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IUE PERFORMANCE VERSUS UE'S IDLE PROMISES

In a letter signed by Julius Emspak, Secretary-Treasurer of the defunct U.E., which was sent to some Schenectady General Electric employees, he made a big to-do about their victory at the Mica Company recently. Of course, he did not mention the fact that they won by a mere 29 votes.

The U.E. used the same deceptive tactics at Mica to win a victory as they have done in other plants that they have tried to organize.... promising the workers "pie in the sky" benefits and conditions which they know they cannot deliver.

OPERATION ALERT 1961

Business Agent Leo Jandreau has received a letter from Henry G. Pfeil, County Civil Defense Director, notifying him of "Operation Alert 1961".

This National Defense exercise will take place on April 28th, at 4:00 p.m. It will be nationwide. Sirens will be sounded announcing the start and finish of the exercise.

Because "Operation Alert" comes at a time of day when men and women are at work or returning to their homes, Mr. Pfeil requests the cooperation of our members in helping to make this year's exercise a success. The public participation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 24th, at 7:30 p.m.

Officers will meet at 6:00 p.m.

A REMINDER

At the Toolmakers' meeting held recently in the Union Hall, it was decided that every Toolroom in the plant should elect a representative to serve on the Toolmakers' Committee.

As we go to press, we have heard from very few toolrooms. It is very important that these names be submitted immediately to the Union Office. Any toolroom that has not picked a representative should do so at once.

For years, U.E. workers have profited by the gains won by such militant unions as the IUE....they have been riding on the coat-tails of such strong unions. The U.E. has not been able to win anything that is of any significance for their workers for the last 10 years.

Emspak infers in his letter that he has found the panacea or the "cure-all" for the so-called ills that beset the G.E. worker in Schenectady. We strongly suggest that he correct the deteriorating conditions that have befallen the U.E. workers in the Erie G.E. plant. To prove their ineffectiveness in resolving the problems in Erie, U.E., in desperation, has appealed to many individuals and agencies to come to their rescue. In a resolution presented to the Erie City Council, and which appeared in the U.E. News, Erie, Pa., April 7, 1961, issue, they admit that employment in the Erie Works since 1957 has continually and steadily declined at an alarming rate. Because of this, the resolution goes on to say, a serious unemployment situation has been created in Erie.

Now then, this is the Union (the U.E.) whose Secretary-Treasurer, Julius Emspak, says can cure the problems of the G.E. workers in Schenectady by suggesting they join up with them!

Emspak's letter also mentions the restoration of union control by rank-and-file union members instead of a dictatorship. In this connection, we pride ourselves on being one of the most democratic local unions in the entire country.... a local union where important decisions which affect their welfare are made by the rank-and-file members, utilizing the Secret Ballot.

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SCHENECTADY RETAILERS.
DROP NON-UNION PRODUCTS

A survey was made recently of Schenectady retailers of men's clothing.

This survey disclosed that several retailers were carrying non-union Weldon pajamas and others handled the non-union Wings and Kayne shirts (both made by the same company).

Following the survey, a consumer education campaign of leaflet distribution was conducted on Wings shirts in the downtown area.

As a result of these actions, the Central Labor Council, Sch'dy. Area, received a letter dated April 17, 1961, from Sam Bernstein of the Snappy Men's Shop, giving notice that as of April 17th, they will no longer stock Wings shirts and will only sell out the present stock in the store.

Other retailers who have dropped non-union made goods are:

Dan A. Donahue - Kaynee Boys' Shirts
Wallace Co. - Weldon Pajamas
Jos. Nusbaum's - Weldon Pajamas
Dave's Men & Boys' Wear - Wings & Kaynee
Edison Hats - Wings Shirts
Dall's - Weldon Pajamas

The aforementioned retailers should be complimented for the action they took in discontinuing the sale of non-union made goods and replacing them with union-made products.

The following individuals who conducted the survey and leaflet distribution should be highly commended and congratulated on a job well done:

Henry Becker, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
Marvin Pizzo, Union Label Committee
Joseph Badalucco, Exec. Sec'y. of Central Labor Council
Frank McPartland, Cen'l. Labor Coun.
John Kaminski, Cen'l. Labor Coun.
Joseph Korszun, Local 301 Board Member

If our union members have information on any other store in the area selling either of these two non-union brands, please notify the Union Label Committee or Joseph Badalucco, Executive Secretary of the Central Labor Council.

SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE

IUE PERFORMANCE (Cont'd)

As to the working conditions and jobs in Schenectady, records will show that the average wage, standards and working conditions of the G.E. worker in Schenectady are considerably higher than his counterpart in the Erie G.E. plant.

Therefore, we say to the U.E., instead of trying to be the nemesis of organized labor, they should direct their energies in trying to organize workers in plants that have no union representation. As a matter of record, U.E., for many years, has failed to organize a single new G.E. plant.

We suggest that U.E. stop trying to be a "witch doctor" for others and start taking some of their own medicine as a possible cure for their own ailments.

RIM PUNCH CASE SETTLED

A docket of long standing was finally settled in the Large Motor & Generator Department.

The case involved the pricing method of a multiple punch press in Bldg. 60. Although the setting of prices on a punch press may seem simple on the surface, there were many elements that caused delays. The major delay was due to the fact that the multiple machine kept breaking down. The necessity of the die having to be ground frequently and other minor problems kept this machine on development. When most of the kinks were ironed out, a fair price was negotiated and we feel that the operators will be able to maintain a fair earning rate.

Board Members, Shop Stewards and Union officials are to be commended for the way they stuck to this problem and finally solved it. Participating in discussions were: Donato, Martin, DiCaterino, McGrath, Campana, McCabe, Shambo, Mangino, Townsend and Scott.

RENTALS FOR UNION HALL

Bingo, Dances, (Week Days) Organizations	\$ 95.00
Organizations, (Sat, Sun) Dances	115.00
Weddings (non-union)	95.00
Weddings (union members)	75.00

When renting Auditorium, contract must be signed and rental fee paid in advance. For commercial affairs and dances, liability insurance must be furnished.