive any compensation.

Radio-Active Substances
To protect employees exposed to radio-active substances, it was proposed that compensation be paid them for disability unless the employer can prove their work was not responsible. Employers would be required to file with the State Labor Department the names of all workers who in any manner come in contact with or are exposed to atomic or radio-active substances.

Additional recommendations will be printed later in the EU News.

Don't Buy Belmont Or Hoover Products

Remember that the Hoover Company and Belmont Radio Corporation are on the UE unfair list.

Don't buy products made by these anti-union firms. They include Hoover vacuum cleaners and electric irons and Belmont radios, also sold under these brand names, Tru-tone, Airlines, Coronado, Freshman television sets and Raytheon Belmont television sets.

\$3,074 Awarded For Hand Injury

Workmen's compensation awards recently made to Schenectady GE workers on claims against the company included \$3,074.40 to Tolvald Reuik for 45 per cent loss of the use of his right hand. He was injured last May 4.

Awards in other cases, also handled by the Local 301 attorney, Marshall Perlin, were as follows:

\$1,708 to Robert Bufe, turret lathe operator in Building 60, for 25 per cent loss of the use of his right hand as the result of an accident last Mar. 2.

\$644 to Romayne De Guerre, electronic worker in the Campbell Ave. plant, for 50 per cent loss of his right index finger in an accident last Apr. 13.

\$175 to Nicholas Isabella, Bldg. 105 welder, for a facial scar resulting from injuries suffered last May 5.

\$275.45 for medicines and \$306.67 for about 14 weeks' intermittent lost time from Aug. 26, 1944, to May 7, 1948, to Grace Rogers, whose legs were burned by acid Aug. 7, 1944.

\$31.10 a week compensation since Sept. 24 to Rose Caro, cleaning woman in Bldg. 69, whose left knee was injured on that date.

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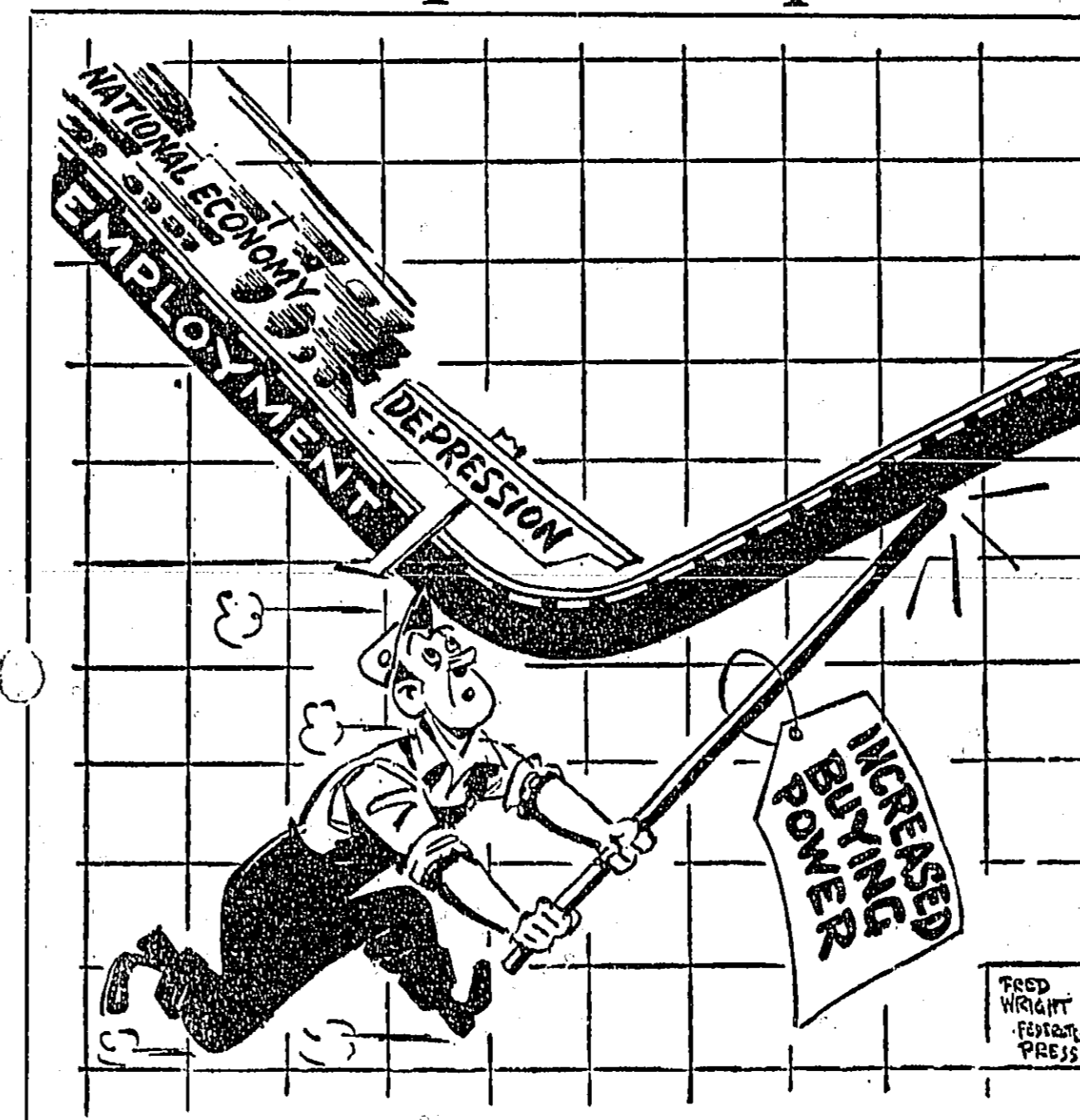
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Stop the Drop



