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A HELPING HAND



THE STRIKE WELFARE COMMITTEE discusses difficulties arising out of the strike, assists members in obtaining aid from the County Welfare department, and helps them in various ways. Above, two of the most active members of the committee, Lillian Bliss and Chairman John Polak, interview a striker. The strike welfare office is in Room 310 at 331 State Street. It is open daily from 9 to 5, and Saturdays from 9 to 1.

Russ Nixon, Sunday Speaker, Knows Facts

How the influence of big trusts works against the people in international affairs just as it does at home, was revealed in testimony given to a Senate Military Affairs committee (the Kilgore committee) this week by Russell A. Nixon, former director of the division of investigation of external assets of the American Military Government in Germany.

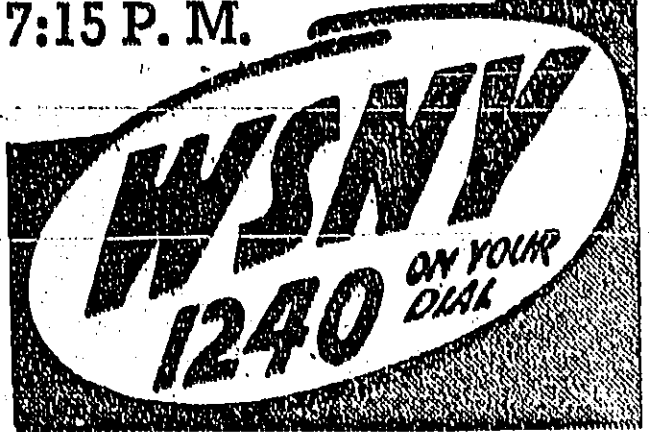
Nixon will be a speaker at the Town Meeting at the Armory Sunday afternoon, called by merchants and professional people to demand that GE bargain in good faith to settle the strike.

Nixon told the Senate committee that allied officials failed to carry out the orders to destroy the I. G. Farben chemical trust which was one of principal parts of the Nazi war machine. He said some U. S. officials in Germany were sympathetic to the Nazi trusts and in some cases sabotaged American policy on destruction of German cartels.

This testimony points up the fact that American big business, which is heavily represented in the government, is fighting the welfare of the people, against democracy in the world, just as GE fights the people right here in Schenectady.

It explains why things do not go smoothly in international affairs, and why our representatives in the United Nations Organizations always wind up supporting British imperialism in Indonesia, Greece, Syria, and everywhere else.

LISTEN MON. TO FRI.
7:15 P. M.



Food Committee Reports

Typical of the kind of support given the GE strike was the visit this week of David Bascom to the Campbell Avenue strike headquarters. Mr. Bascom never worked for GE. He was a catcher in the old State Baseball League, and a former business agent of the AFL Painters' local. He found a sugar shortage at Campbell Avenue. Later he came back with a load of sugar, as well as 40 pounds of link sausage and cold cuts, as well as vegetables and soup meat. There was a feast for the pickets that day.

Other food donations this week included quantities of coffee from Daley's restaurant, a regular donor, and a load of miscellaneous groceries from Garofalo & Company. George Joos and his brother,

Rotterdam Board Tells GE Offer At Least 18½ Cents

The Rotterdam Town Board last Friday, in contrast with the other local bodies, stated: "The Town Board of Rotterdam feels it is its duty to take a stand" and promptly passed a strong resolution demanding the company make a fair settlement of the strike.

John Polak, 301 Executive Board member and resident of Rotterdam attended the special-called meeting and presented the full history of the strike and developments leading to it. After the resolution was passed he officially thanked the Board which was also accorded a rising ovation by a large group of UE Rotterdam residents.

The main points of the long resolution follows in part:

Resolution

WHEREAS, a large number of General Electric workers live in the Town of Rotterdam, and

WHEREAS, part of the General Electric plant is located in the Town of Rotterdam, and

WHEREAS the Town Board of Rotterdam feels it is its duty to take a stand on the issues involved, to the end that a satisfactory and just settlement of the strike be made by the parties involved and a settlement reached between them which will at

least partly restore and maintain the take home pay of General Electric workers prior to VJ Day, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Town Board of Rotterdam that the General Motors Electrical Division, a competitor of General Electric Company in the field of refrigerators and home appliances has settled its strike, and granted the union a raise of 18½ cents an hour and 13½ cents retroactive pay from November 7th, 1945, and the starting minimum for men and women of 80 cents an hour; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Town Board of Rotterdam that the United States Steel has settled its strike for 18½ cents an hour; and

WHEREAS, it further appears that the past, General Motors, United States Steel and General Electric Company, have arrived at basically similar wage agreements, it is therefore,

RESOLVED, that in the interests of the continued welfare and purchasing power of the community, the Town Board of Rotterdam by this resolution calls upon the General Electric Company to make to the Union of its employees, a wage offer at least equal to the terms of the agreement between that union and the General Motors Electrical Division.

