

## Steps Recommended To Guard 301 Funds

In view of efforts of James B. Carey followers to seize or to tie up funds of UE locals, the 301 Executive Board and shop stewards voted Tuesday night to recommend that the membership of Local 301 take steps to protect the union's property. The recommendation will be made to the 301 membership meeting Nov. 15.

Working closely with national CIO leadership, the Carey forces in some cases have turned funds of UE locals over to Carey or to CIO President Philip Murray recently. Numerous court cases are pending over local treasuries.

There is danger that the Carey forces may try maneuvers in Schenectady to tie up the 301 funds and make it impossible for the union to function properly and to process grievances.

The 301 Board and stewards recognized this danger by recommending the following action:

"So that Local 301, UER and MWA may continue to function as an effective trade union and serve its membership and to protect the properties and resources and integrity of the Union from any and all attacks the membership of Local 301, UER and MWA, does hereby authorize and empower Leo Jandreau, Business Agent, to take any and all steps he may deem necessary to protect any and all properties and resources of this local union now in its possession or that which will accrue to it.

"It is further authorized that he take such steps he deems necessary to safeguard and handle said resources so that they may most effectively be available for the duly authorized functions of the Union. Action taken pursuant to this resolution shall be reported to the membership at the proper time."

In Pittsburgh Monday, Carey followers who are officers of the Westinghouse local removed union assets, estimated at \$200,000, from bank safety deposit boxes and reportedly placed them in another bank. Other officers of the local immediately issued pamphlets pointing out that the removal was illegal and violated the local constitution.

## Gaeth Broadcast

The weekly broadcast of Arthur Gaeth, sponsored by the national UE, is at 10 p.m. every Monday on WXXW.

## Voting Tombstones At CIO Convention

UE delegates to the CIO convention were surprised to find that leaders of the James B. Carey faction, defeated at the national UE convention, were seated as "delegates" from tiny CIO unions to which they don't belong. They had voice and vote at the CIO convention, as though they were genuine representatives.

Fred Kelley, business agent of the GE local at Lynn, Mass., who was defeated for the UE presidency, was a "delegate" from the United Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers of Woburn, Mass.

John Callahan, business agent of the GE local at Pittsfield, Mass., was a "delegate" from the United Cemetery Workers of Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Michael Fitzpatrick of the East Pittsburgh Westinghouse plant, defeated candidate for secretary-treasurer, was listed as representing the United Railroad Supply Workers of Pitscairn, Pa. He is the father of young James Thomas Fitzpatrick who recently visited the Van Curler Hotel to direct Carey followers in 301.

Paul Jennings, a Carey chief in New York City, turned out to be a "delegate" from the Local Industrial Union of Wyoming, Pa. Joseph Hawkins, Dayton, Ohio, was credited to United Construction Workers of South Bend, Ind., Robert Elsner, Dayton, to United Bakery Workers of Allentown, Pa., and E. J. Kraft, Dayton, to United Cresscote Workers of Addyston, Ohio.

Dallas Smith of the GE local at Fort Wayne, Ind., was "delegate" from the United Dairy Workers of Mishawaka, Ind.

Within the UE, these so-called right wing leaders have said they wanted the UE to stay in CIO. But they cast their votes, as delegates from the above collection of locals, to expel UE from CIO.

## Did You Know?

Only 20 per cent of the people of this country are able to afford the medical care they need. About half our families—those with incomes of \$3,000 or less—find it almost impossible to pay for routine medical care. Another 80 per cent of American families, with incomes between \$3,000 and \$5,000 a year, would have to make great sacrifices or go into debt to meet the costs of a severe or chronic illness.

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP

By Yomen



## GE and UE Resume Contract Sessions

Contract negotiations with the General Electric Company were resumed Wednesday of this week in New York City when GE was to be informed officially that Local 301 and other GE locals rejected its offer amounting to about two cents an hour.

At a special 301 membership meeting Oct. 28, about 1,000 first and third shift members at the state armory and about 250 second shift members later at the union hall voted unanimously to turn down the GE offer, covering slight improvements in insurance and pensions. They also voted unanimously to serve notice on GE that unless the company "gets down to business we are prepared to take a strike vote."