GE Agrees to Change Monday Pay Day

At a conference called by the State Labor Department in Albany Tuesday at the request of Local 301, the General Electric Company agreed to change its Monday pay day back to Friday.

Management is to notify 301 and the state in two weeks about the date of the shift. Mechanical details will involve some delay, the company claims. If arrangements are unsatisfactory when announced, the union can ask the Labor Department to take action to have a reasonable date set for the change.

Police Justice Charles G. Fryer of Schenectady last December ruled in favor of GE and dismissed a complaint filed by five members of Local 301 against the company for violating the labor law by delaying their pay day. This action was taken by Judge Fryer even though the Labor Department had rendered an opinion that GE had violated the law.

As the Police Court acquittal could not be appealed the union pressed for action through a complaint it had filed with the Labor Department.

While refusing to admit its pay day shift was illegal, the company this week agreed to change back to the old system.

Top Secret

The amount of money that the General Electric Company pays Gerard Reilly, former member of the National Labor Relations Board, for his work as a Washington lobbyist is still a secret. General Motors pays him a retainer of \$3,000 a month and he gets several hundred dollars a month from the printing trade. He helped draft the Taft-Hartley law and is leading the fight to retain it.

Help With Tax Forms

Local 301 members can again get help on making out their income tax returns from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow and Mar. 12 at the union hall. It is a free service.

Don't Be a Slacker
Join the Union

Board and Stewards Pledge Support to Tiffin Strikers

Workers at the General Electric plant at Tiffin, Ohio, have been on strike since Feb. 17 in protest against speed-up and piece price-cutting. About 500 are involved in the stoppage.

Lay-Off Problem Gets Worse Here

Increasing lay-offs in various parts of the works reached the point this week that the company announced no job openings at the employment office would be offered to men with less than six months' service who are laid off from their current jobs.

Among women workers the condition has existed for some time, but this was the first time that men now employed were refused openings for common labor jobs.

This means that Schenectady GE is beginning to feel the unemployment situation which has hit many parts of the country in varying degrees.

Special Meeting Asked

Business Agent Leo Jandreau has requested a special meeting of the Local 301 Executive Board with Lewis J. Male, works manager, to discuss the lay-offs and the employment problem and perspectives.

The Induction Motors Division has been hit worse by the cutbacks. Other divisions from which lay-offs have been reported include Control, Aeronautics, and Welded Products.

