

## Why People in the Shops Are Voting UE

### Samuel Lezzi

Bldg. 285, plating leader

"I think we've got them licked, because people went through the mill before and will be careful this time they don't get mixed in the same company union mess they went through years ago. People used to talk against unions as radical and Socialist and now the IUE talks about Communism. The trick the IUE plays is an old trick for a new dog."



### Helen Jablonski

Bldg. 53, accumulator

"I like the way UE handles matters. I figure I'm satisfied with the union and I don't intend changing."



### Alan McClimans

Bldg. 16, machine operator

"From what I see of the IUE leadership, I'm definitely not a follower of that kind of leadership. Let's put our best negotiators back in business with a UE vote."



### Frank Bender

Bldg. 10-C, milling machine operator

"In our section we are strong for UE. I was one of the first in UE here with Leo Jandreau and Bill Turnbull. Wages are about double what they were then."



### Riley Salley

Bldg. 52, chipper

"I have always found the UE officials and my shop steward fair-minded. UE has a democratic set-up, but I don't think that CIO has a democratic set-up."



### Charles Horwedel

Bldg. 13-A, machinist

"I'm one of the original organizers of UE. After going through the Works Council, I say that if the boys know what's good for them they won't discard UE."



### Richard Bennette

Bldg. 50, tractor operator

"As a young worker, I know from experience that UE fights for young and old members, alike, regardless of race, color or creed."



### Adam Glover

Bldg. 17, toolroom machine operator

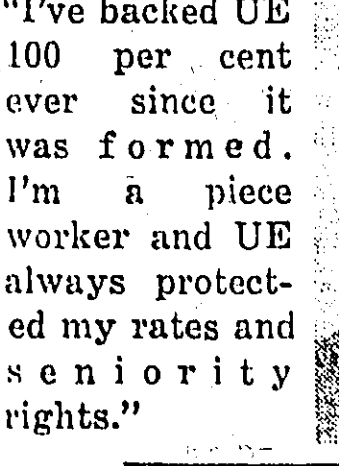
"In our toolroom we have protected our seniority and decent working conditions through UE. We intend to keep and improve them with UE."



### Robert R. Roberts

Bldg. 81, wireman

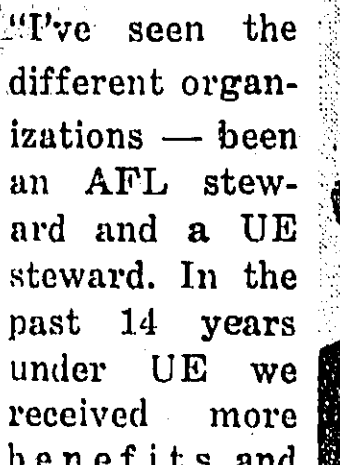
"I've backed UE 100 per cent ever since it was formed. I'm a piece worker and UE always protected my rates and seniority rights."



### R. J. Coleman

Bldg. 85, cable insulator

"I've seen what different organizations — been an AFL steward and a UE steward. In the past 14 years under UE we received more benefits and got better conditions."



### Mary Cocca

Bldg. 69, wireman

"I know what we've got. How do we know what we'd get with IUE beside promises? What would we do, start fighting for a contract right from scratch, all over again?"



### Karl F. Quirini

Bldg. 273, turret lathe operator

"I have enough confidence in the intelligence of the workers in the Schenectady plant to know they won't be confused by the smokescreen of propaganda put out by IUE, but will vote for a fighting union and will vote solidly for UE."



### William Hartje

Bldg. 73, wireman

"You can count on UE. They were there twice when I needed them to keep the company from lowering my classification in transfers. I got raised instead."



### Russell Cochrane

Bldg. 16, armature winder

"GE workers shouldn't be deceived by the fruitless promises of the IUE or their false Communist accusations."



### Thomas Williams

Bldg. 11, accumulator

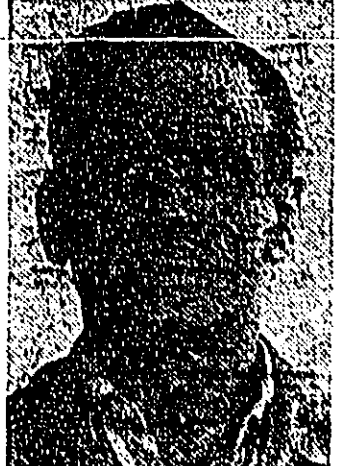
"All the fellows who work with me are for UE. We feel we're doing all right and we don't want a change."



### Walter Wojtulewicz

Bldg. 53, toolmaker

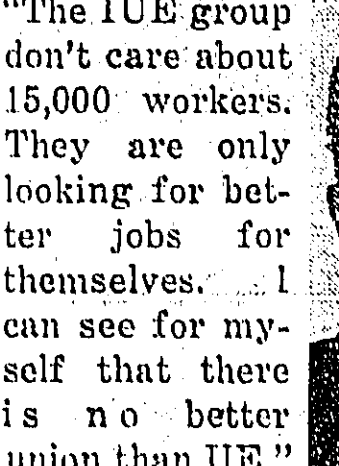
"If you talk to fellows who worked here before UE you'll know why UE is going to win. IUE is losing votes by its underhanded tactics and the way it doublecrossed our contract negotiations last year. IUE is led by a small group looking out for themselves and not for the welfare of the people."