As Leo Jandreau, a member of the UE negotiating committee, went to Cleveland as a UE delegate to the CIO convention, the 301 Executive Board named William Kelly, formerly assistant to the business agent, to substitute for him at this week's negotiating sessions. The negotiators were to meet yesterday as well as

## Election Day Reminder

The first shift will close at noon Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, and the second and third shifts will work as usual.

Under the state law any worker who is a qualified voter is entitled to two hours off with pay on Election Day to vote, if he notifies his foreman at least one day before election that he wants the time off. GE has informed the union it will assign the paid time-off on receiving such notice from a worker.

Wednesday. No report on the meetings was available when this week's EU News went to press.

At the negotiating session Oct. 25 and 26 Fred Kelley of Local 201, Lynn, and Dallas Smith of Fort Wayne, Ind., both leaders of the Carey faction, were absent without notice or explanation. The negotiating committee sent telegrams to the two locals pointing out that the absences had made it necessary to meet GE without a full committee. The locals were asked to advise the committee whether the two men would attend subsequent meetings so that appropriate arrangements could be made.

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## Come to Nov. 17 Meeting - Defend 301

### Union Here Is UE; CIO Is NOT A Union

UE established the present working conditions at GE. UE did it alone, as the joint action of the workers at GE. CIO never had anything to do with it. Expulsion from the CIO changes exactly nothing.

The outside forces now trying to destroy our union have raised some confusion because of frequent misunderstanding of what the CIO is.

The CIO is not a union. It is a loose federation of separate unions.

UE was formed as an international union in our industry in 1936, and affiliated with the CIO in 1937. It was certified as bargaining agent for GE workers before we joined CIO. CIO is no part of the contract or bargaining agency.

### Independent of CIO

The Taft-Hartley Board declared this to be true officially in a decision finding that the unions in both AFL and CIO remain "the autonomous, self-governing units of the labor movement." It was this autonomy which CIO this year tried to destroy.

On Wednesday, this week, Federal Judge Swygert in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in a permanent injunction against Carey forces, held that there was no legal relationship whatever with the CIO. He fully confirmed what is explained above by finding that the only legal relationship is between the members and the UE and the locals and the UE, with CIO having nothing to do with it.

Therefore all, UE contracts are solely between UE and the employers who signed them.

### Mine Workers, Machinists

Examples of what this means are the United Mine Workers and the International Association of Machinists, two of the largest unions in America. Since 1935 the Mine Workers went from the AFL to the CIO, then independent, then back to the AFL, then independent again. It has never changed its bargaining status or

### Carey Runs to Employers Again For Help in Fight Against UE

...ritical Workers because similarity of names would lead to "confusion and conflict."

On the other hand, James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO and former president of UE, began an appeal to 1,200 employers to do business with the right-wing organization he is trying to build up in place of the ousted UE.

Carey told reporters that the relations with employers would be most important—in effect appealing to the plant owners to help rid the left-wingers from the unions.

At Pittsfield, Mass., Sun.

(Above Clipping from Schenectady Union-Star, Nov. 4)

Last year James B. Carey went to Charles E. Wilson asking for help in taking over the UE.

Now he is going to all the employers and proposes that they get together with him to get rid of the real union and recognize his stooge outfit instead. Here you have it, right from the viciously anti-UE Union-Star.

Last Friday the Union-Star had its usual big spread story trying to confuse the picture. But down near the bottom of the long piece it slipped and allowed a bit of the truth to get in. See clipping above.

### GE Is Fined Again In Anti-Trust Case

The federal court of Los Angeles recently fined the General Electric Company \$5,000 for anti-trust law violations.

The company did not defend a criminal anti-trust case and agreed to a consent judgment against it in a companion civil case. GE was indicted with Westinghouse and other firms on charges of conspiring to fix non-competitive prices for disconnecting and grounding switches. They also were charged with price fixing on switches sold to public utility

ability. The Machinists left the AFL to go independent, then rejoined the AFL, and now are independent again.

This should answer some of the lies of Carey supporters.

### Gazette Is Made To Eat Its Words

The Schenectady Gazette was forced to print an apology Monday after Local 301 threatened a libel action for running on Nov. 4 a slanderous statement by Frank Kriss, Frank Fiorillo and Ralph Miranda about 301 officers in connection with union funds.

The Board sent letters Saturday to the Gazette and to Kriss, Fiorillo and Miranda stating that libel suits would be started unless public retraction was made immediately. Kriss, Fiorillo and Miranda had not replied when this week's EU News went to press.

