

301 To Elect Officers Next Week

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Wilkinson, former 301 president, and James Singleton.

Business Agent Leo Jandreau is the only candidate for business agent. Nobody else was nominated.

Acting Recording Secretary John P. Green is unopposed as candidate for recording secretary. Shop Steward Ralph Vitalo was nominated but did not accept.

Candidates for assistant recording secretary are Shop Steward Virginia Murphy and Frank Cornicelli. Board Member Helen Quirini, former recording secretary, declined nomination.

Board Member Henry Kaminski is the only candidate for treasurer. Board Member Cognetta and Shop Steward Jerry Favata declined.

In Trustee Race

There are ten contenders for the three posts of trustees: Shop Steward Frank J. D'Amico, Shop Steward Floyd Thomas, Shop Steward Joseph G. Whitbeck, Shop Steward Sal DePietro, Shop Steward Henry Busse, former Executive Board member; Reynold Baker, Shop Steward Edward Lubberda, now a trustee; Shop Steward George Farr, Frederick E. Shufelt, and Raymond Forslund.

Those who didn't accept nomination for trustee were: Arthur George, Charles Rapant, Shop Steward Robert Armstrong, Salvatore Maietta, Joe Ah Kao and Harold Cesar.

Running for sergeant-at-arms are Shop Steward James Muir and Shop Steward George Crandall. Nomination was not accepted by Shop Steward Frank D'Amico, Shop Steward L. G. Wilkins, Paul Hardendorf, Shop Steward Mario Bagnato, Dominick Conti, Shop Steward John Maietta and John S. Brooks.

There are three candidates for guide, Shop Steward Floyd Warner, Shop Steward George Walker, former guide, and Al Claypool. Former Board Member Jack Mele declined nomination.

There is space on the voting machines for members to write in

other names.

The 25-man Election Committee met last Friday and Tuesday of the present week to make rules and arrangements for the voting. Shop Steward George deCresce was elected chairman and Paul Hacko, secretary. (See separate story).

Candidates drew places for position on the machine Tuesday, in accordance with the 301 constitution. William Kelly, Leo Jandreau and the candidates running with them drew Line A. This line is completely filled with candidates. Jack Andrews, candidate for vice-president, heads Line B which is filled except for a few places and there are several candidates on Line C, D and E.

All members in good standing as of Nov. 30, 1949, will be eligible to vote.

Any member whose claim to eligibility under the above requirement is at variance with the union records will be heard by a sub-committee to be appointed by the chairman of the Election Committee who will rule on the member's eligibility.

Members actually in line at the polling place at the closing time, 1 p. m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, will be allowed to vote.

Charles Eckel, of the Schenectady County Election Committee, will inspect the machines before the voting starts, will be present at the closing of the polls and the tabulation, and will have representatives present during the voting.

Each presidential and vice-presidential candidate is entitled to three watchers to be present at all times the polls are open.

Kelly, Jandreau and the candidates running with them signed non-Communist affidavits Monday, sworn to before County Clerk Carroll A. Gardner. They are on file at the county clerk's office.

Auditing Committee

Meyer Siegel, Building 50, Tom McGrath, Building 52, and George Sengenberger, Building 16, were elected as a 301 auditing committee at the 301 membership meeting by sections last week and the preceding week at the union hall.

They will audit the union's financial records for the year. In addition, 301 has quarterly audits by its trustees and by a certified public accountant.

301 Election Notice

The annual election of Local 301 officers will be from noon Monday, Dec. 12, to 1 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 on voting machines at 301 hall, Erie Blvd. and Liberty St.

Candidates for office are as follows:

For president: William J. Kelly. For vice-president, Joseph A. Mangino and Jack Andrews.

For recording secretary: John P. Green.

For Assistant recording secretary: Virginia C. Murphy and Frank Cornicelli.

For treasurer: Henry Kaminski. For chief shop steward: James J. Cognetta, Rudy Rissland, Alfred Pelrah, Walter Kniffen and James De Massee. For business agent: Leo Jandreau.

