

Senators Endorse Murphy Advises Severance Pay Full Employment



Senator Mead

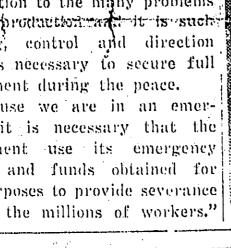
"Please extend my warmest obligation toward the men and greetings to all those participat- women who on the battlefield and ing in your full employment rally. in war plants have so fully earned perity and security at home and the right to return to their normal, workers, The high-degree of elfi-

ROBERT F. WAGNER" dustry during the war makes the

Is the full employment bill. To delay in the enactment of this JAMES M. MEAD' legislation would be to fail in an

GE-ALCO 'Regret' . . .

A significant fact came to light at the Full Employment Rally when both the General Electric Company and The American Locothe matter of full employment along with representatives of labor pared to offer in their "regrets" which sounded amazingly alike and stated in effect-"we would like to see full employment of course—but feel we have nothing to contribute to the meeting." If big business as represented by these two industrial concerns had nothing to contribute . . . they'd better get on the ball.

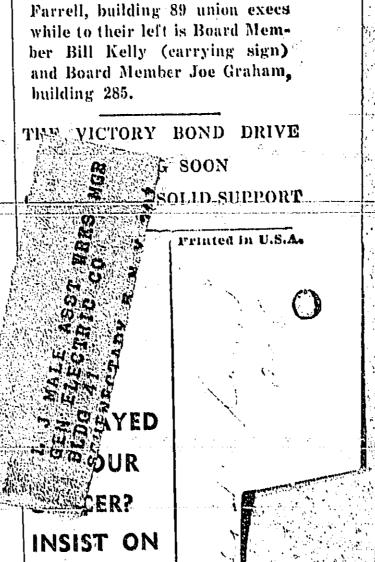


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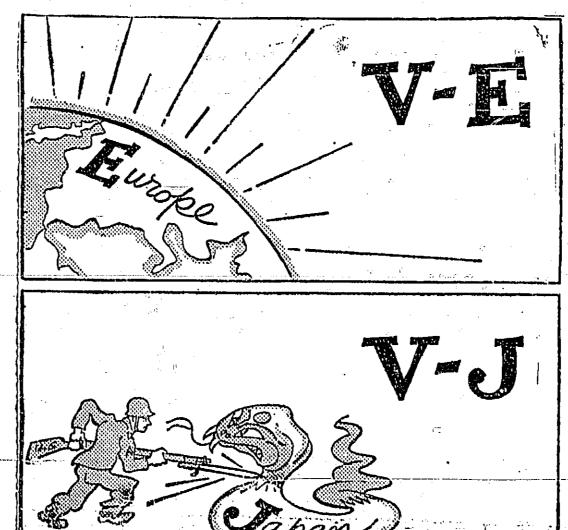
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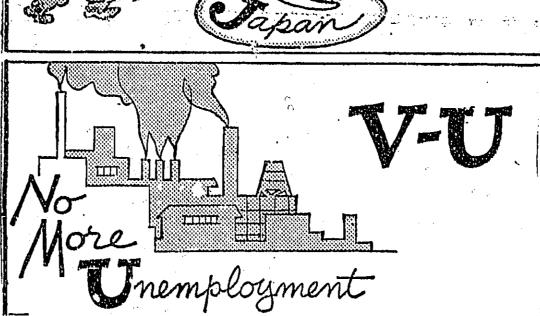
Full Employment Rally. Head-

ing the parade carrying the

flag are Billie Rogers and George

Special Committee Set Up 301 Members Through Job Crisis





TWO DOWN - ONE TO GO

Office Workers Swinging to UE

Electric plants throughout the country voting overwhelm- is as strong ingly for UE as their collective bargaining agent, the the membership wishes to make i Schenectady Office Workers' Organizational drive is expected to Local 301 Man

group the importance and advan- the surrender of Japan-unoffici- lustrated in every labor-manage- any of the glory due our heroic appointed a committee to

over 1,200 voted for UE as their, at the Hill plant.

At Surrender

Adam Boss who has been carry- very active and popular union bave shrunk in spite of sky-high role of production. Recent victories for the UE Plant and now Radar man 3/e in moving on President Truman's playment. This can only be done maintaining a balanced current among GE office personel have aboard the super battlewagon reconversion program and indus- by a large-scale mass demonstra- operating budget. been scored in Fort Wayne where Missouri, Frank worked on radar try is in a stalemate due to un- tion of public sentiment which This has become a matter of bargaining agent, and in Oak- Those who knew him upon of the war.

