

301 Members Join AFL-CIO Caravan

Local 301 was represented by 50 members in the nation-wide AFL-CIO motor caravan which went to Washington this week in a final effort to kill the Taft-Hartley bill.

Meanwhile Schenectady GE workers continued deluging the White House with postcards demanding that the union-busting bill be vetoed. Thousands of postcards were also sent to U. S. Senator Irving M. Ives, calling on him to change his vote and support a veto. Final action by President Truman is due today.

The motor caravan started in Los Angeles as an AFL-CIO demonstration, and rapidly spread throughout the country. A delegation of 25 cars came through Schenectady Monday night from Buffalo, with Steelworkers, Auto Workers and Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers from the Buffalo region, UE members from Rome and Fur and Leather Workers from Gloversville. They were greeted at 201 hall by officers and Board members.

301 Endorses Caravan

The Tuesday night 301 membership meeting endorsed the caravan and authorized sending 50 people and 13 cars. The local group started out immediately after the meeting.

Another 301 delegation went to Washington Sunday night to call on Congress members Monday and Tuesday. They were Board Members William Stewart, Dewey Brashear, Helen Quirini, and Willard Kuschel and a member of the Legislative Committee, William Templeton. Stewart and Templeton reported to the membership Tuesday night.

Senator Ives was quoted as saying he has not made up his mind yet how he will vote in case the Taft-Hartley bill is vetoed.

Appeals to Dewey, Ives

Local 301's campaign against the Taft-Hartley bill included newspaper advertisements, open letters to Governor Dewey and U. S. Senator Ives.

The Dewey advertisement in the Knickerbocker News Saturday demanded that the Governor speak out against the bill and that as Republican leader, he call on the Republican Senator and Congressmen from this state to support a veto.

A group of 86 business and professional people in Schenectady paid for and signed a large advertisement in the Gazette, against the bill. They urged President Truman to veto the bill because it "would lead to wage cuts, reduced purchasing power and depression."

How Do You Like the Lines— of '47 Studebaker?



In case you're interested in the car, it's the 1947 Studebaker which will be a prize at the Local 301 field day June 29. The girls are seven of the 12 candidates for field day queen: left to right, Carmela M. Perrica, Bldg. 60; Stacia Roicki, Bldg. 269; Bonnie Evans, Bldg. 16; Evelyn Haras, Bldg. 29; Mary Bonczyk, Bldg. 46; Angie D'Elisio, Bldg. 285; and Helen Zielinski, Bldg. 28. Not included in the picture are Pauline Brzezinski, Bldg. 68; Ann Koval, Bldg. 81; Rose DeVersa, second shift; Bernice Blusis, Bldg. 53; and Jean Gonja, Bldg. 66.

GE Foremen Given Handbook on 'Reds'

The General Electric Co. has given to its Schenectady foremen copies of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce booklet, "Communists Within the Labor Movement." E. O. Shreve, GE vice-president, is the new national president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The book provides a formula for stirring up factional fights in unions over the so-called "Red" issue.

According to the book, though, the Chamber of Commerce is interested in "saving" the unions.

Appeals Day

The Local 301 Grievance Committee meets at 4 p.m. every Friday 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.

Listen to Leland Stowe WSNY Wednesday at 7:30

GE Union Board to Meet On Company Relations

GE's refusal to arbitrate grievances in accordance with the contract will be discussed at a meeting of the national GE Conference Board of the UE at the national headquarters of the union June 30. The meeting was called to go over problems in the current relations between the company and the union.

The Conference Board consists of delegates from all UE locals in GE plants, numbering more than 80. Local 301's delegates are President Andrew Peterson, Treasurer Marshall White, and Business Agent Leo Jandreau.

Local 301 still is waiting for U. S. Conciliation Commissioner John A. Rooney to enter the dispute over the company's refusal to arbitrate. Shortly after his appointment two weeks ago he telephoned Jandreau that he would be delayed slightly by pressing cases. The Conciliation Service has been hampered by a fight in Congress on its appropriation.

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301 to Have Field Day Sunday

Leading Queen Race

Unions Prepare To Fight Back

Passage of the Taft-Hartley slave labor bill this week left Labor and Big Business girding for the next round of the fight.

