## U. E. PIONEERS IN NEW PROTECTIVE PAY PLAN

By Sam Falcone

Important pioneering work in the field of protecting pay is being carried through by the CIO United Electrical Radio and Machine

The incentive plan which the National War Labor Board just approved on the joint application of UE and the Westinghouse Co. brings benefits to 85,000 workers in some 30 plants nationally, but its importance goes much further than that.

The UE, which has been more advanced than most unions in adapting incentive plans to increase production and earnings simultaneously, in this case has brought forward several innovations. The contract, which now has WLB approval, combines unusual protective features with production-boosting factors, thus providing the possibility, not only of helping to win the war now, but establishing safeguards that will carry over to post-war days. Among the important features this plan provides are:

## 1. Day Workers Adjustment:

This recognizes that day workers share in the efforts required for increased production and should share in resulting stepped-up earnings. Additional earnings of at least 15 per cent and not more than 30 per cent are insured for day workers, based on over-all production increases achieved by production

Heretofore, day workers have generally been excluded from such benefits throughout

2. Women's rates: The contract on this score protects men as well as women. Westinghouse, like other big corporations, employes two pay key sheets, one for male jobs, the higher schedule, and one for female. lower schedule. Under the new contract, jobs now on the male sheet, whether performed by women or not, cannot be transferred to the women doing men's jobs receiving men's pay. Once on a man's job, women cannot be replaced by newly hired men.

Men's jobs can no longer be simplified for transfer to the lower rated sheet. Even broken up, All new jobs will be added to the male key, whether done by men or women. This moves toward elimination of the dif-

3. Freezing Rates: On this count the contract offers the most direct refutation of those who oppose incentive plans on the basis that it means taking them over with all the abuses they had when management alone governed them. Provisions on this point demonstrate that it is possible to take over a management plan and improve it.

The contract contains new protective provisions which make it harder for management to revise rates downward. An earlier contract provided, for example that permanent rates could not be cut but thousands of "temporary" rates still permitted loopholes.

The new plan helps tighten that up by limiting to six months the time a rate can be temporary. Permanent values for hourly rated workers cannot be cut except where there has been a clerical error or when a job change has been made. Even in the latter case, the time value change can only be made in the changed portion of the job and the value must be set on a basis which permits the operator with previous normal effort to make his previous average earned rate.

Obviously, protective features of this kind will not only go a long way to stimulate production now to win the war, but give a Union something good to hold on to after victory has been won.

## TO A GOLD STAR MOTHER

Walking down the aisle of a crowded train, a Jewish woman accidentally bumped into a woman scrambling grab one of the few empty seats. In a loud voice the woman snapped: "Get out of my way, you dirty Jew!"

Behind her a third woman put down her suitcase, removed her glove and soundly slapped the face of the loudvoiced passenger, saying: "Is this what my son died for two weeks ago?"

## Starve the Squander Bug

DO NOT FEED

THE ANIMALS

BUY WAR BONDS

A statement from the General Electric Co.

ficials setting forth that they had agreed

to the U.E. demands for a 17 cent an hour

would result in the lion's share of the award

finding its way in the Fourth War Loan

that such would be the case in view of the

fact that all G. E. workers are conscious of

the fact that our valiant protectors on all

fronts are looking to men on the production

With the announcement by the G. E. Co.

of the increase the bonus workers would

be inspired to further sacrifice at this time

despite pressing demands for money for the

be on individual subscriptions it can readily

be seen that an announcement now by the

petus being given to the drive by all workers

desire to cooperate to help to control the up-

ward trend in the cost of living the workers

would gladly subscribe additional amounts if

the G. E. Co. to grant the increase and bonus

and thus help the workers to rally behind the

boys and make it possible for them to meet

their increased costs and back the attack

Boomerangs, Wall St. Admits

NEW YORK-(FP)- Wall Street has taken

time out to add up the score on a haf-year's

operation of its little favorite, the Smith-

In a critical analysis of the law's first six

months. The Wall Street Journal, spokesman

for finance capital, said Dec. 23 that the law

"fashioned by congress in an anti-labor mood

is paradoxially turning out to be more useful

"There has been an increase in the number

of strikes rather than a decrease. Minority

labor groups foment strikes and unrest, mak-

ing it more difficult for majority groups to

In the first five months, the record shows,

557 strike notices were filed with the NLRB.

