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Membership Rejects IUE-CIO Blitz Tactics

Frozen Out Of Their Union Hall



SECOND SHIFT workers arriving for their meeting find the entrance to Union Hall blocked (above) by cops and about 50 guards under Joe Saccocio. As word gets around that selected first shift workers on lost time had been marched into the hall beginning at 8:00 A.M., the locked out second shift workers plainly show their dismay. Among those turned away by the screening squad under Saccocio was William Hodges (foreground), past acting President and Vice-President of UE Local 301.

Membership resentment is coming to a slow boil at the attempt of James B. Carey and Leo Jandreau to blitz away in one week the Union that GE workers in Schenectady spent 17 years to build.

Why couldn't such a serious question as secession be discussed in a hall big enough for the membership to get in? Why were the two meetings on Monday packed with secession supporters on lost time? How much did it cost the local treasury in lost time to railroad through Jandreau's deal with James B. Carey?

The UE Local 301 Constitution contains provisions for orderly amendments and changes. Why weren't they followed? Why were hundreds of loyal dues-paying UE members of many years standing barred from the meetings and left to stand shivering outside in the wind, while the handpicked group on lost time that jammed the hall voted in the name of the membership? Why were Local 301 members who wanted to speak against secession denied the floor?

Look Around Town

These questions are being asked everywhere in the shop. Oldtimers in Schenectady don't have to look far for the answer. They have seen a CIO union at the other end of town run for years by Barbieri's tight little dictatorship, just the

Paid Lost Time For Voting Twice

Day shift stewards and others on lost time did the voting for the second shift meeting Monday. An eye-witness account published by the Schenectady Union-Star reported:

"After the afternoon meeting the room in back of the meeting hall, where coffee and sandwiches were being served, was a busy place as union members signed 'lost time' vouchers to collect for pay they had lost by leaving work."

way the IUE crowd started to run Local 301 the minute Jandreau opened the door to CIO. Locomotive workers have felt the destruction of union democracy . . . with machine control. . . Alco men of 15 years service walking the streets while new people are being hired into the Niskayuna shop.

GE workers in Syracuse could tell something about what it means to shift to IUE-CIO. In 1950, in UE, they had the same UE plant-

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UE Won't Give Up Contract Protections

What Carey and Jandreau are asking is that UE agree to terminate its superior contract which has another year to run.

That's what agreeing to an election at this time means. A contract is a bar to an election unless terminated.

The company would like nothing better than to be relieved of its contract commitments to UE for the next year.

The IUE contract expires in June and everything goes on the auction block: pay, conditions, benefits, everything.

Now if the UE contract were terminated at the same time as proposed by Carey and Jandreau, the company's hands would be completely free to re-write a weaker contract for all GE workers. The trend throughout indus-

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