National CIO plans will be discussed in Washington today at a special meeting of the CIO executive board. The General Executive Board of UE will meet tomorrow in Washington, to work out guidance for the locals. The law is being analyzed in detail by lawyers for the union. Some provisions are in effect now, and others go into effect in 60 days.

The 301 Executive Board discussed the situation at length Tuesday, and urged the members to be united, enforce the contract, and push PAC. The text of the board's statement appears on page 4.

The GE Conference Board of UE locals will meet in New York City Monday.

Even AFL leaders were talking political action in view of the National Association of Manufacturers victory.

For national UE, Albert J. Fitzgerald, general president, declared.

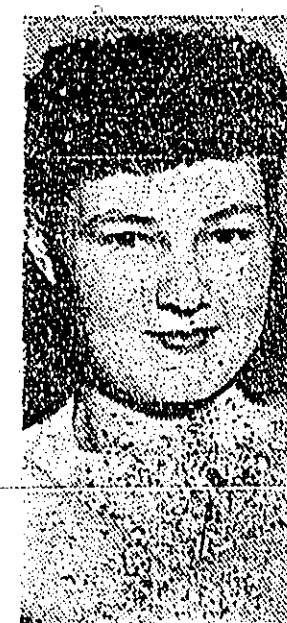
"We will fight the law through every legitimate means."

On the employer side, General Electric came out Wednesday with big advertisements addressed "To our employees and the public." The lengthy message boiled down to two points: (1) gross misrepresentation of what is in the Taft-Hartley act, and (2) a thinly veiled appeal to the workers to by-pass the union (GE calls it "labor bosses" now) and deal individually with the employer.

Statements gloating over passage of the bill were issued by Earl O. Shreve, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce (and vice-president of GE) and by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Pensioners to Meet

The UE-CIO-301 Pension Organization will have its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at 301 Hall.



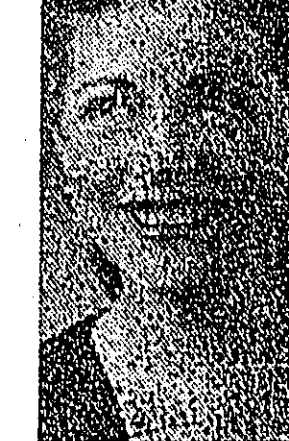
Bonnie Evans



Evelyn Haras



Anne Koval



Stacia Roicki

Stewards' Council Will Meet July 8

The first meeting of the 301 Stewards' Council since the passage of the Taft-Hartley bill will be Tuesday, July 8, instead of July 1. The postponement will make it possible for the stewards to hear the report of the meeting of the GE Conference Board of UE. The Conference Board will discuss the union's increasingly difficult relations with the company at its meeting Monday.

The July 8 stewards' meeting will also be the first since the 301 constitution was amended to provide that a steward will be dropped as a steward if he misses two meetings in succession without a valid excuse.

The report of the Executive Board job evaluation committee will also be made July 8.

Record Turnout Expected; Auto To Be Awarded

All signs point to the Local 301 field day Sunday being the biggest and best the union has held.

Nearly 6,900 tickets were sold by Tuesday night for the annual outing at Pete and Sally's Grove, Upper Albany St. The race for the title of 301 field day queen was still very close, with Stacia Roicki of Bldg. 269 leading the 13 candidates.

Interest is keen in the three major prizes which will be awarded, a 1947 Studebaker, a refrigerator and a radio. The Activities Committee has arranged a full program of sports, games, entertainment and refreshments.

Boxing and Wrestling

Wrestling bouts are scheduled between Steve Budynas and Don De Gennaro and between Tony Czban and Ed Travers. Boxers will be Tony Barone and Leo Montenegro and probably Harry Chemmel and Al Panica.

The Local 301 girls' softball team will play the Pittsfield, Mass., UE girls. Belle Baxter's dancing troupe will perform. There will be pony rides for children, movies, dancing, and music by Gordy Randall and his orchestra. Joe Scardino, 301 checker champion, will play exhibition games. Ice cream, candy, soda, hot dogs and other refreshments will be available.