The Gazette apology said that if any "unpleasant inference" was

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### Carey Group Is Trying To Wreck Local

The defense of UE Local 301 and its contract will come before the membership meeting at the Armory next Thursday night, Nov. 17.

Because of the effort of President Frank Kriss and Frank Fiorillo to use their offices to destroy the union, the Executive Board has suspended its own meetings and is placing the matter before the membership.

The November meeting was originally planned mainly for nomination of officers and the election of an election committee. It was scheduled for the union hall Nov. 15.

### Plan for Big Meeting

Since that announcement, activities of the anti-UE forces have made it clear that there must be a big meeting to consider the situation and act to protect the union's gains of 14 years. Therefore the board has changed the date to Nov. 17 to get the Armory.

Kriss and Fiorillo, in league with the Union-Star and Gazette and other outside forces, have thoroughly flouted their oath of office as elected officers of Local 301 of UE. UE is the only union concerned in both the contract and the local constitution.

### Working for Carey

Kriss and Fiorillo have used their offices in a campaign to spread confusion and to promote the new Carey paper outfit which has no standing under our contract. They have gone beyond that, and have taken direct steps to try to prevent 301 from handling grievances, by asking the Schenectady Trust Company to freeze the 301 funds. Kriss, Fiorillo, and Trustee Ralph Miranda failed in this only because the bank, faced with an injunction and damage suit by 301, realized it was in hot water under the banking law and agreed to unfreeze the

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**THEY GOT IT IN RCA — — WHY NOT GE?**

### Don't Lose Sleep Over Those Stories

The newspapers and radio are, as usual, giving active support to the anti-UE forces by trying to create the impression that large numbers of UE locals in various cities are leaving UE and joining the phony outfit sponsored by the CIO's top leaders to attack UE. Every time some group meets and claims to be moving a local out of UE, it gets a big play in the papers, just as before the UE convention there was one story after another saying that Carey was taking it over. Then the convention came and the smoke cleared away with UE still UE.

Undoubtedly UE will lose a few locals. But the picture will be very different after the voting has been done. UE has the contracts.

The bargaining agent can be changed only in Labor Board votes. After the Carey stooges in locals have done the talking, the workers will have to decide. And most of the workers know which union did the job for them in the electrical industry. So don't take the newspaper stories too seriously.

### Union Reviews Protest Over Slow Call-Backs

The rate of lay-offs in the plant as a whole has gone down, but the general trend still is toward laying off workers and reducing the total force, Harry Howell, assistant supervisor of personnel, told the 301 grievance committee last week.

The discussion centered on the union's complaints over slowness in calling back workers with longer service. Howell insisted that his department was calling such workers back as fast as it was reasonably possible to arrange suitable "bumps" or openings. He said that the process of calling workers back was moving faster now in view of the relative leveling off of the employment situation at this plant.

Howell estimated that at present there are 700 men and 500 women out for lack of work.

### Someone Didn't Like These Resolutions

Harry Bridges, president of the Longshoremen's Union, protested in vain to the national CIO convention that resolutions submitted by his union were never even acted on at the convention. The resolutions called for:

A regular monthly CIO financial statement to all affiliated unions.

Copies of the CIO executive board minutes for all CIO unions.

An agreement that any time a controversial issue is raised in the executive board the board members be given 30 days in which to determine how their rank-and-file wish them to vote.

### Contract Negotiations Continued This Week

UE representatives, including Leo Jandreau, resumed their contract negotiations Wednesday of this week in New York City with the General Electric Company.

The union on Wednesday of last week submitted to GE a specific program of social insurance. It provides for medical and surgical care for pensioners. It also calls for the full cost of the plan to be borne by the company and for joint administration of the plan by union and management.

Discussions continued Thursday of last week on insurance and pensions. The company said it would need additional time to check the union's plan against insurance tables and other statistical data. GE still refused to make any further offer on pensions, above the unsatisfactory proposal rejected by the union.

A week's recess was agreed on.

### UE Qualifies With T-H

The Taft-Hartley Board recently notified the national UE office that the union has fully complied with the Taft-Hartley requirements. This means that the union, which recently filed affidavits to qualify to use the board's machinery, can take part in representation elections run by the board.