"Strike Wives" Are On the Job



ning, at the Union headquarters. At the next meeting, tonight, there will be a speaker on price control, and officers will be elected. Refreshments will be served. Sadie Iovinella, who does not appear in the picture, presided over the meeting last Friday. She is temporary chairman of the wives' committee of 301. Genevieve Winarski is chairman of the wives' committee of Steelworkers' Local 204.

Artist Donates

A \$3 gift came unsolicited to Edward Wallingford of the Strike Finance Committee last Saturday, while he was picketing at the main gate. The donor was Florence Kronman, whose father is an owner of Kronman and Sinkora grocery. She was sketching pickets.

"I'm just helping myself," Miss Kronman commented in making the donation. "If you fellows don't win, my father won't do business and won't be able to give me spending money."

More
DANCES
More FUN

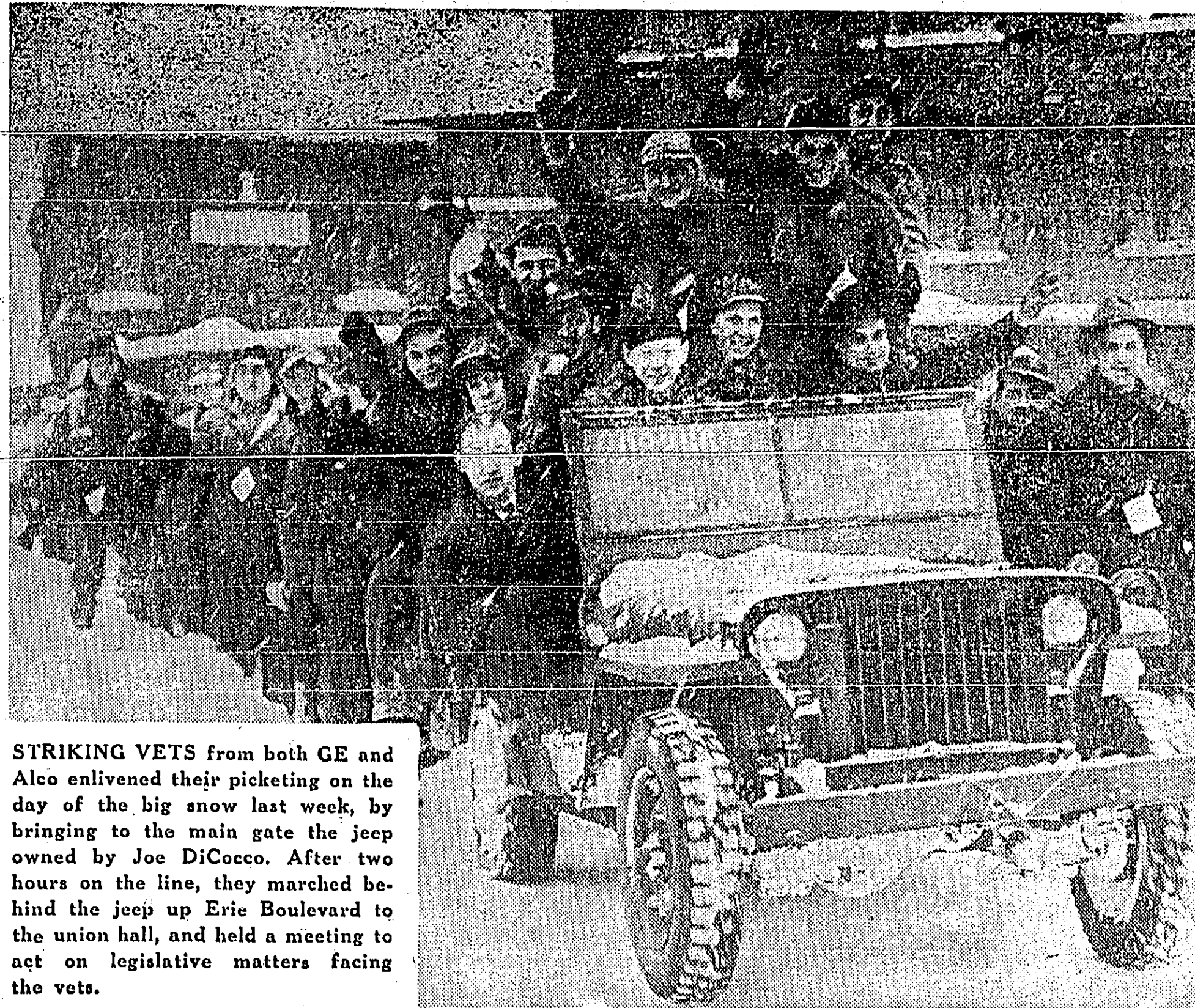
Thurs., March 7th
Thurs., March 14th

FREE TO CIO
STRIKERS AND THEIR
FAMILIES

REDMEN'S HALL

Cor. Liberty and Ferry Sts.

A JEEP ON THE BATTLE FRONT



STRIKING VETS from both GE and Alco enlivened their picketing on the day of the big snow last week, by bringing to the main gate the jeep owned by Joe DiCocco. After two hours on the line, they marched behind the jeep up Erie Boulevard to the union hall, and held a meeting to act on legislative matters facing the vets.

State-Wide Support For 301's Strikers Helps Strike Fund

One of the most heartening aspects of the strike, is the contribution of funds by organizations of all kinds in this area and elsewhere. The donations not only are needed for the strike, they express the wide support which the fight against GE is receiving from the people. For these gifts come not just from UE or other CIO locals. They come from AFL locals, and from social, fraternal, and veterans' groups. They may be large or small, according to the size of the organization, but they all express the same understanding that this is the fight of the whole people.

For example, during the past three days, Journeymen Barbers, AFL, Local 176, sent in \$50 and assessed its members a dollar apiece for the strike; the Military Order of Cooties of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pup Tent 15, sent in a fine donation and pledged full support; UE Local 501 in Buffalo sent in \$100; and the Joint CIO Strike Support Committee of Greater New York sent \$1,000.

The five small UE locals in the Tonawandas pledged \$2,000 to the GE strikers here and \$1,000 to those in Syracuse, and this is being collected on a per capita basis.

Earlier contributions to the strike fund follow:

Local 128, United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters, AFL; Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union, Schenectady Local; Kingston, N. Y. Newspaper Guild, CIO; Schenectady Photo-Engravers Union, AFL; Schenectady Consumers' Cooperative; Workmen's Circle, Branch 117; Local 159, Transport Workers' Union, CIO; Local 70, United Office, and Professional Workers, CIO; Schenectady Laundry Workers' Union, CIO; Local 50, State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO, Albany; Independent Grocers and Bread Workers' Union; Garibaldi Society Lodge, No. 2598; Communist Party of New York State; Local 327, UER & MWA, CIO, Rochester;

Schenectady Permanent Firemen's Association; Local 1, Textile Work-

support for working people, by their representatives was a big factor in the unanimous approval of the political action program.

RESOLUTION

It is recommended that Local 301 set up a Political Action Committee which will provide for the selection of at least one representative in each city ward and in each town in Schenectady County; and that each Union Committeeman living in such wards and towns participate actively in the political action program for that ward or town.

It is also recommended that the immediate job of such ward and town political action organizations shall be the carrying out of neighborhood activities required in the strike situation, such as the circulation of petitions, obtaining workers for various activities, distributing literature, etc.

It is further recommended that this preliminary organization be regarded as the necessary beginning for the organization of political action machinery capable of campaigning for and electing true representatives of the people to local, state and national offices.

POLITICAL ACTION

Committeemen on Tuesday night prepared the ground work for effective political action, by instructing the Executive Board to act in the capacity of the main PAC committee and passed a resolution which creates the necessary machinery. The union's experiences showing a real lack of

Strictly
Impersonal

A COMPANY IS KNOWN BY
THE PRESIDENT IT KEEPS

OR

MY DIME IS YOUR DIME

by Charlie (Hardship)

Wilson-Wilson

Dear Boys and Girls:

Well, here I am in Washington again. The minute I heard there was going to be a Government "hand-out," I put on my worn-out shoes, the ones with the run-down heels, and made a dash for the train. It was a short dash, though, since I have been sleeping in the waiting room at the Penn Station since the strike began.

While I am talking about heels, I must tell you that the O'Sullivan people offered me a large sum of money for the use of my name. They said that they wanted it for America's Number One Heel!

