

Election Completed With Local United for Business at Hand



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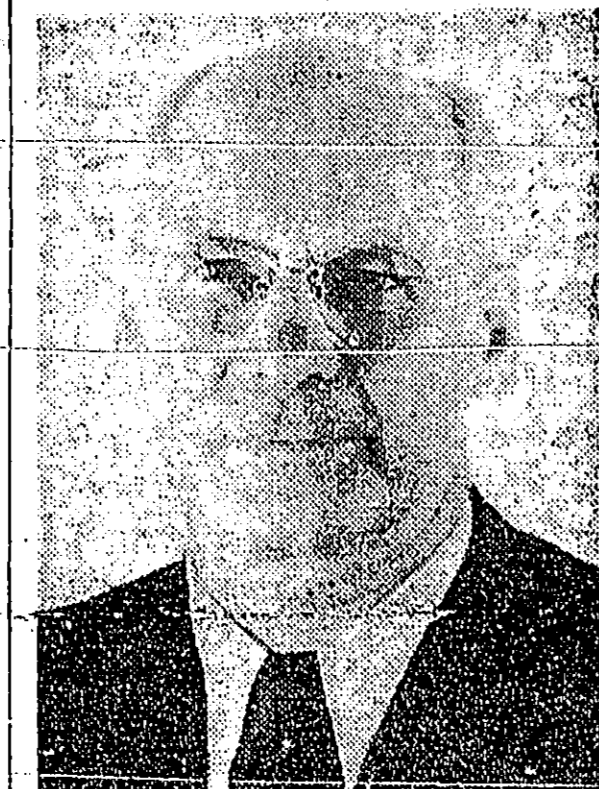
ROGERS

By AUSTIN CASE

Between the time this paper went to press and was received in the mail boxes, the membership of Local 301 elected into office, leaders who will lead them through the coming year. Every one of them have pledged their full support of the union wage program and promised to do everything in their power to give this union sound, progressive and constructive leadership.

Outside of candidates for the office of trustee of which three were selected, there was only one slate of candidates on the ballot with space provided for write-in votes. The list of candidates was sliced down as result of the unprecedented action of the membership meeting November 25. At that time, the membership accepted the committee's slate of candidates which included: Andrew Peterson, president; William Kelly, vice president; Leo Jandreau, business agent; William Mastriani, chief shop steward; Marshall White, treasurer; G. Billie Rogers, recording secretary; George Farrell, assistant recording secretary; Vincent Iovinelli, sergeant at arms; John Davidson, guide; and trustees, Al Davis, James Kelly and Louis Geller.

For nominations by the membership in accordance with the union's constitution election procedure. At this point two slates were placed in nomination for run off. A slate headed by Frank Kearney, for president and including Roy Lash, Sidney Friedlander, Edw. Brennan, Vincent Iovinelli, defeated the slate headed by William Wilkinson, William Hodges, Robert French, Fred Schoeffler, Engst and Starcky Sharrock. The winning slate declined in favor of the committee's slate headed by Peterson whereupon the losing candidates, who then would ordinarily be the opposition slate in the general election, followed the lead of Treasurer Peter Sorenson in declining the nominations.



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The only opposition, as a result, was that of Jack Mele, Charles Horowedel and J. Rej for trustees against Davis, Kelly and Geller. By way of post-mortem comment on the election, one fact stands out, way above all others. That is the complete harmony of purpose.

President Wilkinson, Treasurer Peter Sorenson, Chief Shop Steward French, all officers during the past year, and in fact every candidate who was considered for office, showed that they put the welfare of the organization, especially at this critical time, ahead of all other considerations and were willing to relinquish their personal desires for the benefit of the organization, for they knew, like all union people from Leo Jandreau down, that we must pull together now as never before and can't take no time for bickering among ourselves.

Delegates Elected To UE Convention

The membership meeting November 25 elected the following delegation to represent Local 301 at the Annual National Convention of UE to be held early next year: Leo Jandreau, Edward Wallingford, William Mastriani, Andrew Peterson and Marshall White. A tie vote existed for a fifth spot on the delegation between White and William Wilkinson and the latter declined in favor of White.

Julius Emspak, General Secretary-Treasurer of the UE, who is a member of Local 301, was also voted a delegate by separate balloting. Emspak would be at the convention, as a national officer, but it is custom to vote national officers as delegates of their home locals also. Fort Edward plant elected Harold Boynton, board member, to represent that group on the delegation.

Local 301 On Air Daily Until Vote

Local 301 is leaving no stone unturned in its efforts to fully inform the entire community and surrounding area of the facts and issues at stake in conjunction with the anticipated showdown with the GE company on the wage issue.

From December 1 to 12 inclusive, Station WBNY, a unit of the WNYC system, will carry union announcements during the day and early evening hours. Members are urged to keep tuned to either of these stations to hear them and keep in closest contact possible with the movement of events.

