### Femine Charm on the Picket Line



WOMEN PICKETS have been among the most enthusiastic strike supporters. A number of the girls have not been satisfied with their weekly day on the line. Above are girls who have insisted on taking their walk every day in the week. This picture was taken Tuesday at the main gate. From left to right, JOSEPHINE SHANNON, Bldg. 10; JANET LOSSE, Bldg. 11 (hidden behind next girl); POLLY SANTA BARBARA, Bldg. 69; MARIE SWEENEY, Bldg. 69; BEATRICE DINICOLA, Bldg. 69; MARY McCARTIN, Campbell Avonue plant; ALBINA CAMINO, Bldg. 60; CELIA LUCCA, Bldg. 68; LILLIAN BLISS, Bldg. 68.

## New Picket Checkup OK

By WILLIAM MASTRIANI Chairman. Picket Committee

ing the reason for their absence one

This improvement is doubly im-

portant now, because just as we

complete one month of strike, GE is

Dewey Brashear. Charles Horwidel.

member our slogan:

shorter the strike."

day, and pledging a substitute day.

Attendance of pickets to their from pickets conscientiously explain duties on the line has been tightened up as a result of the new procedure under which the gate marshal checks all the pickets and personally lists those whose captains are away.

The pickets naturally feel better knowing that they are properly reup is made. Our committee now gets a real volume of "fan mail,"

### **Union Vets Back** Bonus and Housing

Alco, presented demands for a state bonus and other benefits for the returned servicemen, at the public hearing held Tuesday by the joint committee of the Senate and Assembly on veterans' legislation. Numerous CIO spokesmen presented strong demands for a bonus and for emergency as well as long range housing for veterans. The State Chamber of Commerce opposed the

Sanford Archer of the UE Local 301 vets spoke for a bonus and for tax relief for vets.

The delegation included, from UE: Archer, Joseph Dominelli, Dewey Brashear, William Roth, David Carol. Peter Lesniewski and Germanus Lesniewski; from Steel Local 2054, Robert Northrup, Joseph Riggi, Jerry Eastman, Joseph Forrucci, and Robert Clute; from the AFL Steamfitters, Steve Zdunczyk.

PITTSFIELD VISITORS Leaders of the GE strikers at

day and spoke at the weekly meeting of picket captains and commitkowski, international representative,

at 7:30 at the hall.

Listen to WSNY

### Line Captains Win Praise

Honorable mention, probably long overdue for many pickets, was given this week by Chief Steward Bill Mastriani, chairman of the picket committee, to a list of captains, all of whom, he said, not only have served their regular eighteen-hour shifts faithfully, but have given long extra hours of service besides. And moreover, they are virtually always available around union headquarters when something has to be done. The list follows:

Vince Palazek, 40; F. Emspak, 46; DiSieno, 49; Gabe Martino, 60: par Kislowski, 60; John Wisinger, 23; Henry Busse, 68; Lillian Bliss, 68; Theresa Castiglione, 68; Bill Hooges, 72; Murray Swett, Campbell Avenue plant; Fred Pacelli, 101; Harmon Cartwright, 84: Mike DeCelli, 60: Mike Pacelli, 52: Sal Maietta. 52: Vincent Iovinelli, 10; William Young 273; A. Lolick, 73; Angelo Penella, 69; Nick Potente, 69; Tony Tobano, 52; Dewey Brashear, Campbell Avenue; Al Spears, 107, and E. A. Smith,

### Another GE "Move" Aimed At Public

Union-Star on Wednesday carried a-"rumor" to the effect-that GE was... planning to move its general offices out of town. Whether the columnist viously planted by the company in an effort to turn business men and salaried workers against the strike.

showing that it intends to get really The fact is that for at least two tough. It is good to see the pickets years the company has been talking show so much enthusiasm, and we about moving the general offices to shall need more of it. Let's reanother location as a matter of convenience. There is no connection "The longer the picketline, the whatever with the strike, and obviously if the move takes place at all, it will not be new.

Tony Lolick, Bill Young, Vince Iovidesperate, the strikers must expect to be attacked more and more in nelli, Willard Kushel, Al Spears, the papers, and should not be both-Tony Campreillo, W. Madigan, J. ered by such attacks.

