

## Christmas Program For 301's Children

Harold Vine, Albany magician, and Bob Coward of Building 56, pantomime entertainer, will perform at the Christmas party for children of Local 301 members Sunday, Dec. 19, at the union hall.

The program will be: movies from 1 to 2 p.m.; magic show, 2 to 2:30; dancing and entertainment by children supervised by Belle Baxter and Mrs. Dorothy Perlin, 2:30 to 3 p.m.; pantomime act, 3 to 3:30 p.m., and then refreshments and gifts.

Ice cream, cookies and pop will be served the children, and Santa Claus will distribute gift bags to them.

Union members can get tickets for their children from their shop stewards. The tickets are free and must be shown by the children when they enter.

## Getting Vote Count from Election Machine



County Election Commissioner Charles W. Eckel calling off the figures on a voting machine in the 301 election, with representatives of the three presidential candidates as observers. Left to right, Commissioner Eckel, Michael Gergerck, representing Stanley L. Fisher; Milton Danko, representing Frank Kriss, and Marshall White, representing Andrew Peterson.

## To Perform Magic



HAROLD VINE

## UE Strike Victory At Hoboken Plant

UE strikers at the Thomas Wire and Spring Company, Hoboken, N. J., have won a three-week strike. They obtained a pay raise of 10 cents an hour and other contract improvements.

One of their chief grievances had been a short work week which resulted in pay losses. They won a guaranteed five-day week.

## Jandreau, Hodges Make Statement

The following statement was given to the Electrical Union News by William G. Hodges, vice-president, and Leo Jandreau, business agent, both re-elected last week:

"The membership has chosen its officers for 1949. We who continue in office have always carried out the policies of the union in the interest of the membership, as established by the membership. We shall continue to do so. The constitution defines our duties. We shall carry out these duties as always and shall work to that end with all other officers, board members, shop stewards, and members.

"Naturally we regret that several of our former associates in office, whom we considered best qualified to carry on, were not re-elected. But that is just another practical proof of the strict trade union democracy which has always governed this union.

"In view of the extraordinary amount of interference in the election by the newspapers and all kinds of other outside forces, and the expenditure of considerable money from outside sources, the re-election of the vice-president, a shop leader for many years, and of the business agent, the union's main executive officer, shows that the membership continues to support the collective bargaining policies which have brought such great benefits to GE workers.

"This should serve to remind us that a union is primarily an economic organization, designed to improve the living conditions of its members. We must engage in leg-

islative and political activity to back up our collective bargaining, but we must continue to fight to keep the union independent and not let it become either a political organization or an appendage of any political machine.

"In view of the numerous statements in the newspapers in the past week about 'control' of Local 301 by one group or another, let us keep in mind that control is in the membership alone. The constitution provides that 'all matters of general importance' shall be decided directly by the membership. That always has been true in the past. We shall strive to keep it that way in the future. We believe the members will fight to keep it that way at all times."

## WEAR YOUR UNION BUTTON

## Christmas Trees For 301 Members

UE District 3 has bought from Elliot Roosevelt 500 Christmas trees which will be on sale to Local 301 members at \$1.50 each, starting tomorrow (Saturday) at 2 Wall St., below the union hall. The hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow and Monday and until the trees are gone.

The trees were planted by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt near Hyde Park in 1938. The entire shipment will be spruce trees, four to 10 feet tall and guaranteed not to have been cut before Dec. 1.

Sales will be made strictly on a "first come, first served" basis to 301 members.

## Statement from Kriss, 7 Others

The following statement was given to the Electrical Union News on behalf of eight winning candidates in the local union election:

"We the undersigned, wish to take this opportunity to thank all those in Local 301 who have so generously given their support to us. We shall not fail in our task of restoring within Local 301 free democratic trade unionism to the ultimate benefit of each and every union member, our community and our nation as a whole.

"We thank you.  
"Frank C. Kriss  
"Frank Fiorillo  
"John P. Green  
"William A. Downs  
"Stephen A. Watts  
"Ralph Miranda  
"Edward A. Luberda  
"Stephen E. James."

## An Eye on 1949

Through its thought control program the General Electric Company wants to prevent the UE from organizing successfully for its 1949 wage negotiations. The company has fought UE demands for wage increases in 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948. The company hopes it can fool workers into believing, contrary to the facts, that its profits are small, that good wages and not exorbitant profits cause high prices. GE feels if its propaganda goes over workers will not unite for higher wages to meet inflationary living costs.

## ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS

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## 301 Children's Party Moved to High School

So many children are coming to the Local 301 Christmas party Sunday afternoon that the affair has outgrown the union hall and will be at Mont Pleasant High School instead.

Shop stewards have handed out over 2,000 tickets to union members for their children. Tickets are free, but every child must show his ticket at the door.

The 301 Executive Board voted Monday night to invite all the youngsters at the Children's Home to be the guests of 301 at the party.

The Board also authorized advancing money to the Activities Committee to cover the cost of the party, with the expectation that the money will be repaid from the sale of tickets to the 301 dance tomorrow night.

The doors will be open at 12:30 p.m. at the high school Sunday. Early arrivals will sing carols until movies start at 1 p.m. There will be an entertainment by children, under the direction of Belle Baxter and Mrs. Dorothy Perlin, from 1:30 to 2 p.m., a magic show by Harold Vine from 2 to 2:30 and a pantomime performance by Bob Coward from 2:30 to 3. Then Santa Claus will distribute gifts and there will be ice cream and cookies.

## Union Advertisement

The 301 Executive Board has voted to place a \$25 advertisement from the union in the yearbook of the Schenectady Old Time Baseball Players Association.

## Local 301 to Skip Xmas Week Meeting

The Local 301 Executive Board voted Monday night to cancel the December membership meeting which would have fallen on the Tuesday before Christmas.

As there is no pressing business to be taken up, the Board members felt a meeting should not be scheduled for Christmas week.

## First in Line for FDR Christmas Trees

Opening day scene at the UE District 3 Christmas tree sale, 2 Wall St. The District has arranged to sell trees, planted by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt near his Hyde Park home. Local 301 members can buy them at cost, \$1.50 each. The store under the union hall will be open again today and tomorrow, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to sell the trees that still remain.



## Election Report On Shop Stewards

The first official report on the balloting for shop stewards, which will not be completed throughout the plant till the end of this week, shows the following stewards elected from the following buildings:

Building 5—Willis P. Boyden, William Delos, M. P. Petro and Zoltan R. Wissley.

Bldg. 10—Albert E. Davis, Violet Lyall, Alfred J. Pollak and Fred A. Randall.

Bldg. 10C—C. R. Mullin, Lawrence Parker, W. A. Ramsey and Homer A. Roy.

Bldg. 15—James Mangino.

Bldg. 17—Andrew Bufano, Edmund D. Calleo, William A. Downs, Sidney Friedlander, John A. Martin, Edward J. Messitt, Leo E. Mullin, Kenneth Sheehan, Kenneth Sommers and Stephen Villano.

Bldg. 18—John P. Brauneisen, Jerry Favata, Andrew Giari and Stanley Rusczyk.

Bldg. 19—Joseph Oswald.

Bldg. 29—Americo Brunetti, Ar-

thur De Lucia and Ernest J. Townsend.

Bldg. 37—Edmund F. Kelley.

Bldg. 40—Benny Fasula and Medrie Guyette.

Bldg. 42—Daniel J. Bogrus, Lawrence A. Campbell, John J. Feldman, Lester P. Grethen, M. L. Milkins, A. J. Nielsen, John W. Rej and Roy V. Schaffer.

Bldg. 46—H. E. Barnum, Arthur Chevalier, Cecil M. Diamond and Frank Emspak, W. R. Germain, Thomas J. Horne, Morton F. Lewis, Irven W. Parks, Frank W. Ruhl and William J. Sulzer.

Bldg. 49—Casmer J. Ceglowski, Raymond D. Flanigan, Fred E. Genier, Earl H. Groat and William Spellman.

Bldg. 52—Mario Bagnato, Harry Bayliss, James Cognetta, Charles E. Doherty, Adolf Korkosz, Charles Nitsche, Earl H. Smith and Louis Strenka.

Bldg. 59—C. F. Oldorff.

Bldg. 60—Stanley Borysewicz, Stewart H. Burns, Herbert Graefe, Ray Greiner, Steve Jakubec, Wal-

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## 301 Members Ask Repeal of Taft-Hartley

Shop stewards this week started circulating throughout the plant UE petitions calling for 100 per cent repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law and 100 per cent return to the Wagner Act. The petitions are addressed to President Truman and the incoming Eighty-First Congress.

The Executive Board voted unanimously Monday night to take part in this national UE campaign and petitions were distributed the next morning.