Race for Queen's Title

Although Stacia Roicki leads the queen contest with 47,800 points, Evelyn Haras of Bldg. 29 is a close second with 45,700. Bonnie Evans, Bldg. 16, is in third place with 39,000 and Anne Koval, Bldg. 81, is fourth with 38,750. Every ticket sold in a girl's name gives her 50 points.

The other girls are Carmela M. Perrica, Bldg. 60, with 34,800; Angeline D'Elisio, Bldg. 285, with 34,000; Jean (Continued on Page 2)

Big Crowd Expected At 301 Field Day

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Gonia, Bldg. 66, with 33,500; Helen Zielinski, Bldg. 28, with 19,650; Mary Bonczyk, Bldg. 46, with 17,100; Molly Messercola, Bldg. 69, a new entry, with 12,000; Pauline Brezinski, Bldg. 68, with 7,500; Rose De Versa, second shift, 6,500; and Bernice Blusis, Bldg. 53, with 5,600.

The record of ticket sales, as reported for their sections by Executive Board members as of Tuesday night, is as follows:

Stanley Bishop	R. Neilson 1/4	Anthony Esposito	J. Struffolino 1
S. Bishop 11 books	M. Stanton 4	M. Denny 2	L. Zeppetelli 4
A. Daley 1	M. Westcott 2	A. Esposito 4	Bldg. 65 1/4
J. Pava 2	J. Whitbeck 2	J. Hartwell 1	A. Brown 1/4
D. Fiore 2	J. Ziegler 2	J. Kasitch 2	Total 16 1/4
W. Gleason 1	Molly Messercola 2	A. Raymond 2	
J. Holody 2	Total 33 1/2		
C. McCabe 2			
Devey Brashear	J. Glunz 1/2	Charles D. Ferris	Bldg. 61 2
Bldg. 81 1	J. Hills 2	M. White 4	E. Carriere 1/2
W. Fisher 2	S. Lupe 2	Bldg. 13F 1/4	A. Edwards 1/4
J. Lucarelo 2	M. Maryzak 2	B. Ford 1/2	Bldg. 265 1/4
M. Shearer 4	A. Koval 32	Bldg. 53 (Patrol) 1	C. Zajac 1 1/2
D. Brashear 7	Sadie Iovinella 2	E. Barnhart 1	Total 11 1/2
D. Colucci 7	Total 68 1/2	E. Voris 2	
L. Gebo 2		George Judway	Bldg. 40 2
Henry Busse	Bldg. 72 3	Bldg. 18 2	E. Davies 2
L. Bliss 2 1/2	W. Hodges 3	G. Judway 21	P. Nowicki 2
H. Busse 2	Bldg. 84 1		G. Walthousen 2
T. Castiglione 1 1/2	W. Elting 1	Total 29	
G. DiSorbo 2	W. Pickett 1/2	Willard Kuschel	Bldg. 48 2
G. Fox 2	Total 14 1/2	Bldg. 42 2	J. Riggi 2
James Cognetta	R. Pipe 3	T. Corrigan 2	Bldg. 50 3
Bldg. 52 2	Bldg. 64 2	M. Milkins 1 1/2	E. Collins 2
A. Batkiewicz 2	A. Krawczyk 2	A. Nielson 2	J. Martini 2
H. Bayless 2	Bldg. 66 2	J. Rej 2	M. Boneczyk 10
M. Burgess 2	H. Fazzone 24	Bldg. 46 5	Total 32 1/4
J. Cognetta 6	J. Green 2	W. Kuschel 3	
F. DellaRocco 2	Total 47	Eugene Lemoine	Bldg. 85 2
C. Nitsche 2		A. Fariello 1	R. Lasher 2
Al Davis	J. Sieluna 1 1/2	G. E. Fisher 2	J. Terry 2
Bldg. 2 2	Bldg. 24 1 1/2	Bldg. 97 4	W. Tyndall 2
N. Jacobsen 2	L. Engst 1 1/2	E. LaBombard 4	L. Durrer 3
Bldg. 9 1	Bldg. 26 1 1/2	Bldg. 109 2	Total 23
S. Coppola 1	G. Stanton 1 1/2	M. Czyzyk 2	
Bldg. 10 1/2	Bldg. 28 2	Al Pelrah	Bldg. 73 2
E. Austin 1/2	E. Applequist 2	Bldg. 29 13	C. Countermine 1/2
A. Griffith 2	Al Davis 2	G. Dymos 2	C. Fuchs 2
L. Parker 2	J. Mott 3/4	Bldg. 64 1	C. Groesbeck 1
T. Frisone 2	H. Zielinski 19	A. Pelrah 4	W. Mastriani 1
Bldg. 23 2		Bldg. 67 2	P. Penta 2
A. Porter 2		A. Rossi 1	M. Picozzi 2
C. Rodenmacher 1 1/2		Bldg. 71 1	J. Boyle 1/4
Total 42 1/2		J. M. Hart 1	E. Haras 38
		D. Siskind 1	Total 68 1/2
		A. J. Spears	Bldg. 105 2
		Bldg. 57 2	F. Kriss 2
		J. Jablonski 1	Bldg. 107 1
		E. Marine 1	J. Bryce 1
		Bldg. 98A 2	P. Bubb 2
		M. Bielecki 2	A. J. Spears 7
		Bldg. 99 1	Total 20
		C. J. O'Malley 1	
		Bldg. 101 2	
		F. Pacelli 2	