Lots of Rumors

As usual in such circumstances, there have been a lot of discussion and rumors in the shop as to the cause of the lay-offs. There have been rumors that the lay-offs were engineered by top supervision to discourage the workers as wage negotiations approach. These rumors appear to be entirely wrong.

The reason for the lay-offs lies simply in the fact that Big Business has pushed prices so high, without wages going up enough, that the people have not got the money to buy what is produced. This is the situation that has been developing around the country. The growing unemployment is the biggest argument for higher wages and shorter hours. They are needed to maintain purchasing power and stave off a depression.

The 301 Executive Board and shop stewards' meetings this week unanimously voted to support the UE strikers at Tiffin. They directed that a letter be sent to Lewis J. Male, Schenectady Works manager, urging him to ask the top GE management to stop its speed-up drive and settle the Tiffin dispute. (See letter on page 4).

The immediate cause of the dispute was a price cut after the company changed the taping of the field coil of a small motor stator to cord tying. The production quota of the workers was doubled. All the Tiffin workers have united behind the women involved in the case and the entire plant has been shut down.

Grievance Deadlocked

For several months the union tried to reach a settlement by grievance negotiations and the case went to the New York level twice. The union has asked GE to submit the case to arbitration, but GE says it will arbitrate only the question of whether it had the right to set a temporary price. It demands that UE must agree that the arbitrator may not rule on the fairness of the price.

Recent layoffs at Tiffin in violation of seniority also contributed to the crisis.

Talk by Dermody

Joseph Dermody, secretary of the GE Conference Board of UE locals, told the 301 shop stewards Tuesday night that the GE policy at Tiffin is part of its general pattern. He stressed the close connection of the Tiffin fight and the welfare of other GE workers.

Tiffin workers walked out, he said, because they didn't see any other way to protect their jobs.

"GE is fighting hard in Tiffin because successful resistance against its speed-up and price-cutting there will stiffen resistance in other GE plants," he said.

GE workers must stop the tendency of the company to cut down on payrolls, he warned.

"We must put up a fight to make the industry work at capacity and (Continued on page 2)

Stewards Discuss Handling Grievances

Stewards' discussion meetings on the handling of grievances had been held for 11 of the sections by the end of last week. While attendance has been too low, those stewards who attended engaged in considerable discussion and felt the meetings answered a major need.

Another two meetings on grievances were scheduled for last night, while next Monday and Tuesday the final meetings on grievances will be held, at noon for the second shift and at 7:30 p.m. for the first and third shift stewards.

Each steward has been sent a complete schedule of meetings for his section.

The following stewards attended the grievance discussions held through last week:

Building 10—Albert E. Davis and P. Clairmont.

Bldg. 14—Louis Santabarbara.
Bldg. 16—J. J. Von Stefina, A. Gritzback, David Bambury, Joseph Kelly and Walter Zolak.

Bldg. 17—Edward Messitt, Sidney Friedlander, Richard Boehm and Harold Rollins.

Bldg. 18A—Stanley Ruseczyk.

Bldg. 25—H. M. Vosburg.

Bldg. 28—Harold D. Simpson and O. Jorgenson.

Bldg. 29—Ernest Townsend.
Bldg. 40—Medric Guyette and George W. Bullis.

Bldg. 41—Walter Bauer.

Bldg. 49—Casimer Ceglarski, Raymond Planigan, Carl Groat, Leland Bellinger, William Poltorak and B. L. Fertal.

Bldg. 52—Anthony Campriello, J. J. Cognetta and Harry Bayliss.
Bldg. 53—Elizabeth Stanionis, Reatha Pipe, D. Roger Pitman, Michael Rakvica, Anthony Esposito, Hugo Brzozowski, Frank Di Amico and Salvatore Castiglia.

Bldg. 66—Raymond De Wire.

Bldg. 67—Michael E. Donohue.

Bldg. 68—Henry Busse, Anthony Raimone and Ernest Costanzo.

Bldg. 69—Stanley Bishop.

Bldg. 71—Frank J. Palmo.

Bldg. 76—Henry Kaminski.