Of these, 392 were withdrawn before the 30-

which strike votes were taken, only 10 op-

The Journal quoted a "top labor official"

as saying that there are more strikes since

the Smith-Connally act than there were in the preceding period. The story said:

AFL and the CIO - fought the Smith-

Connally measure while it was pending in

congress. They say they still don't like it.'

Which is putting it mildly

"The national labor organizations — the

than restrictive to labor unions." It adds:

And Union men say, "Now is the time for

the increase and bonus were granted

with their just awards.

Smith Connally Law

maintain union discipline.

posed a walkout.

In the interests of a sound economy and a

G. E. Co. would result in a Niagra like im-

despite curtailment of work and transfers.

Since the emphasis during the drive will

line for material support as well.

It is generally believed in Union circles

increase and a monthly adjustable bonus

WE SHOULD GET THE

By A Union Member

WAGE INCREASE NOW!

## COOPERATION AS A COMMITTEEMAN SEES IT By M. D. Swett—Building 273

It has been stated that the shop committ man or committeewoman is the represen tive of his or her group and should carry the wishes of that group. In like manner the shop foreman is the representative of the Company and carries out the Company's ideas. The workers and the Company view changes from their own side of the fence and so have conflicting opinions on any one subject. It is the duty of the representative of each group to settle these disputes. Unless the representatives cooperate and have a meeting of minds their differences are not easy to settle and the same old questions keep coming up causing much confusion and delay to both parties. Hence we see that cooperation between the Union representative and Company foreman is both desirable and beneficial to the Union and Company alike.

A lot is published today about Labor and Management cooperating. In a Bond drive, Safety drive or in getting Blood donors there is cooperation between the two and to the outsider it would seem that this spirit prevailed throughout the entire Company. This is not always true. All too often it is found that some individual foremen does not know the meaning of the word cooperation. This word defined by Noah Webster as "the act of working jointly together" is simply not in their vocabulary.

When a grievance is presented to these foremen they just cover up and draw into their shell like a turtle pulling in his head or they pass the buck on to another shift or foreman who in turn passes it on down the line until the committeeman or committeewoman is worn out by this non-cooperative practice. Had the first foreman cooperated with the representative and seen the grievance through to the end much time and trouble would have been saved for all con-

Another time a grievance is presented to Company foreman who apparently handles it in a satisfactory manner. Later, however, the same question comes up and it is found out that the foreman had only poured a little oil on the troubled waters and had not gotten to the bottom of the question. This causes it to come up again and again until it is finally settled by someone higher up who has a broader view and is more willing to cooperate. Again had the foreman fully cooperated and seen the grievance through to the very end much time and trouble would have been saved.

Non-cooperating foremen believe all committeemen and committee-women are trying to beat the Company. Are the representatives out to beat the Company? No. Union representatives are just that, no more. They are the voice of the workers. Foremen would find this out if they would consult the committeeman or committeewoman about their personnel problems and not ignore him or her as is so often done. The committeeman or committeewoman is on the floor and like a weather forecaster knows which way the wind is blowing. They know before anyone else when there is a troubled atmosphere and are willing to assist foremen who cooperate. It is admitted there are committeemen too who do not cooperate. This can be blamed in part on the foremen who is supposed to be a leader of the men who are under him. He should show his willingness to cooperate and encourage it in those over whom he has

If cooperation were more extensively practiced there would be less friction and a more willing spirit among the workers. After all day waiting period had elapsed. Of 87 cases in we are all working for one thing-VICTORY.