In addition plans are being made by the educational committee which is handling the details of the publicity program, for newspaper ads, hand out leaflets and other forms of getting the information to the people. Those who are working on this activity are Fay Marvin, Milo Lindrop, John Boyle, Blanche Mowers, Edw. Brennan, Sidney Friedlander, all of the education committee and Austin Case, editor of the Electrical Union News. Housewives who do most of the family buying, merchants who have the food, clothing and other

merchandise to sell and veterans who are now finding that the company has not become any different towards them despite high-sounding wartime pronouncements, all have a very vital concern over the union's success in the wage controversy. Success of the publicity program which is intended to get the real truth and unadulterated facts to them is essential.

This Rhymes But He Doesn't
Charlie Wilson once made a mistake.
He said "Workers must get a fair break."
But the love of the dollar
Made his cronies all holler,
Now his workers are tied to a stake.

COMPLAINT BLANK
I am not getting my union papers and other mail.
To Local 301: 301 Liberty Street, Schenectady, N. Y.
Please change my home address as indicated below.
Name Check No.
Old Address
Street & Number City
New Address
Street & Number City

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Huge Strike Vote Unites Union on Wage Struggle

Last Thursday the General Electric workers spoke. They spoke in a language which can not be mistaken by the General Electric Company hierarchy, the government officials who would ignore their rights and the general public. Through the overwhelming "Yes" in the Smith-Comely vote, Schenectady workers like those in every other GE plant, left

Election Polls Largest Vote in Local's History

With more members casting ballots than at any time in the history of Local 301, the slate of officers elected last week, headed by President-Elect Andrew "Andy" Peterson, holds what may be considered an overwhelming mandate from the general membership to lead them in the coming critical year.

The great plurality piled up by the slate recommended by the committee over write-in candidates reflected, in a greater degree, the same sentiments which had been expressed by the committee and membership meetings. Like out-going President William Wilkinson, Peterson is a man of very long service in the General Electric Company and has always been identified through the years with the labor movement.



ANDREW PETERSON

The huge number of votes given to Business Agent Leo Jandreau is interpreted, not only as a tribute to his ability and record as one of the labor movement's most capable business agents, but, equally, as the membership's endorsement of the UE \$2-a-day wage increase demand because as GE Conference Board chairman, he personifies that demand. He is one of the key men on the national UE policy and negotiating bodies.

Women's Rate Increased by Settlement

A wage rate readjustment of 3 to 15 cents an hour for approximately 600 women in the local plant will take effect December 17 as the result of settlement of a grievance processed by Local 301's business agent's office. Settlement was reached in New York.

The grievance settlement, in addition to providing readjustment of some women's rates, will serve as a new basis for settlement of other cases which may be negotiated. It is not, however, connected with the Union's "Equal Pay" case before the War Labor Board which is reported on another page of this paper.

Anderson Vet Committee Out

The Local 301 Veterans Committee which has functioned under the chairmanship of Robert Anderson tendered its resignation to the Executive Board which was accepted at a recent meeting. It will be succeeded by the committee elected by the vets at the special meeting December 3.

CIO Charges Truman Appeases Industry

CIO President Philip Murray last week swung a haymaker at President Truman's plan to subject all labor to compulsory arbitration.

In an extremely vigorous speech, Murray put the CIO on record as being "opposed to the basic policies pursued by the administration."



PRES. MURRAY

He accused the administration of giving "lip service" to federal legislation for unemployment benefits and for measures to secure full employment.

Vets Press For \$2 Pay Increase

Concrete action included the naming of a Local 301 Veterans Committee which includes Robert C. Felling, Joe Dominelli, D. Felthausen, E. Caprara, F. Bergsmin and William Rath. It also named assistant business agent Sanford A. Archer as its delegate to the UE-GE Vet conference to be held in New York in the near future.

Several veterans stated that they are earning less now than they earned while in the armed services. Leo Jandreau, business agent of Local 301, in commenting on negotiations between the Company and the Union on help to veterans, said: "When we proposed in March, (Continued on page 4)

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All Available Channels Used for Union Publicity

"Give it to them five ways," is the system being used by the Local 301 Education Department to convey the union's message to every segment of GE workers and to the surrounding area.

Given the task of organizing all forces behind the union's wage demands by the Local 301 Executive Board and Committee, the Local's Education Department rolled up its sleeves and went to work and it is doing its job well. This fact has already been testified to by the overwhelming strike vote this week. However, much remains to be done.

In starting its difficult job, the committee had one big factor on its side. That was the fact that the information it had to tell was undeniable truths. There were separate groups with special interests who had to understand that their problems were no different than those of Will, the welder or Tom, the toolmaker or Slim, the inspector.

Under the leadership of Chairman Fay Marvin and Director Milo Lathrop an all-inclusive plan was developed. It eventually involved every known type of communication. First personal contacts were decided upon as necessary. To effect those, group meetings were arranged for vets, members' wives and others. Committees were briefed in meetings with information to pass on to the membership in the shop by personal contact.

The second method of contact considered was the press. To reach the people through that medium news releases are made frequently to area newspapers, the Electrical Union News and the national UE News which has sent reporters from New York to cover important happenings. Also, advertisements in the daily press are used.

