McCarthy's in Town-Here We Go Again



Union Lawyer's Time Schedule Explained

The number of compensation cases handled by the union's lawyer for injured members of Local 301, has risen to almost 2000 cases. These cases not only require preparation for handling in court, but in many instances, briefs have to be written, interviews with various persons have to be held and in addition, as many as 50 or more cases per day must be attended to in court.

With such a volume of work, the union's lawyer is compelled to work out a schedule to give proper attention to each and every injured worker.

Workers who are members of the union and who wish to report a new accident or to file a claim for the first time through the union's lawyer, can do so at any time and without the need to make an appointment. Such a worker may go to the lawyer's office in Union Hall at any time between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.

Workers whose cases are coming up for a hearing in court will be notified by mail by the lawver and will be given an appointment for a conference, if the lawyer thinks that such a conference is necessary. If such a worker does not receive an appointment letter, then sation Board as to the date of such ployed on this work.

a hearing and the lawyer is notified at the same time.

Workers who wish to speak to the lawyer about pending cases should telephone his secretary for an appointment. Dropping in withan appointment often may mean a needless trip because the lawyer may be in court at the time or may be seeing many other work-

ers by pre-arrangement. In all cases of special emergency a union member may call the lawyer's office at any time.

More of Control To Move

Management has notified the Union that they plan to transfer the Specialty Control work to Wainsboro, Va. The move is expected to be made in the latter part of next year.

According to the Company, it will be necessary to build a new plant at this location. Wainsboro is a small community of approxi-

There is approximately a total of 500 employed in the Specialty Control including office and engi- them in."

The Company is building a new plant at Bloomington, Ill., for the general purpose Control which is "and go into the very basic quesbeen scheduled. The worker re- also expected to move next year, tion of how do we amalgamate, ceives a notice from the Compen- There are approximately 1000 em- how do we fit these pieces to-

Nominations of **Candidates for** Office for 1954

Nominations for officers for 1954 will take place Monday at the membership meeting. The officers and the order of nominations will

President Vice-President Recording Secretary Assistant Recording Secretary Treasurer

Business Agent There also will be the nominations for 3 Trustees, a Sergeant-

Chief Shop Steward

at-Arms and a Guide. The nominations for officers wil be made from the floor at the meet ing; only members in good standbe eligible for office. No member may be a candidate for more than one office. Nominees shall be informed by the Recording Secretary by registered mail sent to their address not later than 3 days following the meeting at which they were nominated and will be asked wheth er they accept or decline the nomination. The answer must be in the form of a signed statement

The membership will be notified of the names of the candidates for

on acceptance or declination.

Meany Sees Definite Possibility of AFL-CIO Merger, Cool Toward Miners

AFL Pres. George Meany sees a probability, of a merger of his federation with the CIO and believes "it depends entirely upon the personnel involved," he said in an exclusive interview with U.S. 303; No Union 19. News & World Report Nov. 2.

Asked if he thought Pres. John L. Lewis of United Mine Workers should be in the unity talks, Meany said: "Well—there'd be no unity then . . . Good Lord, he's the fellow that split the AFL. He is the fellow who tried to split the CIO after he got tired of that. He's the Of course, he says every once in a while that there can be no unity without the miners. That's baloney. We can have a lot of unity without the miners. I'm not saving that the miners wouldn't be in. There won't involved. be any decision made not to let

After the CIO convention this month. Meany said, the AFL-CIO

U.E. Calls For United Action

In accordance with the instructions of the G.E. Conference Board, Joseph Dermody, Secretary of the Board, reiterated the position of the U.E.-G.E. Conference Board calling for united action in the 1954 Contract and wage negotiations.

Communications were addressed to the officers of the various C.I.O., A.F.L. and independent unions representing G.E. workers, pointing out that the U.E. believes that the most effective way to protect the living standards of G.E. employees

is for all organizations representing G.E. workers to join now in concerted action to protect jobs and working conditions. Furthermore, the statement pointed out that in the near future General Electric workers will again enter negotiations with the Company with layoff's and cutbacks the order of the day making negotiations difficult under these conditions.

The interests of G.E. workers demand unity; continued refusal to cooperate on a joint program plays the Company's game of divide and rule. U.E. is firmly convinced that G.E. workers will not rest until their ranks are reunited and until they again can sit down as one powerful group to bargain with the Company.

