

## EARLY RISERS' CLUB (Cont'd)

The Early Risers' Club is brought to you each morning, in co-operation with Local 301, IUE, on WSNY Radio, (1240 on your dial) from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., with Don Weeks, Steve Fitz and Bill Duffy.

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## THE IUE RECORD

The organization record of a labor union tells the story of its effectiveness. One of a Union's basic obligations is to organize the unorganized workers.

The U.E. has not organized an unorganized G.E. plant since 1950. On the other hand, IUE organized 37 G.E. plants that had no union ten years ago. One of the amazing facts in this outstanding record of organizing the new G.E. plants was that 14 of these plants were located in the Deep South where organizing has been a challenge to the entire Labor Movement. U.E. never was able to organize a southern local even before or after it was expelled from the American Labor Movement.

The present organizational program demonstrates the attitudes of both Unions. IUE is engaged in organizing campaigns in 13 G.E. plants that presently have no union. This effort is constructive and makes a worthy contribution to labor's cause by making us stronger. On the other hand, U.E. is engaged in raids on several plants that are already represented by bonafide unions affiliated to the AFL-CIO. This effort can only be recognized as destructive and results in making the Labor Movement weaker. This effort can only be described as a supplementary tool of the employer, designed to make our collective bargaining efforts less profitable for G.E. workers and working people generally throughout the country.

While we are happy, we are not satisfied, nor will we expect to see the day when we can sit back and say everything is O.K.! As long as GE remains in a competitive market, and as long as GE works towards higher profits, the Union will have its hands full protecting the existing working conditions and wages and fighting to get a share of the so-called progress for the GE employes.

We need Unity. We must spend our efforts and finances on such things as job security, higher standards and a better contract.

## INDIANA FUNERAL DIRECTORS OPPOSE FORAND BILL

Typical of the opposition to the Forand Bill, which would give medical and hospital assistance to the aged and the aging, is the resolution sent Rep. Forand by the Indiana Funeral Directors Assn. The undertakers said they opposed his plan because, among other reasons, "it would weaken the patient-physician relationship".

"Could it be that undertakers are opposed to good health?" Forand asked in calling the resolution to the attention of the House of Representatives in Washington.

On the other side, however, the steady increase in the volume of letters backing the Forand Bill, the measure to provide hospital, surgical and nursing home benefits to Social Security pensioners, is beginning to impress Congressmen.

Doctors, undertakers and insurance company executives are fighting stubbornly, however, and letters and telegrams attacking benefits for the aged as "socialism" still outnumber the letters of support.

The doctors and their allies have timed their broadside for the crucial week...The House Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to begin consideration of the Forand Bill and other amendments to the Social Security Law some time next week.

YOUR PERSONAL LETTER, TELEGRAM OR POSTCARD TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS IS URGENTLY NEEDED IF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS ARE TO GET THE MUCH NEEDED MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AID THEY SO SORELY NEED.....

### EVERYONE CAN GET IN THE ACT

Do you have anything to say about the proposed gas price hike by Niagara Power Corp.?

If you do, either pro or con, here's the man who heads the group that will make the final decision: Mr. James A. Lundy, chairman of the Public Service Commission, 55 Elk St., Albany, N.Y.

Public hearings will be held in Syracuse on March 28th, 1960.

### LISTEN TO LOCAL 301's RADIO PROGRAM

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"Labor Looks at the News"

6:45 P.M.--Every Sat. Eve.

## Scholarship Fund Drive Enters Second Week

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# LOCAL 301 NEWS

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## Lynn IUE Victory Hailed By GE Workers!

