

## GE Asks \$10,000,000 From U. S. Government

The General Electric Co. has put in its bill for \$10,000,000 to the U. S. government for business losses suffered this year.

Under the "carry-back" provision of the federal tax law, GE and other corporations which cleaned up huge profits on war contracts are guaranteed profits in the post-war period too.

Uncle Sam guarantees them at least the same amount of profit they made in 1939-1941. That makes it perfectly safe for the corporations to keep goods off the markets to wait for higher prices, to force strikes, or to do whatever else they please.

## CIO Council Meets Tonight

Officers will be nominated and elected by the Capitol District Industrial Union-Council, CIO, at a meeting at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday, May 23) at CIO Hall. Frank T. Murphy, president of the Council and president of the UAW local at the Ford plant at Green Island, will preside.

The election was postponed from April to give Local 301, the Steel Workers and other unions a chance to elect their new delegates.

The delegates will vote tonight on a proposal to raise the per capita to permit the Council to increase its activities. At present there is no full-time officer or employee of the Council.

## White Collar Workers Vote for UE, 20 to 6

Office workers of the General Electric foundry at Elmira voted for the UE as their bargaining agent at a labor board election this month.

Out of 30 employees eligible to vote, 20 voted for UE, six voted "no union" and one vote was challenged.

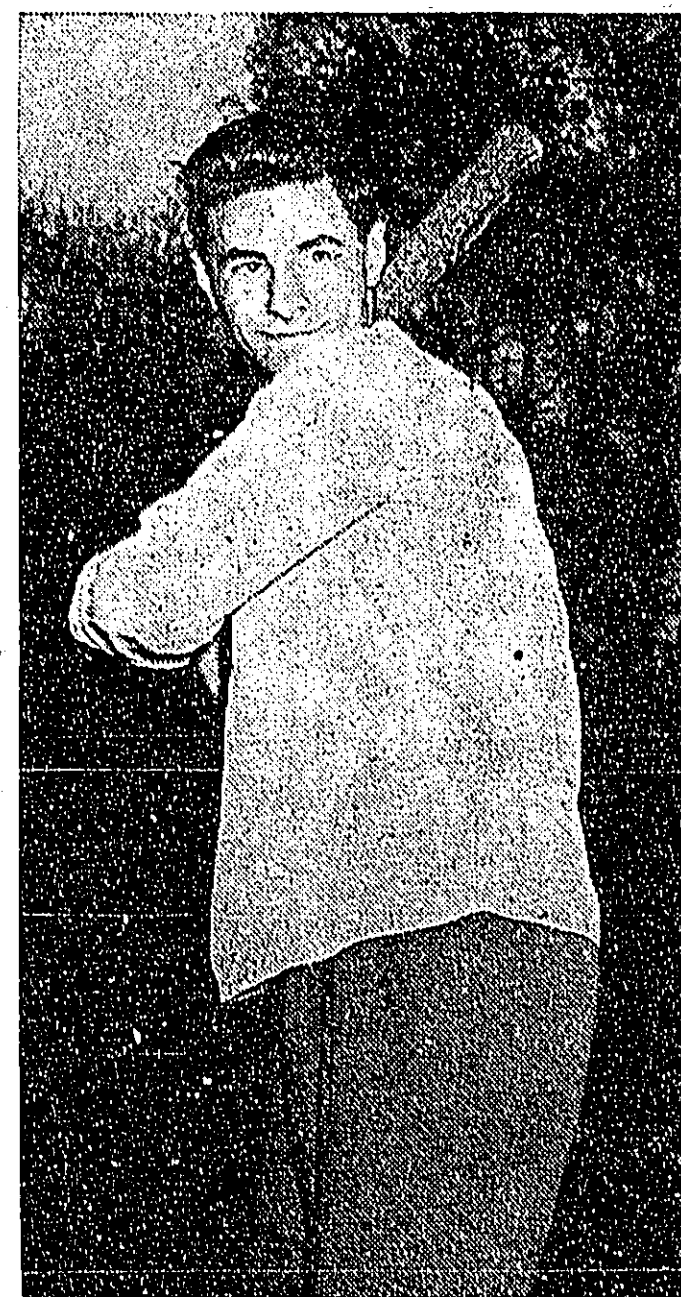
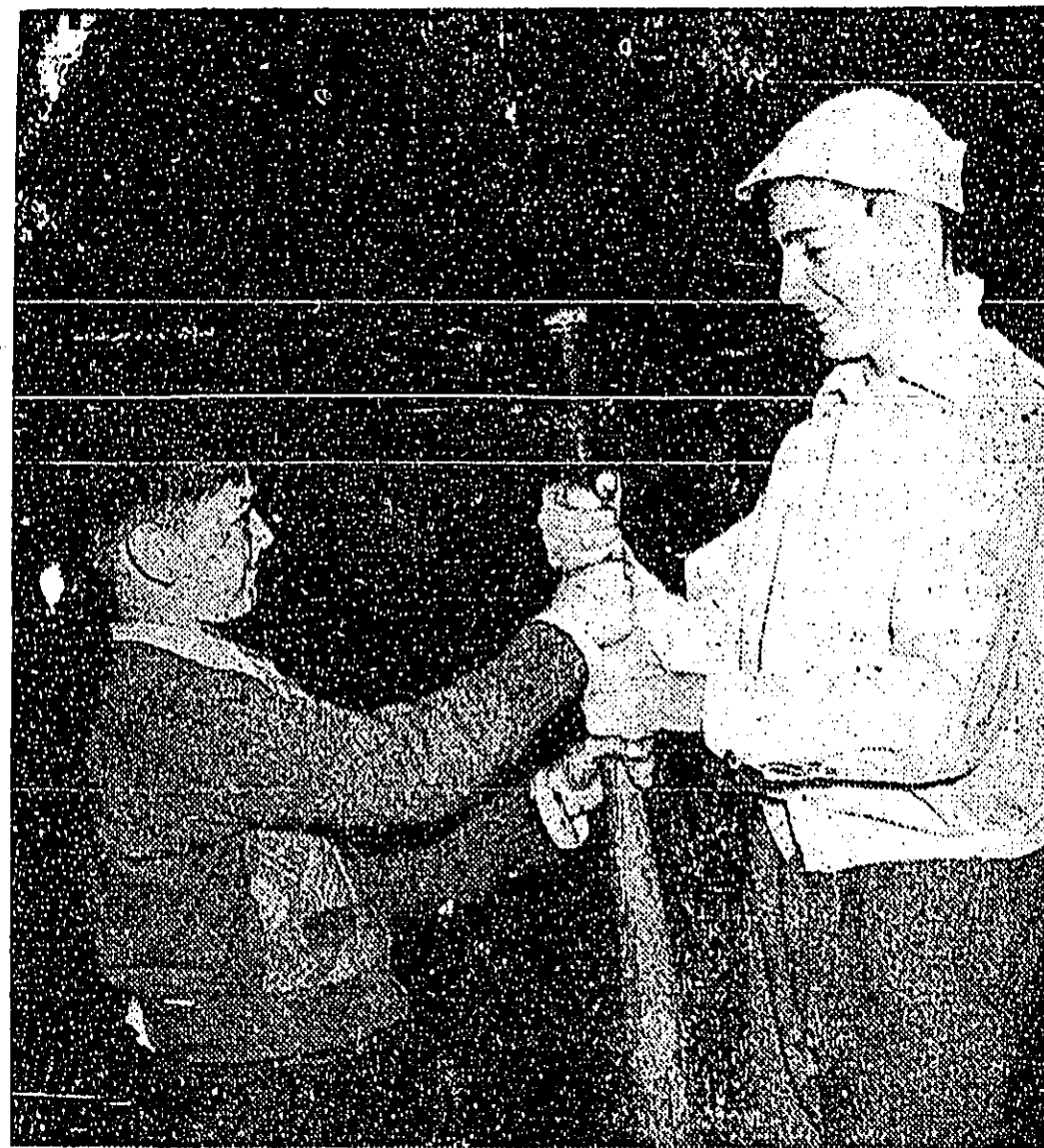
That's another victory for the organizing drive of District 3, UE.