> Election of General Officers Friday, Feb. 11—1 p. m. to 9 p. m. Sat., Feb. 12—8 a. m. to 7 p. m. C. I. O. HALL

Erie Boulevard, Cor. Liberty Street

# ELECTRICAL

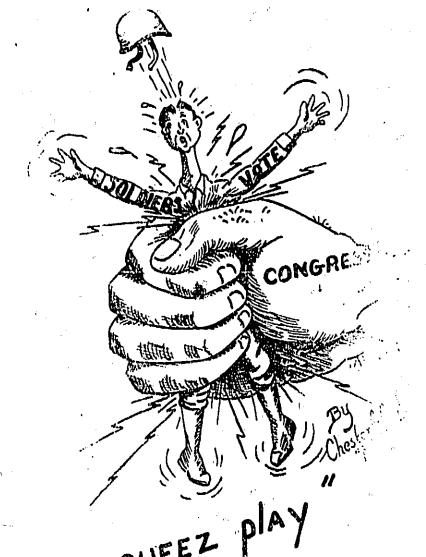
"All that harms labor is treason to America. No line can be drawn between these two. If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America yet he fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor, and to flooce the one is to rob the



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Poll-Tax Democrats and Tory Republicans Killed Soldiers' Right To Vote



301 are fighting for democracy all over the world, an American gang of economic royalists murder democracy at home. This gang is scared stiff of a free people's vote including the soldier vote. These fascist minded Congressmen, who so bitterly fought against the soldier vote, base their power on the disfranchisement of 10 million men in America who are in the armed services, and millions of war workers who are disfranchised by the red tape of state voting restrictions

These gangsters view with alarm the idea of giving the common people the right to vote. They try to figure out which party the people would vote for if given a chance. They concluded that it was safer and better politically not to let them vote.

himself up with this gang. Did he represent you? If he didn't, tell him so, by letter, telegrams, telephone, by word of mouth, or any means at your disposal. (Read Page 4 Soldiers Denied Democracy)

# GE, Westinghouse Unions Plan Community Drives To Win Stabilization

Local 301 Executive Board approved plans for a community Drive to win stabilization. The General Electric and Westinghouse Conferences of the UE, representing some 200,-000 organized workers in the two most important companies in electrical manufacturing industry, have voted to undertake an all-out campaign to rally the support of their communities to the national policy of econ-

Campaigning to build the broadest possible unity of the people behind price control, rationing, fair taxes and fair adjustment of wages to living price control, rationing, fair taxes and fair adjustment of wages to living costs, the UE locals will act in conjunction with other CIO unions, and will seek to bring understanding to and win the support of all other organized sections of community life.

## Follow UE-CIO Policy

This far-reaching and important decision of the GE and Westinghouse Conferences was taken at separate meetings, after parallel discussions, held recently in New York. The decisions are in keeping with National UE and National CIO policy, as expressed repeatedly by UE and CIO Convention decisions and policy statements, the most recent of which, that of CIO President Philip Murray is published in this issue of the UE NEWS

## Source Material

In the campaign to win active community support for economic stabilization, unionists Congressman Bernard W. Kearney lined will center their appeal to their communities around the UE-CIO positions on the President's Seven-Point Stabilization Program, its extension in the most recent Message to Congress, and the report of the labor members necessary not only for labor, but for almost

Seek Aid of All

In this broad public campaign to bring to an end the disruption of economic stability on the home front by Congressional and other foes of the stabilization program, UE and other labor forces in the various communities will strive to win the support of political party leaders and rank and file; governmental bodies, such as city councils, county boards, state legislatures, and the like: consumer groups, fraternal organizations, religious groups, veterans' organizations, foreign language groups, farm organizations, women's organizations, racial groups, business organizations, professional bodies and the like.