Bldg. 77—John Petrozzi.

Bldg. 81—Raymond Forslund.

Bldg. 84—John Schlansker.

Bldg. 89—Sunday Lupe, Ethel Collins and Dewey Brashear.

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Statement Made On Organization

The following statement was submitted to EU News by John Green, assistant recording secretary of Local 301 and secretary of the organizing committee:

"There is a terrific job of organization to do in Local 301.

"It isn't just a job of signing up new members and ex-members. That is the primary step in organizing a local unit of a union. The follow-up steps of organizing are of the utmost importance. Perhaps the biggest follow-up step is unity. Unity in behalf of each individual member from the business agent to the newest member.

"To attain unity within a local means that every member should do his part of organization. A member in good faith owes it to himself and his fellow members to take an active interest in union affairs.

"There is a tendency to elect some one to an office, whether that office be shop steward or president, and then forget them. When an officer is criticized for an act or deed the members should stop and ask themselves if they have attended the membership meetings.

"Each member can do his part if he or she will discuss union actions and policies with the fellow workers. If each member will make an effort to help advise the officers who are trying to do a job for the workingman and attend the meetings, Local 301 will have done a good job of organization and will become a stronger and smoother operating local.

"I feel that each member who will do his part of organization will shorten the time until Local 301 can proudly say, 'Schenectady Local 301, UE, is a full union shop.'"

'Job Opportunities' At Lynn GE Plant

The General Electric Company devoted a full page of its Lynn Works paper in February to telling "what's in the works" at GE. The page stressed the "job opportunities" created in 1948 at the Lynn plant and predicted further projects at Lynn in 1949 "to create new job opportunities."

About two weeks later the company announced that 550 workers are to be laid off at the West Lynn Works, in addition to 100 already laid off this year.

They Resent UE Drive Against Taft-Hartley



GE President Charles E. Wilson, right, takes time off from telling the Senate Labor Committee how much he loves the Taft-Hartley Law to exhibit a copy of the UE News calling for Taft-Hartley repeal. At the left is GE Vice-President L. R. Boulware who joined Wilson in asking that T-H be made still tougher.

Seniority Rights

In connection with current lay-offs, members have reported to the union that Building 1 was putting pressure on them to accept openings on lower-rated jobs even though like jobs were held by men with shorter service. Members should resist such pressure. They should insist on their seniority rights on similar jobs.

Board and Stewards Back Tiffin Strikers

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make payrolls go up and jobs increase. Keeping up the people's buying power is the only way to head off a depression. The fewer people can buy things the more people are laid off."

GE notified UE that it would close down the entire refrigerator division at Erie, Pa., if the Tiffin plant did not resume operations by Wednesday. The division employs 9,000 workers. GE also threatened to follow the Erie shut-down with a lay-off at the Fort Wayne plant which supplies motors to Erie. Tiffin also is a supply plant for Erie.

UE Radio Broadcast

Arthur Gaeth's weekly broadcast, sponsored by the national UE, is at 10 p.m. Monday over WXXW, Albany (850 on your dial).

**MAKE YOUR SHOP
100 PER CENT UE**

301 Meeting Postponed Because of Clothes Sale

The Executive Board has postponed the 301 membership meeting this month until Tuesday night, Mar. 22, and Wednesday afternoon, Mar. 23. The change was made because the union hall will be used for a sale of low cost clothing, as authorized by the February membership meeting, for 11 days, starting next Tuesday, Mar. 9. (See leaflet inserted in this week's EU News.)

Under the usual schedule the 301 meeting would be Mar. 15 and 16.

UE District 4 set up the low-price clothing project as a service to its members, and made it available to other districts. Tens of thousands of members in Districts 2 and 4 have saved money by buying these clothes and the project has now been borrowed by District 3.

First and third shift members of Local 301 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Mar. 22 at the union hall and second shift members at 1 p.m. Mar. 23.

Must Be Paid Up To Transfer Here

A person from another CIO local may transfer to 301 without paying an initiation fee on producing a withdrawal or transfer card to prove he was in good standing when he left the other local. The transfer card must not be more than six months old and must be presented to 301 within 30 days of employment.