## STARTING RIGHT

The CIO headquarters in the 18th Ward was used recently on two occasions for showers for newlyweds. The Independent Citizens Committee, of the ward decided the parties were fine ideas—reminders there should be a little political action in every home.

## City Council Might As Well Give In Now

These baseball players of the 10th Ward have joined the campaign of the Independent Citizens' Committee to get a ball diamond and play space in Hillhurst Park. Above are Fred Saccocio, left, captain of the Euclid Tigers, and Jack Hamilton, right, captain of the Hillhurst Red Sox. Below, Eddie De Lorenzo, captain of the Bellevue Mohawks.



## Union Tackles GE On Discrimination

The Local 301 office has gone to bat with the GE management over a case which the union charges is a clearcut example of racial discrimination.

Three workers were sent recently together to Bldg. 1. They had approximately the same service (six years) and approximately the same qualifications.

The first person interviewed at Bldg. 1, a Negro, was told by the GE representative there was no work available,—not even a laborer's job.

The second person, a white man, was given his choice of two jobs by the interviewer and was put to work.

The third person, a Negro, was told there wasn't any kind of job open.

## Head Ward Clubs

Two UE members have been elected temporary officers of the joint 7th and 18th Wards clubs of the Independent Citizens' Committee. Rudie Ellis, recently returned veteran, is temporary chairman and Mrs. Antoinette Daley, temporary secretary.

## Continue GE Talks

Nothing new yet from the GE contract negotiating sessions. The meetings were resumed Tuesday after a 10 day recess.

## Favor Dues Increase

The District 3 conference of UE recently recommended that all locals raise their dues to \$1.50 a month. The conference also voted in favor of an increase of five cents in the national UE per capita and in the district per capita.

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## CIO Leads Fight on Anti-Strike Bill

### Vote on Dues Ends May 31

The process of canvassing the membership of Local 301 on the proposed increase of dues to \$1.50 a month will end tomorrow night (Friday, May 31).

Although many petitions are still out, reports of committeemen indicate that a majority of the union members will be on record in favor of the \$1.50 dues by closing time.

Under the motion passed at the special membership meeting May 21, the \$1.50 rate will be automatically adopted if a majority of the union members sign the petitions authorizing proxy votes in favor of the dues increase by the end of May.

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### Union Officials Wire Truman

Albert J. Fitzgerald, president, and Julius Emspak, general secretary-treasurer, UERMWA, telegraphed the following message to President Truman in protest against his anti-labor bill.

"Our Union wishes to state its strongest opposition to emergency legislation proposed to the Congress by you which would destroy the freedom of the American people.

"We fought and won the war without such legislation. The peace will be lost if such legislation is passed. Instead of repressive laws against the people, we call upon you to carry forward the program for peace and security of Franklin D. Roosevelt."

The telegram also urged President Truman to oppose the Case bill and to veto it if it passes Congress.

### Local Unions Answer Call For Action, Map Radio, Telegram, Post Card Drive

CIO unions in Schenectady responded swiftly to the danger signal of President Truman's proposal for "emergency" anti-strike legislation by taking the leadership in rallying wide community and labor support in a fight against the measure.

### Observe Contract Seniority Rules Union Tells GE

Now that the United States Supreme Court has ruled veterans do not have super-seniority, Local 301 has informed the Schenectady GE management by letter that the union expects the company to comply at once with the seniority clauses of the contract.

The GE has "bumped" long-term employees on the grounds that any returning veteran, no matter how short his employment time, has greater seniority than any non-veteran employee.

Local 301 and its Veterans' Committee held that the veteran is entitled to seniority on the basis of his time with the company plus his time in military service.

The clearcut Supreme Court decision stated:

"We would distort the language of these provisions (selective service) if we read it as granting the veteran an increase in seniority over what he would have had if he had never entered the armed service."

In order to comply with the contract, Leo Jandreau, business agent, pointed out, the company must reinstate all employees dismissed or demoted in violation of their seniority rights.