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How About Reading Your 301 Contract?

Local 301 has 5,000 copies of the 1947 GE-UE contract to give to union members who ask their stewards for them or call for them at the union office. When the supply runs low, more will be ordered.

The best way for a GE worker to know his rights and see they are protected is to get the contract and study it. Why not ask for yours today?

GE Won't Arbitrate Arbitration Issue

The General Electric Co. has refused to submit to arbitration the question of whether Schenectady grievances which Local 301 wants arbitrated are subject to arbitration under the GE-UE contract.

U. S. Conciliation Commissioner John A. Rooney told Local 301 he was notified of the company's position by G. H. Pfeif. The company claims the grievances aren't subject to arbitration.

When either side claims a dispute is not subject to arbitration under a union contract it's the accepted practice in collective bargaining to have the point decided by an arbitrator.

Rooney said he is still trying to arrange for a meeting of management and the union on the matter.

Sam Scott	O. Phillips 3
Bldg. 285 2	S. Scott 21
E. Crosby 2	L. Shannon 2
P. Freeman 2	A. Delisii 12
F. Hiller 1 1/4	Total 44 1/2
P. Monzo 1	
Leland Sisto	H. Nichols 65
Bldg. 59 2	L. Sisto 273
C. Samuels 2	Bldg. 273 2
Bldg. 269 2	T. Dahlem 2
S. Aldous 2	M. Fernandez 1
M. Fernandez 1 1/4	M. Whittle 2
A. Myers 1 1/4	Total 79 1/2
J. Niemiec 1	

William Stewart	J. Jensen 2
Bldg. 49 2	C. Kisilowski 1
L. Bellinger 2	R. Lash 2
F. Cameron 1 1/2	A. McNally 2
J. Collins 2	R. Pigeon 2
J. Nelson 2	W. Stewart 28
W. Spellman 2	E. Wallingford 2
Bldg. 60 2	C. Perrea 5
S. Burns 2	F. Sefcovic 1
F. Colamarino 1 1/2	Bldg. 56 2
J. DeGraff 2	C. Turner 2
D. Deveraux 2	Total 67
R. Finigan 1	
T. Griffith 2	

Michael Tedisco	F. Capello 2
Bldg. 15 2	J. Gabriele 2
W. Downs 2	F. Melrose 2
G. Mangino 2	D. Palmer 2
Bldg. 16 2	M. Tedisco 1
E. Bennett 1	D. Tiscione 2
A. Burgess 2	Bldg. 19 1
C. B. Davies 2	L. Bittner 47
L. Wilkins 2	B. Evans 2
Bldg. 17 2	Total 71
E. Calleo 1	

Anthony Villano	J. McCann 1
Bldg. 5 2	A. Villano 2
I. Derkowski 2	CAP 2
P. Schermerhorn 2	F. Thomas 2
Bldg. 37 1 1/4	C. Leger 2
W. Boyden 1 1/4	Total 14 1/4
E. Kelley 2	

HELP BUILD YOUR UNION

District Votes Aid To Rem-Rand Strike

Plans for aiding the Remington Rand strikers were made at a special meeting of the UE District 3 Executive Board Monday at Utica. The Board ear-marked \$5,000 of the district funds for the assistance of the UE strikers.

