

GE Says 'No' Again In Third Shift Case

A grievance session on the national level over the working hours of third shift Turbine workers resulted in another deadlock.

James Burnison, GE executive, refused all suggestions of the union for settling the grievances, at a session in New York City July 17 with President Andrew Peterson.

Over 100 third shift workers have complained at having to work Saturday morning to complete a 40 hour week. They want a straight eight hour, five day week. They also object to getting only one and a half, instead of double time, for working the seventh day.

Burnison said the company has been giving a great deal of thought to the third shift Turbine schedule. In the interest of increasing production, he told Peterson, management may put all the shifts in Turbine on six days of seven and a half hours.

The union is taking up this matter with Turbine Division members to learn their feelings. The subject will be discussed at a meeting of Turbine stewards.

Pattern for Schenectady

CIO and AFL unions in Baltimore defied the Taft-Hartley law by campaigning for and electing Edward A. Garmatz to fill a vacancy as Congressman. Garmatz, a Democrat and a member of the AFL Electrical Union, is pledged to work for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley act. He was elected by a big majority July 15 over two other candidates.

Union Diaper Service

You can now have your baby's diapers washed by union workers, employees of Dy Dee Diaper Service in Schenectady. Local 492, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, is negotiating a contract with the company. The Capital District CIO Council helped organize the plant.

That's Something Else Again

Time lost last year in the United States through unemployment was seven times greater than time lost through strikes. Yet, as the National CIO News points out, the same forces in Congress that supported the Taft Bill "to stop strikes" helped sabotage a bill to guarantee full employment.

DEFEND THE UNION CONTRACT

More Shop Stewards Take Office



Chief Shop Steward William Mastriani administers the oath of office to a trio of new shop stewards. Left to right, Mastriani, F. Harold Smith of Bldg. 258, Donald Oliver of Bldg. 85 and Ronald Diemer, Bldg. 16.

Labor and Foreign Policy

This resolution on labor and foreign policy will be submitted to the national UE convention, according to the instructions of the July 15 membership meeting of Local 301.

"It is high time that the American working people considered their relationship between our so-called bi-partisan foreign policy and the bi-partisan movement which put over the Taft-Hartley bill.

"If we are to save our country from the fate which befell the German people under Hitler, we shall need the courage to look at facts without retreating before hysterical red-baiting and flag-waving.

"It is time workers realized that America is not Big Business, and that Big Business does not speak for the American people abroad any more than they do at home; that those who wrap themselves in the American flag in order to pass the Taft-Hartley bill and break railroad and mine strikes do not suddenly become patriots when they leave our boundaries; that the newspapers whose ceaseless campaign of lies helped put over the Taft-Hartley law do not suddenly become truthful in dealing with foreign affairs.

"The scream of 'Communism' is being used to destroy our liberties at home. The cry of 'Communism' is being used to give arms to dictatorships in China, Greece, Argentina, and other countries to crush the common people. It is being

used to revive Nazi Big Business in Germany. It is being used to back anti-labor and anti-democratic forces everywhere. The working people are called upon to pay billions in taxes in order to pay for arms to kill the people of Greece and China and destroy their trade unions.

"It is the highest patriotism to fight against those who would besmirch our flag for the greater profits of Big Business.

"The Taft-Hartley law is the domestic side of a government which at home and abroad speaks only for Big Business. If we are to restore and maintain our democratic liberties and save this country from disaster, we shall have to fight for the foreign as well as domestic policies of Roosevelt and Wallace."

Committee to Aid Rem-Rand Strikers

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savings to fall back on, a union survey shows. The Iliion workers are more or less marooned in a rural community, with no industries nearby to give temporary or part-time employment.

Appeals for Aid Mount
UE strike leaders said the appeals to the union's welfare committee are increasing every day. Hundreds of pickets are fed daily in the three soup kitchens the union maintains in Herkimer County. But two or three times the kitchens have run out of food.

The strikers will stay out until Remington Rand meets the national wage pattern on which other companies settled contract negotiations this year with UE and other CIO unions.

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Statement on Hearing Issued by 301 Board

UE Wins Remington Rand Strike; Mohawk Valley Formula Fizzles

The following statement on the Un-American Committee hearing at which Salvatore Vottis testified was adopted unanimously by the Local 301 Executive Board Wednesday.

"The Local 301 Executive Board this morning heard the report of President Peterson, who attended the Dies-Thomas Un-American committee hearings for the Board.

"In his desire to smear the union which once employed him, Vottis boasted that he had entered its service with the purpose of serving not its members, but an outside master.

