

301 Leaders Win Dozens Of Cases

Throughout the past weeks Local 301's duly-elected Board Members and Stewards continued to settle dozens of grievances for GE workers in Bldg. 41. Here are just a few of them:

1. In Bldg. 60, Morton Milkins protested the company price on Job 129V576. Board Member Rosa handled the case and won a fair price with full retroactive pay.

2. In Bldg. 101 Harold Seeley was laid off for lack of work. The company offered Class C Machine Repair in Bldg. 273, but General Foreman Schultz refused to accept the proposal. His next offer was for a job which would have cut his rate by 21c an hour. So Local 301 insisted on the Turbine Bldg. job and Brother Seeley won it.

3. In Bldg. 15, Mary Skrocki was transferred to a checker's job providing a rate of \$1.48. But the company had only been paying \$1.41½. So Board Member O'Brien fought the case and won the

Stewart Checks Seniority Deal

One of Bill Stewart's last cases before he was hospitalized prevented a company attack on our seniority in Turbine.

Supervision attempted to transfer A. Clay to the second shift in violation of seniority. After Stewart took the case to 41 the company was forced to back down and Clay remains on his old job.

Victories Held Over

Some of the grievance victories reported in this week's edition of the IUE-CIO Local 301 News were won during the heat of the campaign. Therefore they were not printed at the time of settlement because they were sidetracked by special campaign news.

going rate, plus full retroactive pay for Sister Skrocki.

4. In Bldg. 60, Foreman Kehr refused to make a time study of Job 2425261. This was in violation of the Contract and Shop Steward Milkins protested, winning the time study.

Court Reports "All Funds Intact"; Case to Be Ended

It was unfortunate that the Report and Finding of the Special Master who investigated UE's charges of "mis-appropriation" and "mis-handling" of Local 301 funds were not issued a few days earlier.

As a result, this thorough and sound document was not available to destroy the UE's charges that there were "pay-offs".

The Special Master completely cleared Local 301 Officers. He also recommended dismissal of the case.

Here are the pertinent quotations from his report: "The Special Master was impressed by the frank answers given by the (Officers) at the hearing, as well as that of Marshall White, the Office Manager.

"The financial structure of the Union as well as expenditures between March 1 and March 31 were carefully examined by an outstanding impartial accounting firm selected by the Special Master and the affairs of the Union were found to be completely in order.

"It is the finding and determination of the Special Master that the specifications of contempt have not been sustained and the proceeding should be dismissed."

On not one single point did he uphold UE. In fact, at one point he blasted UE for failing to produce "Red Mike" Jiminez to testify when he was "readily available."

The hearings began on April 15 and lasted through June 3. More than 667 pages of testimony were taken and 38 Exhibits were introduced in evidence.

So it is obvious that the case was thorough, and if UE had had any evidence it would have produced it.

In regard to the UE's charges about "transferring, assigning, conveying, giving, loaning, encumbering or in other manner disposing of any of the funds, property or assets" of the Local, the Special Master's report states:

"The plaintiffs (UE) relied to prove their case upon this issue . . . upon the testimony of the alleged contemnors who were called . . .