Local 301 does not accept as a member anyone who was not in good standing with his previous union affiliation.

25 Stewards Added to 301 Honor Roll

Names of 25 more shop stewards were added last week to the honor list for having 100 per cent UE groups. These additions are:

Building 10C—

Wendell Rockford

Bldg. 16—

Louis Santabarbara

Bldg. 17—Sidney Friedlander, and Edmund Calleo.

Bldg. 28—Albert E. Davis.

Bldg. 52—James Cognetta, Mario Bagnato and Harry Bayliss.

Bldg. 53—Anthony Esposito and Mike Rakvica.

Bldg. 64—Daniel L. Cichy.

Bldg. 66—John Bracken.

Bldg. 69—Stanley Bishop and Carmen J. Di Girolomo.

Bldg. 72—William Hodges.

Bldg. 76—Henry Kaminski.

Bldg. 77—Joseph A. Mangino.

Bldg. 91—A. L. Brown.

Bldg. 98—Mike Santorelli.

Bldg. 95—Robert Phillips.

Bldg. 98—Mike Bielecki.

Bldg. 99A—Charles O'Malley.

Bldg. 101—Fred Pacelli.

Bldg. 105—Edmund Paska and Stanley Borovicka.



Mangino



Hodges



Esposito



Pacelli



Davis



Di Girolomo



Cognetta



Friedlander



Bishop

Wage Increases Are Safeguards Against Threatened Depression

The General Electric Company is trying to play on workers' fear of lay-offs by asserting that wage increases will lead to depression. GE also claims that an excess profits tax would result in depression too. But these arguments are wrong because:

Depressions are caused by lack of workers' purchasing power to buy the products they produce. Any measure which would increase such purchasing power,—increased wages, price controls, tax reductions in the lower brackets, or an excess profits tax to provide additional funds for social legislation—would help stave off a depression.

Wages Lag Behind Profits

During the period 1923 to 1929 when industry had its own way, wages were increased only four per cent despite the fact that productivity increased almost one-third. Profits increased 60 per cent. The result was the greatest economic bust in world's history.

But during the depression in 1937 organized labor for the first time during a depression was able to avoid wage cuts and in some industries win wage increases. This helped the country out of depression.

Similarly, following the end of the war in 1945, three increases won by UE and other unions were

an important factor in maintaining purchasing power and warding off depression.

Buying Power Drops

As a result of its excessive profiteering during and following the war, industry has been worsening the people's living conditions and reducing purchasing power. As the President's Economic Advisers put it:

"Compensation of employees, which was 58.1 per cent (of the national income) in 1929 and rose to 65.9 per cent in 1939 declined . . . to 61.5 per cent in 1948. It is thus approaching the 58.1 per cent level of 1929 which most students of our economy now regard as too low and contributory to the depression which followed."

Lack of buying power is behind the unemployment that is developing in electric appliances, office machines, radios, textiles, shoes and a host of other industries,—and wage increases are the solution.

Union Protests Speed-Up Cases

The process of speed-up, both by increased speeds in piece work operation and by getting more work out of day work "service help", continues all the time.

Last week two cases were discussed in grievance meetings in Building 41, involving increased loads of work on service help, both in the Control Division.

The maintenance and machine repair group under Foreman H. Stevens in Building 53, servicing most of the Control Division, was reduced by laying off three machine repair men and two equipment maintenance men. Shop Steward D. Roger Pitman pointed out that the crew already was carrying a heavy load of work and that machines were waiting to be repaired.

In Building 73 the plating group under Foreman F. J. Warner protested that a porter who had been servicing the group full time was recently ordered to work about half the time for another foreman.

On all such cases the company's stock answer is that they decide what service help is needed for efficient operation, and that they do not expect to receive more than a reasonable day's work from the day workers.

Evidently the process goes on in other GE plants too. The following slogan is credited to GE workers in Tiffin, Ohio:

"Work like a horse
and reduce the force."