Labor will seek to bring about the fullest representation of all phases of community life in the fight for home front stabilization. With the widest possible understanding and agreement on basic UE-CIO policy on these questions, it is expected that representations on behalf of whole communities will be made both to national and state legislative and administrative agencies on national stabiliza-

## In Interest of All Groups

During discussions by both GE and Westinghouse groups of plans for a campaign, spearheaded by labor, to win national economic stabilization, it was pointed out that UE-CIO wage policy rests upon the necessity for stabilization and that present wage problems and policies common to all CIO unions have been brought about by the fact that stabilization has not been achieved. The report by the AFL and CIO members of the President's Cost of Living Committee that living costs have risen over 43 percent demonstrates that economic stabilization is of the President's Cost of Living Committee. all sections of the people.

## PRESIDENT MURRAY CALLS FOR NATIONAL UNITY FOR STABILIZATION AND NEW BILL OF RIGHTS

CIO Head Urges Labor-Industry-Government Conference to Work Out Program For Manpower Mobilization

of the CIO met on January 27 and mined by a single guidepost, namely, considered the recent message of the what is best to win the war. It was President of the United States. The with this need in mind that the CIO following comments embrace the at the outset gave its unconditional policy adopted by the Executive pledge that there shall be no strikes Board in regard to the President's or stoppages during the war in order

important need for establishing na-lenging call of the President

The International Executive Board policies of our government be deterof war materials. The CIO therefore The President emphasized the all-subscribes completely to this chal-

ance of politics-as-usual and business- ferences of Moscow, Cairo and Teheas-usual practices in order that the ran to obtain the unity of action

ples of the world. We, of course, also welcome the

resident's clearcut declaration in favor of assuring servicemen the right to vote through Federal action as advocated by the CIO. This matfought to a successful conclusion.

Fight for Stabilization

the Axis forces and to establish a burning grievances of the American durable and lasting peace for the workers. These are the facts which peoples of the world. The CIO sub- they face as against the outrageous scribes completely to the basic deci- and extortionate profits that are besions which were made at these con- ing extracted by corporations out ferences. The goals set reflect the of war production. The CIO theredesires and aspirations of the peo- fore subscribes completely to the imperative need, as expressed by the President, of obtaining laws which will tax undue profits out of the war and really control prices for the benefit of the American people.

ter still requires your urgent atten- struggle to avoid inflation must be tion and continued action with the carried on with renewed vigor. With-1942. Wages must be restored their September 15, 1942 relationsh with prices—the solemn commitmen contained in the Brice Control Law Soaring prices, black markets, and of October 2.

ORIGINAL TORN

The winner of the best story prize for the last issue of the Electrical Union News is William Mastriani, Building 81, Committeeman and Executive Board Member. His story on the Bond



feature story "We Should Get the Wage Increase Now" have brought considerable favorable comment from our readers. "Billy" has worked in

Rallys in 81 and his

the G. E. plant for 20 years and has been a trade union member ever since he was 15 member of the old AFL

union in the plant and when the CIO came into the plant "Billy" was right on the job helping to organize the shop. Thanks to him and many of his active fellow workers transmitter today is 100 percent organized.

## THE UNION WILL HELP YOU FILE YOUR INCOME TAX

Your Local has arranged to have two deputies from the Bureau of Internal Revenue at the headquarters from February 15th to March 15th to help you fill out your income tax forms.

Mr. Harry M. Hickey, Collector of Internal Revenue issued the following instructions to facilitate in the preparation of the 1943 tax. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Internal Revenue employees will not be able to assist you effectively in the preparation of your 1943 Income Tax Return unless you have certain information at hand.

## YOU WILL NEED

- . Form W-2 furnished you by your employer showing wages received and tax
- 2. Form 1125 sent you by the Collector of Internal Revenue with the blank forms for 1943 showing tax reported and amount paid for 1942.
- 3. If you filed a Declaration of Estimated Tax during 1943, a copy of such declaration, Form 1040ES, or the Taxpayers Work Sheet used in preparing it.
- 4. All members of the armed forces and any other taxpayers who do not have item above should have with them a copy of the 1942 tax return and a record of the exact amount of tax paid thereon.
- 5. An accurate record of all other income besides wages received in 1943.