U. E. Victory

In one of the most important NLRB elections held in recent months involving the Greenfield Tap & Die plant, UE Local 274, Greenfield, Mass., the UE won a smashing victory over the IUE. The election was held on November 2. The vote was UE 813; IUE

The outcome of this election is remarkable when considered in light of the campaign conducted by the IUE in this plant for several months and when compared with the results of the last NLRB election in the same plant four years ago. In December, 1949, the vote was IUE 357, UE 347, Challenged fellow who came back to the AFL 13, Void 4, requiring a run-off. In in 1947 and tried to split it again. the run-off, January, 1950, the vote was UE 396, IUE 332.

The IUE compaign through radio, newspaper ads, and letters was the most intensive of any campaign in which UE has been

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While McCarthy came to Albany

ordinary people cringe with fear.

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age at the Schenectady G.E. plant

the hearing proved that he was not

interested in either. When the wit-

nesses reported on what transpired

behind closed doors, it became ob-

vious that his mission was to at-

One witness tried to show him a

Nominated By UE Membership For **Local Offices**

At the membership meeting last Monday the following members were nominated for office:

President James J. Cognetta Douglas K. Gray

Vice-President Joseph Alois Andrew O. Hmura

Recording Secretary Miles G. Moon Helen Quirini

Asst. Recording Seretary R. Rudolph Rissland Julia Mitchell

Joseph Whitbeck Henry Kaminski Helen Quirini

Treasurer

Chief Steward William Mastriani

> **Business Agent** Leo Jandreau

Sergeant-at-Arms Joseph Saccocio

Mario Bagnato

Trustees Edward Luberda William Garrison Vincent Palazeke Howard C. McLean John Smialek

All nominees will be notified by registered mail not later than 3 days after the nominations were made. The nominee will have the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination by notifying the Recording Secretary. If the Recording Secretary does not hear from the nominee, he will be considered as having declined the nom-

The Election Committee of 25 members will conduct the election and decide the time and place the ction will be held.

> **EXECUTIVE** BOARD MEETING Monday, Nov. 23 7:30 P.M. UNION HEADQUARTERS

N.L.R.B. Orders **Election in Lynn**

The N.L.R.B. ordered an election in the Lynn G.E. plant last Monday. The U.E. petitioned for an election some months ago. Hearings were held when the I.U.E.-C.I.O. objected to an election. U.E. has signed a large majority of the Lynn G.E. workers on cards which were presented to the Labor Board representatives when the request for the election was made.

The Lynn workers, formerly members of the U.E., left to go I.U.E.-C.I.O. as a result of a terrific red-baiting campaign designed to scare and intimidate the membership. After several years of I.U.E., the Lynn G.E. workers found out that their standards had dropped and annual contract negotiations did not result in the kind of gains they were used to while in

The Labor Board in ordering the election established two bargaining units: one for office clerical and one for factory maintenance. The setting up of the two separate units was contrary to the position. taken by the I.U.E. However, it coincided with the U.E.'s position. The date for the election is expected within the next 30 days. U.E. Local 301 has pledged fullest cooperation in the Lynn election campaign.

With Lynn back in the U.E., the Big Three, Schenectady, Lynn and Erie, will give the G.E. workers a much better bargaining position-

with G.E.

Ex-President H.S. Truman Deplores McCarthyism

Citizen Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States, blasted out at McCarthy and the evils he stands for in a nationwide radio and television broadcast last Monday evening.

Truman told the American people to fight McCarthyism at every level of our national life. The ex-President stated that the tactics used by McCarthy are the corruption of truth and the abandonment of the due process of law. He pictured the vilifying program followed by the likes of McCarthy as a rise to power of the demagogue who lives on untruth, and it is the spreading of fear and the destruction of faith in every level of our society, said Truman.

The hearings held in Albany are an example of the newly developed smear technique used by McCarthy. He keeps the public barred from the hearings; he sits as judge and jury and then gives his version of what took place behind closed doors to the press. His press releases distort the facts and are definitely slanted to do the kind of a job he

Another Subversive

If the story of "Robin Hood" is now among the suspects on subversive activities because he was supposed to have robbed the rich to give to the poor, how about Alexander Graham Bell and the Telephone Company because they can be charged with instigating and continuing the Party Line?

copy of a leter sent to the F.B.I. pointing out that U.E. Local 301 was absolutely opposed to sabotage or espionage and furthermore instructed the members to report any activities to the proper Government authorities if they did see any. To this McCarthy said he was not interested.

tack the Union.