The third means of communication considered was to reach those who don't read their papers.



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Truman Labor Policy Hit

"The CIO," Murray said, "is firmly of the belief that in pursuing its policy to achieve a higher standard of living for American wage earners it is serving the interests of the nation to assure the fulfillment of our national aspirations so eloquently expressed by President Roosevelt in his historic economic bill of rights."

Merry Xmas—Happy New Year

This being the last issue of the Electrical Union News to be published in 1945, it carries the greetings of "the holiday season" from the officers and executive board of your union and from the editors of your Electrical Union News.

In looking back over the past year, we find much to be thankful for. From the officers and executive board of your union and from the editors of your Electrical Union News. In looking back over the past year, we find much to be thankful for.

These Books Give Real China Facts

Much is being said currently over the U.S. position in the internal affairs of China. Members who are interested in learning the real facts of the matter are urged to read the book entitled "U.S. War Aims" by Walter Lippman.

This great general was sent to Siberia by President Wilson and Newton Baker for the sole purpose of getting Kuzbek soldiers out of that country who could not get home through Russia because of the internal revolution and to also protect Americans there.

Cases Pending Before Management

Table with columns: No., Mtd., Case, Committeeman, Date. Lists various cases and committee members.

Cases Up For Joint Investigation

Table with columns: No., Mtd., Case, Committeeman, Date. Lists cases for joint investigation.

Cases in Advanced Stages Of Collective Bargaining

Table with columns: No., Mtd., Case, Committeeman, Date. Lists cases in advanced stages of bargaining.

Cases Before War Labor Board

Table with columns: No., Mtd., Case, Committeeman, Date. Lists cases before the War Labor Board.

Welfare Commissioner Discusses Department

In the last official act before closing the Schenectady office of the CIO War Relief Committee, Miss Kate Alfriend, associate director for this area, called a meeting with County Welfare Commissioner Leo Vosburgh which was attended by Edward Wallingford and Austin Case, on behalf of Local 301, Mr. Morrell of the Transport-Workers and Philip Antropole of the Steelworkers Union among others.

The purpose of the meeting was to obtain information from Mr. Vosburgh on welfare procedures in Schenectady County. Mr. Vosburgh, who has made an excellent record as a capable public servant of the people of Schenectady County, was completely cooperative and a clear spoken on questions asked him.

The application, after it is made at the Not Street School offices of the Welfare Department, is then turned over to a "visitor" on the staff of the department who visits the home and makes an investigation to verify the facts stated on the application.

It is necessary that the person receiving aid, assign his or her insurance and real estate to the Welfare Department, with the exception of \$200. The department keeps the insurance on and property at a status quo until the recipient of the help is able to redeem it.

YWCA Fights Discrimination

Congratulations to the National Board of the YWCA which backed Miss Yolanda Barnett, interracial secretary of the YWCA Council in a damage suit against the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company for racial discrimination in barring her from one of its dining cars in February, 1944.

Another matter which the Commissioner expressed an opinion on which would improve welfare services is the adoption of a flat amount of reimbursement by the state.

They Ask for More

Lots has been said about the Travelers Insurance Policy. How about the General Electric Group Insurance carried by the Metropolitan Insurance Company? Are they paying the claims without any fimsy alibi?

New Exec. Board Elected

The new executive board of Local 301 was elected by the committee of Local 301 during the past week. Voting for each of the 16 members started December 10 with sections 1, 2 and 3 balloting and continued nightly until section 14 voted and the woman member-at-large was elected.

Insurance Topics

Editor, Electrical Union News: This article will be devoted to the premium payments of the John Hancock Policy form No. 1411, which is a juvenile policy maturing at death.

The 1st paragraph of the policy states, in part: "The John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company hereby insures the life of 'name' and agrees to pay for each \$1,000 of the ultimate amount of insurance, the amount specified in the Schedule of Insurance below, less any indebtedness to the Company hereon and less any unpaid balance of premium for the uncompleted policy year. . . ."

It is obvious from the interpretation of this quotation that in the event of death, the face of the policy less the balance of the year's premium will be paid.

"All premiums hereunder are payable in advance, annually, or in regular equivalent semi-annual or quarterly installments at the Company's published rates. . . ."

Under this provision, a policyholder would reasonably conclude that in the event of death, there will be no deduction of premiums from the face of the policy.

Even though he has agreed on his application to pay premiums quarterly, and death occurs in the 1st quarter, the remaining 3/4 premium payments for the policy year will be deducted from the face of the policy before payment is made to the beneficiary.

My recommendation is that the John Hancock Insurance Company should fall in line with other insurance company by paying the death claim without deducting any premiums beyond the succeeding 30 days of the date of death, and to make this retroactive.

It is further suggested that the future applicants under the ordinary policy of insurance with this Company insist upon the insertion of this recommendation before purchasing.

Signed: A Group of Shop Workers.

Story of Labor comic strip panels with dialogue about child labor laws, unions, and social issues.

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