Please do not cause LOSS OF TIME to yourself and the Revenue employees by asking for help UNLESS YOU HAVE EVERY-THING READY.

If you can fill out the tax blank yourself, BY ALL MEANS DO SO.

If you can even partially prepare it, do so and ask only for the help ACTUALLY NEEDED.

Your gooperation will be sincerely anpreciated.

HARRY M. HICKEY, Collector of Internal Revenue 14th District of New York

**BUY BONDS BUY BONDS** 4TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

BUY BONDS BUY BONDS

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UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO & MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA — LOCAL 301 SCHENEOTADY, N. Y.

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# BASEDON CIO-AFL FIGURES HOUSE FUEL, ETC. FURNISHINGS MISCELLANEOUS

# of Living Up 43.5 Pct!

The American workers' cost of living has risen 43.5 percent from January, 1941, to December, 1943 — nearly twice the 23.4 percent estimated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Statistics.

The 43.5 percent — said to be a "highly conservative" estimate — was determined by a detailed survey conducted by the CIO and AFL.

A report on the survey, submitted to the Presidential Committee on the Cost of Living by labor members R. J. Thomas and George Meaney, said:

> "In view of the fact that the cost of living has actually risen by at least 43.5 percent since January, 1941, whereas the BLS Index shows a rise of only 23.4 percent, we conclude that the BLS Cost of Living Index is unreliable as a basis for wage adjustments during the war period. Sole reliance upon it will result in continued serious injustice to wage earners and lower salaried workers."

Main factors causing the average price rise are discussed in this special CIO NEWS Cost of Living Supplement. Briefly, the lineup of price rises for basic items of the average worker's family are:

- 1. The cost of food has risen 74.2 per cent. The BLS estimate is
- 2. The cost of clothing has risen 72.2 percent. The BLS estimate is 33.7 percent.
- 3. The cost of rent has risen 15 percent. The BLS estimate is 3 percent
- 4. The cost of house furnishings has risen 62 percent. The BLS estimate is 27.8 percent.

## BUILDING 73A

February 16, 1944

A 2nd shift foreman in Building 73A has a had habit of writing notes about the 1st shift men. He has been on the carpet several times for his bad manners but the poor guy does not seem to get wise. The pronoun I is his pet theme song.

Last week he made a rack for his boys and the "I" was very pronounced, for a note stated that-He

Well, this note got out on the floor and got pasted on the rack. Before quitting time the rack was nicely decorated. This gent\_would\_not\_join\_ the union when a mere worker for he could not see any good in such a

Well, now what do you think? He wanted to know what the union committeeman was doing by letting the men do such things to him.

Some other pet phrases of his are when standing over men working at their machines; "Do you think you will save it; "Are you making any good ones; "Do you think you will amount to anything; "Are you worrying."

The boys think he should be able to take it, when he can give it. This is still a democratic country.

\_\_\_\_ CIO \_\_\_\_ BUILDING 10A-

Rose Carbone and Carol Bucholski Charles Wend had the honor of being selected a juryman. . . . We are all glad to hear that Bob Beauhospital and is recovering from her operation for appendicitis. . . Susan Docherty and Harvey Swartz have both returned to work after being out sick. Glad to see them back. . . . Leslie Sherman and A. Gundy, two

inspectors from 10A were recently transferred to 285. . . . Clement Giroux was also transferred to 13. Good luck boys. . . . Charles Swartz left us Saturday. Sorry to see him go. We sure will miss him. Charles was an inspector of 10A. . . . We all welcome to our inspection department two newcomers. . . . Andy Ahrendisen and William Toody, both came

- from 40-5. Glad to have you boys. ... Fred Tannler and Bill Whitmore our "Crooners" of 10A went on a fishing trip Sunday. With their singing they certainly got plenty of fish.
... Roberta McTygue from SR4 went away for a few days. The rest did her good. . . . We all were glad to see Stanley Crandall back to work again after two weeks of illness.