By Art Christopher

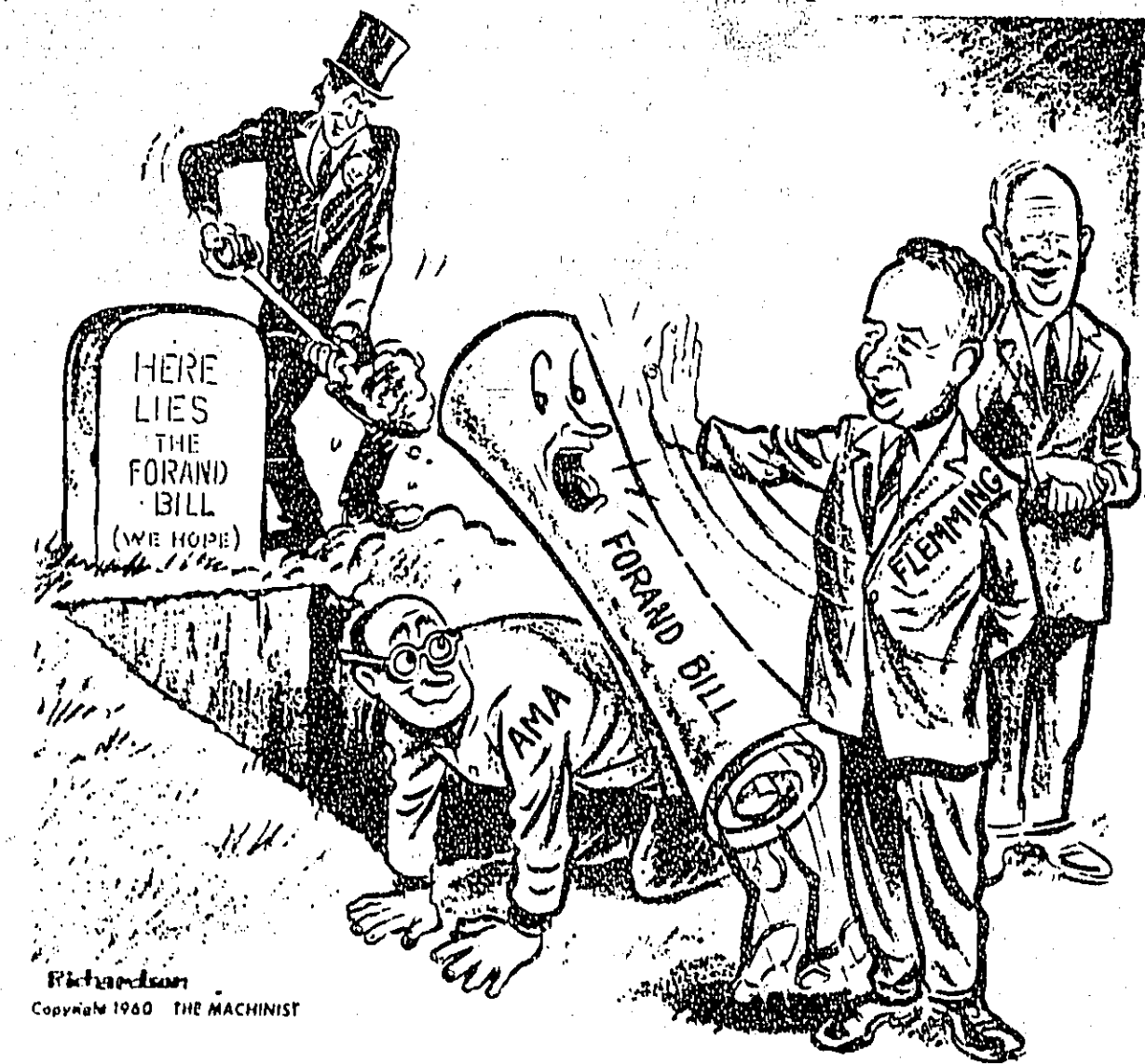
The IUE victory at Lynn, Mass., last week was hailed by labor leaders throughout the country as a sign of solidarity among the IUE-GE workers in this vital year of contract negotiations with the General Electric Company.

Leo Jandreau, Business Agent of Local 301, called the IUE victory "a sign of repudiation of the UE by GE workers". He further stated, "The victory for the IUE in Lynn, Mass., will help solidify the entire membership of the IUE-GE local unions. This unity will be reflected in the union's ability to negotiate a new contract with the General Electric Company... a contract which will provide the benefits to which our members are justly entitled.

### Ultimatum

"This repudiation of the UE by GE workers should serve as an ultimatum to all disruptors that the GE workers, 90,000 strong, will not be moved by false promises and misrepresentations which are designed to disrupt the unity and solidarity of the GE workers who are a part of the American Labor Movement."

The UE, as an organization has done nothing to protect its members during the past 10 years while the IUE has been very successful in not only strengthening and improving its contract provisions but it has also organized 37  
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HELP!

## UE DEFEATED IN BALTIMORE

The UE suffered another defeat last week when the IBEW, AFL-CIO won an NLRB election in Baltimore, Md.

The Westinghouse workers in the Air-Arm of the Baltimore Plant voted 839-337 in favor of the IBEW.

The tally made by the NLRB showed a total of 1,263 votes. More than 1,300 workers were eligible to vote. Only thirty-nine cast ballots for no union.

### "LABOR LOOKS AT THE NEWS"

Dial 1240 — WSNY

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**Lynn IUE Victory**

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- 1) Job Security,
- 2) Higher Standards, and
- 3) A Better Contract.

**Labor Programs**

WRGB-TV — Every Sat.  
12:45 P.M. — Channel 6  
"Americans at Work"

"Labor Looks at the News"  
6:45 P.M. — Every Sat. Eve.\*

"Washington Reports"  
WSNY Radio — Dial 1240  
Every Sat. Evening 7 P.M.  
WCSS Sunday 2 P. M.

**Editorial:**

**Mr. Ginn Favors Increase In  
Unemployment Insurance ... But ...**

In recent weeks, Mr. Ginn, Vice-President of GE, came out publicly in favor of an increase in Unemployment Compensation from the present \$45 a week to \$50 a week . . .

**BUT ...**

at the same time, he would have the present law so full of amendments that those now covered by the law would not be eligible to collect the Unemployment Benefits which they are entitled to. Further, he is opposed to the strike benefit clause which permits a person on strike to collect benefits after a 7 week waiting period.

