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(Below is a reprint of an article which appeared in the Communist Party's Daily Worker for August 28, 1951. It points out that the Taft-Hartley Non-Communist Affidavit is not worth the paper it's written on.)

GOLD RESIGNS FROM CP TO COMPLY WITH T-H

"Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, yesterday announced his resignation from the Communist Party in order to comply with the Taft-Hartley law.

"Gold at the same time made it clear that he did not abandon the convictions gained in nearly 30 years of membership in the Communist Party.

"Men's rights, their thoughts, convictions and beliefs are sacred," he declared. "They are the foundation of civilization. They are the highest law. They are inalienable."

"As a member of the Communist Party for 30 years, I found the thinking of the members of the Communist Party, program and activities determined

one, and only one, burning desire--to serve the best interests of labor and the people, to end the cruel exploitation of the working people, racial hatred and bigotry, and to build up an economically secure, politically free, united, democratic and peaceful America.

"I have resigned from the Communist Party," he went on, "but I do not give up my belief in true democracy."

Pointing to his 30 years membership in the Communist Party, his 40 years as a member of his union, 25 years as an elected officer and 15 years as international president, Gold asserted that now, "the Congress of the United States denied me my constitutional right to belong to the Communist Party and at the same time hold office in a trade union."

THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS BEN GOLD SAID WHEN HE SIGNED THE NON-COMMUNIST AFFIDAVIT.

BEN GOLD ALSO ATTACKED ALL THE REST OF LABOR, EXCEPT OF COURSE THE LEFT-WING UNIONS.

LEO JANDREAU SIGNED THE NON-COMMUNIST AFFIDAVIT, JUST AS BEN GOLD DID. LEO JANDREAU OLIFIES ALL THE REST OF LABOR, EXCEPT THE LEFT WING UNIONS, JUST AS BEN GOLD DOES. BEN GOLD SAYS THAT EVEN THOUGH HE RESIGNED PUBLICLY, HE STILL BELIEVES IN THE PRINCIPLES AND AIMS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HOW ABOUT YOU, LEO JANDREAU?

SHOP TALK

All of us have heard a lot of talk recently about UE's 32 cents an hour raise. Well, workers down at the Bommer Spring Hinge Co., members of UE's Local 475 in Brooklyn heard a lot about it, too. In fact, they got part of it--they got the two cents of that 32 in the way of a wage increase not long ago. That's better than the \$500 package promised in 1949. Nobody in UE got any part of that deal!

Charles Campbell who works in Building 73-A, suggests that UE Board Member Mastrianni ought to stay around his own building and watch his own stooges for a while.

William Mastrianni has been awfully busy, according to UE's newspaper, trying to frame innocent workers on the charge that they are harming the health of other workers. Naturally, Mastrianni wasn't successful in this, but here's what Charles Campbell has to say.

GAINS MADE

Under CIO

1946: 18½ cents per hour
1947: 11½ cents per hour
Extra Vacation and paid Holidays
1948: Eight per cent per hour
1949:
1950: Ten cents per hour
1951: Nine cents so far (Schenectady workers are still waiting for this.)

GAINS MADE

Under UE

Nothing

"Willie should stay a little more in his own building, 73-A, and try to control his own hero-worshipers who like to drown all those who wash up at the end of the day. Although fire pails are not to be used except in case of fire, one of the UE boys went outside the building and poured water through the window into the washroom last Friday. In fact, Billy, this particular member actually and deliberately caused injury to another dues-paying UE member in the course of his work, which, don't forget, is defense work. The word sabotage has a meaning in this country."

that as long as we fought under the banner of CIO, we gained, because we had the support of all the rest of organized labor. Under the banner of UE, we have no support except from the Communist Party, and the Party is too busy buying white-wash to cover up its red treason. UE therefore hitched its trailer to IUE-CIO, in order to make gains, but since IUE-CIO is in a deadly struggle with the giant corporation, GE, we must get rid of free-riders by unhitching that trailer and getting into the front lines in the battle, by joining IUE-CIO!"

Al Dorries of Building 15, Second Shift, calls attention to the fact that UE and company finally broke down to tell the truth in the May 11th issue of Electrical Union News. In a breakdown of gains made, UE made just one mistake, and here's how Al corrects it.

All the gains made for GE workers were made while UE was still in CIO. In 1949, when UE broke with CIO, the workers made no gains. In 1950, IUE-CIO won the bargaining rights for 65,000 GE workers, and immediately won a ten-cent hourly increase and an extra paid holiday, plus another increase based on living costs, which became effective March 15, 1951. UE, unable to stand on its own feet, has accepted everything IUE-CIO has won so far.

Al Dorries says: "These figures prove