## Workers Glad to Sign

According to reports from all sections of the Works, members are enthusiastic about signing the petitions and newly elected shop stewards are finding their first assignment an easy one to carry out. There's every sign that the drive will have 100 per cent backing of the 301 membership.

The plan is to wind up the campaign as far in advance of Jan. 1 as possible, so that the complete UE petitions, with hundreds of thousands of names, can be taken to Washington when Congress convenes.

## They Don't Believe Boulware

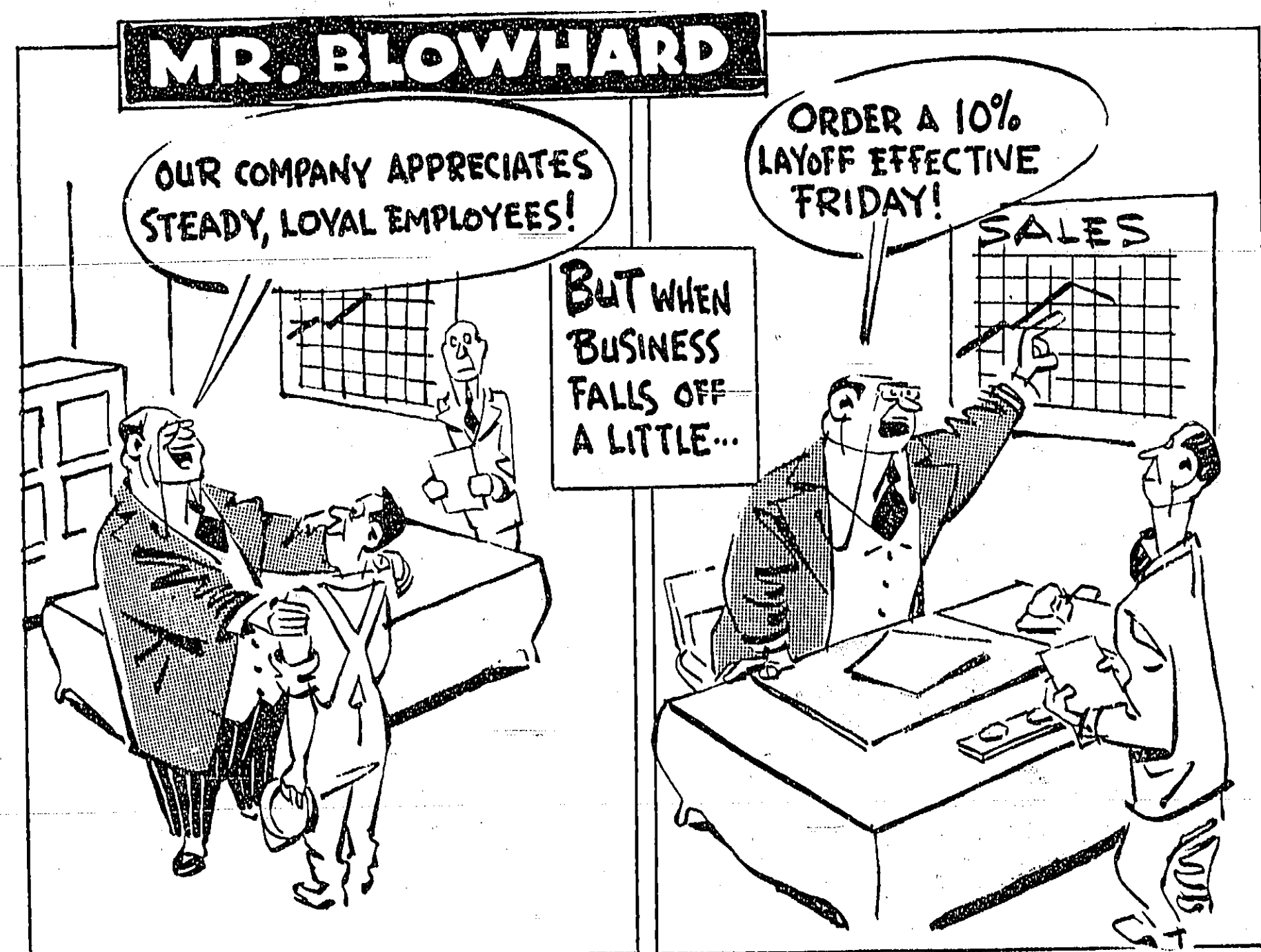
The response of Local 301 members to the petition shows that they haven't been fooled by the GE propaganda trying to "sell" them on the Taft-Hartley Law. G. E. Vice-President L. R. Boulware has been writing "messages" for months trying to put across the idea that the Taft-Hartley Law isn't anti-labor.

UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald predicted recently that practically 100 per cent of the UE membership throughout the nation will sign the petition, particularly because recent Taft-Hartley Board rulings and court decisions "have more fully exposed the Taft-Hartley Law's evil nature."

## 301 Basketball Victory

The 301 men's basketball team beat the Katz team 52 to 46 at Oneida High School Dec. 8.





### Must Press Fight To Kill T-H Law

Bruce Waybur, UE Washington representative, has warned UE locals against sitting back and waiting for the new Congress to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and carry out other campaign promises.

"We must remember that performance does not automatically follow political promises," he said. "A united, vigorous and persistent drive by the people will be necessary to obtain the results that they want."

"The people are looking for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and re-enactment of the Wagner Act. They expect real action on price control, housing, taxes and many other such matters."

Waybur pointed out that some of the important Congressional committees, especially in the Senate, will probably be headed by men whose records aren't encouraging.

### Congressman Proposes That GE Run Marshall Plan; GE Chairman Willing

At a Congressional hearing on the Marshall Plan this year, Representative John M. Vorys, Ohio Republican, suggested that the plan be administered by a group "as near as we could come to the board of directors of GE."

### GE Pay Day Case In Court Tomorrow

The hearing on the GE pay day case will be at 9 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday) in Schenectady Police Court. Members of the 301 Executive Board plan to attend the session which is open to the public. The company pleaded not guilty Dec. 3 to a charge of violating the state labor law by postponing paying workers from Friday to Monday. The information was signed by five workers in Building 73. The State Department of Labor has informed 301 that in its opinion the union is correct in calling the pay day shift a law violation.

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The suggestion came after Vorys questioned Philip D. Reed, chairman of the Board of GE. He praised the GE set-up so highly that the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative Eaton said:

"I got the impression that Mr. Vorys, in the back of his mind, had the notion that if we could turn this whole thing (the Marshall Plan) over to the board of directors and the men of General Electric, that it would be well done."

Reed said modestly that GE was too busy to take on the responsibility.

But Vorys knew what he wanted and he said so.

"Why could not Congress set up a board of directors," he asked, "possibly not of the same caliber but as near it as we could come, to the board of directors of GE, and have them proceed to guide the administration of this thing?"

Reed replied: "It could be done. There is no question about that."

Representative Vorys was reelected to Congress.

### Better Luck Next Time

The 301 girls' basketball team was defeated for the first time this season Monday night by the Commodores.

### Dreaming of a Taft-Hartley Christmas?



"Christmas will be a little late this year, Master Clarence. Your father fired Santa Claus for refusing to file a Taft-Hartley affidavit."

### \$1,513 Awarded For Hand Injury

For an injury to his left hand Apr. 1, Zygmunt Poteralski, assembler in Building 18, has received a Workmen's Compensation award of \$1,535 against the General Electric Company. Because his left ring and middle fingers were amputated to the first joint, he suffered 22 1/2 per cent loss of the hand. Marshall Perlman, Local 301 attorney, handled the case.

Other awards obtained through cases pressed by the union lawyer were:

\$403 to Gail Litts of Bldg. 66 for a leg injury Aug. 20, 1941.

\$257.60 to Domenico Aldi, Bldg. 60 lathe operator, for 20 per cent loss of the use of his right index finger Apr. 7.

\$32 a week to Anthony Marra, Bldg. 76, from Sept. 10 to Nov. 1 for a back injury suffered Sept. 8.

\$32 a week to William Woolcock, Bldg. 60 tool grinder, from Aug. 3 to Oct. 11 for injuries Aug. 2. Cords in his wrist and forearm were cut.

\$23.91 a week to Mary Catalano, Bldg. 73, from Oct. 28 to Dec. 2 and for three additional months, for a low back sprain suffered Jan. 20, 1947.

\$32 to Caroline Franking, Bldg. 285 punch press operator, from Nov. 9 to Dec. 7 and for two months more for a hernia suffered Aug. 28.

\$26.87 a week to John Pietzykowski, Bldg. 64 furnace worker, from Oct. 25 to Nov. 23 for a back injury suffered Jan. 1.

### State CIO Convention

The New York State CIO convention was scheduled to open yesterday at Syracuse, Local 301 delegates, elected at the November membership meeting, are William Stewart, Joseph Saccoccio, William Templeton, Fred Pacelli and Leo Jandreau.