Local 301 and the Central Labor Council have gone on record as opposed to any amendments which would weaken the present law. The NY State AFL-CIO is not asking for \$50 per week BUT \$65 . . . with an aim at increasing and strengthening the present coverage and benefits.

If a striker were allowed to collect Unemployment Insurance from the first week of a strike, we're sure that Management would be less willing to force workers out on the street but would come to a quick, fair and peaceful settlement.

**\*Run-A-Round**

Eight years ago, President Harry Truman set up a special Commission to study the health needs of the nation. After a year of painstaking study they reported the need for public health insurance, especially for the aged.

Six years ago, the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce set up a subcommittee to investigate the people's health and reported on the inadequacy of private health insurance policies.

Four years ago, the Health Information Foundation published the results of its nationwide survey on Family Medical Costs and Voluntary Health Insurance.

Two years ago, the House Ways and Means Committee asked the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to study and report on the health needs of the aged. That report was submitted by Secretary Flemming in April, 1959.

Last year, a subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee conducted hearings on the Forand bill to provide hospital, surgical and nursing home care to Social Security pensioners.

This year, the Senate Subcommittee on the Aged and Aging has reported on the results of its hearings in seven cities across the nation. Its volumes of testimony are packed with facts on the health needs of our senior citizens.

Last week, President Eisenhower let it be known that before his administration will support any bill to provide health insurance for the aged—or anyone else—he wants the subject studied.

It's like meeting yourself coming back or, as some like to call it, the runaround.

\*Reprinted from THE MACHINIST

**Scholarship Fund Drive Enters 2nd Week**

The Local 301 2nd Annual Scholarship Fund Drive enters its 2nd week, Monday, as the membership strives to help sponsor another union son or daughter through college.

The Scholarship Program proved so popular last year among the membership that they voted unanimously to continue it again for 1960.

This fund will be used to help sponsor some worthy son or daughter of one of our union members through college upon graduation from high school at the end of the present term. The amount we are able to raise will determine the extent of help we will be able to offer.

The recipient of last year's award of a \$1,000 Scholarship is at present an honor student at the University of Notre Dame and we feel that the Scholarship Committee should be commended for their fine selection.

Collection forms have been distributed to the Executive Board Members and your Stewards. Your contributions will go forward to a very worthy cause.

The Scholarship Drive will last for 3 more weeks only, so please see your Steward as soon as possible.

**Harmony Night**  
to benefit  
Hospital Fund of  
Disabled American Vets  
CHAPTER 88  
Saturday, May 14, 8 P.M.  
UNION AUDITORIUM  
Tickets Available at Union Office

**BE UNION ...  
BUY UNION!**

The following are AFL-CIO organized Supermarkets in the Schenectady Area:

- \* LOBLAW'S
- \* GRAND CASH
- \* ACME
- \* HIGH HAT
- \* All Packing Houses
- \* Swift's

**"Things to Think About"**

By Frank Masterson

A LOCAL 201 STEWARD, who defected to the UE last week, said "An ineffectual IUE contract" had prevented them from doing a good job for their fellow members. This same contract is in effect in Local 301 where 85% of all written grievances were processed satisfactorily in 1959. Good leadership and membership support is what makes a contract effective.

WE ARE NOW PROCESSING A CASE in #68 where the company claims a worker with 38 years of service is not quite the man he was 30 years ago. This is understandable, but the company holds this against the employee and wants to give him a 4-step cut in rate. Is this what you can expect after 38 years of service? We as members of organized labor must take a strong position and not allow these conditions to exist.

YOU SHOULD LIVE SO LONG. Several large corporations have stretched mandatory retirement from traditional age 65 to age 68. Due to modern living, statistics show the life span is increasing. This means that the average man or woman who has worked constantly over the years to earn a pension would be able to enjoy it a few months longer. The industrialists are not happy about this because those extra months, by the grace of God, will cost them money. They always pass the cost of operation on to the consumer. So this shouldn't bother them too much. The number of young persons aged 15-19 years now in 1960 will increase by 28% by 1965, thus putting millions more of workers in the labor market. This condition of increasing pension age is not good for the working man or woman, or our economy. The companies who begrudge you a little more time in the sun are Consolidated Edison and American Cyanamid Co.

DID YOU KNOW that Mr. Ralph Cordiner, Chairman of the Board, is the largest stockholder of the Board—46,723 shares!

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

They came, they listened, and what they heard helped them to understand the facts more clearly . . . attend your Membership Meetings!

**LAST WEEK'S WINNERS—WSNY**

The following is a list of the winners on the Early Riser's Club last week. The winners receive a total of 1,200 blue stamps and are eligible for the weekly and later the GIANT JACKPOT.

- Mrs. A. J. Jewett
- Emil Zullo
- Josephine Monticolo
- Joseph Reggi
- Rudy Grams
- Gloria Young
- Mrs. Ann Quivey
- Theresa Moser
- Olga Monaco

- Christian S. Theisen
- William P. Hayner
- Arthur White
- Mrs. Jane Konieczka
- Jennie Oldorff
- Clara Nichols
- THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT  
WINNER**
- Gloria Young, 28 N. Jay Street