For trustees: Frank J. D'Amico, Floyd Thomas, Joseph G. Whitbeck, Sal De Pietro, Henry Busse, Reynold Baker, Edward Lubberda, George Farr, Frederick Shufelt and Raymond Forslund. For sergeant-at-arms: James Muir and George Crandall. For guide: Floyd Warner, George Walker, and Al Claypool.

Signed,

John P. Green,
Acting Recording Secretary

Parnell Thomas Drops His 'Not Guilty' Plea

Congressman Parnell Thomas, former head of the Un-American Activities Committee, admitted to the world in Federal Court last week he was a thief by withdrawing his plea of not guilty to charges of embezzling the United States government. He padded his office payroll and made employees "kick back" part or all of their pay.

As head of the anti-union Congressional committee, Thomas hounded union leaders and liberals. When he was first accused of payroll padding and kick-back practices, Thomas denied the charges and said they were "a Communist plot."

His old committee this week continued the Thomas line of smearing UE leaders by questioning Secretary-Treasurer Julius Emspak and Director of Organization James Matles about whether they were Communists.

Both officers stood on the non-Communist affidavits they filed

All Members Urged To Vote in Election

The 301 Election Committee this week issued the following statement urging all members of the union to vote in the annual election.

"The Election Committee urges all members to cast their votes in the Local 301 election. Like citizenship, union membership is not only a right, but a duty. The UE is run by the membership, and it is up to the membership to carry out the job by participating in all decisions. Certainly every single member should be ready to give the very little time needed to cast his or her vote in the annual election of officers.

"Arrangements completed by the committee will make voting fast and easy.

"For members coming by car, the committee has arranged with the City Bureau of Traffic and Planning to reserve all parking space on Erie Blvd. and Wall St. outside the union hall for union voters during the hours the polls are open.

"Election Committee:

George DeCresce, chairman,
Paul Hacko, secretary."

Other members of the 25-man Election Committee, elected by the 301 membership meeting held by sections last week and the preceding week at the union hall, are as follows:

David Fiore, Building 285; Joseph Struffolino, 53; Andrew J. Reyda, 68; L. G. Wilkins, second shift, 16; Frank Emspak, 46; C. E. Wetsell, 77; Walter Barbarus, 97; Joseph Hill, 89; John Smith, second shift, 66; Harold Simpson, 28; Alfred Benaquisto, 73; Peter J. Starsiak, 52; Arthur Dunger, 269; Al Pepicelli, CAP; Ralph Hruby, 61; John Maietta, second shift, 273; Vito Schiavo, 273; Joseph Kernaghan, 18; Arthur Owens, third shift, 273; Dominick Tiscione, 17; Rudy Ellis, 101; Ernest Johnson, 107; and Ben Tenhave, 16.

De Cresce works in Bldg. 69 and Hucko in 273.

with the Taft-Hartley Board, and refused to answer the unconstitutional questions of the committee about their beliefs and associations.

Matles accused the committee of staging the new investigation in collusion with Phil Murray and James B. Carey, to help the "Imitation UE."

301 Board Gives Facts on Union Staff Members

The Executive Board of Local 301 unanimously adopted the following statement Tuesday:

"By now the membership is accustomed to read a flood of falsehoods in the leaflets issued by the Carey 'Imitation UE' group.

"The Executive Board does not intend to spend its time answering all these falsehoods. However, it is necessary to correct them when they are clearly intended to interfere with the proper operation of the union.

"We refer to the gross slanders upon two full-time members of the union staff, Victor Pasche and Emil Radosevich.

"It is remarkable that the former members who now attack the employment of these two men voted year after year for their appointment. All voted for it as members. Some of the Carey men also voted for it as Executive Board members.

"Both Brother Pasche and Brother Radosevich were put on the staff by vote of the membership on recommendation of the 301 Executive Board, because of special qualifications.