"In 1943 the membership found Vottis out. They found that he did collaborate with political machines to the detriment of the union and its members.

Membership Runs Union

"Having failed in his efforts to gain control of the local for political purposes, Vottis now declares it is controlled by Communists. The fact, as proved by Vottis' own experience, is that Local 301 is and always has been controlled solely by the membership, acting in membership meetings and direct secret ballot elections.

"In accordance with the policy of our national convention, we shall continue to fight to see to it that the control remains solely in the membership. It shall not be controlled by any political party or religious body, or by newspaper headlines or editorials, or the General Electric Company, or the Dies-Thomas Un-American committee.

Propaganda Agent for Big Business

"The use by the committee of a discredited character like Vottis to spread lies about the labor movement confirms fully the charge we made before he appeared, that the Dies-Thomas committee is nothing but a propaganda agency for Big Business in its drive to destroy unions and American democracy.

"In a separate statement of fact on such parts of Vottis' testimony as can be checked, we have shown that he is an unmitigated liar.

"The use of Vottis in the Un-American Committee's Un-American red-baiting campaign proves the wisdom of the re-

GE Yearly Profit Rate Almost \$85,000,000

The fact that General Electric Company reported a net profit of \$21,216,000 for the first three months of 1947 means that the company is operating at the annual rate of profit of almost \$85,000,000. That is an all time record. It's \$18,000,000 above the profits of the abnormally high profit year 1929.

On the basis of these figures, it's easy for GE workers to judge for themselves whether it was necessary for the company to increase prices to meet the recent 15 cent wage increase.

Guards Still Covered Under GE-UE Contract

A large number of GE guards attended a special meeting for guards not on duty Sunday at 301 Hall to discuss their position under the Taft-Hartley law.

Union officers explained that the law does not allow the new National Labor Relations Board to include guards with other employees in certifying a bargaining unit. This restriction in no way affects the guards here, however, because they are already part of the certified bargaining unit and are covered by the contract. The limitation applies only when a new group seeks a certification.

solution adopted only two weeks ago by the membership declaring:

"We reaffirm that members and issues shall be judged on their merits, and that the questioning of members' political beliefs shall be out of order in the conduct of union business."

HAVE YOU A COPY OF THE
CONTRACT?

A clearcut victory for UE ended the six week strike of nearly 10,000 workers at the Remington Rand plants at Iliion, Herkimer, Syracuse, the Tonawandas and Benton Harbor, Mich.

The striking locals promptly approved the settlement, granting an increase of eight cents an hour now and six paid holidays and providing for arbitration of the difference between this amount and the 15 cents an hour "package" which the union had asked.

The meeting between J. R. Rand, Jr., and UE President A. J. Fitzgerald, at which the agreement was signed, made labor history. Mr. Rand isn't in the habit of meeting union officers.

Old Tricks Fail

He and his corporation tried unsuccessfully throughout the strike to use the strike-breaking, union-busting methods known as the Mohawk Valley formula, the Remington-Rand formula for smashing labor unions over 10 years ago.

The strikers stood firm against anti-union deputy sheriffs, hired strikebreakers, phony "back to work" movements, violence and injunction suits. The Un-American Committee's smear campaign against the union also failed to divide the ranks of the strikers.

Machinists Union Still Out

Members of the International Association of Machinists at Elmira are still out, as the company has not yet made the independent union the same offer it did UE. Before the strike started, UE urged the Machinists to agree to take joint action and to under take joint negotiations to obtain the national wage pattern. Instead, all that the Machinists agreed to was that the two unions would keep each other informed of developments.

Under this arrangement, the strike committees worked closely together, but each union was free to sign a settlement when Remington Rand was willing to come to acceptable terms with it.

Pensioners to Meet

The UE-CIO-301 Pension Organization will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday at 301 Hall.

President Peterson Gives First Hand Report To Board on Washington Smear Testimony

President Andrew Peterson, who went to Washington last week under direction of the Executive Board to listen to testimony on UE and Local 301 at the hearings of the Un-American Committee, reported at length Wednesday at a special meeting of the Board.

The testimony before the Un-American Committee was obviously rehearsed, according to Peterson.

Testimony of Salvatore M. Vottis, former 301 officer, was the highlight of the hearings. Vottis charged that Communists controlled the local.

Peterson said that Vottis testified "he did his job for the Communist party and not for the members of this union." When Vottis said the local was controlled by the Communists, Peterson pointed out, he was taking a slap at every officer who ever held office in Local 301.