McCarthy pursued a line of asking tricky questions designed to confuse the witness in hopes of maneuvering him in a position to be charged with contempt or perjury. If the witness used the Fifth Amendment, the only protection the U.S. Constitution provides to protect the innocent, McCarthy would vilify him as a subversive ir his personal interview with the press after the hearing. Then Mc-Carthy advises the G.E. to fire any one who uses the Fifth Amendment to protect themselves from his vicious attack.

A. C. Stevens spoke out immediately following the hearings to the effect that the Company would analyze the testimony with which they can properly base action. Mr. Stevens praised the hearing by saying, "We are certainly hoping that this current investigation will prove helpful in solving this probem with which we have been long concerned, and about which our company has been long urging remedial legislation and positive administrative action."

Mr. Stevens, Manager of the Schenectady Works, has never brought to the attention of our Union any problems affecting espionage. The problems Mr. Stevens refers to must certainly be those raised by the employees as a result of unsatisfactory conditions of employment. On this we can agree that we have many problems.

Witnesses At McCarthy **Hearing Tell Their Story**

Six of the twenty-one witnesses called before the Mc-Carthy Committee in Albany last week give their experiences and observations of the hearings:

R. Rudolph Rissland, Assistant Recording Secretary, Bldg. 273. "In my opinion, the committee wasn't after espionage, sabotage or reds, what they were really after was to get support for the But-

ler Bill or the Goldwater-Rhodes Bill or something like that, "That man Cohen, McCarthy's leading counsel, treated me like dirt under his feet. He said the UE was kicked out of the CIO and got into a wrangle with me over

that the company should have the right to fire anybody that used the

Wat. we talk in grievances contains nothing that could be used for espionage. The only way a communist could cause any damshould be thrown out of the union.

age is by a strike or work stoppage. That action is taken by a Fifth Amendment, or that they vote of membership and they don't

He was a ging to get me to say the

govern ant should do it. I told him

and set up for a job like

worry about our union. You pre-

tand to worry about communists.

hat are you worrying about?

would be rigged against labor.

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THE RIGHTS OF AN INJURED WORKER WHO HAS HURT HIS BACK

Union Lawyer Explains, the Difference Between a Permanent and Temporary Injury

gins to bother him again, at any scheduled. time, within 18 years from the date of the accident in which event he can reopen his case for the purpose of getting further medical treatment or lost time compensation, or

ent if the worker's condition is of his family, a doctor performed such that the doctors believe, after a slight operation of removing the a reasonable time of usually two or eyes. They were taken to the Wills three years have gone by after the Eye Hospital in Philadelphia by accident, that the worker is going the American Airlines. The corners to have a permanent disability, of Mr. Randall's eyes were used There can be two types of cases for a corneal transplant operation falling under this classification. The first would be the type of case in which a worker, upon being found to be permanently injured, is unable to work at all or cannot find a suitable job. The second would be the type of case where a worker is working and able to do his usual work and earn full pay Society of Northeastern New York. despite the fact that he has a permanent disability.

If the permanently injured worker has not been able to go back to any type of work after being found to be permanently injured, he then receives compensation for as long as he is disabled at the maximum rate of \$32.00 a week. Of course, he also receives medical treatment if the doctors agree that he needs such treatment. If the injured worker is only partially disabled. even though he is not working, he receives only partial compensation of \$32.00. It is easy to see why an injured worker who is not earning any wages at all would feel that he should receive at the very least the maximum rate of compensation even though he is only partially disabled. Unfortunately, the law does not provide for such maximum payments to a partially injured worker.

The second type of case, where the worker is earning full pay despite the permanent disability gives such a worker protection for life, for both needed medical care as well as compensation for lost time or reduced earnings whenever pay is lost as a result of his

In a previous article it was ex- ever, since the worker is earning plained that a worker who injures full pay, his case is closed in court his back is entitled to two things and he need not come back for from his employer namely, medical hearings unless he begins to lose care at his employer's expense and time or pay, in which event, his payments for lost time or reduced case is reopened. Many workers do earnings up to a maximum of \$32. not understand that this protec-A worker who has returned to tion continues for life even though work at full pay after such an in- their cases have been "closed" in jury continues to receive whatever court, but the closing of a case unmedical care is deemed advisable der such circumstances means by the doctors. If he appears to nothing more than that further achave made a full recovery, the in- tion is suspended until the injured jured worker is not entitled to any- worker has a claim to make at thing further unless his back be- which time further hearings are

Eye Bank Donation

Several months ago Clifton O. Randall pledged his eyes to the Sight Conservation Society. Mr. Randall died on Tuesday, Novem-The situation is somewhat differ- ber 10th. Through the cooperation on Wednesday afternoon, November 11th, so that someone else may

> Thanks to Mr. Clifton O. Randall who had the foresight and the willingness to help others, even after he was dead, and to the efforts and program of the Sight Conservation

> > NOTICE: Due to Holiday, no E.U. News next week



THIS IS ONE OF THOSE OLD LATHES WE HAD SOUPED UP ...