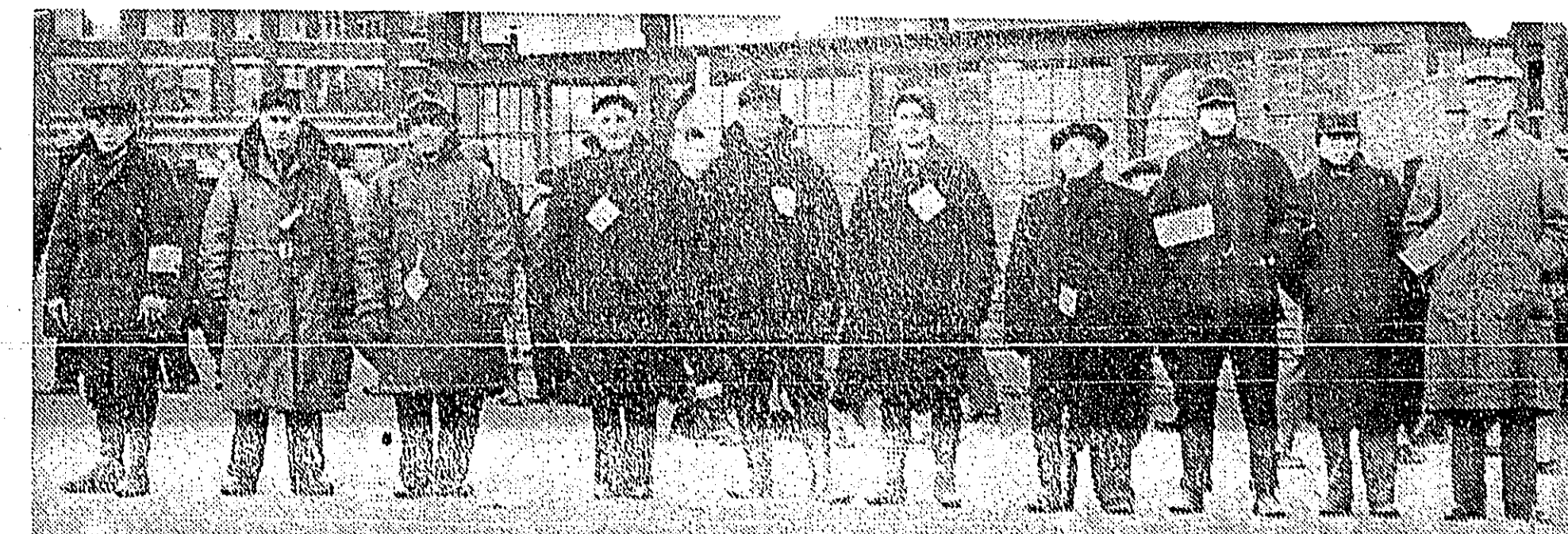
Well, I went from the Union Station in Washington directly to Chester Bowles' office, thinking that I would be the first one in line, when his secretary informed me that I would have to wait my turn. I asked when that would be, and I was told that appointments were being made in respect to the offers the various firms made their employees. Of course this meant that I would have to wait until all of the other broken down officials of other companies pleaded their poverty and got their handout, and for once I almost wished I had made a half-way decent offer to the Union on account of having to wait so long in Mr. Bowles' outer office, even though it is air-conditioned and no one complained about me waiting there.

I had a few bad moments while I was waiting, however, since I heard an angry voice (probably Chester's) coming right from the inner office. He was berating some corporation president for having so much gall as to come to Washington and ask for Government funds to meet his payroll, while he was drawing down such a big salary himself. There was a loud crash of glass, and a moment later the secretary announced that Mr. Bowles would see the

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IS THERE A SOUL UNLIKE C-W's that would help a union member who is being "kicked out" April 1, find a 6 or 7 room flat or house? If so, call 2-1809 with any information.

GE Oldtimers Know They Need A Union



ON THE QUIETEST and coldest day in front of the plant, you can always find a large number of GE oldtimers on hand, for they are the most faithful pickets. When our photographer dropped down to photograph some of them recently, so many came out of the line that it was necessary to take their picture in two groups. The first group appeared in last week's issue of this paper. Above is the second group. Average seniority in each group was over thirty years. From left to right above are: S. Scott, Bldg. 9, 35 years service; Fred Cameron, Bldg. 40, 25 years; C. Sandoz, Bldg. 107, 30 years; E. Tavillo, Bldg. 52, 35 years; Louis Napolitano, Bldg. 75, 23 years; Antonio Mancini, Bldg. 50, 25 years; Patsy Severino, Bldg. 81, 35 years; Michael Manato, Bldg. 24, 31 years; Thomas Troiano, Bldg. 14, 31 years; Pedro Pannica, Bldg. 28, 30 years.

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