

LOCAL 301 NEWS

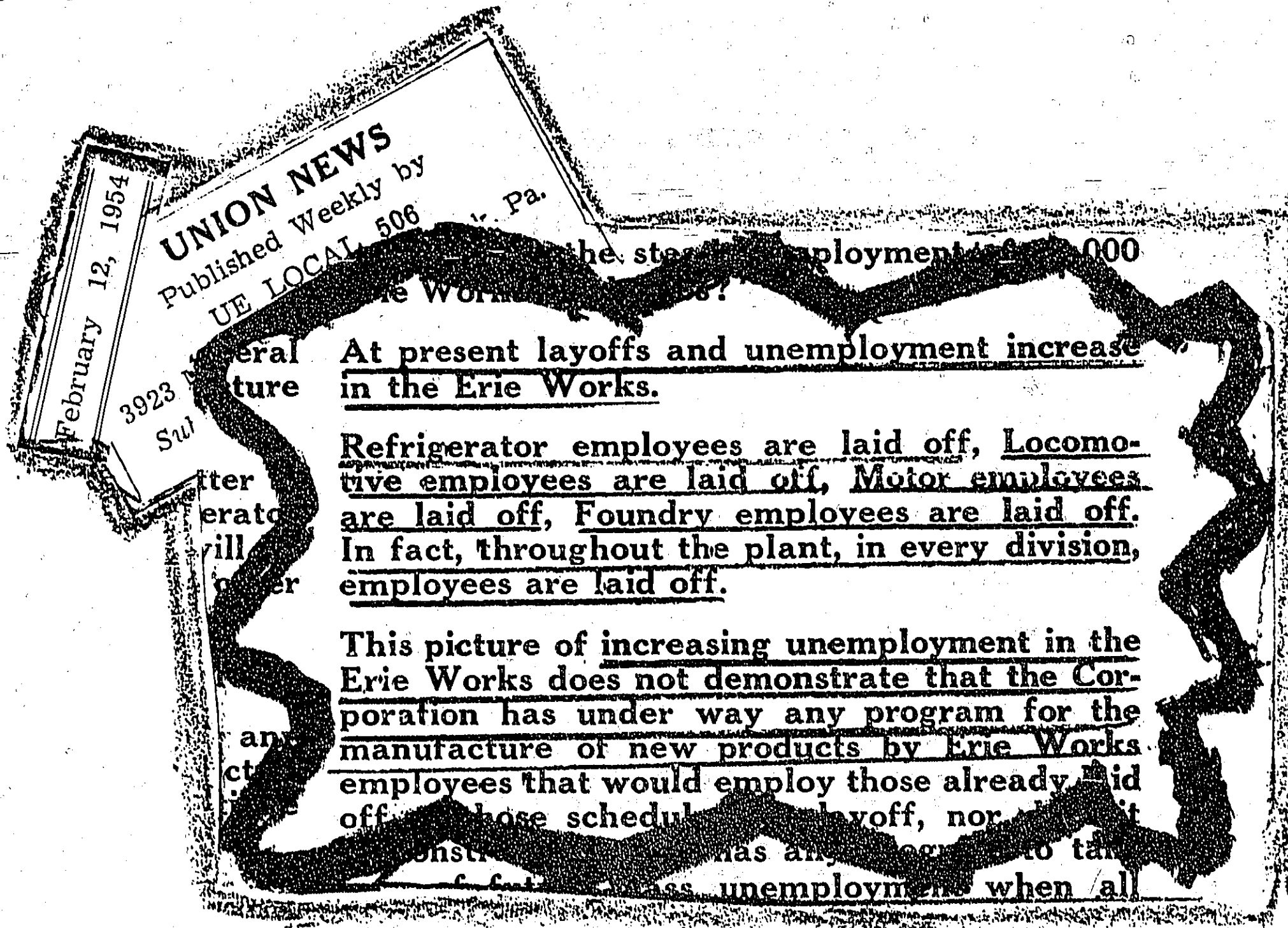
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6,000 Erie GE Workers Lose Jobs As UE Proves Too Weak to Halt Run-away



More than 6,000 Erie GE workers today are caught in the worst fix of their lives. The company is preparing the move that will take their jobs (the entire Refrigeration Division) out of Erie and move it to Louisville, Kentucky.

Hundreds of other Erie workers are walking the streets and have found that their union — UE — could do nothing to save the jobs for them. Their plight stems directly from the weakness of the National UE because it now represents less than 20,000 GE workers in the entire country.

This special edition of the IUE-CIO Local 301 News tells the full Erie story — not as we see it, but as seen by the UE itself. All of the clippings are taken from recent editions of the UE Local 506 Union News, official publication of the UE Erie Local.

As you can see from this clipping, “. . . Refrigerator employees are laid off, Locomotive employees are laid off, Motor employees are laid off, Foundry employees are laid off . . . throughout the plant, in every division, employees are laid off.”

Those are UE's own words.
Now see inside. 

This is the RESULT of UE's National Weakness in GE; It Spells One Word for UE Members in Erie--DISASTER!

Because UE was so weak, it could not stop the Company from moving half of the entire Erie

Works to Louisville. On top of that UE failed in its attempt to organize Louisville, which eventu-

ally will employ 16,000 GE workers. For the Louisville story as it affects Schenectady, see back page.

Erie, Pennsylvania October 23, 1953

REFRIGERATOR AND OTHER PRODUCTION CUT BACK

Refrigerator production in the Cabinet and Unit Divisions, except for some workers engaged in pop manufacturing, will shut down at the end of work today and will not resume again until the return to work scheduled for Wednesday, November 4. Erie Works management estimates 4,000 Cabinet and Unit workers will be laid off during the shut down.

Unemployment is extending into other divisions as well, with management scheduling short time for Welded Products workers next week, and a reduction in forces has been scheduled by management for the MA Toolroom and Model Shops and the L.&C.E. Toolroom within the next week.

April 9, 1954

GE PLANNING LAYOFFS IN UNIT

It has been reported this week, that on top of the current wave of layoffs, Erie Works management is planning still more layoffs, this time in the Unit Division, to take place later this month.

Currently, 350 workers are on their way out the gate to draw unemployment compensation, if they have any to draw on, due to the reduced production in the L. & C. E. divisions.

GE's new layoff plans for Unit workers will add further to the already large number of GE and Erie workers unemployed and nearing the end of their P.S.E.S. unemployment checks.

When Is "Near Future"?

April 2, 1954

L. & C. E. Reduction Now To Affect 350 Plant Workers

Erie Works management has put into effect this week its ordered reduction in production schedules in the L.&C.E. divisions with the workers being transferred to other jobs in

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Layoffs In Cabinet Next Week

April 30, 1954

Food Freezer Production Cut

Erie Works management when queried by the union this week on a reported reduction of Food Freezer production, confirmed the report admitting that Food Freezer schedules had been ordered cut-back and

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Layoffs Continue

A drop in business in manufacturing is currently resulting in temporary layoffs and transfers