Big Rise Upstate In Unemployment

The number of workers on unemployment insurance rolls in upstate New York increased 110 per cent in the four months from mid-October to mid-February. Applications for home relief have more than doubled in the same period. The unemployment figures do not include the heavy railway layoffs of recent weeks or workers who have exhausted their jobless pay benefits.

The Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance reported that claims for unemployment insurance and veterans' readjustment benefits upstate had risen from 79,477 in the week ended Oct. 8 to 166,952 in the week ended Feb. 11. A year ago the figure was 76,579 for early February.

**A Wage Raise
To Protect Your Job**

March of Dimes Receives \$3,845

A check for \$3,845.62, raised through collections made by shop stewards for the benefit of infantile paralysis victims, was turned over last week to the Schenectady March of Dimes committee by Local 301.

Board Member William Stewart's section donated the largest amount, \$403.53. Board Member Sam Scott's section was second with \$387.41 and Willard Kuschel's third with \$363.34.

Contributions from other sections, with the names of the Board members, are listed below:

John Brauneisen, \$251.30; Albert E. Davis, \$247.17; James Cognetta, \$246.02; Raymond Flanigan, \$224.24; Joseph Kelly, \$219.21; Dewey Brashear, \$184.68; Stanley Bishop, \$178.32; Anthony Esposito, \$178.29.

Sidney Friedlander, \$159.75; Anthony Villano, \$115.48; William Templeton, \$109.87; Henry Kaminski, \$107.31; Joseph A. Mangino, \$101.65; Robert Phillips, \$85.99; Leland Sisto, \$85.45; William Mastriani, \$80.70; Edward J. La Bombard, Jr., \$76.16, and A. J. Spears, \$39.75.

More Action Urged In Organizing Drive

William Stewart, chairman of the 301 organizing drive, reported to the shop stewards' meeting Tuesday night that 121 membership applications have been turned in since the membership campaign started.

"That's no where near enough for now," he declared. "Let's go out and really do a job. We have never needed a fully organized union the way we do today."

The drive requires time and energy from every shop steward and from committees of rank and file members, he pointed out.

Stewart's section has the highest number of new members so far, 16. Joseph Kelly's is second with 13 new members and William Templeton's third with 12.

Stewart asked the shop stewards immediately to give the union office the names of all workers in their groups, to be checked against the membership rolls. Then the office will give the stewards the names of all those not yet members.

Shop stewards also were reminded to be sure to have the applicant sign his first as well as last name to his card when joining the union. The drive will continue through Apr. 16.

Presenting 301's March of Dimes Check

Treasurer
William Downs
of Local 301,
right,
hands the
union's check
for \$3,845.62
to
William Mayott,
chairman of
the Schenectady
March of Dimes
committee.



301 Letter to Male on Tiffin Strike

By unanimous vote of the 301 Executive Board and the shop stewards' meeting the following letter was sent Wednesday to Works Manager Lewis J. Male on the Tiffin strike:

"Dear Mr. Male:

"Our Executive Board and shop stewards' council have voted unanimously to advise you that the membership of Local 301 supports the GE workers in Tiffin, Ohio, in their current stoppage in protest against the company's speed-up and piece price-cutting drive.

"If the company, by its refusal to settle the Tiffin workers' just grievance, forces the stoppage to continue, our stewards will recommend that the membership help the Tiffin members financially and otherwise.

"Our members are particularly interested in the Tiffin situation because they realize that it is part of the pattern of speed-up, piece price cuts and lay-offs now being established by the General Electric Company all over.

"Our members are feeling the effect of this drive every day. The speed-up is worse today than at any time since the union was established here. Our members do not intend to accept it.

"You undoubtedly know that the Tiffin stoppage was caused by a flagrantly unjustified cut in the piece work price for a large group of women workers, which the company would not settle and would not submit to arbitration. Also, that the situation was aggravated by lay-offs in violation of seniority.

"The shop stewards urge you to let the top management know that it should stop its speed-up drive and settle the Tiffin dispute. The company's present attitude can lead only to difficulties, both in the shop and for the nation, by causing further lay-offs, reduced purchasing power, and ultimately a depression. GE profits have just set a new high. There is no justification for the attempt to make even higher profits at the expense of the workers and of the country's welfare.

