

# 9 CENTS!

Late in the evening of June 15, the Wage Stabilization Board announced that approval had been granted for a nine-cent hourly wage increase for GE workers.

Some 70,000 GE workers who are members of IUE-CIO were not affected by the announcement, because their union had won the nine-cent increase for them automatically, retroactive to March 15, over a month ago.

But those who are affected by the announcement, including some 16,000 Schenectady GE workers now under UE contract, owe much to the IUE-CIO.

Under the current wage freeze, GE workers could have received at the most a five-cent hourly increase at this time. But IUE-CIO had fought for and had won a wage re-opener clause with a cost of living feature in negotiations with GE last September.

When the wage freeze became effective, the CIO fought long and hard to force the Wage Stabilization Board to recognize cost of living clauses, and the CIO was victorious in that battle.

The organization which now represents Schenectady workers, the UE, condemned the IUE-CIO victory, and announced it would seek a 32-cent hourly increase. In view of the wage freeze, and considering UE's weakness as a union, it became immediately obvious that such a demand had been made for propaganda purposes only.

Even though the top leadership of UE condemned the IUE-CIO victory, UE's membership showed that they wanted the nine cents, and demanded action.

UE, a discredited organization, could do nothing to force quick action by the Wage Stabilization Board on the case. But IUE-CIO, on the morning of June 14, sent the following telegram to the chairman of the WSB:

DR. GEORGE W. TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN, WAGE STABILIZATION BOARD  
FEDERAL SECURITY BUILDING SOUTH  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE: GENERAL ELECTRIC CASE; N-1510

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS, CIO URGES IMMEDIATE APPROVAL OF THE 9-CENT INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY RECEIVED IT. THE APPLICATION OF GE SHOULD BE APPROVED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY ON THE BASIS OF THE BOARD'S TANDEM PRINCIPLE. FURTHERMORE WE URGE THE BOARD TO DELEGATE ITS STAFF TO APPROVE SIMILAR INCREASES IN THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY SUBSEQUENT TO THE TIME WHEN GE PUT INTO EFFECT THE 9-CENT INCREASE THROUGH IUE-CIO.

JAMES B. CAREY, PRESIDENT  
IUE-CIO

This telegram brought immediate action by the Board, and brought a nine-cent hourly increase to all GE workers.

In view of these facts, it becomes more important than ever that all GE workers unite-unite in the IUE-CIO for only through such unity can GE workers win their just demands from management.

## International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO

Sign today for victory.

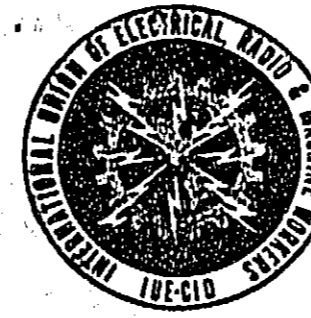


Send your card to IUE-CIO,  
202 Clinton St., Schenectady.

I want to join with 70,000 other General Electric employees who have affiliated with the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO, which has won greatly improved contract conditions including a recent wage increase—the third that IUE-CIO has won from GE in one year. For those reasons and also because I wish to belong to a democratic, anti-Communist union, I hereby designate the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO as my sole collective bargaining representative.

(This authorization supersedes any prior authorization)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
GE Plant, Schenectady  
Department \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_



# IUE-CIO NEWS

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STRENGTH"

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## UE CONDEMNS U.S. GOVERNMENT!

UE has come out again in condemnation of the form of government in the United States.

In a UE District Three Bulletin for June 8, which has been distributed inside the GE Schenectady Works by certain officers and stewards, this outfit condemns the U. S. Government for investigating sabotage and espionage in vital defense plants. According to the UE bulletin, congress has no authority to protect this nation from betrayal from within.

According to the UE bulletin, Congress has no authority to investigate wholesale gambling and murder, use of impure chemicals in the preparation of foods, or tax evasion by big business. According to UE, Congress has no right to investigate anything - especially the Communist Party and its plans to destroy the very heart of America by destroying our free systems.

According to UE, Congress had no right to investigate Communist activities in the film industry, even though that investigation uncovered many plots to breed pro-soviet thinking in the minds of the American children.

Congressional committees, says the UE bulletin, have but one purpose - to break unions. But good unions, and good citizens, have no fear of such investigations - because they have nothing to do with Communism. But the UE and the Communist Party fear such investigations - not because they will break the union, but because they will break the strength of the Communist Party in the United States.