### Garling, and C. Ferris. Champ Petition Circulators



FIVE STAR UE SALESMAN, not of Fuller brushes, but of the UE's cause teemen. They were William Calla- in the strike. They and others like them gathered 9,732 signatures in three han, business agent of the local, and days, to petitions asking the City Council to take a stand in support of the strike. The City Council refused to act, but the petitions served to show workers' local there. Joseph Tur- how the people of the city stand. From left to right above: STEVE SKRZYZINSKI, Bldg. 17; JOHN O'HARA, Bldg. 60; JOHN SACOCCIO, Bldg, 66; ERNEST BUELL, Bldg. 49; DOLPH MECIER, Bldg. 5. O'HARA Remember that the captains and set the record in the drive, personally gathering more than 700 signatures. A total of 200 or more signatures was gathered by each of the above, and by Allen Townsend, John Di Sienna, Gordon Bellgrave, William Matos, David Seastrand, Gabriel Maitino, Anthony Tobano, James Meany and Sidney Oliver. The drive was under the direction of Fay Marvin, chairman of the publicity committee, assisted by Mecier and Belgrave.

# Strictly

Chas. (I Can Spare a Dime) Wilson-Wilson

I am going to talk to you today about drifting down the Road to Tragedy. I was recently out at Clarkson Tech, where I had dinner. and I must say it is nice to still be eating regularly. Of course Diet Smith has his trouble from ulcers. where my own indigestion is strictly due to the strike, but I digress.

As I said before, you can gain nothing by not working, and if you stay out of work much longer I am going to be in a bad fix to explain a dividend loss to the stockholders. Of course right now my own salary goes on and on like Old Man River but there are a couple of directors who frown on that sort of thing. and they think I should do more for my money than going around to dinners giving a personal demonstration of our new jet propulsion (just plain hot air to you).

To be frank with you I would much rather have you all broke before you come back to work l have learned that you have to put up with a lot more guff when you are really down to your last dime

Since I became the big shot (no mis-spelling, please) in the com pany, I haven't had much time to know you each personally, what with going around to dinners and being in Washington and all that, so have decided that I will get around this week and picket with you. Of course I will be strictly incognite (whatever that is) and no one wil possibly recognize me. I will be wearing dark sun glasses, one of my best blue serge suits, my run down heels and will carry a large umbrella in my left hand.

If any of you fellows recognize me just say, "Hi ya bud" or "Helle Charlie" or "How about a dime for a cuppa coffee." Don't give me any of that "good morning Mr. Wilson" stuff-just remember I am just like you-I am trying to get all I can out of the company, and if it weren't for some of the fish looks on the Board of Directors, I'd be able to get another raise for myself any-

Anyway by mingling with you guya on the picket line I will be able to know you better and find out for myself just what you think about me, so I will be able to do a better job on you.

So watch for me this week, I'll be walking on the road to tragedy with you. Brother—what a tragedy it will be for me if I have to pay you what you want!

Your ever loving President, Charlie (Road to Ruin)

P. S.—I was going to enclose my picture for the column this week. but it seems I lost face with the public, so will have to wait until I get it

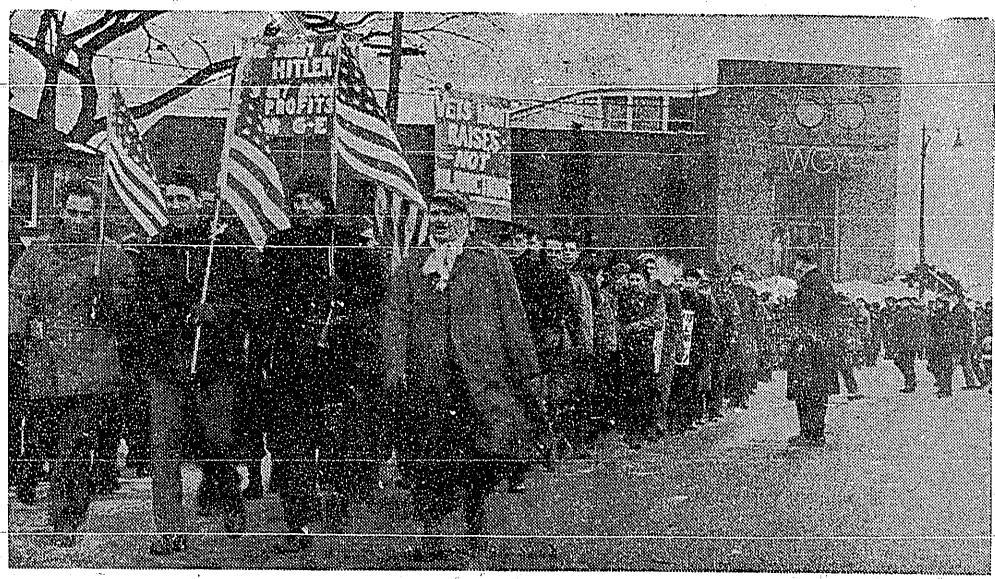
Mayor John A. Reed of Bloomfield, N. J., has told the UE strikers at the Westinghouse plant there that the Bloomfield police will not attempt to enforce the injunction issued against mass picketing, accord ing to a story in the New York Times. The mayor said that the injunction was an order directed to the union, not to the police.