"Very truly yours,
Leo Jandreau
Business Agent"

Movie Program For Tomorrow

Free movies which will be shown tomorrow (Saturday night) at 301 Hall for 301 members and their families will be:

"Our Town", with Martha Scott, William Holden and Walter Huston.

"Tall Tales", with Burl Ives.

"Indonesia Calling".

The first show will be at 7:30 p.m. and the second show at 9:30.

Taft-Hartley Crisis

Unless union members really make their pressure felt, the Taft-Hartley Law will stay on the books, Local 301 shop stewards were warned Tuesday night by the 301 attorney, Marshall Perlin. Disastrous compromises are being planned in Washington, he pointed out.

Deadline for Bids

Today (Friday) is the deadline for bids to be submitted to the union office on the television set which Local 301 voted to buy.

GM Price Cut Strictly Phony

General Motors Corporation last week linked announcement of a phony cut in the prices of its cars with news it would reduce the pay of its workers two cents an hour. Under the "esculator" provision of the United Auto Workers contract the recent small drop in the cost of living permitted the wage slash.

By its carefully timed cut in the price of its automobiles GM is promoting the Big Business propaganda about prices being determined by wages. But here are the facts.

GM workers average \$1.60 an hour so the two-cent pay cut decreases their wages one and a quarter per cent.

The percentage drop in the price of automobiles is about half that much and comes after a large price increase on the 1949 cars. The company has made a \$10 reduction in the price of the \$1,424 Chevrolet fleet-line two-door sedan, its most common model. That is a reduction of about seven tenths of one per cent. The percentage is about the same, or less on the other GM cars.

Around the first of the present year when GM announced its new Chevrolet line it set the prices at seven and a half per cent higher than last year. And there were increases in the prices of the other GM cars too.

But you won't find the Big Business newspapers mentioning any of these facts in connection with the new price "cut" in cars.

Jobless Pay Rights Of Pensioner Upheld

A state referee has ruled that Orresto Lazarro, GE pensioner who contracted silicosis at the plant, is entitled to full unemployment insurance benefits without any penalty delay. The General Electric Company had demanded that the state suspend his payments for seven weeks on the ground that he quit his job "without good cause."

Lazarro, who earned \$1.72 an hour as a molder in ceramics in Building 68, retired last Nov. 1 because of the effect of the job on his health and the lack of opportunity to get another job at the plant at a comparable wage. Marshall Perlin, Local 301 attorney, handled his case at the hearing before a referee of the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance.

**PROOF
POSITIVE**

HIGH PRICES CAN COME DOWN

HERE'S SOME CONCRETE ACTION

UE 301 is SPONSORING A LOW COST MEN'S CLOTHING SALE FOR OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ONLY. This Project will be held at Local 301 Hall, Liberty St. and Erie Blvd.

SALE STARTS... TUESDAY, MARCH 8 and continues
thru & including **SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

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<p>100% ALL WOOL</p> <p>TOPCOATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAVALRY TWILLS • HARD FACED COVERTS • GABARDINES <p>\$28.⁵⁰</p> <p>REG. VALUE 37.50 - 42.50</p>	<p>100% WOOL</p> <p>PANTS and SLACKS</p> <p>\$6.⁸⁸</p> <p>REG. VALUE 12.50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVERTS • GABARDINES • WORSTEDS • FLANNELS 	
<p>FAMOUS NATIONALLY KNOWN</p> <p>SPORT SHIRTS</p> <p>\$3.75</p> <p>Values to 7.95</p>	<p>SLACKS</p> <p>Pleats & Zippers</p> <p>\$3.88</p> <p>Reg. Value 5.85</p>	<p>100% ALL WOOL</p> <p>SPORT COATS</p> <p>\$15.50</p> <p>Valued 19.50 - 22.50</p>

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Sale Begins Tuesday, March 8 - - - - - Sale Ends Saturday, March 19

At Local 301 Hall, Liberty St. & Erie Blvd.
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