Pasche Here in Strike

"Brother Pasche was an organizer for UE in St. Louis, and was assigned here to assist Local 301 during the 1946 strike. Because of the experience with him during the strike, the 301 Executive Board repeatedly asked for his services, and his transfer here finally was arranged in August, 1946. He has had fifteen years of varied experience in contract negotiations. He still holds membership in the CIO Newspaper Guild. He was never defeated for any office in the Guild. He left full-time Guild work for the wider field offered in industrial organization. His job here is to assist Brother Jandreau in the general work of the union, mainly in a heavy load of grievances.

Record of Radosevich

"Brother Radosevich graduated from St. Louis University soon after his honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps. He worked in a St. Louis industrial plant, Moloney Electric, and later was an organizer for UE. When Adam Boss, then assistant in charge of membership and financial records, resigned, the Executive Board requested the services of Brother Radosevich because of his special training. His college degree was in accounting.

"The Executive Board believes that the hiring of expert help from any part of the country is sound union practice. It believes that this has been confirmed by our experience with the two men whom the stooges now attack.

"This week's Carey leaflet throws in a third name, identified only as 'Northrup.' There is and has

Kiss of Death

Air Secretary Symington, one of the principal speakers at the "Imitation UE" convention, was formerly president of Emerson Electric Company.

In his speech he praised James B. Carey's ability as a contract negotiator and said that all the members of his board of directors would also vouch that Carey was a good negotiator.

Under leadership of the Carey group the UE local at the Emerson Co. became a company union.

301 Gets Appeal For Blood Donors

Mrs. Jennie Gorski, Building 53, has asked the union to get blood donors for her husband, Chester Gorski, who worked at the Knolls. He has tuberculosis and has been in and out of Glenridge Sanatorium during the past 10 years.

In a recent operation four pints of blood were used. Two or three more pints will be needed for another operation he must undergo soon. Glenridge wants repayment in blood, not money. Volunteers should contact the union office which is trying to guarantee seven pints.