### \$1,952 Award Won For Injured Hand

A workmen's compensation referee has awarded Harold Cain, Building 17 punch press operator, \$1,952 against the General Electric Company for 25 per cent loss of the use of his right hand. Cain was injured Sept. 29, 1948. His case was handled through the union's attorney, Marshall Perlin.

### Come to Armory Meeting Thursday

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funds Monday. But the developments showed the lengths to which the Carey forces will go in their efforts to wreck the union.

At the scheduled Executive Board meeting Monday night, Kriss refused to answer direct questions by board members as to whether he intended to remain in UE and favored having 301 remain in UE. Fiorillo admitted he wanted 301 to leave UE and join the Carey outfit.

The board recessed the meeting on the ground that it could not function with a chairman and recording secretary who are using their offices to destroy their own union. The board referred the matter to the membership meeting.

While Kriss refused to answer Monday night, the Schenectady newspapers which have served as mouthpiece for his group have quoted him repeatedly as urging the members of 301 to leave UE. The Gazette quoted him that way again on Tuesday.

### Report by Kilmer On CIO Convention

Here is a report on the national CIO convention by Jack A. Kilmer, Building 273, one of the three shop stewards sent there as observers by the 301 membership. Reports by Shop Stewards Sadie Iovinella, Bldg. 81, and Emil Voris, Patrol, second shift, will be printed next week. All three will report at the membership meeting Thursday.

Kilmer states: "My impression of the CIO convention is that it was conducted very undemocratically."

"The convention was run from the platform with little chance for the delegates to voice their side. In other words, it was, 'Speak CIO policy or else.' For example, Harry Bridges had the mike turned off while speaking against present CIO policy."

"The only issue brought by the leadership to the convention was Communism and red-baiting and nothing that the working man wanted to hear, such as better working conditions, pensions, better wages, etc."

### GE Wouldn't Change

Over continued protest of the union, GE management refused to accommodate workers by paying them yesterday (Thursday) instead of today, Armistice Day. The union asked for the earlier pay-day this week because banks are closed for the holiday today.

### 301 Jobless Demand City Council Action

A delegation of about 15 unemployed members of Local 301 appeared at the Schenectady City Council meeting Oct. 31 to demand that the city take immediate steps to aid the jobless.

Robert Northrop, chairman of the 301 committee on unemployment, presented the union's demands that the council:

1. Immediately initiate municipal construction projects to provide jobs for the unemployed. The program should start with municipal housing projects with the help of federal funds available under the 1949 housing law.

2. Demand a special session of the state legislature to increase unemployment insurance pay to at least \$35 a week, to enlarge its scope and to extend it to a year around basis.

### Papers Ignore Delegation

Neither the Schenectady Gazette nor the Union-Star the next day mentioned the appearance of the unemployed delegation.

Northrop pointed out that on Dec. 7 more than 1,000 laid-off Schenectady workers, now receiving unemployment insurance pay, will lose their benefit rights because they will have used up their 26 weeks of jobless pay.

"These workers will be left without any source of income," he warned. "Many of them will be thrown on the city relief rolls."

### 5,000 Unemployed

With increased lay-offs at GE and ALCO, unemployment in Schenectady now runs more than 5,000, he told the Council.

"The City Council has the responsibility to see to it that constructive and decent paying jobs are provided for unemployed citizens of our community," he said.

Dewey Webster, formerly of Building 49, described the difficulties of trying to find a job in Schenectady and criticized the smallness of the unemployment insurance payments.

Evelyn Patnode, formerly of Bldg. 40, gave her first-hand experiences of trying to live on her relief allowance.

"It's a starvation existence," she declared. "The city must either provide jobs or money for people to live decently."

### Women Union Members

Women unionists are increasing. About one-fifth of the 16,000,000 trade union members in the United States are women.

### Here Are the Facts On CIO Convention

Here is a brief summary of what went on at the CIO Convention as it affected UE:

A committee of the UE General Executive Board met with Philip Murray and proposed that there be simple, straight-forward no-raiding agreements between the UE and the CIO, Steelworkers, and Auto Workers. Murray called the proposal a Communist plot.

The resolutions committee and constitution committee of the convention, both completely top-controlled, prepared a resolution expelling UE and constitutional amendments giving the executive board power to expel unions and bar union representatives simply for disagreeing with the executive board. (This is just as if a local executive board removed a shop steward for disagreeing with the board's views on city politics.)