After the Utica meeting, President Andrew Peterson of 301 went to Iilon for a strike rally that night. He assured the strikers of the solid backing of Local 301. UE workers at Remington Rand plants donated generously to the 1946 GE strike in Schenectady.

The 301 Executive Board Tuesday voted \$100 to the strikers and recommended that an additional \$1,000 be appropriated by the next membership meeting.

UE workers at Syracuse, Iilon and Tonawanda and at Benton Harbor, Mich., are on strike. So are the IAM members at Elmira.

Remington Rand was notorious for originating the Mohawk-Valley formula to prevent union organizing drives and to smash unions.

New Benefit Year For Jobless Pay

Since June 1, when the 1947-48 "benefit year" began, unemployment insurance is paid on the basis of earnings in the calendar year 1946.

Job seekers who have exhausted their benefit rights based on earnings in 1945, and who worked in 1946, may file new claims now.

Those whose rights were not exhausted by June 1 should make sure their claims are active by reporting immediately to the nearest unemployment insurance office, if they are not presently claiming benefits. However, they must be unemployed and ready to work.

Holiday Pay Cases Involve 30 Workers

Cases of approximately 30 workers who were denied their Memorial Day holiday pay are being taken up as grievances by the union.

The company has agreed to give the pay in 10 out of 15 cases already discussed. A. C. Stevens told the union a national GE policy is being worked out handling such cases. Holiday pay was withheld on the grounds that the workers were absent the day before or the day after the holiday weekend, or reported to work late or left early. The union contends the workers had legitimate excuses.

Emspak Stresses Need for Political Action



Julius Emspak, national UE secretary-treasurer, speaking on the urgent need for PAC at the special membership meeting of Local 301 June 17. The meeting voted unanimously to endorse CIO-PAC as the policy of the local, and also voted to collect one dollar voluntary PAC contributions. Executive Board members this week started distributing PAC receipt books to shop stewards. The action of Congress in passing the Taft-Hartley bill brought home to thousands of UE members in Schenectady the urgency of supporting PAC.

Union Presses Grievances For Two Retired Workers

The local has filed grievances in behalf of two members who were retired May 1, for extra vacation pay and wage increases.

The union claims that since the three weeks vacation provision became effective Apr. 1, the men are entitled to an extra week's vacation pay apiece. And since the addition of the vacation pay would put them on the payroll as of May 6, ratification date of the wage provisions, the union also claims they should get the pay raise back to Apr. 14.

Cognetta Takes Part In Union Broadcast

James Cognetta, who headed the Local 301 group joining the CIO-AFL caravan to Washington, spoke on the 301 radio program Monday night, with Milo Lathrop.

Speaking of the vote on the Taft-Hartley bill, Cognetta said:

"What gets me is how Senator Ives can vote with men like Rankin and still maintain he is a liberal and a friend of labor. Does he think people have no sense at all?"

Put in Your Bid For Job Openings

Workers looking for advancement should remember to tell their foremen what jobs they want to be considered for. Under the union contract, present employees are entitled to consideration in preference to new employees.

For some time the union has been pressing the company to carry out this provision. The company's answer has been that it was going outside the plant only after first trying to find qualified men in the works willing to take the jobs. Last week the company published an invitation to outside workers to apply for such skilled jobs as boring mill operator, lathe operator, milling machine operator, turret lathe operator, and floor assembly, which are generally piece work jobs among the higher earning range.

If a qualified man asks for a chance at a higher-rated job anywhere in the works and it is filled from the outside, that is a proper subject for a grievance. It should be taken up with your steward.

Local 301 on the Air

Listen to the 301 radio program of news and comment, every Monday at 7:15 p.m. on WSNY.