### Ralph Pietrosanto

Bldg. 63, cameron machine operator

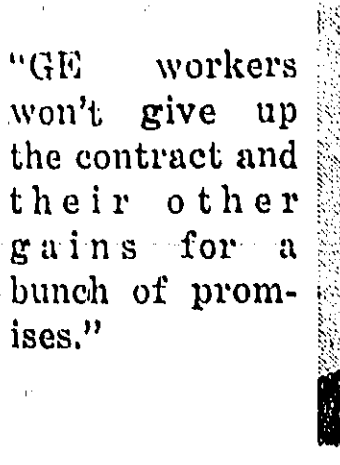
"The IUE group don't care about 15,000 workers. They are only looking for better jobs for themselves. I can see for myself that there is no better union than UE."



### Joseph M. Sukatski

Bldg. 5, saw operator

"GE workers won't give up the contract and their other gains for a bunch of promises."



### Joseph Mulligan

Bldg. 28, assembler

"UE will win on its past performances. The people should go along with UE because of all the gains it has won them."



# ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS

THE VOICE OF LOCAL 301 - - U. E. R. & M. W. A.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

May 26, 1950

Let's Unite for the Contract

The officers and Executive Board congratulate the membership on the successful defense of their union. The GE workers withstood an all-out attack by outside forces, made up of politicians both local and national, certain clergymen, helped by the press and radio, and with the assistance of union-busting union officials with unlimited funds at their disposal. They set out to break up the unity and organized strength built by GE workers over 14 years.

Against this line-up, the victory for free democratic unionism was tremendous.

In its only role of a company agent, the IUE-CIO has succeeded in splitting the ranks of GE workers, because in some places the pressure of outside forces and internal treachery was more than the workers could withstand.

We remain strong in GE, with most plants having gone UE, including the first two, both in size and importance, Schenectady and Erie. Contrary to newspaper reports, Lynn is the third in size. The Lynn plant vote includes the office workers, and is smaller than Erie.

UE remains the only national union in the electrical, radio and machine industry, speaking for 450,000 workers.

The available results are given below. It is not yet clear whether or not a run-off will be necessary for the toolmakers. It appears that under the NLRB rules, the toolmakers are back in UE with the whole plant, as a majority rejected the IAM craft request. If the NLRB should order a run-off, the great majority of toolmakers will vote UE to join the rest of the plant in bargaining and to protect their plantwide seniority.

Now we have the big job of uniting to obtain the contract benefits which were stolen from GE workers by the IUE in 1949, and the added benefits to which we are entitled for 1950, out of the vast profits of the company.

Already the local IUE-CIO forces have announced in the press that they intend to keep up their disruption. We believe that almost all the workers will reject this attitude and accept the majority decision, and join their brothers and sisters in UE Local 301 to back the negotiations. We shall be stronger for being rid forever of the handful of conscious union-busters who have been trying to destroy UE and establish a company union.

One result of this vote should be an immediate settlement of the steamfitters strike by granting them the two-step increase they seek. One of our major bargaining demands is the correction of wage rates for the skilled trades. In view of the vote, GE should realize that it will have to meet this demand. So it has no reason to resist the steamfitters' request any longer.

Plants won by UE include: Schenectady; Erie (hourly); Newark Seaboard; Newark Lamp and Warehouse; Bloomfield, N.J.; Elmira; Fort Edward, N.Y.; Ontario, Calif.; Decatur, Ill.; Niles, Ohio, (Glass and Mahoning); Scranton, Pa.; Bellevue, Ohio; Bucyrus, Ohio (Glass); Allentown, Pa.; York, Pa.; Taunton, Mass.; East Boston, Mass.; Oakland, Calif.; San Jose, Calif.; Dekalb, Ill.; Chicago, Conneaut, Ohio; San Francisco; Los Angeles; Long Island City; Cincinnati; and about half of the many Cleveland plants.

This list is incomplete. Furthermore, it does not include the Canadian GE plants, which are UE.

Apparently there will be run-offs in Tiffin, Ohio; Bucyrus Lamp and seven Cleveland plants.

Plants that went IUE include: Lynn; West Lynn; Holyoke; Pittsfield; Trenton, N.J.; Warren, Ohio; Youngstown, Ohio; Tell City, Ind.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Fitchburg, Mass.; Syracuse; Wabash, Ind.; Erie (salaried); Schenectady AEC; Philadelphia; Bridgeport, Conn.; and part of Cleveland.

VICTORY PARTY TONIGHT AT 301 HALL - 9 P.M. ON