### UE Asked End to Raiding

The convention passed the resolution expelling UE. The resolution could not make a single charge that the UE had DONE anything against the welfare of the workers. The resolution consists of a long series of red-baiting lies about UE. The most obvious lie is the statement that UE "demanded that CIO subordinate itself to the UERMWA." All that UE asked for was that CIO stop raiding. Any decent union leader should agree to that.

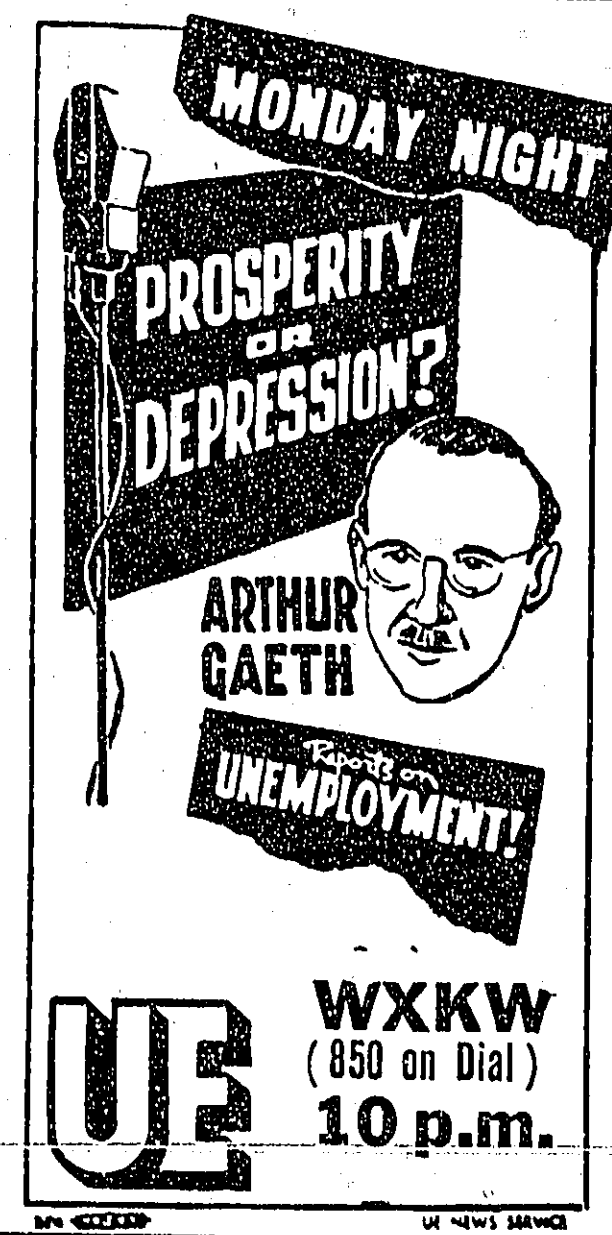
Through the smokescreen set up by the resolution one thing stood out, namely that CIO topshots were bitter at UE for daring to demand an end of raiding and for opposing the policy of going to fact-finding boards instead of bargaining directly with employers.

### Phony Excuse

Murray and his fellow red-baiters said the issue was "Communism." The fact is that they expelled UE, whose officers had signed Taft-Hartley affidavits, while delaying action against other unions they attacked, including the Fur Workers, whose president nukes no bones about being a Communist.

Later Carey admitted that detailed plans to expel UE and set up a phony union were completed before the CIO convention. The CIO topshots made up their minds to expel UE and set up a dual union as soon as they found they failed to control the UE Convention.

WEAR YOUR UNION BUTTON.



### 'Jimmie Boy' Seems To Be Bloodthirsty

Here is what "Jimmie Boy" Carey wants to do to electrical workers, as revealed in the New York Times, which, by the way, is strongly pro-Carey and anti-UE.

A New York Times story of Nov. 3 said:

"The fight, said Mr. Carey, will also be carried on before the National Labor Relations Board where election contests will be requested to determine the legal possession of contracts. It is also expected that as in similar labor wars the contest will extend to picket lines where bloody clashes in such affrays are a matter of course."

The New York Times of course failed to point out an important fact — GE workers can prevent Carey's plans for bloodshed by showing their overwhelming backing of their own union, the UE.

### Murray Finally Asks For Denham's Removal

At the 1948 CIO convention at Portland, Ore., UE delegates tried in vain to get the CIO leadership to demand the removal of Robert N. Denham as general counsel of the Taft-Hartley Board because of his extreme anti-union actions.