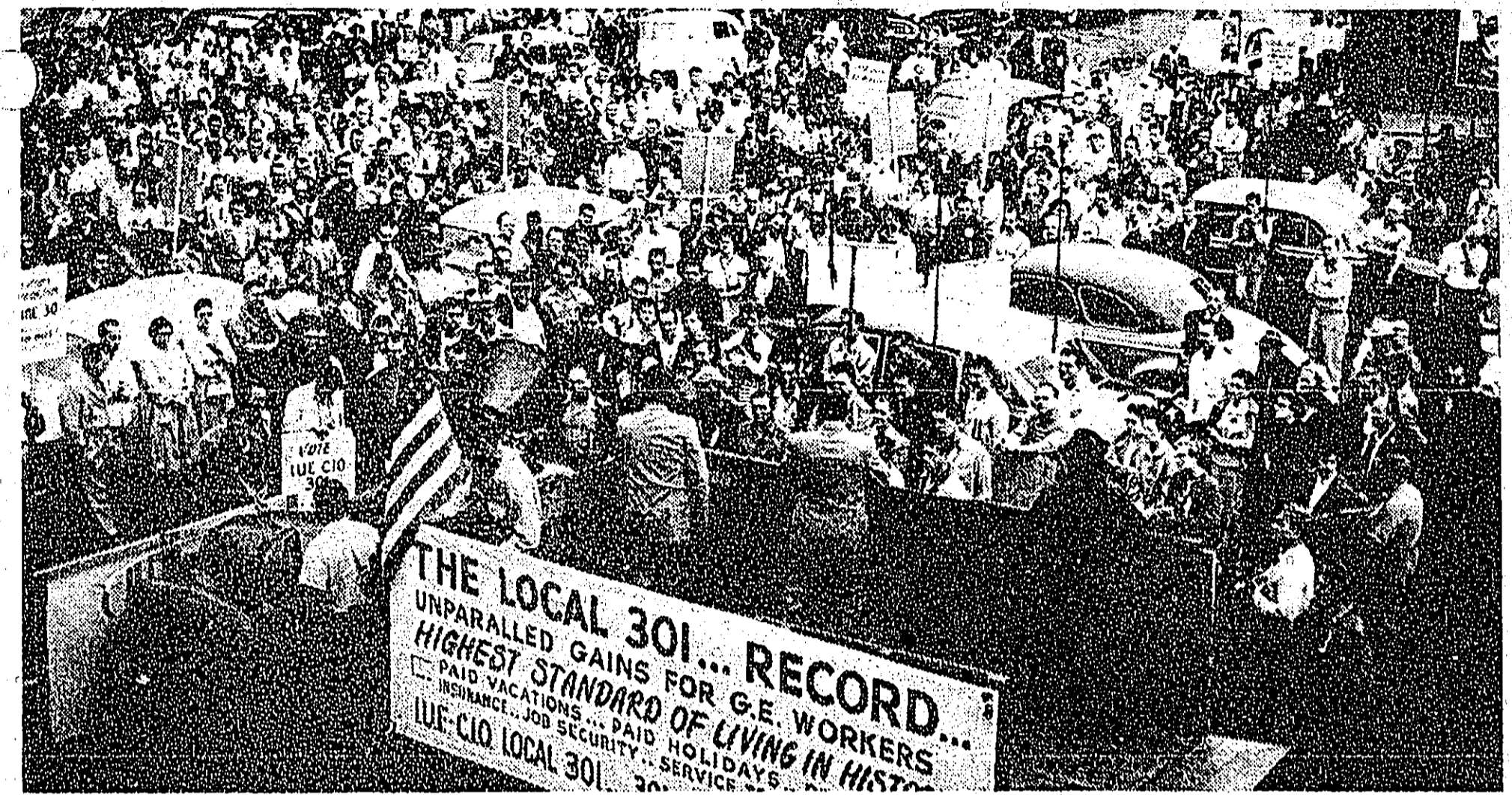
"The testimony of these witnesses establishes that . . . the officials of Local 301 turned over certain assets of the local to IUE-CIO in the sum of \$54,900. . .

"Much testimony was taken upon the subject of this transfer and the issuance of bonds. However, in the final analysis . . . the independent audit made by the direction of the court by S. D. Leidesdorf and Co. showed conclusively on March 31 that said funds were intact."

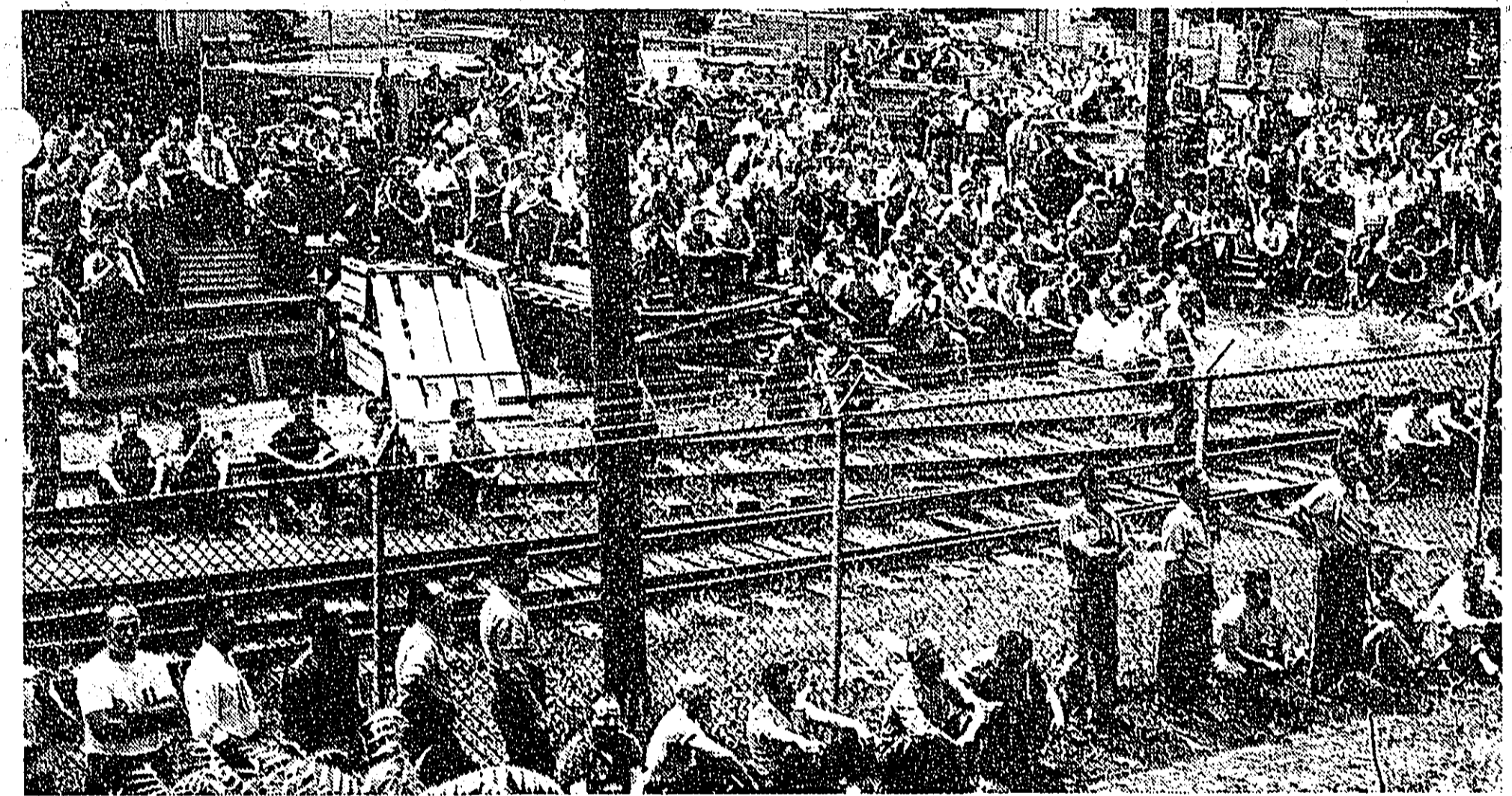
And with that the whole campaign of UE went up in smoke. However, the Report was not made public until too late to get it fully across in the plant before the election.