### District 3 Delegates

The May 21 membership meeting of Local 301 elected the following delegates to the District 3 Council: Leo Jandreau, William Mastriani, Andrew Peterson, William Kelly and Roy Lash. All except Kelly served during the past year.

Meeting in special session at CIO Hall Monday, leaders and committeemen of Local 301 and representatives of the Steel Workers, the Transport Workers and the Laundry Workers mapped a vigorous campaign to combat the anti-labor hysteria.

They passed a resolution condemning the Truman bill and the Case bill and calling on union members and the public to write and wire the President, Senators and Congressmen against the legislation.

The resolution called attention to the magnificent war production record of the Schenectady unions and of labor in general.

It called on President Truman to abandon his present dangerous course and return to the program and policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Plans were made at the meeting for (Continued on Page 2)

### Jandreau Reports Progress with GE

The negotiating committee of UE is "making progress with the company" in the GE contract sessions, Leo Jandreau, business agent of Local 301, has reported.

Negotiations were adjourned last Friday until after Memorial Day. They will be resumed Tuesday, June 4.

"As a result of our last meeting I can say definitely that progress has been made," Jandreau said. "In a short time I hope I can report complete settlement of the contract negotiations."

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 immediate distribution of thousands of cards to workers in Schenectady shops. The cards are to be mailed to President Truman in protest against the anti-labor, anti-strike legislation.

The union representatives voted to take as much radio time as possible to arouse public interest in the campaign to defeat repressive legislation.

Steps were taken to enlist cooperation of AFL and railway unions in the city and to reach civic groups.

"This may be the blackest hour in the history of our country," Leo Jandreau, business agent of Local 301 said.

"The strike-control bill recommended by President Truman threatens nearly every liberty which the common people have won since the Revolutionary War.

"It is the legislation which the National Association of Manufacturers, the Wall St. gang, the railway magnates and the General Electric have been working for."

## New Committeemen

Shop committeemen sworn in at the membership meeting May 21 were:

Sam De Cesare.....Bldg. 29  
 Philip Bubb .....Bldg. 107  
 James J. Cognetta .....Bldg. 52  
 Earl G. Barnhart.....Bldg. 53  
 Frank C. Kriss.....Bldg. 105  
 Joseph Giannetti.....Bldg. 24

## Publish Paper

The Office Workers Organizing Committee has reported that its news sheet, Office Digest, met a good reception among GE white-collar workers and that the next issue is in the offing.

The office workers are planning to enter a candidate in the Local 301 Field Day queen contest.

## Gas Ban Lifted, GE Lay-offs Stop

The General Electric Co. notified the union Monday that the New York Power and Light Corp. had lifted the sudden ban it placed on use of industrial gas. Employees laid off as a result of the ban were recalled to work.

When the ban was imposed without warning, the GE laid off 650 to 700 workers, chiefly in the porcelain and punch press departments, last Friday. Some second and third shift workers were sent home when they reported for work Friday and other employees were told they would be laid off Monday.

The GE told the union that continuation of the ban on industrial gas would make the layoffs amount to 2,000 within a short time and would affect various parts of the plant.

## Anti-Strike Bill Threatens Labor

Here's what the Truman anti-strike bill means:

It is a clearcut violation of the right to strike.

Collective bargaining and even the right to advocate a strike are placed at the discretion of the government in industries where the President declares a "national emergency" exists.

The Norris-La Guardia Act which banned federal anti-labor injunctions would be set aside by this bill.

The Wagner Act and practically all other New Deal labor legislation are made useless in the industries involved.

The bill would abolish seniority rights of strikers.

It permits firing strikers who do not submit to forced labor.

It would draft strikers into the armed forces.

**Tune in!**  
**C.I.O. PROGRAM**  
**MON WED FRI**  
**7:15 PM**  
 OR FOLLOWING  
**BALL GAME**  
**WSNY 1240 ON EVERY DIAL**

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It was moved and seconded at the membership meeting to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Board and of the Constitution Committee for the dues raise.

