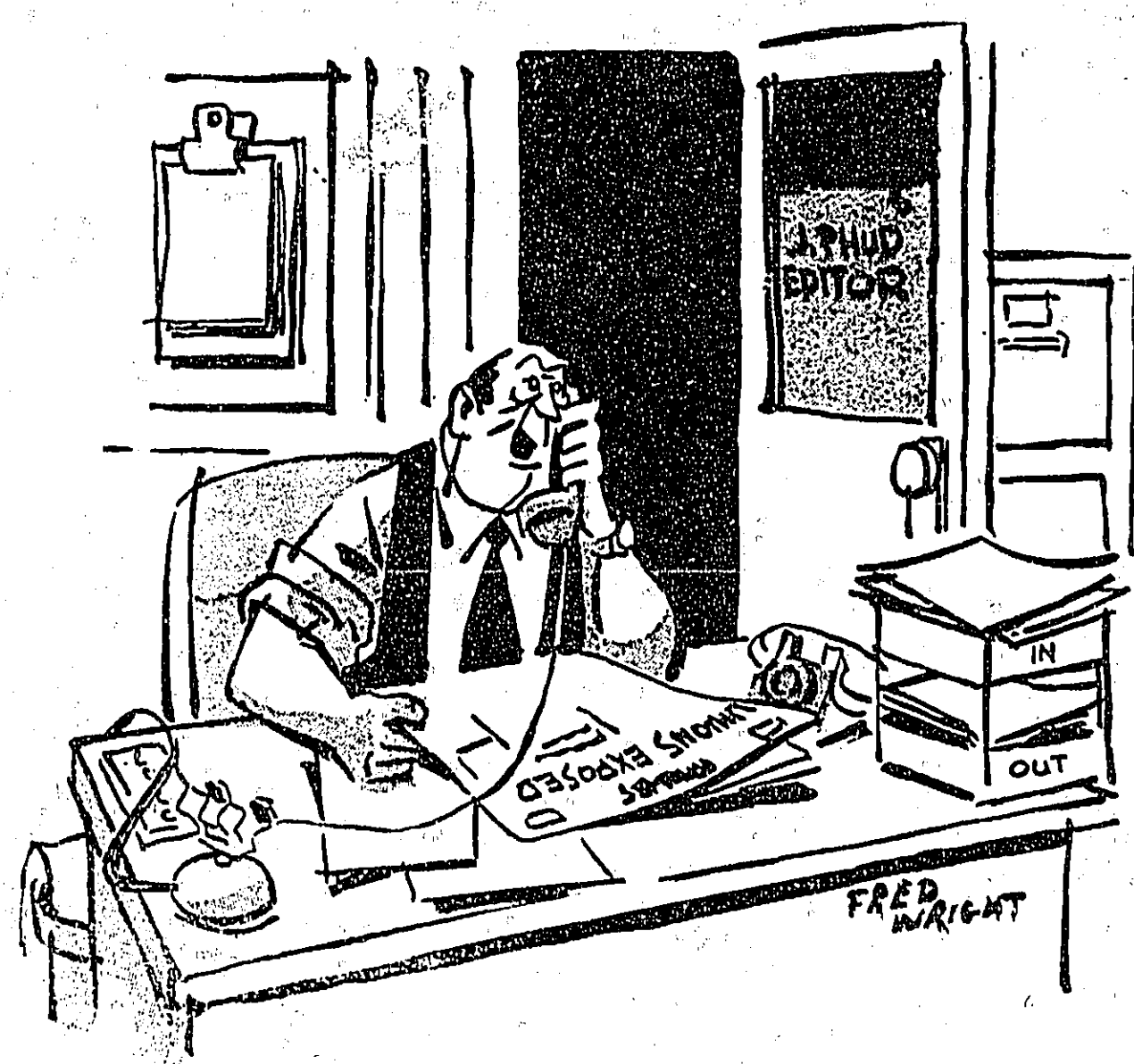


McCarthy's in Town- Here We Go Again



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 lawyer 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 the lawyer will see the worker in court at the hearing which has been scheduled. The worker receives a notice from the Compensation Board as to the date of such

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 without an appointment often may mean a needless trip because the lawyer may be in court at the time or may be seeing many other workers 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 approximately 12,000.

There is approximately a total of 500 employed in the Specialty Control including office and engineering.

The Company is building a new plant at Bloomington, Ill., for the general purpose Control which is also expected to move next year. There are approximately 1000 employed on this work.

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 be:

President
Vice-President
Recording Secretary
Assistant Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Chief Shop Steward
Business Agent

There also will be the nominations for 3 Trustees, a Sergeant-at-Arms and a Guide.