The CIO leadership wouldn't take this step, however, and Denham has been cracking down on unions for another full year. At this year's CIO convention, however, even President Phil Murray had to admit that Denham should be ousted. He issued a statement calling on President Truman to remove this enemy of labor.

### Kriss and Fiorillo Betrayed Membership, Not Functioning as Officers, Board Says

The Executive Board of Local 301 has issued a statement declaring "that Frank Kriss and Frank Fiorillo are, as confirmed by their own actions and statements, no longer functioning as officers of Local 301."

Copies of the resolution were sent to all shop stewards with a letter pointing out that Kriss and Fiorillo "have indicated that they are breaking with the union, but have neither the honesty nor the courage to remove themselves formally from the organization."

The Board declared that Kriss and Fiorillo had:

Taken action with the intent of inducing the General Electric Company to breach the contract with UE, for the purpose of disrupting and preventing the functioning of the union.

Participated in a conspiracy which has as its declared purpose the disruption of UE and the formation of a rump union in the electrical, radio and machine industry for the purpose of undermining contract benefits and protection of UE members.

Clearly expressed the intention to violate the decisions of the membership meetings and at the 14th national UE convention.

Slandered and libeled UE and its membership and acted against its good and welfare.

Refused to perform their duties as officers.

Used the anti-labor press for the purpose of promoting this conspiracy.

### Gazette Is Made To Eat Its Words

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drawn from the story "it was entirely unintentional and this newspaper regrets it. It was definitely not the intention of the Gazette to infer that any officer of the union would misappropriate union funds."

The letter to the Gazette said that the Board has long had reason to believe the newspaper "has been carrying through a concerted plan to smear and disrupt our union."

"We consider that such untrue attacks upon the membership were made solely to serve those who have always been opposed to a free and independent trade union movement," the letter said. "From the long years in which your newspaper has covered activities of Local 301 you know that the published charges are on their face untrue."

The Executive Board voted to run the text of its letter to the Gazette as a paid advertisement in that newspaper. The Gazette again showed its idea of freedom of the press by refusing to accept the advertisement, without explanation.