Sid Friedlander amended the motion to provide that the increase should take effect at such time as a majority of the members have signed the petitions for the increase.

He pointed out that the membership meeting itself had the power to vote the dues increase, but that in the interest of getting as broad and democratic a vote as possible committeemen were giving all the people in the shops the chance to cast proxy votes. About 5,000 signatures had been handed in by the time of the meeting.

William Hodges added a second amendment to have the increase effective if the majority vote was obtained by the end of May.

"There's no need to stretch this out," he said. "People will know by then how they stand and will have a chance to vote."

He reported that 66% of his own shop had already supported the increase.

Friedlander said the Hodges amendment was satisfactory to him and the motion was passed as amended.

It was pointed out during the meeting that the General Electric Co. has shown a keen interest in the dues increase proposal. It tried to crack down on the distribution of the petitions in the shops, although it has not attempted to interfere in the past with other types of petition.

## Three Girls Enter Contest for Queen

The first three entries in the contest for queen of the Local 301 field day are Marie Sweeney, Bldg. 69-3, industrial control department; Sophie A. Pajak, Bldg. 14, punch press section; and Genevieve Puglia, Bldg. 53-3, test department.

Foster Campbell, chairman of the Activities Committee in charge of the field day program June 30 at Pete and Sally's Grove, is assisted by Lucy Swatling, secretary, and Harold Claus, treasurer.

Any girl working at GE is eligible to run for queen. Each ticket sold in a girl's name entitles her to 50 points.

## Good News - Orders for Week's Lay-Off Are Cancelled



When approximately 30 women and three returned G.I.'s received notices recently that they were to be laid-off for a week for going to the wash rooms five minutes before closing time, the union took up the grievances at once. Results. The lay-off orders were revoked and warning notices removed. Here are some of the group when they got the good news. All of them are coil winders in Bldg. 14. Front row, left to right, Martha Gordon, Hedwig Miller, Beatrice Andrews, Elsie M. Jarek, Sol Goodman, Sophie Pajak, Josephine Fowler and Josephine Alberti. Rear, left to right, Mary Predel, Molly Bornfield, Josephine Frese, Marion Simmons, Marcia C. De Sorbo, Rose Matarazzo, Violet Hatdergot and Harriet Coton.

## Here's Only Reason Kearney Didn't Vote For Anti-Strike Bill - HE WASN'T THERE

"If I were in Washington I would have voted for the Truman bill." That's the flat statement which Representative Bernard W. Kearney (who represents Schenectady in Congress) made to the officials and Board of Local 301 at a conference in the State Armory Monday.

Invited to attend the emergency union meeting at CIO Hall, Congressman Kearney said he had an engagement, but countered with a statement that he would meet the union representatives at the Armory.

The union men asked him if he would go on record that labor in his congressional district had a splendid war production record and by its actions has given no justification for such repressive measures as the Truman or Case bills.

Kearney refused. The only concession that he made during the entire talk was to say that when he returns to Washington he will "look over" the Case bill, now before the Senate.

## Union Calendar

Tomorrow, Friday, May 31—Shop meeting under board member John Boyle.

Monday, June 3—Activities Committee meeting.

Tuesday, June 4—Regular committeemen's meeting.

June 10—Activities Committee meeting.

Union leaders told him that his attitude could only be interpreted as anti-labor and that his voting record in Congress has been equally unsatisfactory.

## Veterans Break Rules, Ask Kearney Questions

A few hours after Representative Bernard W. Kearney was taken to task Monday by Local 301 leaders for his anti-union stand on legislation, he tangled with returned veterans of UE and Steel Workers at a meeting of Veterans of World War II in Schenectady.

After talking on technicalities of Veterans Administration procedure, Kearney was asked a few questions about his stand on OPA, on veterans housing and on labor.

When he asserted he has never voted for any bill which could be called repressive by labor or by veterans, the questioners had plenty more questions. Kearney ducked direct answers and went back to safe, non-controversial generalities.

The Schenectady Gazette disposed of this part of the program by calling it "a somewhat disorderly question and answer period."