So in this case, all the charges of "thieves," "crooks," "robbers," etc., had plenty of time to soak in. But the truth was late in catching up with the liars.

Scenes from Closing Days of the Campaign



This was the scene at the Subway Gate Monday noon as Business Agent Leo Jandreau addressed a crowd of more than 1,000 first-shift workers. The turn-out was fair in spite of the all-day rain.



This was the noon-hour view of the Turbine Building as another crowd of more than a thousand Bldg. 273 first-shifters heard a special election report from the Business Agent.

Chief Stewards' Fight Wins in 41

D. Conti of Bldg. 73-A has won a new time-study on his job, thanks to Local 301, the Union that has been on the job in Schenectady for the past 17 years.

Brother Conti protested an inadequate price for welding work on job T-9175045-GR 6 Pts. 66-67. The foreman refused to make the change, but after Bill Mastriani was designated to handle the case in 41, the company agreed to the study.

Holiday Pay Won in Bldg. 269

Charles Suttle of Bldg. 269 won pay for the Memorial Day Holiday, in spite of a company attempt to avoid payment by laying him off the Friday before the holiday.

Board Member Gray took the grievance into 41 and as a result of this fight the company extended Brother Suttle's work time through June 1 so he could collect for the Holiday. He returned to work at the Knolls on June 7.

Bldg. 269 Stewards Prevent GE Chiseling

Three Local 301 Shop Stewards in Bldg. 269—Louise King, Helen Nichols and Francis Campisi—have succeeded in preventing a company attempt to take advantage of the UE disruption.

They have won demands of their groups for proper interviewing procedure on any layoffs, plus pay for the Memorial Day Holiday that the company was trying to chisel on.

8c Was Average Union Raise in '53

The State Industrial Commissioner announced this week that wage increases negotiated by Unions in New York State during 1953 averaged 8c an hour. Most of the Contracts won additional improvements in vacations, pensions, holidays and other fringe benefits.



IUE-CIO victory marchers presented this tombstone to Matles Wednesday night.

301 On the Job

Bldg. 16: Board Member Harry Williams has been designated by Royal Luther to handle his request for up-grading to Class A rate on his job. Brother Luther has been doing Class A work on his job.

Bldg. 10C: Leonard Majecki, a Burr Machine Operator, was out of the plant due to illness from Jan. 18. Upon his return the company offered him only common labor work. In view of his service this is not a suitable job and Board Member Drozdowski will carry the fight for a suitable offer to Bldg. 41.

Bldg. 273: Leonard Burtmen protests company use of shorter-service employees on sub-arc. It is a clear case of discrimination and is a violation of our Seniority agree-

ment. Board Member Gebu will process the case.

Bldg. 28: Stella Wilko has been notified of layoff due to lack work. Board Member J. Drozdowski will take this case to management for suitable offers.

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Foremen Who Get Too Big For Their Britches Are Everyday Stuff to IUE-CIO Local 301

Another GE worker with 10 years service has won proper Seniority protection as a result of Local 301's constant enforcement of our Contract. And a foreman who had become too big for his britches has had his knuckles rapped.

The case involved Cecilia L'Heureax who was transferred from Bldg. 269 to 68. After six days on the job she

was told she was to be bumped.

But the company would make no offer. She was told she was "too small" to do a job.

She went to Bldg. 1, only to be told to return to 68. Back in 68, Foreman McEwan was real cocky. "What do you want me to do," he asked, "get off this chair and give you my job and have me sit on the floor?"

"Mighty" McEwan is actually smaller than Sister L'Heureax. But still he maintained she was "too small" to handle a job.

But Steward Anna Mae Sullivan and Board Member Hank Kaminski took up the case. Kaminski went to 41 and not only did the company provide a proper job in 68, it also announced that it would make a "complete study" of the situation in Bldg. 68.