The nominations for officers will be made from the floor at the meeting; only members in good standing on the day of the meeting will be 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 whether they accept or decline the nomination. The answer must be in the form of a signed statement on acceptance or declination.

The membership will be notified of the names of the candidates for all offices.

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

AFL Pres. George Meany sees "a definite possibility," though not 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. 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 who tried to split the CIO after he got tired of that. He's the fellow who came back to the AFL in 1947 and tried to split it again."

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 saying that the miners wouldn't be in. There won't be any decision made not to let them in."

After the CIO convention this month, Meany said, the AFL-CIO unity committee will meet again "and go into the very basic question of how do we amalgamate, how do we fit these pieces together."

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 layoffs 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 803; No Union 19.

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 13, Void 4, requiring a run-off. In the run-off, January, 1950, the vote was UE 396, IUE 332.

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

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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 Secretary
R. Rudolph Rissland
Julia Mitchell

Treasurer
Joseph Whitbeck
Henry Kaminski
Helen Quirini

Chief Steward
William Mastriani

Business Agent
Leo Jundreau

Sergeant-at-Arms
Joseph Saccocio

Guide
Mario Bagnato

Trustees
Edward Lubarda
William Garrison
Vincent Palazuke
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 nomination.

The Election Committee of 25 members will conduct the election and decide the time and place the election 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 U.E.

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 the 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?

Witnesses At McCarthy Hearing Tell Their Story

Six of the twenty-one witnesses called before the McCarthy 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 Butler 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. He tried to get me to say that the company should have the right to fire anybody that used the Fifth Amendment, or that they should be thrown out of the union."

He was . . . ing to get me to say the government should do it. I told him I would set up for a job like that. I told them he didn't have to worry about our union. You pretend to worry about communists. What are you worrying about?"

"Government screens everything that goes into the plant. When we talk in grievances contains nothing that could be used for espionage. The only way a communist could cause any damage is by a strike or work stoppage. That action is taken by a vote of membership and they don't

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sets out to do and that is to make ordinary people cringe with fear.

While McCarthy came to Albany to investigate sabotage or espionage at the Schenectady G.E. plant, the hearing proved that he was not interested in either. When the witnesses reported on what transpired behind closed doors, it became obvious that his mission was to attack the Union.

One witness tried to show him a copy of a letter 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.

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 in his personal interview with the press after the hearing. Then McCarthy advises the G.E. to fire anyone 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 problem 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.

Union Lawyer Explains the Difference Between a Permanent and Temporary Injury

Eye Bank Donation

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

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 injury. In this type of case, how-

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 Society of Northeastern New York.

A black and white cartoon illustration. Two men in suits stand in a doorway, looking out at a scene of destruction. The man on the left holds a key. The man on the right has a surprised expression. In the foreground, a small figure is visible. The signature 'FRED WRIGHT' is in the bottom right corner.

Children's Christmas Party

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 expects to be there.

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.



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

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San Francisco—The Western Conference of Teamsters (AFL) will strike 16 major department stores here unless the employers meet demands of the warehousemen.

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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 services.

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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.

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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 re-
port issued by the American As-
sembly, administered by the Col-
umbia 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 "special interests" and a "few misguided patriots" in opposition.

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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 elections.

In addition to the election of general officers, they will supervise the annual elections of shop stewards and Executive Board members.

The members elected to the committee are as follows:

Name	Bldg
Elmer Collis	46
John Saccocio	52
L. Raseh	52
G. Di John	273
M. Riggi	60
E. Smith	28
Alice Crowningshield	28
OTTO Lehman	CART
Eva Van Hoesen	28
Wayman Lewis	52
V. Martino	52
P. Donato	66
F. Di Manno	49
E. Selke	CAP
R. Pipe	52
S. De Pietro	49
Frank Barba	17
I. Von Rogov	52
A. Gianointo	52
L. Passikoff	CART
G. Hunt	40
Fred Pacelli	46
W. Day	28
D. Palmer	17
C. Green	CAP

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.

Robin Hood A Red? They're Investigating

Indianapolis—State Supt. of Education Young said here that he would reread the story of Robin Hood to see whether a charge that the tale is proCommunist is true.

The charge came from Mrs. Thomas J. White, Republican leader of Indiana's Textbook Commission, who said she often consults Sen. William E. Jenner (R, Ind.) about "questionable" authors and persons mentioned in textbooks. She is the chairwoman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

Mrs. White said the Robin Hood legend and all information about the Quaker religion should be purged from school books because

They tend to support communism. "There is a Communist directive 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 toward order in their lives."

Lawyers tell us that subpoenaing a former President to testify about what he did as President and subpoenaing a Justice of the Supreme Court involve grave dangers which threaten the independence of the legislative, judiciary and executive branches of the U. S. govern-

ment, 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**