### Get Your Children's Xmas Party Tickets

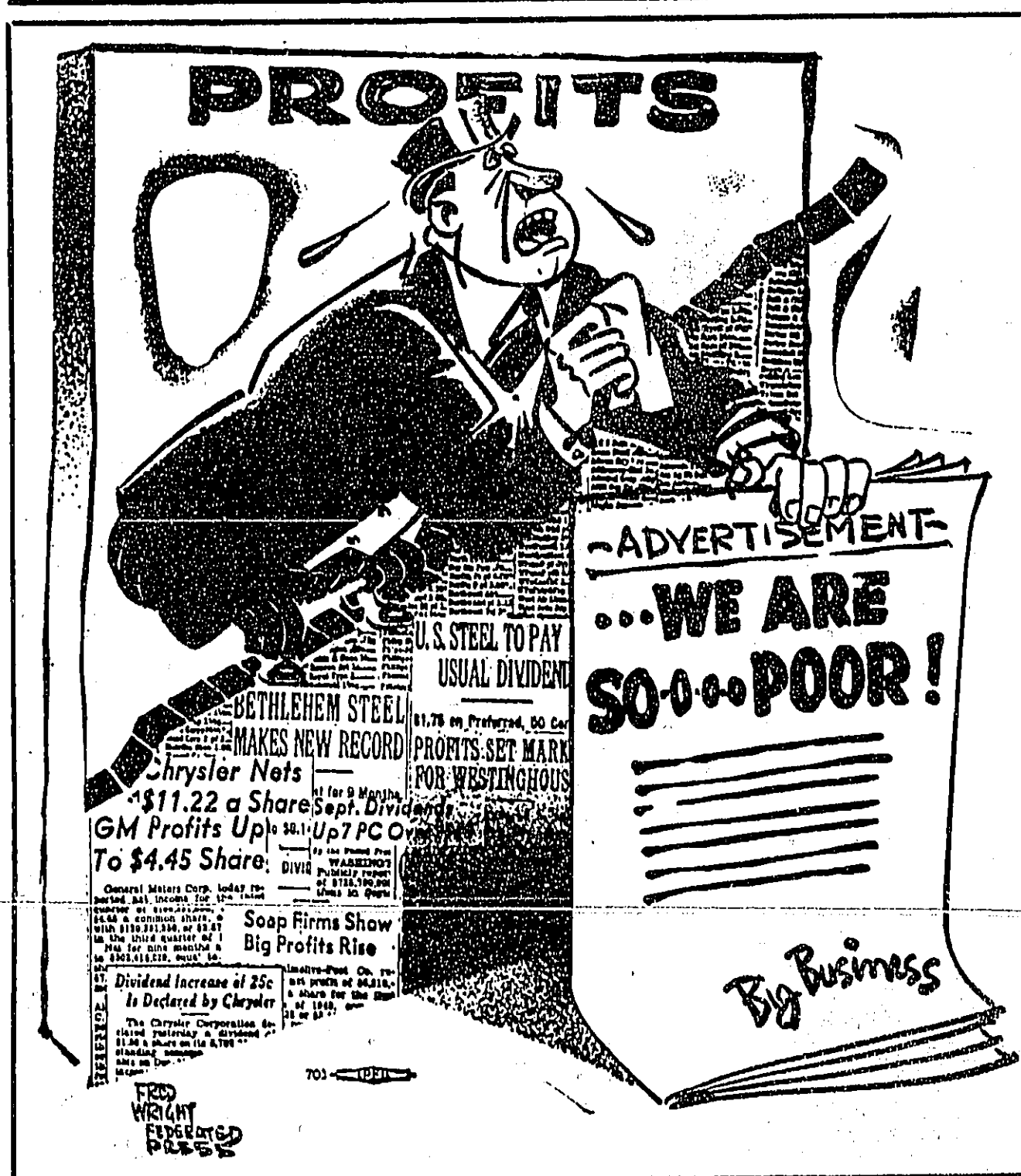
Fill out the form printed below to obtain free tickets for the 301 children's party Dec. 10 and 11 at Mont Pleasant High School. The age limit is 10 years. Give the form to your shop steward to turn in at the union office, or mail the form to the union or hand it in at the union office yourself.

I want _____ tickets for my child (or children) for the 301 Christmas party.	
Name of child (or children)	Age _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
My Name is _____	Check No. _____
Address _____	
I prefer to have the tickets for the following time: (Place X in square opposite the time you prefer.)	
Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### Change Date, Place 301 Meeting to be At Armory, Nov. 17

The 301 membership meeting for this month has been changed to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the state Armory in Washington Ave., for first and third shift members and later that night, at 12:45 a.m. at the union hall for second shift members, after the close of the second shift. The meeting had previously been scheduled for next Tuesday, with both parts meeting at 301 hall.

The Executive Board decided to obtain the armory, however, because later developments made an unusually large attendance likely. The armory would not be available Tuesday, so the date also had to be changed.

Officers for 1950 will be nominated at the meeting and an election committee of 25 members will be elected. An auditing committee of three will be elected in accordance with the constitution. The meeting will hear reports on the national CIO convention.

### Voris on Board

Emil Voris of Patrol, second shift, has been elected to the Executive Board to replace William Templeton, now an assistant to the business agent.

### Carey's Outfit Told It Can't Use UE Name

An order forbidding the use of the name of James B. Carey's rump outfit calling itself UE-CIO was issued by Federal Judge Bard in Philadelphia Monday, on UE's application.

Next Monday there will be a further hearing on whether or not the injunction should remain in effect.

So the Carey people may get out expensive pamphlets telling you that their outfit "lives," but it does not exist, even on paper.

Meanwhile the Carey boys already are fighting over the spoils. Fred Kelley of Lynn, who twice came to Schenectady with Carey in a joint campaign to disrupt 301, now is demanding the right to head the rump outfit of Carey.

### Quite a Double Play

The Gazette last Monday offered the strange spectacle of two stories on the same page, (page 1 of the second section), one story saying that Frank Kriss wants to follow the new outfit headed by James B. Carey, and the other stating that Kriss is going to run for business agent of UE Local 301.

A perfect example of trying to take advantage of the democracy of UE while trying to destroy it.