Children's Christmas Party

plans for the annual Christmas Party in a letter to all shop stewards on November 11.

Speaking for the Local's Activities Committee, Chairman O. B. Phillips stated the party will be held again this year at the Mont Pleasant High School auditorium. The time will be Saturday, December 19, and Sunday, December 20. There will be two parties each day: one at 1:00 P.M. and the other at 4:00 P.M., making four parties in all. This is being done in order to accommodate everybody who ex-

The committee is requesting each shop steward to list the names of the parent (U.E. member) and the child's first name and the day and time that they expect to attend.

pects to be there.

U.E. Local 301 has announced This is done in order not to have too many scheduled at any one party; the auditorium's seating capacity is 1.500.

> Stewards must present their list of attendance at Union Headquarters no later than December 7th, so that there will be sufficient time to ascertain seating capacity, adequate quantity of gifts and goodies: The committee has arranged for Santa Claus to greet the children as well as for movies and entertainment. The age limit for children will be 12 years old.

The Activities Committee announced that the proceeds of the Field Day and other events have made it possible to hold this party free of charge for the children of U. E. Local 301 members.

Thousands of grievances are handled by UE Local 301

each year at all levels from the steward up to final appeal

in New York City. To keep members posted, we shall

each week list some of the grievances that have not been

settled at the steward-foreman level and have been re-

ferred to the executive board-managemnt level.

Class "A"

Bldg. 52: The group working in assembly and welding of stator frames are complaining about the lifficulty in obtaining adequate

Bldg. 52: Ralph Pipe, an Assembler working under Foreman Dillenbeck, is complaining about an inadequate price.

Bldg. 273: The Crane Operators in the Turbine Division are requesting the management to identify their foreman and whom they are responsible to.

Bldg. 269: F. Opps, a Compound Maker working under Foreman Woodruff, is requesting a revaluation of his job because of changes requiring more skill.

Bldg. 273: The group working under Foreman Wilbard are complaining about violations of Contract made by the foreman.

Bldg. 52: The group working uninjury. In this type of case, how- der Foreman Schiele are complain-

ing about safety hazards on their job as it affects excessive weights. Bldg. 269: Margaret Vice, a machine operator working under Foreman Parker, is requesting that her job be placed on P.W.

77: The Accumulators working under Foreman Palmatier are complaining because they are requested to do additional duties which were done previously by

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Stockroom Keepers, Bldg. 17: R. Slack is a Tool and Die Maker working under Foreman Szpak. He is requesting a proper classification in line with his responsibilities on the job. Bldg. 53: S. Sitors is classified as a Class "B" Repairman working under Foreman Stevens. He is requesting a reclassification to

Bldg. 46: A. MacFarlane, a Class "A" Test Operator working under Foreman Texter, requests an ungrading in accordance with serving Bldg. 40: The group working to der Foreman Miller are complaining because they have been losing time due to lack of material. They request that this lost time be clim-

Bldg. 18: R. Lussier, at Lathe Operator working under Foreman is requesting a proper classification for the work he is obliged to do.

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New York-Former Persident Truman charged here that "fear of communism is being manipulated by a few so as to cause a wave of hysteria in this country."

* * * San Francisco — The Western Conference of Teamsters (AFL) will strike 16 major department meet demands of the warehouse-

Washington — President Eisenhower's budget director, Joseph M. Dodge, has worked out and ordered into effect a new scheme to soak the little fellow for government

Chicago—What's the price of your ears? Whether you know it or not, if you work in a noisy shop, the odds are you are selling your hearing to your employer along with the strength and skill of your hands, AFL boilermakers say.

* * * Harriman, N. Y.-Revision of the unemployment insurance law to bring it up to date with modern needs and extension of old-age benefits was recommended in a report issued by the American Aslembly, administered by the Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

Mrs. Roosevelt Says **Moral Climate Has Changed for Worse**

"The moral climate of America has changed," Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt told a press conference here. "Now we consider people guilty before they are proved guilty. The whole atmosphere has lowered our prestige abroad."