Vottis stated he resigned from the Communist Party in 1939, but didn't say what happened between then and 1944 when he left the union.

"Few realized how close we came to falling under the control of a political machine in this city and what that would have meant," Peterson declared.

After a general discussion by Board members, Peterson said that as long as he has held office he has watched to see if any group was trying to control the union because he was determined there should be no such control.

"I have seen no control by the Communist Party" he said. "I will fight any group, whether the Communist party or any other political party or religious group or employer that tries to get control of Local 301."

Referring to the union members attacked by Vottis, Peterson said, "I have never seen these people who were named by Vottis act as anything but good union men in the interests of the union."

Frank Emspak, former 301 president, whom Vottis said he signed up in the Communist party, appeared at the Board meeting. He said Vottis had never signed him up for anything. The Board formally accepted his statement.

A motion was adopted by the Board expressing full confidence in the na-

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Gazette Leads Field In Smearing Union

Although the Big Business press in general gave a prominent play to the attack made on UE and Local 301 in the Un-American Committee hearings last week, the Schenectady Gazette used the most space and the biggest headlines.

It ran a headline about Salvatore Vottis' testimony clear across the top of the front page, and ran pictures of union officers.

John E. M. Hume, Jr., editor of the Gazette, is the son of Vice-President Hume of General Electric Co.

The Gazette published an editorial Monday stating that there isn't anything "anti-labor" about its red-baiting attacks on unions and union leaders. The paper that claims it isn't anti-labor pressed for the Taft-Hartley law. It campaigned against price control, and against the raising of wage levels and living conditions. It has fought every effort to limit profits of Big Business or make industry pay its share of taxes.

Article on Pensions

The Townsend National Weekly, official paper of the Townsend Plan, recently printed an article and two pictures on the UE-CIO-301 Pension Organization. The material was obtained from the EU News.

Appeals Day

The Grievance Committee of Local 301 meets at 4 p.m. every Friday, including today, at the union hall to hear the complaint of any member dissatisfied with the way a grievance has been handled. Appeals of second shift workers are heard at 1 p.m.

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tional officers and urging them to continue their good work.

The Board also issued a statement on the hearing (see page 1) and a statement of "findings of fact" (see page 3), approved a telegram which Leo Jandreau, business agent, later sent to Chairman Thomas of the Un-American Committee (see page 3) and approved a radio speech given by President Peterson.

Pensions

This is the pension resolution adopted by the membership meeting July 15, to be introduced by 301 delegates at the national convention:

"Whereas, both Social Security and the so-called pension plans of industry leave most retired workers in poverty, and

"Whereas, the amount of pensions has in fact been cut drastically by rising living costs, and

"Whereas, the problems of old age for workers are becoming more acute because of the effects of speed-up upon workers and because the coming depression will encourage the drive of industry to chase older men and women out of the plants,

"Now therefore, Be it Resolved,

"That this UE Convention call for a minimum pension of \$100 a month for single workers and \$150 for workers with dependents, to be available at the age of sixty, or earlier if disabled, and to be achieved primarily through legislation, but also through collective bargaining until adequate legislation is achieved, and

"Be it Further Resolved, that the achievement of such pensions be part of the collective bargaining program of every local of UE, and

"Be it Further Resolved, that it be the position of UE that any compulsory retirement of a worker on a pension less than stated in this resolution shall constitute a discharge without adequate cause."

Peterson Speaker On Radio Program

President Andrew Peterson, speaking on the 301 radio program Monday said: "I am deeply concerned that this community shall have a full and truthful understanding of our union, how it operates and what its aims are.

"This union of ours, the UE, has always been controlled by its members, acting through their membership meetings and through secret ballot elections. That is still the situation.

"Mr. Vottis had his try at controlling Local 301, but he failed to do so."

Leland Stowe Broadcast

You can hear Leland Stowe, news commentator, at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday on the radio program sponsored by the national UE. It's broadcast over WSNY, WABY and WBCA (FM).

Jandreau Telegraphs Chairman J. P. Thomas

Leo Jandreau, business agent of Local 301, sent the following telegram, approved by the 301 Executive Board, Wednesday to Congressman J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the Un-American Committee.

"Your use of Salvatore Vottis as a witness in your hearings on the UE proves that you are not interested in the facts about unions, but are interested only in smearing the labor movement, with the help of the anti-labor press, for your Big Business masters.

"If your committee had any desire to get the facts about this union, you would have called elected representatives of the union, not an officer repudiated three years ago by the membership because of his attempt to use his office on behalf of a political machine.