The steady progress being made a show, Frank will be there, for asterous. AND UNIONS DO the people will not be satisfied are Irene Patterson, Edward by office workers toward union- he is a showman in his own right" NOT WANT TROUBLE | that total victory has been won Wallingford, George Ramroth, izing is not confined to GE alone. and in addition to his Crosby-like EITHER-ALL THEY WANT IS until its full employment aims William Mastrini, Treasurer Peter The white collar group at Sper- baritone singing, he MC'd many WORK FOR THEIR PEOPLE AT are accomplished. THE UNION Sorenson and Executive Board

In recognition of the seriousness of the current reconversion crisis in the local GE plant with resultant confusion and displacement of many workers, the Executive Board has set up a committee with duties designed to be of great

service to those affected. ber 4 meeting and will be presented to the membership meeting September 18 for final OK. In the meantime, the board felt that the need porarily pending the membership's-approval.

agent, who was replaced in

the GE plant, each union member. This peinted the committee in rendering to work at aid to those transferred, or

fice in con- In effect, the plan is to MRS. IOVINELLI junction with render information, advice a committee comprised of and actual assistance to any is of such an urgent nature, George Farrell, 89; Joe member of the union on any that it put the committee to Graham, 285; and Ted Morel- problem he may have in rework September 10 tem- li, Campbell Avenue, all gard to his job or unemployboard members. Mrs. Iovi- ment.

nelli will be at the union Assistant Business Agent heaedquarters full time to Ernest Bezio stated that the Mrs. Sadie Iovinelli, for- carry out the program as union is attempting to be of mer assistant to the business layed out by the committee. real service to its member-Specifically, a file will be ship and that he hoped for that capacity by Raymond established by Mrs. Iovinelli membership approval of the Flanigan when she returned which will contain pertinent program.

Board Urges Full Attendance At Meetings to Aid Program

The Executive Board of Local 301 last week passed a recommendation which was unanimously accepted by the committeemen's meeting September 4 which urged all committeemen, officers and the union's official publication, the Electrical Union News, to stress the importance of committeemen and rank-and-file members alike attending the

Tuesday during the reconversion-

He is Frank Roberti, former People are being laid off, earnings its uncolorful but very essential tion to operating costs and to member at the Campbell Avenue living costs, government is slow We have still to fight unem- the board on a general policy of

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In carrying out these instruc- markets as soon as possible with EFFECTIVENESS TO THIS tions, the Electrical Union News their consumer goods and respons- PROGRAM.

Right now there is a crisis. - labor shares in that glory for union activity with its rela-

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DECENT WAGES. Industry MEETINGS ON TUESDAY member Roberts.

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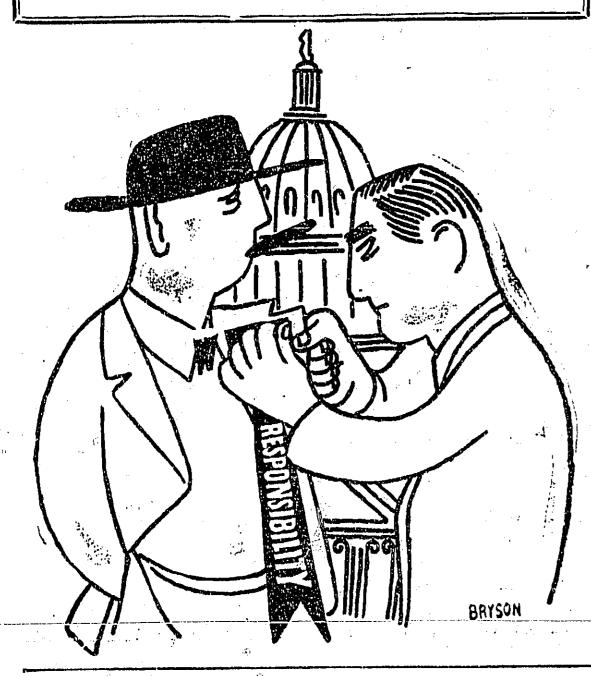
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"It wasn't only the gallant effort of our fighting men who made the victory possible, but those of you on the home front, the soldiers of production, whose loyalty and untold efforts, blended with the genius of American management, who assured ultimate victory for our side, deserve the thanks and the credit too, as well as our combat men."

Monopolies Plan for Unemployment

Big business is to blame for the gathering storm clouds of unemployment, in a 32-page pamphlet entitled UE Fights For Job

dustry is expected to reach 465,000, said the UE, which represents spread out the work in indus-750,000 workers throughout the nation, "Big business in our indus- try and also as an econom try, as in industry generally, is directly responsible for these plans | mensure which will result in unemployment for so many thousands of workers. "Eive of the largest companies, General-Electric, Westinghouse, Museum Holds Western Electric, RCA and General Motors (electrical division) employ-50% of the workers in our industry—as much as are employed by Art Classes over a thousand smaller companies. These large companies are interested only in maintaining high profits. This they hope to do . . . Museum have announced a series

The pamphlet charges that monopolistic practices of these five distinguished American artist and companies forestall competition and prevent expansion of employ- teacher, Morris Davidson and ment, "By means of their large research staffs," it said, "they are three classes in art for adults and able to develop new products and new uses for old products but these | children taught by Mr. Davidson, developments are used primarily to forestall competition and tighten | Edgar A. Batzell, Jr. and Alice

New products are shelved if existing investments are threatened Mr. Davidson's lectures will be as in the case of domestic radiotelephony which has not been ex- held at the museum every other Itoited because it might make absolete the existing wire communica- Friday at 8 p.m. beginning Seption system of American Telephone & Telegraph and its manufacturing subsidiary, Western Electric.