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# Strike Gains New Support



an information desk-in-the-UE-hall-chairman, and Dewey Brashear secfor help to returning servicemen on retary. Anthony Dell Aquila was their various problems. They are named publicity director. speeding up their activity in the strike. Last Monday they had a parade alongside the picketline at the meet regularly every Friday night

the Local 301 veterans' committee.

STRIKING GE VETS have opened William Stella was elected vice-

bill which would deprive all strikers of unemployment pay. It voted to favor the Isaacson bill, which would More than 150 striking vets at- eliminate the long waiting period for

tended the meeting. They voted to Dominelli, Brashear, and Angelo at the hall, with two meetings a Panella were sent by the union to be At a meeting last Friday night, month being held jointly with the its representatives at a meeting of vets at Alco. Robert Northrop is UE vets in Washington this week to chairman of the Steelworkers' Alco take up questions regarding the Vetthe parade) was elected chairman of local, and Tony De Georgia was erans' Administration with General elected secretary last Friday. The Omar Bradley.

### POLICE GIVE \$200 Back Scotia Independent Ticket

A \$200 donation to the G E of the two Democratic nominees, has foreman who tried to crash the UE hour." strikers has been voted by the police force of Lynn, Mass., the been put in the field in the Scotia picketlines city where General Electric has village trustee election March 19, by one of its largest two plants. CIO members living there. The ac-Schenectady and Lynn plants nesday at the Local 301 hall, attendare the top two, about equal in size. The Lynn policemen gave \$200 to the UE Local 201 strike fund, out of the proceeds of the department's annual minstrel.

ed by 105 Scotia CIO members. Independent Citizens' ticket, because

An independent ticket, consisting licans of Joseph Homer, GE general

It decided to name the Democratic candidates, John Randall and John tion was taken by a meeting Wed- Buechler, who have pledged themselves to give full backing to organized labor in its fight for a living wage. Kenneth Sheehan headed the committee assisted by Frank Etzel of the renomination by the Repub- who chaired the Wednesday meeting.

Electric Company continued this week its sitdown against the American people in the face of rising demands from the people that this company fall in line with the wage policy of the nation.

Meetings of the company, UE and federal mediators, called on the initiative of the union, were adjourned Wednesday without date. It was evident that GE was still far from willing to accept the nation's wage policy. Instead GE was concentrating on union-busting. Its attacks on the union reached the height in Philadelphia, where mounted police rode their horses into pickets outside the struck GE plant. The strike continued as solid as

Public Impatient with GE Typical of public impatience with GE's attitude was the resolution released yesterday by the special Bi-Partisan Committee of six members of the Schenectady County Board of Supervisors, calling for a settlement along the lines of the 18%-cent-in-

crease accepted by other industries. This committee was named officially by the County Board to try to bring about a settlement. Of its six members, the three Republicans had voted two weeks ago against a proposal to call upon GE to offer the 181/2 cent increase. Now the supervisors' committee bluntly points out to the company that:

"Other industries have adopted the findings of the President's Fact Finding Committee and agreed upon wage increases of 181/2 cents per

It recommends that "a wage increase comparable to that adopted by other industries be granted and accepted as a means of settling the

The committee called the company and union to a meeting at the Court House Monday.

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### TWO HUNDRED.

Schenectady Merchants and Professional People Call You To A

## TOWN MEETING State Armory — Sunday, March 3 — 2 P. M.

CHAIRMAN—Albert Male, A. Male and Sons, Coal Dealers. SPEAKERS - Russell A. Nixon, former Director of the Division of Investigation of Cartels, American Military Government in Germany.

Julius Emspak, National Secretary-Treasurer, UE-CIO. Others to be announced.

VETS SALUTE THE PICKET LINE

DAVID GOLDING, formerly of "Stars and Stripes" MILLARD LAMPELL, radio writer, former Army Air Forces reporter

WALTER BERNSTEIN, author, formerly of "Yank" ARTHUR LAURENTS, playwright, director of Army program, "Assignment Home"

KENNETH SPENCER, Singing Star of "Show Boat" RAY LEV, famous pianist

GORDIE RANDALL and his Band, Courtesty Local 85, American Federation of Musicians, AFL SONO OSATO, Broadway dance senation

For Complete Program and Full List of Merchants and Professional People Calling This Meeting-SEE SATURDAY'S DAILY PAPERS

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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.