"Vottis' testimony consisted of a pack of falsehoods.

"It is obvious that your so-called hearings were a follow-up on the Taft-Hartley law. They were designed to disorganize our work for our membership, the work of maintaining working conditions, wages and piece work prices in the GE plant, and of political action to defeat your kind, and the Tafts and Hartleys, and their friends, the Ives and Kearneys.

"We decline to be disorganized. We shall keep up our work."

Murray Proposal For Labor Unity

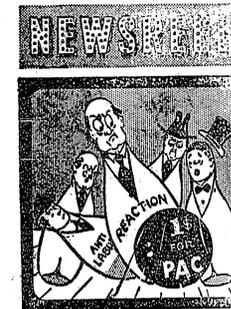
A four-point program for unity between CIO and AFL has been outlined by CIO President Philip Murray in a letter to the New York news paper PM. The formula set forth by the CIO president calls for:

1. Complete recognition of the principle of industrial unionism.
2. Protection of the autonomous rights of national unions in a new labor organization.
3. Provision for the creation of effective labor political action machinery.
4. Parallel action by committees of CIO and AFL unions operating in the same field to carry out the unity program among themselves.

CIO on Air

The Capital District CIO Council broadcasts at 5:55 p.m. every Monday over WTRY.

There will be a CIO program at 8 p.m. Aug. 14 over WGLN, Glens Falls.



WHEN YOU'RE BOWLING 'EM STRICTLY TO WIN,
HERE'S A TIP THAT WILL GET EVERY PIN:
DON'T LEAVE IT TO LUCK...
WITH A P.A.C. BUCK
YOU CAN MOP UP THE ALLEY YOU'RE IN!

Findings of Fact

The 301 Board issued the following findings - of - fact Wednesday exposing some of the lies of Salvatore Vottis in his testimony before the Un-American Committee.

"The Executive Board has checked the facts as to parts of Vottis' testimony, relating to the activities of members he named as officers of this union. These facts are:

"Vottis slandered Chief Shop Steward William Mastriani with an unsupported charge that he received money for certain field day fighters in 1942, and they were not paid. The last field day while Vottis was around was in 1941. All the fighters in all our field days were paid. Only the distorted Vottis mind could make up that slander on a man with Mastriani's outstanding record.

"Vottis accused Albert Davis, now a trustee, of stealing dues collections. The fact is that in 1938, before turning in certain collections, Brother Davis was in an auto accident in which both his legs were broken, that before that he had taken his mother to a hospital, and while in the hospital himself, he found he no longer had the dues money. It is the kind of thing that has happened to numerous dues collectors in numerous organizations. He gave a note for the funds, and paid it off. There was no element of dishonesty.

"Vottis charged that Miss Regina Rakoczy was sent from New York to

New Grievance Filed In Carboloy Dispute

The union has filed a grievance for a Bldg. 60 worker because under the new prices based on carboloy tool speed-up he can't earn any more than he used to, though he produces a great deal more.

After A. C. Stevens refused in a letter to the union to make any adjustment, the case was sent down to the national UE office to be handled on the national level.

Management recently broke a promise it made to the union that it would not install new prices until the carboloy pricing basis dispute was settled. The company claims the speed-up is a change of method and refuses to recognize that increased effort should bring increased earnings.

If the new grievance case is not settled satisfactorily in New York, the union will take it to arbitration. Its outcome will affect many workers.

Here Are Results Of Primary Fights

Leo H. Vosburg, endorsed by 301 for reelection as county welfare commissioner, won the Republican primary against Walter S. Wood. Vosburg also has the ALP nomination.

Alfred Pelrah, 301 Executive Board member, will run for Tenth Ward supervisor on the ALP ticket, but failed to get the Republican nomination. He is the union's candidate.

Allen McCabe of the Transport Workers, backed by 301 in the Democratic primary, lost out on his fight to get the nomination for supervisor of the Fourteenth Ward.

The name of William Hodges, 301 vice-president, will be on the ALP ticket this fall as candidate for supervisor in the town of Glenville. It was a write-in vote, as Howard Pockman, originally designated, is moving out of town.

interfere with his work as financial secretary. The fact is that the local had been begging the national UE office to send in a competent person to clear up the mess into which Vottis had gotten the membership record. Miss Rakoczy married Sidney Friedlander later.

"Vottis charges restrictions were placed on his work as an officer after Friedlander was elected treasurer. The fact is that Friedlander was elected treasurer after Vottis was out of office.

"Most of Vottis' lies are not subject to check. The above are proved."