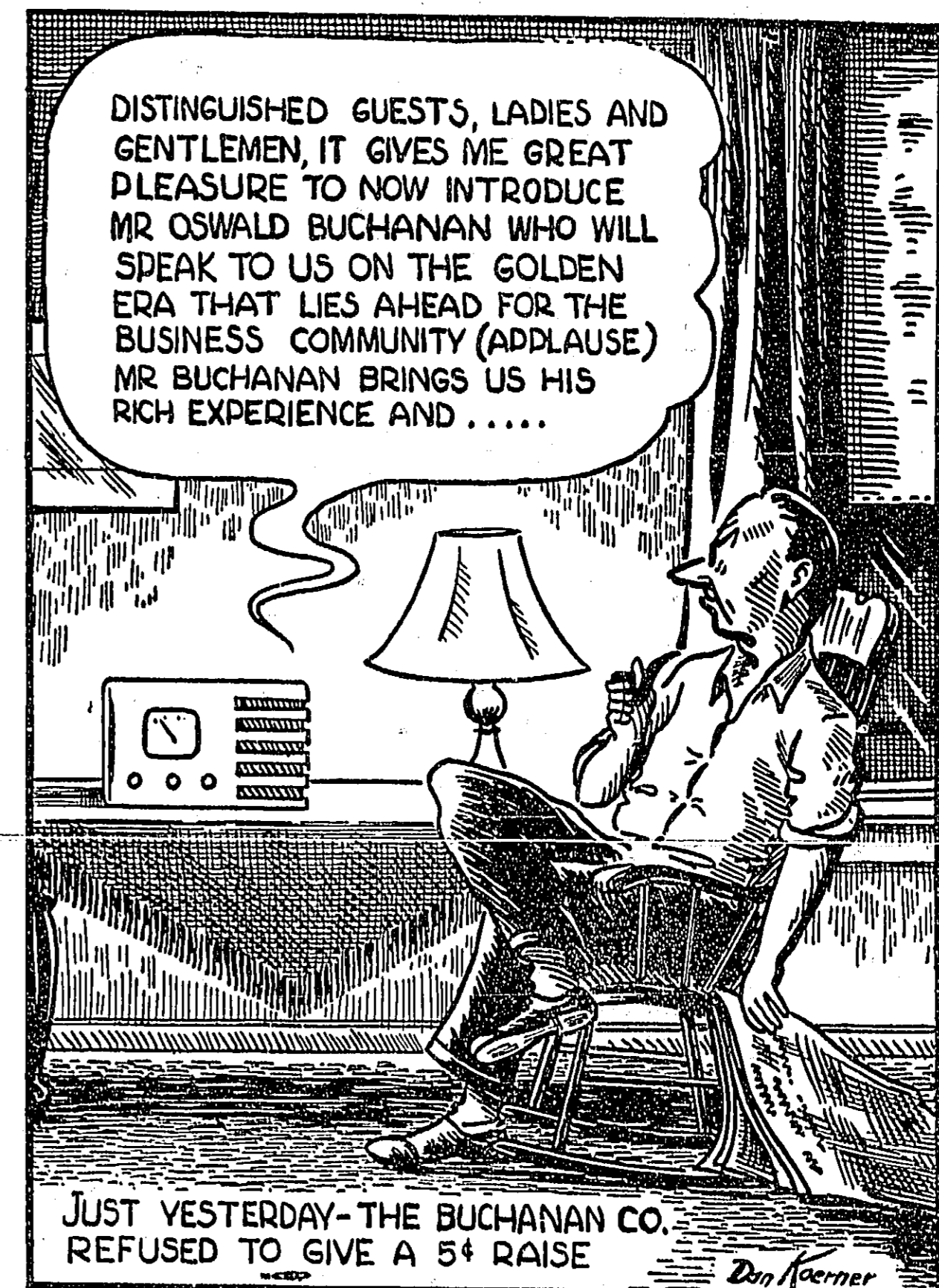
Federal Court Ruling Pending in 301 Case

Federal Judge James T. Foley reserved decision Monday on the petition of Frank Kriss, Frank Fiorillo and Ralph Mirando to move their court action against 301 back to the New York State Supreme Court, from Federal Court.

Local 301 had moved the case to Federal Court, but Judge John Alexander, in the state court, issued an injunction limiting the right of the 301 membership to use the union treasury.

There is no one by that name on the 301 staff. There is a Robert Northrup, laid-off in Building 17, who is serving Local 301 as chairman of the unemployment committee, an unpaid post like all other committee posts in this union.

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GE Merit System!

Is this some more of that GE neutrality?

Last spring a young laboratory worker in Building 37 was threatened with transfer and possible loss of his job because of not getting along with his supervisor. Board Member Anthony Villano and a unit grievance committee straightened out the situation for him.

Later the young man blossomed out as a "parader" for the Carey group. In a recent meeting with the union a company representative dropped the information that the laboratory worker is "going places" and has recently received two raises.

Watch for It

An article by UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald on the role of Democratic politicians in the CIO's efforts to set up a company union in the electrical industry will appear in the next issue of the national UE News.

BE SURE TO VOTE
IN 301 ELECTIONS

This Comes Straight From Bosses' Mouth

Why do big employers hate UE? And what kind of union do big employers like?

You can get the answers straight from "The Iron Age," publication of the steel industry.

In its issue of Oct. 27, this magazine said:

"Efforts are now being made to settle the steel strike without ruining the prestige of Philip Murray . . . Steel men see trouble ahead if Mr. Murray is badly beaten.

"There are other capable executives in the union but industry leaders are afraid they lack the power to hold the membership in line.

" . . . employers have generally been able to override the reds and radicals in local unions by direct appeal to Phil Murray."

There you have it. As usual in employer language, "reds and radicals" means members who think the members should decide and that grievances should be settled.

We still believe GE workers don't want to elect officers "to hold the membership in line." That's the membership's business.

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