# Rotterdam Board Tells GE Offer At Least 18½ Cents

Friday, in contrast with the other local booies, 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 t. After the resolution was passed he officially thanked the Board which was also accorded a rising ovation by a large group of UE Rotterdam

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 that a satisfactory and just settlement of the strike be made by the parties involved and a settlement

reached between them which will at

"Strike Wives" Are On the Job

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 181/2 cents an hour and 131/2 cents retroactive pay from November 7th. 1945, and the starting minimum for men\_and\_women\_of\_80\_cents\_an\_hour

WHEREAS, it appears to the Town Board of Rotterdam that the United States Steel has settled its strike for 181/2 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,

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 agreement between that union and

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### A JEEP ON THE BATTLE FRONT



er Workers, CIO, Ballston Spa; H. C.

hood in America; Local 36, United

City Newspaper Guild, CIO, Al-

Committeemen on Tuesday night

prepared the ground work for ef-

fective political action by instructing

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

### 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 ers' Union, CIO, Amsterdam; Armenfight against GE is receiving from the ian Progessive League, Capital Dis-

people. For these gifts come not trict Branch; Local 59, Amalgamated just from UE or other CIO locals. Lithographers of America, AFL; Lo-They come from AFL locals, and cal 410, International Fur and Leathfrom social, fraternal, and veterans' groups. They may be large or small, Orsted Lodge 190, Danish Brotheraccording to the size of the organization, but they all express the same Furniture Workers, Granville; Triunderstanding 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 Militory Order of Cooties 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, Schoharie 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, ClO; Schenectady Laundry Workers' Union, CIO; Local State, County and Municipal Workers, ClO, Albany; Independent Grocery and Bread Workers' Union; Garibaldi Society Lodge, No. 2598; Communist Party of New York State; Local 327, UER & MWA, CIO, Ro-

support for working people, by their representatives was a big factor in the unanimous approval of the poli-

tical 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

It is also recommended that the im mediate 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 litera-

It is further recommended that garded as the necessary beginning the Executive Board to act in the for the organization of political ac- that would help a union member capacity of the main PAC committee tion machinery capable of campaign- who is being "kicked out" April 1 and passed a resolution which creates ing for and electing true represen- find a 6 or 7 room flat or house? the necessary machinery. The union's tatives of the people to local, state If so, call 2-1809 with any informaexperiences showing a real lack of and national offices.

## Strictly

A COMPANY IS KNOWN BY THE PRESIDENT IT KEEPS

### 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, must tell you that the O'Sudivan 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 Sta-

tion in Washington directly to Chester Bowles' office, thinking that 1 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 airconditioned and no one complained

about me waiting there. I had a few bad moments while ! 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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### Russ Nixon, Sunday Speaker, Knows Facts

in international affairs just as it does at home, was revealed in testimony given to a Senate Milit-

ary 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 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 i 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.

7:15 P. M.



Strike wives (as distinguished from women strikers) also are strikers themselves.

Friday's meeting of strikers at the UE hall. They listened to a report on the strike by

ternational representative, and pledgstrike activities. They also discussiate problem of price control. They Refreshments will be served. decided to meet every Friday eve-

ning, at the Union headquarters. At the next meeting, tonight, there will be a speaker on price con-

trol, and officers will be elected. Sadie Iovinella, who does not apthe meeting last Friday. She is temporary chairman of the wives' committee of 301. Genevieve Winarski is chairman of the wives' committee of Steelworkers' Local 2054.

## Food Committee Reports

Typical of the kind of support giv- strikers, rolled and boned the yeal en the GE strike was the visit this donated recently by Herman Schmid week of David Bascom to the Camp- of Wyatt's Crossing. bell 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. with a load of sugar, as well as 40 pounds of link sausage and cold cuts, as well as vegetables and soup ment. 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,

# **Artist Donates**

A \$3 gift came unsolicited to He found a sugar shortage at Camp- 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. Sho

> 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

### More DANCES More FUN

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

STRIKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES REDMEN'S HALL

## FREE TO CIO

Cor. Liberty and Ferry Sts.

### GE Oldtimers Know They Need A Union



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. 49, 25 years; C. Sandor, Bldg. 107, 30 years; E. Tarillo, Bldg. 52, 35 years; Louis Napolitano, Bldg. 73, 23 years; Antonio Mancini, Bldg. 50, 25 years; Patsy Severino, Bldg. 81, 35 years; Michael Manato, Bldg. 24, 34 years; Thomas Trojano, Association: Local 1, Textile Work- Bldg. 14, 31 years; Pedro Pannicia, Bldg. 28, 30 years.

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