This UE District Three Bulletin is just one of the many pamphlets put out in the past few weeks at the GE plant in condemnation of the American government by the UE and the Communist Party. In fact, UE Local 301, through certain of its officers and stewards, is responsible for most of the vicious literature.

Not all of the UE officers and stewards are distributing the trash, apparently because some recognize it for what it is - a repetition of the Communist Party line. Although these stewards and officers may differ with IUE-CIO, IUE-CIO believes they deserve credit for refusing to sell the UE-CP anti-American line to the workers. Those of UE who are distributing such trash will have to answer to their consciences for having any part of it.

### UE TAKES POWDER IN TWO ELECTIONS

In recent days the dying UE has run out on elections in two entirely different situations rather than face IUE-CIO in a democratic election.

At the Electro Voice Co., Buchanan, Michigan, IUE-CIO petitioned for an election after members voted to disaffiliate from UE in January. Although UE did not have a member left in the plant, that dying outfit stalled the election, until finally, the NLRB set May 24 as the date for a vote.

Rather than face IUE-CIO, UE pulled off the ballot entirely.

Now Electro-Voice workers have a real union, IUE-CIO which will never leave them "holding the bag" as UE so often did.

Last Friday, UE pulled a repeat performance of taking a runout powder, at the hearing regarding IUE-CIO's petition for an election at the Maqua Printing Co., GE subsidiary.

A group of these workers came to IUE-CIO, and in two days' time had signed enough cards so that IUE-CIO could petition for an election immediately.

Under the leadership of William Mastrianni, who once signed a petition so that the Communist Party could appear on the ballot in elections in this state, a group of paid UE agents spent several days at the gates of the Maqua Co. trying to influence the workers to join UE. UE distributed printed handbills containing the usual lies, and spent a great deal of money sending cards and letters to the stewards at GE, telling them to influence Maqua workers not to vote or IUE-CIO.

Apparently all this failed. When the NLRB set a date for a hearing, UE sent the NLRB a telegram saying their organization would be represented, and would have enough cards to intervene on IUE-CIO's petition.

But UE didn't show up at the hearing. Maqua workers rejected that outfit completely, and UE couldn't even get four or five cards signed to appear on the ballot.

The AFL Bookbinders Union has intervened in just one section of the plant, but IUE-CIO will be the only union appearing on the ballot for over two-thirds of the Maqua workers.

Once again UE's efforts to break the unity of workers have failed completely.

### GE WORKER TALKS ABOUT WELFARE

(Al Dorries, Building 15, second shift, has written this article for IUE-CIO News.)

There are two questions which each of us GE workers must answer in our own minds before we decide to sign IUE-CIO application cards.

Many of us joined UE only because we believe that we should pay dues to whatever organization has the bargaining right in the plant. Now we must decide why we should sign an IUE-CIO card.

The answer to this is simple. By signing the IUE-CIO card we are not joining IUE-CIO. We are merely showing the NLRB that we want an election in this plant. By signing the IUE-CIO card we are proving to ourselves that we want unity among all GE workers. Such unity can be had only through IUE-CIO. Our plant here in Schenectady is all UE has left, and as soon as IUE-CIO can petition for an election, we will be rid of the UE here, for the majority of GE workers want nothing to do with a Communist union. By signing with IUE-CIO, we will be helping to bring that election about as soon as possible.

The second question we must ask ourselves is, "Can we have a strong union in IUE-CIO?" Certainly! In just one year, IUE-CIO has proved that GE workers don't need a Communist union to win gains for them. UE talks big by making demands of 32 cents an hour. But everyone who reads the newspapers know that under the current wage freeze, the most GE workers could have received is five cents. But IUE-CIO's escalator clause made it possible for all GE workers to receive nine cents. While UE is making wild promises, IUE-CIO has been producing for its 70,000 members in GE.

BECAUSE UE FAILED TO DO A REAL JOB FOR ITS GE MEMBERS IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, WE IN GE HAVE FALLEN BEHIND THE STEELWORKERS AND THE AUTO WORKERS IN WAGES, BECAUSE IN STEEL AND AUTO, WORKERS HAVE THE CIO TO REPRESENT THEM.

It is UE's fault that we fell behind, so obviously UE can do nothing to bring our wages up to where they should be. But through IUE-CIO, through unity of all GE workers, we can bring our wages up to where they should be.