### \_\_\_\_ CIO \_\_\_\_ SIX TIME BLOOD DONOR

The editorial committee has learned that Carol Bucholski, one of the authors of the above by-weekly column from Building 10A is a six time blood donor. Carol, is certainly living up to a record of being a good union member. You certainly are showing the way. Three cheers for orchestra. you Carol!

BUILDING 8--3rd SHIFT-

William Mastriani

Production follower and dispatch cage personnel who were recently recognized by the U. E. made a most creditable showing in the recent Bond Drive. Special mention must be given to Ray Benis, Walter Douglas, Tom Farrell and "Bill" Cotter, his first such purchase having been made during our previous bond drive in September.

Well done fellows, if not for you we could never have met our quota. Congratulations are in order for Brother H. Gordon Berry, formerly an expediter for Radar on the3rd shift. He has been appointed working leader of all cage personnel and expediters on the 2nd shift.

I would like to add the names of Mike DeGennaro and Rita Pysykilwicz to the list of peodoing an outstanding job in our 2nd shift war bond rally in 81. Mike is the chairman for the 2nd shift committeemen who has helped \$1 go over the top. His talk was very inspiring. Rita's contribution was her singing which was well liked.

A PERSISTENT PATRIOT On January 28th our 61 year-old committeeman, George Pendlebury, from Building 49 donated his 7th pint of blood.

About a year ago George made his first donation at the Schenectady Red Cross Blood Donor Center. After considerable controversy with the center's officials he was allowed to donate that first pint and told not to come back because of his age. Incidentally George-doesn't-even weigh 1110 pounds which was also against

George was told that it was not an Army or a Navy regulation that men over 60 should not give blood but that it was a Red Cross regulathat since he was not breaking any military law he was going to keep

could get the best the world After every donation George was When seeking for a job; advised not to return. But he kept going back. The last time he pro-And without being a gentleman I would never get a snob mised not to donate any more blood after his 8th time. His goal is to join Can there be such a difference in the color of a man? an exemplary record of over 8 hun-Or is it the amount of hatred dred signed up donors. being taught in the land?

It took a crowbar to pry the story our members between the ages of 21 and 60 who have not donated and have been breaking their appointments with the center?

Classes for the study of

union problems, are held every

Thursday 9:30 to 111:00 A. M

in the morning and 7:30 to 9:30

P. M. in the evening at the

Union Headquarters, 301 Lib-

erty St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Everyone is welcome. Com-

mitteemen are especially ad-

vised to attend.

Fun-Za-Poppin Ready to Pop

at the Mont Pleasant High School on March 17th and 18th, shows every

indication of living up to its name. If the performance gives as much

enjoyment to the audience as it is giving the cast we can assure you

out of talent for the show. Rehearsals are now in full swing with Frank

of Local 301 men working at the General Electric plant will have a

major spot on the program. After listening to the band, everyone

Center. This will truly be a benefit worth going to. Tickets are selling

fast. They may be obtained from the union office or from your com-

lon, Angeline Sylvester, Frank Kahler, Henry Shafran, Donald Thompson, Marilyn King, Dorothy Hooker, William Jeskie and Son, Freddie,

Howard Hutchins, Pat Keating, Charles DeMura, Gloria Verruto, Edith

Anthony DeLavic, Peter Pisano, Warner Mann and Louis DeSiena, the

GEAA Chorus, under the direction of Florence Spira, the Southern Jubilee Singers and the Harris Brothers—Alonzo and Griffin, and John

The Activities Committee of Local 801 is producing this show and consist of the following: Pat Vottis, Chairman; Foster Campbell, Carmine Marconi, Ruth Barringer, Florence Miller, Raymond Bentz, Ruth Lounsbury, Kathleen Vickars, John Dodson, Sal D'Amico, Shirley

Settle, Howard Hutchins, Austin Case, Regina Friedlander, Erlene Mc-

Carmen Barone, Mildred Miner, The Harmony Four consisting

Clairmont, Ethel and Pauline MacDonald, Alma Harris, Joyce Wolcott,

agreed that with them the show will be a top-notch production.