### Jandreau Says Membership Will Decide; Schenectady Papers Mangle Statement

Business Agent Leo Jandreau gave a statement to the Gazette and Union-Star Nov. 3. He made it very short in hopes that it would not be distorted by the newspapers, but they managed to mangle it beyond recognition. Here is the complete statement:

### Attempt to Tie Up 301 Funds Beaten

Efforts of Frank Kriss, Frank Fiorillo and Ralph Mirando to tie up Local 301 funds and to stop the union from functioning failed this week.

The three Carey followers sent a letter last week to the Schenectady Trust Company asking the bank not to release any of the union's funds.

Technically from late Friday afternoon until Monday morning the bank complied with the request of these three officers. The bank ended the tie-up early Monday, however, and the union dropped legal proceedings it had started against the bank.

On Saturday the union obtained a Supreme Court order directing Kriss, Fiorillo and Mirando to show cause yesterday why they shouldn't be stopped from taking any action to tie up union funds. The union also filed a \$150,000 damage suit against the three.

In its complaint the union showed that Kriss, Fiorillo and Mirando acted without authority from the membership or the 301 constitution. The union charged that the three were trying to interfere with the union's functions, to make it impossible to pay lost time to shop stewards, to process grievances or conduct contract negotiations, and that the sole purpose of tying up 301 funds was to aid GE.

The union also cited the protection provided for union funds by the 301 constitution.

Kriss, Fiorillo and Mirando served notice Wednesday that they would seek a court order to tie-up the funds. At the suggestion of the trio's attorney, however, 301 agreed to drop its application for a temporary injunction and the three agreed to drop their motions.

The upshot is that Local 301 is free to use its funds as usual.

### It Must Please GE

At this stage in contract negotiations the EU News ought to be devoting a large part of its space to bargaining developments.

But instead it has to use a great deal of the space for fighting the outright sabotage of the negotiations and of the union by the Carey group.

"GE workers know that their contract is between the company and UE alone. The present conditions of employment in the shop, including some of the greatest gains in the labor movement, were established through UE and its policy of reliance on the membership and control by the membership alone.

"This happens to be one of the too few big unions in which the membership have the opportunity to vote every year for their officers. In about one month there will be such an election in 301, with a direct membership vote on voting machines. That election will afford a clear-cut test. The membership will then decide whether they want UE, continued control by the membership, and continued contract gains, on the one hand, or Jim Carey and control by GE and its labor, political and newspaper stooges, on the other hand. I have no doubt of the outcome."

### Papers Again Caught In an Outright Lie

For a long time both the Gazette and Union-Star have been twisting news about UE and 301. But there has never been a clearer illustration of the papers' disregard for truth than the way they treated the resolution adopted by 301 shop stewards last week recommending steps to safeguard the union's funds and property.

Both papers printed the complete lie that the stewards' resolution was to give Leo Jandreau power to do with the funds "as he sees fit."

The recommendation, of course, was for no such thing and the words quoted don't appear anywhere in the resolution.

The union notified top editors of both papers that the report was a lie, but the papers did not run a correction.

### Did You Know?

The automobile industry is a good example of the growing and tremendous concentration of economic power in the hands of a few people. Nearly 1,500 makes of automobiles have been started. Today only about 20 of them survive and three companies make 12 of them.

## EXTRA - GE MUST BARGAIN WITH UE ALONE UNDER THE LAW, COMPANY TELLS CAREY

The law requires GE to continue dealing with UE alone under its master contract, the company advised James B. Carey this week.

Thus Carey's attempt to pull a huge bluff on the GE workers fell flat. He had been pleading with employers to help him take over the UE contract and membership. He sent a wire to President Charles E. Wilson of GE, claiming that his new phony outfit spoke for the GE workers under UE contract.

Carey evidently thought that his stooge union appeal would make employers forget the law and the rights of employees.

The GE letter to Carey this week was signed by L.R. Boulware, vice-president in charge of labor relations. It pointed out that GE had no evidence that Carey's outfit had been designated as representative "by a majority of our employees in any bargaining unit."

The letter continued:

"It is our opinion that under present circumstances until we are otherwise ordered by the National Labor Relations Board we are required under the law to continue to recognize and to bargain with those unions which have been certified to us by the Board as the collective bargaining representative of our employees in the respective bargaining units."

Everywhere where the contract applies, UE alone was voted the bargaining representative, in official National Labor Relations Board elections.

If Carey and his backers had their way, GE workers would be back where they were 14 years ago, without a contract.

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## THE GE CONTRACT IS WITH UE ALONE