### Got Your Ticket?

Today and tomorrow are your last chances to help support the 301 children's Christmas party by buying a donation ticket from your shop steward. The ticket will entitle you to attend the 301 dance tomorrow night (Saturday) at 301 hall and puts you in the running to win a television set. You don't have to attend to win the prize. Proceeds of the dance will finance the children's party Sunday.

### CONGRESSMAN DRIPP BY YOMEN



### Election Report On Shop Stewards

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ter E. Neff, George Rifenburg, Marvin Rumrill, William Stewart and Teddy T. Wheeler.

Bldg. 63—Charles D. Ferris.

Bldg. 64—Daniel L. Cichy.

Bldg. 67—Michael E. Donahue.

Bldg. 68—Antoinette R. Daley.

E. M. Halterman, Emmett G. Paige, Jr., Marie E. Sweeney and Joseph Whitbeck.

Bldg. 71—Frank J. Palmo.

Bldg. 73—Stanley D. Bradt, Domenico Gabriele, C. E. Groesbeck, William J. Mastriani, J. C. Richtmyer, Leland S. Thomas and Joseph Thorpe.

Bldg. 77—Joseph Mangino, John Petrozzi and C. Edward Wetsell.

Bldg. 85—Thomas J. Callahan, Rembrandt J. Coleman and Miles Moon.

Bldg. 89—Dewey Brashear, Martin J. Callery, Joseph A. Hils and Merritt A. Wilcox.

Bldg. 93—Robert Leonard.

Bldg. 97—Edward J. LaBombard.

Bldg. 107—John Keeler and S. Matarazzo.

Bldg. 209—S. Aldhous, Howard Anthony, Manuel Fernandez, J. Marakowski, Helen Nichols, J. J.

Niemiec, Frank J. Ragucci, Fred Schoeffler and Leland F. Sisto.

Bldg. 285—Joseph L. Archambeault, Francis C. Behan, Lorraine M. Di Cerbo, Frank Du Bois, Percy C. Everett, Victor Farina, David Fiore, Paul J. Landolfo, Pauline Scott, Sam Scott, L. C. Shannon, Texar L. Sible, Oscar Stolz and Ralph Tubelli.

Campbell Ave. Plant—Leon Chase, Vincent Favata, Leonard Hofmeister, Fred S. Hudson, Carl Selke, Floyd Thomas and Joseph Willi.

Campbell Ave. Race Track Bldg.—Donald McWhinnie.

13 Cent Increase

Their new UE contract brought workers at Charles T. Brandt Company, Baltimore, Md., a flat raise of 13 cents an hour. Changes in classifications resulted in additional raises for many. Increases for some workers totaled 21 cents.

List of Inspectors

As a result of a grievance session, GE representatives have promised to give the Fort Wayne, Ind., UE local a list of all inspectors and testers employed by the company at Fort Wayne, with their service records.

### Seek 'Separation' Pay In GE Plant Closing

UE Local 936 at Kokomo, Ind., has published a newspaper advertisement an appeal to the General Electric Company to give two weeks' "separation pay" to the 500 workers losing their jobs because of the company closing its plant there.

"Because of the increasing cost of living," the "ad" stated, "our members have been unable to make any substantial savings. Loss of jobs at this time of year means particular hardships because of fuel to buy, children in school, Christmas expenses and taxes. Our merchants and businessmen in Kokomo will also suffer from our loss of jobs."

Pointing to GE's tremendous profits, estimated at \$700 on each employee, the local said:

"It seems only fair that the company help tide over the employees until they can find other work."

### CIO Longshoremen Win Strike Victory

The International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, CIO, has won its three-month strike on the west coast with a smashing victory over the employers' association.

Terms of the settlement include a pay increase of 15 cents an hour and improved vacations. But most important of all is the saving of the hiring hall, safeguarding members against unfairness and graft in hiring. The shipping companies had declared they would destroy the hiring hall, with the help of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Employers tried to split the union membership from the president Harry Bridges, and other officers by refusing to negotiate with these leaders. The strikers remained solid, however, and for 85 days not a ship moved on the west coast.

### GE on Profits

GE says "... it's hard to see how profits can be considered 'high' no matter what method of comparison is used."

GE profits for the first nine months of 1948 were \$84,000,000—over twice as much as GE's wartime profit rate. GE profits have increased 34 per cent in the last year, while wages have increased only 8 per cent.

WANT A TELEVISION SET? SEE YOUR SHOP STEWARD