Our auditioning committee is very grateful for the splendid turn

A fourteen piece band directed by Raymond Bentz and composed

All net profit will be turned over to the Schenectady Child Care

The cast is as follows: I. Derkowski, Frank O'Neil, William Scan-

two evenings of very pleasing entertainment.

mitteeman. Admittance is 55 cents.

Gann, and Genevieve Winarski.

Whitney and Son.

in the other colors and me Being who I am makes me very \_\_\_\_ CIO \_\_\_\_ Phough the names of my lead-OPEN HOUSE AT 285-Ed. Herholz ers are never called aloud, Remember what the monkey said. and their names are only men-"It won't be long now." That's right. tioned moderately. With this edition we bring to a close Why is this done throughout Open House at 285. Our object was OK-to promote good will and one

big happy family on this shift—guess The negro has proved himself we got all mixed up and slipped a little. Too much work to do-nerves He has worked and slaved from jumpy, long hours. Guess who takes In every war he has shouldered over where I leave off? So, the best of everything to all of you from this He has been true to America guy who reminds you. Be good to through thick and thin, And prayed for discrimination

Editors Note:

to come to an end.

sun to sun,

Congratulations to Brother Troy Snipes. The editorial committee has awarded him a \$5.00 prize for his poem on Democracy published in the Electrical Union News January 19th and for the above poem. Troy goes in for poetry in a big way he is also very talented in composing music. and is a musician in his own right playing the saxophone in a dance

BUILDING 46-Troy Snipes

living in a land,

could give,

If I were a different color and

There would be opportunities

an it be the kind of teaching

being taught at your mothers

That makes such a difference

waiting at every hand.

CAP-2ND Shift-Blanchard Mowers We have a rat among us! One among us is guilty of a contemptible

We Have a Rat

Among Us

act. An act which is evidence of an attitude towards our anti-fascist war towards our boys who are fighting our war, and towards the whole the Gallon Club. Furthermore, he has meaning of democracy, which places this person in the category of traitor to our country. 🤌

> Soldier Vote issue now before Congress is receiving acute attention from our union and its members. We feel that men and women serving their country, and dying for their country in its struggle against the fascist axis, are entitled to a voice in the choosing of their government So we circulate petitions calling on our Congressmen to vote for a federal ballot which will assure our men and women in the services the right

One of these petitions, issued by our Local 3011 and almost completelysigned by union members was torn to shreds and buried under used paper towels in a CAP wash room. No one saw the two-legged rodent who perpetrated this act against democracy. His identity is unknown. But his character is flood-lighted.

One of us, name unknown, does not want our boys to choose their commander-in-chief, in the traditional American way. One of us does not want democracy. One of us does not even want the rest of us to want democracy, to exercise the right of petition that we need and cherish One of us, to our shame, is a fascistminded enemy of all of us, who as soldiers-of-production strive our utmost to bring the anti-fascist war to a victorious conclusion. One among

We might expect a Poll-Tax Senator from a Southern state, where big land-owners live in fear of democracy for the poor whites and negroes who slave for them, to commit such an act of treason to democracy.

We might expect a Mayor Hague, skilled from long practice in subventing democracy, to commit such an

We might expect an inveterate labor-hater, the kind of employer who hires labor spies and strikebreakers, to abhor such a democratic expression of labor's interests as this petition is and to destroy it.

But what can we say for a worker who acts against the basic tenet of democracy, - the right to vote? What can we say for a man who actively supports the fascist principle of suppressing the rights of free

speech and petition? We can justly call him a fascistminded rat, and we can warn our fellow-workers to be on their guard for further acts, perhaps of sabotage. For a man of this depravity of mind might be guilty of other acts; overt acts to damage the equipment we make a fight and win our war for democracy against fascism.

For future reference, remember-We have a rat among us.

BUY — WAR BONDS — BUY

\_\_\_\_ CIO \_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL TORN