Letter To

Farmer Agrees On Full Employment Editor UE NEWS:

As a combination farmer and shop worker, I want to tell you that I agree with all you have been saying about the need for jobs for everybody in the shop. Our farm is small but it is big enough to support my family if we have a market at fair prices for the things we can raise. Truthfully, I would prefer to spend full time on the farm. My wife and kids would appreciate it, too, but how can it be unless everybody who wants to work can

I think all farmers should get behind this Full Employment bill before it's too late. The future will be very sad for farmers i we don't.

we raise?

have a job, so they can buy what

Yours sincerely,

to hear from other farmer-workers on the subject.)

CIO Man Named To Labor Dept.

Sec. of Labor Schwellenbach named as his special assistant Pres. John W. Gibson of the Michigan CIO Council, first recognition given the CIO in the de Gibson will work with Assistant Daniel W. Tracy, former AFL agencies with the Labor Dept.

On 5-Day Week

Effective October 1, the entire office staff of Local 301 will go on a 5-day week as result of action taken by the Executive Board at its meeting last week.

This conforms with the return to the 5-day week by the General Electric Company and it was generally felt that the measure was expedient inasmuch as the union re-Postwar unemployment in the electrical, radio and machine in- | commends a 5-day week to

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Despite war-induced increases in taxes on business, WPB found, "net profits after taxes increased | from \$3 billion to \$6.4 billion, mostly during 1941 and 1942."

1/3 ABOVE PREWAR This increase in profits after all taxes had been paid was despite the extreme conservation of "industry's financial policy" in which the WPB found an "increasing percentage of profits retained in

Additionally, it was found that

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Corporate financial structures s'yled friends of labor, one of stories about work prospects in and there is no reason for anyhave been further fortified by the whom voted with Taft against the Lynn plants which included one going out of the River Works accumulation since 1940 of about | Bretton Woods Monetary agree. | statements from the management \$25 billion of carry-back credits ment recently. with the Treasury, which, in cffeet, constitute a contingent addi- find their attempts to bargain tion to net working capital."

Petitions Out Against Ball-Burton-Hatch Bill

tives condemning the Ball-Burton-Hatch Bill which is now before a Congressional com-

This bill was drawn up by Donald Richberg and a group, most of whom are directly

"The Effect of World War II on tures for the construction of war is to destroy the Wagner Act, inter-state commerce on which the that this bill is defeated. Tell your and freedom of action, and to making state laws more important work and vote against this unionhamstring it in legal, red tape than the Federal statute, the bill busting measure. lengthy study prepared by WPB's or charged to current operating hamstring it in legal red tape destroy unions within a very short

A "hell's brew," or the "Ball

Under the bill workers would !

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might take two years or more payroll on January 1, 1940. Man- ployees needed to carry out the with wages and working condi- ager George M. Stevens told the program, Manager N. M. Dutions completely open to manage | meeting of Local 201 officers and | Chemin informed two groups of The measure gives the employ- which he gave a comprehensive sonnel and, later, members of the er the right to petition for an review of the company's plans for Executive Board of Local' 201,

election whenever he thinks the the works in the period following | UER & MWA in meetings at which union is weak enough for him to the peace. win a decision. Such a situation | Motor production, Stevens said, would mean that unions would is expected to be approximately have to spend all their time ward- twice that of the average of the be employed by 1947, as the proing off attacks instead of bar- pre-war years. Mr. Stevens said gram unfolds, will be more than FIELD DAY FOR EMPLOYER | polyhase and single phase motors | Lynn payroll before the war. The

"You may bust unions, dis and added the company was now number in the Works employ then charge union leaders and refuse to trying to increase weekly product is expected to be about 6,000, as bargain to your hearts' content," | tion on such motors 25% but was compared with approximately the bill tells employers, "if you are having great difficulty due to a 2,500 prewar. This means little

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It's object, eleverly camouslaged, By ignoring the principle of protect his rights by seeing to it labors' only guarantee of equality Wagner Act is based, and by Congressman and Senators to

Lynn GE Outlook Good Compared to Schen'dy

The employment picture at two other GE Plants, those at Lynn and West Lynn, Mass., show a marked contrast with the many uncertainties prevalent in Schenectady, according to an August issue of Local 201's "Electrical Union

of those plants. The statements in

RIVER WORKS STATEMENT with managements hamstrung | Post war estimates of employ- postwar period that the Company

up to the Supreme Court. This the 6,200-people on the company's up the additional numbers of em-Executive Board members at supervisors and engineering per-

So encouraging are the prospects of the West Lynn works for the

WEST LYNN STATEMENT

he outlined the Company's plana

there is a substantial backlog of twice the number on the West engaged in 'national' com- shortage of manpower, "This is our change in the present Work; total.