Asked about the Harry Dexter White controversy, she deplored the bringing up of charges against a man "who is dead and can't speak for himself." When a reporter asked if she expected Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R, Wis.) to call her as a witness before his investigations subcommittee, she answered quickly: "I'd love it."

The former First Lady, on a tour to tell about the United Nations. said the tremendous meetings throughout the country indicate a growing interest in UN, with only pecial interests" and a "few misfuided patriots" in opposition.

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FLECTRICAL UNION NEWS

Election Committee Conducts Election

The twenty-five members elected by the members at the November membership meeting will conduct the elections for 1954.

They will make all arrangements for the elections, including the borrowing of the voting machines from the City officials. They will set the time and place of the elec-

In addition to the election of general officers, they will superstores here unless the employers vise the annual elections of shop stewards and Executive Board members.

The members elected to the com-

| ittee are as follows: | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Name | Bld |
| Elmer Collis | |
| John Saccocio | |
| L. Rasch | 52 |
| G. Di John | 273 |
| M. Riggi | 60 |
| M. Riggi E. Smith | 28 |
| Alice Crowningshi | eld28 |
| Otto Lehman | |
| Eva Van Hoesen | |
| Wayman Lewis | |
| V. Martino | |
| P. Donato | |
| F. Di Manno | |
| E. Selke | |
| | |
| R. Pipe S. De Pietro | 49 |
| Frank Barba | |
| I. Von Rogov | 52 |
| A. Giaquinto | |
| L. Passikoff | |
| G. Hunt | |
| Fred Pacelli | |
| W. Day | · · |
| D. Palmer | 17 |
| C. Green | |
| or areen | |

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP

"This is my favorite headline."

The Man Who Subpoenaed Truman

Robin Hood A Red?

They're Investigating

Indianapolis—State Supt. of Ed-

ucation Young said here that he

would reread the story of Robin

Hood to see whether a charge that

The charge came from Mrs.

Thomas J. White, Republican lead-

er of Indiana's Textbook Commis-

sion, who said she often consults

internal security subcommittee.

Mrs. White said the Robin Hood

legend and all information about

the Quaker religion should be

purged from school books because

in education now to stress the

story of Robin Hood," she said.

"They want to stress it because he

robbed the rich and gave it to the

poor. That's the Communist line.

It's just a smearing of law and

order and anything that disrupts

As for the Quakers, Mrs. White

said, they "don't believe in fighting

wars. The more they can get to

believe they don't need to go to

war, the better off the Communists

are. It's the same as their crusade

for peace - everybody lay down

their arms and they'll take over."

law and order is their meat."

"There is a Communist directive

they tend to support communism.

the tale is proCommunist is true.

On March 9, 1950, a gentleman from Illinois arose to address the House on a bill which would have provided mobile library service for sparsely settled rural areas of the U.S.

'I am opposed to the public library demonstration bill," he said. "Educating American people through the means of this library service could bring about a change of their political attitudes quicker than any other method. The basis of all communism and socialistic influence is education of the people. . . . If we are opposed to socialism in America, as we all say we are, we must all conscientiously oppose this bill."

The gentleman from Illinois was Sen. William E. Jenner (R, Ind.) Harold H. Velde, a lawyer, former about "questionable" authors and school teacher and athletic coach persons mentioned in textbooks. from Tazewell county, After Army Jenner is chairman of the Senate service in 1942 and '43 he served as a special agent of the FBI in the sabotage and espionage division, where he remained until 1946, He caught some kind of mental bug there that has never left him.

> This is the man who singlehandedly, in violation of the rules of the House un-American activities committee of which he is chairman, subpoenaed a former President of the U.S. and a present Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court to testify on their parts in the Harry Dexter White affair.

> Lawyers tell us that subpoenaing a former President to testify ibout what he did as President and subpoending a Justice of the Supreme Court involve grave dangers which threaten the independence of the legislative, judiciary and executive branches of the U.S. government, a thing precious to most Americans.

> In fighting for passage of the McCarran police state act, Velde said March 15, 1950: "Each time a law is written or the Constitution amended, we find that some previous right or freedom guaranteed by the Constitution has been modified or taken away entirely and it is right and proper in many cases that these rights and freedoms should be taken away."

So much for respect of the Constitution and precious American

heritage. But what about the man generally, aside from civil liberties? He fought against public housing, against rent control, for corporation-pleasing legislation, for a law outlawing strikes, for control by the government of unions, for labeling all books in U.S. libraries as "subversive" if they didn't please him.

ASK YOUR STEWARD **ABOUT U.E. LOCAL 301 OPTICAL PLAN**

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